

Next Meeting: May 21

Meeting will be held  
at Betty Culbert's  
house.

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#### ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

Board of Directors and Members Meeting, April 16, 1987

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Harvey Manning, Betty Manning, Ralph Owen, Bill Longwell,  
Dave Kappler, Barbara Johnson, Jack Price

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Darla O'Brian, George Jackman, Connie Dow, Buz Moore,  
Connie Fair

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Cuykendall, Larry Hanson, Marty Hanson, Tom Lucas,  
Linda Price, Peggy Owen

Meeting to order 7:35, lights out 10:00.

#### Tiger Tower Swath

Exciting news! Laurene and the KNBQ rep were the only public at the March 31 hearing on request to widen easement up West Tiger 3. KNBQ rep told Laurene they expected an agreement to use the Boeing easement in a week, maybe two, but just to be sure they could proceed, wanted County approval for separate easement parallel to Boeing's. ("If that's a bluff, Berteig called it later, magnificently.")

Laurene said IATC opposes the request. The Boeing easement was one that the County should not have allowed in first place; the scar ~~made~~ made was just in the early stages of healing and that to compound the original error by expanding the wound would be unthinkable. The West Tiger area is rapidly becoming the most used hiking area in the Puget Sound area; that last Labor Day hikers on West Tiger outnumbered hikers on Mt. Si, previously the County's most-climbed mountain. West Tiger clearly was not an obscure backwoods area and it deserved better than another scar up its slopes.

Then Irving Berteig, the Hearing Adjustor, said he was concerned about the impact. He said the Boeing easement was a County oversight and the County bore a certain responsibility in its being there and certainly for not making it worse.

Berteig is holding over the KNBQ request for four weeks (to April 30?). If by then KNBQ has Boeing's approval to use their easement the case is closed. But, if they don't reach an agreement by then, the hearing will be reopened and the County just might be forced to reexamine Boeing's application for that easement in order "to get a better resolution."

Says Laurene in ending her report, "I had no idea this could be so much fun."

Yea Laurene! Yea Berteig!

#### DNR ORV Committee

Tom Lucas, appointed to this committee to look at ORVs on DNR land, will hold first meeting in June.

He has received note from Bill Bush of State Parks that they are proceeding to apply for IAC funds to get the ORVs out of Squak State Park.

#### Return to Newcastle and VOW Day and All

April 25, Girl Scout work parties at Tradition Lake, Upper Nike Site, Seattle & Walla Walla, Wildside Trail, led by Role Models. This is ~~part~~ part of all-County (or State?) clean-up day.

Dave, Barb, others report on aspects of the Return.

Looking at new spots for center -- inside the gate, Rainbow Town. County will grade the spot chosen. Surely the County has an augur to drill new holes? The thought is to temporarily remove the barricades and use the old road loop for parking, off the County road. Spaces near the Big Top reserved for Miners. With Big Top moved, we'd have no vehicle conflict.

Barb is following up with the cops. Dave has most work assignments filled. Still needs people to sell books, work the info booth. Food will be Newcastle Cafe, Trails Club; no word from the French pancakes. Pam will run lemonade stand ~~xxx~~ at her house? Dave will ~~xxx~~ invite the Dignitaries. Marianned will return end of April in time to get out press kits. Harvey will drop off the hikes booklets to Peggy to make the changes necessary for reuse. When Betty Culbert returns, she will revise her map and this will be stapled onto the old booklet by Peggy's work group.

Linda reports, no postoffice this year -- other applications in ahead.

#### Betty's Trail

Bill says the work party did 65% of it; 4 Bellevue Parks people were along. Harvey will write letter to Bellevue Parks. Bill has a Wednesday party going to finish the trail.

#### History of Newcastle

Virginia and Ralph report. Dick and Lucille put foot down on legends, which had to come out. Since Dick is typing on his processor, has final word. We've got to take the bitter with the better and forge on. Virginia is having the Introduction and Tim's railroad story separately typed, so they will escape. General agreement that it is going to be a sensational book -- the photos and captions will do the selling. What is the market? Different from our guidebook market. Bigger? Smaller? Virginia would like to print 1000, and we all agree it will sell that many easily. However, we have a cash flow problem. Ralph, examining our financial statement and the demands for Alpiner, Return, sees that for a time our treasury will be hovering at \$0.00. If we have a huge sale at Return (which will be first day of public sale), we'll be in big -- and will wish we'd done 1000.

However, motion passed to print 500. Set-up costs are about \$2100. To print 500, about \$2100. (Same printer as for our guidebooks) Will be about 130 pages, 100 photos. Retail for \$10. We'll try to sell a lot at that price at Return. Bookstores will pay \$6. That will be okay on reorders, where we don't have repeating set-up costs. Our break-even will not come until the second printing, the exact point depending on how many we sell at \$10, how many at \$6. We'll want to make big effort at start to sell at \$10. We can go door to door at Hilltop; get Jean Bacon on this.

Fortunately, Marty reports she has enough stock on the guidebooks to avoid a cash-flow conflict. (However, she will reorder Tiger maps -- with Bill's updates. Also, maps will go up to \$1.50; guidebooks up a dollar to \$7.50.)

We sold 478 Cougar-Squak guides last year; so far this year, 156.

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Ginger

She is trying to get a federal grant to do a film on Newcastle.

Cougar Park planning

Jack reports he's having trouble controlling the horses that want to start using Cougar. A problem may develop. Wants to get started laying out a horse route system. We agree, but this is now a King County Parks responsibility. But, of course, we want to provide input -- and must. The planning is in progress.

MORE ON THIS, AFTER PHONE CHAT WITH STEVE WILLIAMS:

Russ Cahill is up on the mountain today (April 24) looking it over. Met last week with Steve, Tom, etc. Russ is very excited by his largest park and wants to do it right. Thinking big. Where to put Visitor Center?

Staging area for horses? They are looking at a horse route from Coal Creek to Ball Park to Quarry up to Fred's Railroad to Clay Pit Road and back down Cave Hole Road. Would need to relocate a trail off the road, due to clay trucks. As horse routes are identified, others will have "Foot Only" signs.

Steve reports that Gregg Lybeck and wife have moved in to the View Park house. Young and eager. Stop in and sayhello and welcome them to the mountain. Let them know they are surrounded by Friendlies.

KNOW ANY PEOPLE WHO WANT A GOOD HELATHFUL JOB FOR SUMMER?

Steve is hiring two people, one fulltime for summer, one weekends and evenings part-time now. \$4.01 an hour. Must be able to drive a County truck -- preferably, 18+. Responsible enough to take a truck. Will be hiring in next several weeks. Some of the work will be on Cougar trails, and ~~xxx~~ frightening motorcycles. (County cops are running xcycle patrol, but not on a schedule revealed to Steve, who of course wants them after school and on weekend nights -- running around on a Tuesday morning does no good. Problem is that when Steve sees tracks and hears racket, doesn't know if they're the Enemy or our Friends. Ultimately we don't want motorcycle patrols.) Some of the work will be opening and closing parks, cleaning picnic areas and restrooms. Steve is based in Renton District now. He and Jack are only full-timers. He has 21 parks, Bellevue, to Skyway.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEBODY WHO WANTS A JOB, HAVE HIM/HER CALL STEVE:

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Darla to get us a tax number.  
Betty M. distributed our new flier

President's Diary -- 1

March 19: State Parks has requested Squak funding, says Tom Lucas. Also, he is appointed to the ORV Committee of the DNR.

9 evening grosbeaks.

March 20: Search is on for plaintiffs. Marty Murphy won't, Ruth Kees will. The REI Ormsby is an "environmentalist" for "government," a sort we know. Says REI is for "physical activity," like soccer. Birds can fly, they don't need any land? Individual contributions -- as little as \$10 -- would make the litigant at least feel supported morally.

To Olympia and back to sign books.

One of buyers told me a story about Tiger Mountain. In the 1950s-60s or so, there were "miners" who used to head up into the woods from High Point and spend weekends. Mingling what? They wouldn't say. Suspicions that they were just getting away from wives, getting blasted. Chief Ranger: Seek a pile of empty bottles. That will be the mine dump.

March 21: Barbara is a grandmother. She will call R-Bate about parking control.

March 23: Louis Klesper took me on all-day tour of Skagit delta. In 1923 it was all under water. Mountain snows melted in rain. His mother, to get from Queen Anne Hill to Blanchard, had to use train, boat, finally bus. Father was blacksmith at Edison. Blanchard Hill was "Elephant Mountain" -- sure enough, look at it and you can see the trunk, the forehead, the ears. Stage line ran from the train station at Whitney to Edison. It was a 3-day row from LaConner to Bellingham. Stopped to visit Lawrence and Lil \_\_\_\_\_, who live just next to Breazeale Center on Padilla Bay. Everybody around, relatives. In 1908-1909, a high tide at Whitney wiped out the 4 years of crops his father had stored in a barn., to finance a bowling alley in Pullman. About every 4 years the dikes would bust. December or January. Often on Christmas Day. No Diking Districts then because the farmers couldn't agree on taxes. So, "dike committee," local. When wind came with tide, real bad scene. That's why they put up the palisades, way back then. The Rozemas Boatworks building at Bayview originally was a dancehall-theater. Never was scheduled steamer to Bayview -- too shallow. His uncle logged Bayview Ridge, by RR. Would have been rich except his crooked accountant stole it all. Hay and oats were the big crops on the delta. Too wet for wheat. The bulbs started in the 1930s, apparently at instigation of the federals. In 1908-1909, the Skagit River came down the old Indian Slough Channel -- that's what flooded out the ~~xxxx~~ warehouse, ruined the bowling alley scheme. There were folks who lived by the dikes, kept glasses trained on water level, when it splashed over the top, telphoned everyone to come running. Lawrence's father did all the "Breazeale" dikes. When that stretch was sold to Bellingham hunters (bankers, mainly), they let the dikes go to give room for the ducks. Would have done better to patch the dikes and grow grain to entice in the ducks. They had all the salt water they wanted in the bay. This was all "Holstein country" until the bulbs came in the 1930s. The way the dikes were built was with square shovels, shoved straight down in bay clay-mud, to excavate blocks. No quarry rock until quite recently. All mud. Etc.

March 24: Iss Chamber of Commerce calls about serving coffee to us on April 25; I refer to the leaders, Bill Longwell and Dave Kappler; those Girl Scouts go heavy on coffee.

Bill took the REI fellow up to Caves last night. Culture shock! There is a fine trail all the way. Bill never has seen so many people, all over the place. He is going to proceed with two new connections to the Caves from above -- Section Line Trail and Tradition Trail. With REI will fix the trail system at the Caves proper. REI guy was very excited. Switched to June 13, as Bill wanted. There are runners now! Ah good! Next, soccer. PUT ON AGENDA:

One fine weekend day this spring, we hold a Census. Station folks for the day at chosen access points in West Tiger-Tradition area. The growth in use is staggering. High School Road has nicely deteriorated to trail. 5 or 6 trail signs gone this spring; none of the concreteed trailhead signs, though. Bill is going to install about 5 Talus Cave signs. --After he does the Lakeshore Trail...

March 26: Bob Rose called. "Mt. Si bill" is moving in House. Not a sure thing yet. Need calls.

Roger Johnson of vOW calls; tell him to check with our delegate, Joe Toynebee. Wants to hold cleanup of Iss Creek later in year. Okay. What's dirty, Ruth?

Did everybody see Volunteer Johnson in the Iss Press?

Ira: IAC today voted to fund the FS Ma<sub>q</sub> River motorcycle system, only the Gaem Dept rep dissenting, BUT, spent 4 hours at it. Nobody was happy. Much negative comment. But, Lovelady had the railroad steam up. They did ask the FS to "mini mize conflict." Are working on a new ORV Plan, and have asked that funding applicants speak to the subject of conflict. The 4 hours register as a Pyrrhic victory ("One more such victory and we are ruined.") for Lovelady. In the past such items ran through on Greg's RR in minutes. Ira says the time has come to mount a campaign on the Governor. Letters, a "hate IAC" outburst. So, write your letters: "IAC is discriminating against hikers." Say, "the motorcycle lobby has captured the staff, which must be thoroughly cleaned out."

George Jackman: Russ Cahill and wife are coming to Potluck!!! Great!!!

Kapplers now 255 SE Andrews, Iss 98027. 392-3571

March 28: 5 grosbeaks, down from 7.

Potluck in Upper Preston. A good attendance; hall not packed full but plenty full enough. The problem is, not enough chance to talk to folks. Tim Hill and wife Morgot at head table. Buzz and Dick Brooks had Tim front and side and got in a lot of education. Tim's talk was long, wandering, confused, and confusing, and very little to the point of the meeting place and group. HM had great time in a foursome of Russ Cahill and wife and Margot, who is as gregarious as Tim is not. Russ will continue to live at mouth of Nisqually River (wife is attorney in Att. Gen. working on radioactive disposal) and commute to Mercer Island. Turns out he was the ranger at Glacier Bay who found the hiker who was entirely missing except his feet within boots too tightly laced from the Alaska broan to untie. The camper's last roll of film, developed, showed the bear at a distance, the bear in middle distance, and -- the last photo -- the bear in close-up. When the press asked Russ why the bear ate the camper, Russ answered, "Hungry, I guess." Very good evening for fun all around, and useful, too. (Bruce Laing was ill, couldn't attend.)

March 29: Varied thrush still here.

March 30: Long phone talk with Dick McDonald, who is unhappy with Ralph and me. I tell him not to talk to me. (Virginia sends out memo: "Listen, you turkeys, shape up!" The book moves on.)

April 1: 18 morels at the Early Trees. Not promising.

Bill reports 13 hikers on Caves Trail. 4 cars parked at 9 a.m. On a Wednesday! At 4:45, 30 ears

April 2: Darla will be in D.C. April 27-29, with Holly, who won a pile of money for being a smart girl. Reported that Little Mother is at it again...

April 3: Jerry Frnaklin can't comment on the Tiger Mountain Fire Study due to collegial conflict. He says the comments by me and Bill are "right on." Jerry is a proponent of the ~~hypothetic~~ view that the Douglas fir region has been characterized by regular catastrophic fires. A revisionist view is that the determining factor is frequent small fires. The evidence is drawn largely from the past century -- as in the Tiger Mountain study. Jerry feels, as do we, that the arrival of European man totally changed the situation; the 19th century is all warped out of shape.

Little Mother says Edd has become addicted to camping and hiking. Plan to go on big trip in June while she still can.

April 4: Pigeon sits in larch, trying to get up nerve to go for the scratch. They need to get up a gang before they do anything.

Bob Rose. Applewick got 50 calls and capitulated. Our effort with Hol and failed -- he is a solid NO on everything we want. Bluechel, McDonald support. So, the Conservation Area bill got approval from Rules and is on the roll. Public hearings did it -- Wecyo lobbied for the bill! (Self-interest -- they've got lots of rottan land they want to unload, including the Moon Wall of Mt. Si.)

April 6: Dick Brooks learns the State Supreme Court has no jurisdiction in railroads -- the U.S. RR Commission does. Dick has put this to Sen Evans and to Tim Hill. I'll inform Russ Cahill.

A WORD TO FRIENDS OF LAKE SAMMAMISH STATE PARK: PLEASE SEND \$5 or whstever TO DICK BROOKS, OR TO BRICKLIN AND GENDLER, FOR THE SUIT. He has lined up Issaquah Environmental Council, Ruth Kees, East Lake Washington Audubon, Sierra Club, and Washington Native Plants Society as co-plaintiffs -- but none of them has money. The suit will take about \$1,500 and Dick hopes ~~xxxxxxx~~ some of us will share the expense. This suit, challenging the Issaquah EIS on the soccer fields, will be filed in mid-May and will halt the wheels of action, canceling the June meeting of State Parks Commission or making it meaningless.

Two other suits going against city. Ruth has one on the sewerage down Front Street to Sycamore area. Two Council members who stand to gain as property owners voted for the measure, not noting conflict.

April 7: Sid Locke of Rep. Ken Jacobene's office called to learn my stand on Lake Sammamish situation -- the bond issue, etc. Ken is working on a possible backup approach through legislature.

April 8: Andy Salter of WEC called to say the Twin Falls suit is having a meeting May 16.

Bob Rose calls to urgg our help on floor of House, but I never get around to it. We really should rig up a temporary hotline when the Legislture meets. I meant to do this but forgot.

~~April~~ Bill Longwell visits in afternoon to identify my birdsongs for me. There are definitely varied thrushes still here. If it's a nesting pair, that's a first for our house.

To Nature Company to celebrate Arbor Day. (All the Doug fir seedlings I planted on TMT 2 years ago died.)

April 9: Betty Culbert calls to say Bellevue Parks is not making a big media event on the trail, is keeping the low key, perhaps in order not to stir up the neighborhood. She leaves Sunday for Europe: London, Paris, Brittany and the dolmen and menhir to watch her French son marry a Breton girl/.~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
~~xxxx~~ Visits Jay in London. John already in France. Jeffrey coming via Geneva. Patsy via Luxembourg. Nowonder we have the Greenhouse Effect, all these jets carrying Culberts around.

Betty has an Easter lily in bloom in her yard! Transplanted from Marshall's Hill 4 years ago, has put out leaves regularly, this is first bloom.

Betty returns in 3 weeks, will then revise map for the Return hikes.

Steve Williams report staff met ~~Thu~~ Tuesday with Russ Cahill, Steve and Jack not invited. Jack has moved out of the trailer for the sake of his sanity. Very busy with his Bellevue CC backpacking course. A woman will move in the trailer. Enforcement? All she'll be able to do is call the cops. No more Mr. Tough Guy on the scene.

(We should stop in to say hello to the new person in the trailer.) Sharon Watling).

Jack and Steve want to replace the interpretive sign. Contact the Owens. KC Parks has put some money in for Cougar -- currently being used to inventory the trails. Patrol procedure to come????

There are people in KC Parks who don't want the Cougar Park. But in Capital Improvement (Tom and Sharon) very positive attitude, of course.

If Russ doesn't come to us for info, call him for appointment to chat about this and that. Invite to Return, for sure...

Ginger is all excited about making a video of the mine closures, going for federal money.

The immediate concentration of KC Parks should be "you are here" maps at trailheads -- and security. How do you set up a stile that permits horses, keeps out wheels? A few heavy tickets will help a lot -- maybe 3/4 of the motorcycling in the park is done by half a dozen local louts with no pupils in their eyes and permanent slobber on lower lips.

Early Trees produced  $\frac{1}{2}$  morel. Disaster year? Second in a row?

April 11: Arrived at Park & Ride in steady rain at 8:45. A good group there, nevertheless, ~~xxxxxx~~ a dozen or more of our Regulars plus several of Bellevue Parks let by Roger. Good feelings abounding. As I stand under Bill's umbrella, I remind the group that whenever I appear at the Park & Ride the rain stops, blue sky shows. Sure enough, the Sunball appeared, bright behind clouds. Even though I didn't go work, very shortly there was blue sky over Cougar Mountain.

Ralph calls to report that Virginia has got the turkeys shaped up -- largely by letting Dick and Lucille have their way. Prepare to empty the bank account.

April 13: Bill saw a Weyco notice at Issaquah Gap, on the powerline swath proposal. The Section Line Trail, a mere route last time he hiked it, is now a freeway. He re-found the notability of the route -- a ~~mix~~ western white pine some 70 feet high at 18-inch trunk. This is rare.

April 20: City of Iss management consultatn calls to find out if we're interested in what Iss does. Ha! Told him to call our man Dave.

To UW for Earth Day, sponsored by Earth First! Betty and Virginia were there, which made a total audience of about 30. Dwight Watson! Hadn't talked to him -- listened to him, that is -- for several years. Ms. Leopold thanked me for helping her Tiger Mountain work! I felt real low and mean.

April 21: 7 grosbeaks bickering over sunflower seeds. By golly, are they nesting this year? Varied thrushes still around -- must be nesting. Grosbeaks and house finches feed side by side, no problem. Female grosbeaks boss the males, some of whom are very wimpy -- especially "the monk," the extra male.

April 23: Steve Wells of King County calls. Just came from a meeting with BALD, examining Weyco's site plan for Licorice Fern #2. The tenor of the meeting is, since this abuts the Cougar Park and contains wanted trail corridor, can't get by with checklist, must do an EIS. Steve came straight to let us know. Some botherment at meeting, "Why only them?" Steve said, because they have letters on file about this, they are the ones who have to be dealt with. I told Steve to tell the BALD folks that we get along famously with developers -- just stick a gun in their ribs and say, "Give me all your trash!" And they stand and deliver with a smile. Steve said this is good to know, since in BALD we have a bad reputation.

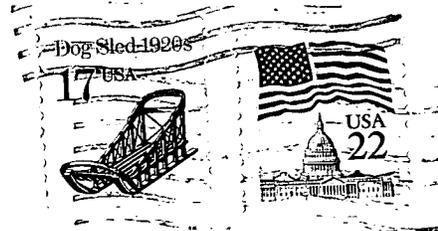
I called Dave to see if he could get the site plan direct from his man at Weyco. If not, Steve will supply. Steve also will plug in Tom Eksten, who of course shares our concerns. We'll be on the EIS list but meanwhile, Dave has a head start.

Dave reports a local fellow is working on the Far Country Creek trail. Due to boggy bottom, it will have to go well outside the 100-foot strip on Weyco property, so that is a crucial detail. Dave's previous feeling is that constraints will automatically give us the creek bottoms and steep sideslopes. Our big pitch will be for as ~~nix~~ wide a buffer as we can get on crest of Deceiver Ridge. To our benefit to back clustering for density to get more buffer.

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