

**FEBRUARY
2009**

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Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

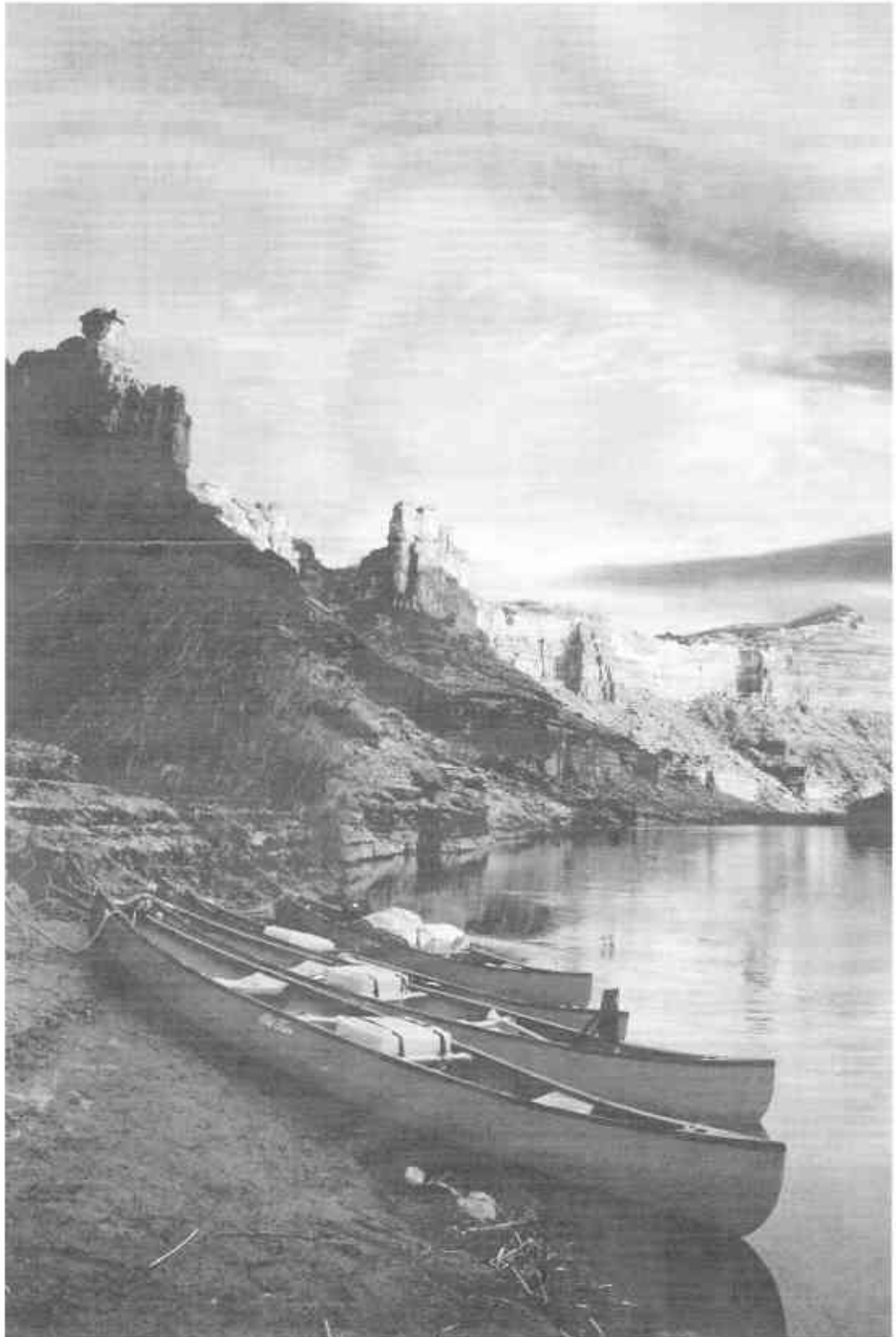
Photos from a Year of Fine Adventures

Monday, February 9, 7 pm

Presented by: Don Paulson and Kathy Mahan

Don Paulson and Kathy Mahan will present a slide show featuring their best images from a year of fine adventures: from a 100-mile journey down the Green River through the heart of Canyonlands National Park to springtime along Montana's Rocky Mountain Eastern Front, from the southern fjords of Alaska, filled with glaciers, wildlife, and picturesque villages, to a Fall Foliage Foray through the mountains and valleys of Oregon's Cascade Mountains and the Columbia Gorge. The show is presented in several short segments set to music and is guaranteed to make you want to pack your bags and hit the road.

Photo: Canoes on the Green River in Utah, courtesy of Don Paulson (see page 2 for another photo)



Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, February 5, 7 pm

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Charlie's home in Bremerton.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>
Wednesdays	Good Time Ski Bus
1/31-2/1	Ski/Snowshoe to Copper Creek Hut
2/5	MAP Meeting, 7 pm
2/7	Ski/Snowshoe to Bon Jon Pass
2/9	General Meeting, 7 pm
2/13-16	WINTERFEST 2009
2/21	Climb Silver Peak
2/22	Ski/Snowshoe to Reflection Lakes
2/22	Climb Mount Washington
2/27	February Potluck
3/1	Ski the John Wayne Trail

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February Potluck

Friday, February 27, 7 pm

Contact: Paul Dutky & Linda Brown, 360-479-2683

Visit with fellow PWCers at Paul & Linda's home in Bremerton. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As hosts, Paul & Linda will provide the dessert.

Contact

Jack Snead, 360-373-3257

Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

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Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

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Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Paul Dutky & Linda Brown, 360-479-2683

Doug Savage, 360-698-9774



Photo: This "spirit bear," a rare form of black bear that is white like a polar bear, was photographed by Don Paulson while Don was leading a photo tour in southeast Alaska and BC. Photo courtesy of Don Paulson. See the front page for information about Don and Kathy's upcoming presentation.

Outings

A Word About Outings

All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member. The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Always carry the 10 essentials.

Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans should a trip be canceled for some reason. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Remember that trips can be listed on the website under Last Minute Outings. If you don't see something that interests you in the newsletter, check the website for additional trips. Or, if you are doing an outing that was planned after the deadline, use the website to post the information. This can be done in three ways: you can fill out the form online, or you can call or email the info directly to the Webmaster, Venita Goodrich.

Good Time Ski Bus

Wednesdays starting January 7
Contact: Jack Snead, 360-373-3257

Catch the bus to Crystal Mountain for eight weeks. Cost is \$180. Riding the bus qualifies you for a discounted group lift ticket (\$52 for an adult ticket). If you are interested in taking the bus but don't want to commit to eight weeks, call Jack to get on the standby list as space allows.

Ski/Snowshoe to Copper Creek Hut

Saturday, January 31 - Sunday, February 1
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to Copper Creek Hut in the MTTA trail system. Ski or snowshoe in on Saturday, then spend the night in a heated cabin before heading home Sunday. Overnight slots are limited. If you don't get an overnight space in the hut, don't fret—you are welcome to winter camp outside, or just come up for the day.

Ski/Snowshoe to Bon Jon Pass

Saturday, February 7
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to Bon Jon Pass in the Olympics. If conditions aren't suitable for Bon Jon Pass, we'll head up the road by the Mount Ellinor trailhead. Either route can be done by a beginning skier. This is a dog-friendly trip.

WINTERFEST 2009

Friday, February 13 - Monday, February 16
Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

WINTERFEST will be held at the Stevens Pass Mountaineers Cabin, located at the 4061-foot summit of Stevens Pass.

- ◆ Ski from the Cabin door to the lifts and from the lifts to the door
- ◆ XC ski / Skate ski / Snowshoe 20 miles of groomed trails in Mill Valley
- ◆ Ski / Snowshoe climbs to Skyline Peak, located directly across the road from lodge and Lantam Lakes above Mill Valley
- ◆ BC ski / Snowshoe miles of Forest Service trails in the immediate area (Sno-Park pass required at some trailheads)
- ◆ Snowshoe PCT located on ridge above Cabin

Greg has already reserved lodging, so contact Greg to reserve your spot. Cost is \$75 and includes breakfasts and dinners.

Climb Silver Peak

Saturday, February 21
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Avalanche gear is required.

Ski/Snowshoe to Reflection Lakes

Sunday, February 22
Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Enjoy a low intermediate cross-country ski or snowshoe Reflection Lakes at Mount Rainier. It's an easy 1.2-mile trek below Mazama Ridge to the first of two snow-covered lakes, where lunch and hot toddies will be enjoyed. Bring your camera to capture beautiful views of the Tatoosh Range.

Climb Mount Washington

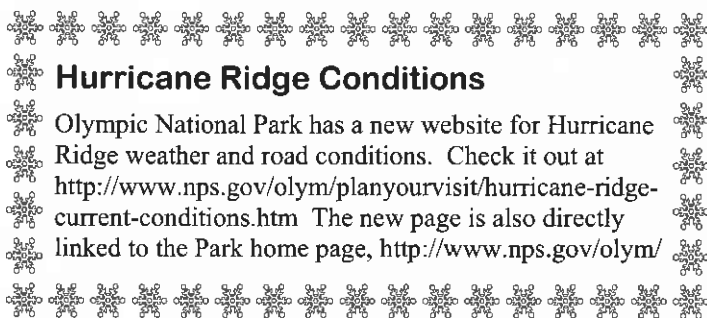
Sunday, February 22
Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Honor our first president by climbing his namesake on his birthday.

Ski the John Wayne Trail

Sunday, March 1
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski the John Wayne Trail at Hyak. This is a beginner trail, nice and flat, with views of Lake Keechulus.



Hurricane Ridge Conditions

Olympic National Park has a new website for Hurricane Ridge weather and road conditions. Check it out at <http://www.nps.gov/olym/planyourvisit/hurricane-ridge-current-conditions.htm> The new page is also directly linked to the Park home page, <http://www.nps.gov/olym/>

Outings

Ski/Snowshoe to High Hut

Saturday, March 7 - Sunday, March 8

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to High Hut in the MTTA trail system. Ski or snowshoe in on Saturday, then spend the night in a heated cabin before heading home Sunday. Overnight slots are limited. If you don't get an overnight space in the hut, don't fret—you are welcome to winter camp outside, or just come up for the day.

Ski the Mount Catherine Loop

Saturday, March 14

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

Cross-country ski the 8-mile Mount Catherine Loop at Snoqualmie Pass. This trip is tentative—the trail is currently closed due to flood damage, and when it will reopen is unknown. Contact Greg if you're interested.

Run the Saint Pat's Dash

Sunday, March 15

Contact: Maria McGuire, 360-876-1639

Join Maria for a fun run in Seattle. Runners, walkers and stroller pushers are welcome. For more info, check out <http://www.stpatsdash.com/>

Ski/Snowshoe to High Hut

Saturday, March 21 - Sunday, March 22

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to High Hut in the MTTA trail system. Ski or snowshoe in on Saturday, then spend the night in a heated cabin before heading home Sunday. Overnight slots are limited. If you don't get an overnight space in the hut, don't fret—you are welcome to winter camp outside, or just come up for the day.

Ski the Wolf Creek Trail

Saturday, March 28

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, and Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Enjoy an intermediate level cross-country ski from the Hurricane Ridge Road down to Whiskey Bend Trailhead on the Elwha River.

Ski/Snowshoe to Steeple Rock

Sunday, April 5

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Intermediate skiers and beginning snowshoers will enjoy this winter backcountry trip into the Steeple Rock area of Olympic National Park. The un-groomed track follows the undulating forested ridgeline, opening into gentle bowls at the rock face. The more adventurous will climb Steeple Rock from the back side while others enjoy lunch, hot toddies and skiing the snow bowls. Jon will supply shovel and rope. Climbers need to bring their ice axe and harness.

Ski the William O. Douglas Wilderness

Saturday, April 11 - Sunday, April 12

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Contact Kevin for details.

Ski into Elfin Lakes, BC (Garibaldi Provincial Park)

Thursday, April 23 - Sunday, April 26

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

This is an 8-mile ski into a hut in one of the most beautiful areas of North America. The hut has propane cooking stoves and heater, and sleeps 33 people on bunks with foam pads on a first-come, first-served basis. No stove, pad, or tent to carry. Avalanche beacon, probes, a shovel, and intermediate to advanced skiing ability are required.

Southern Utah Canyonlands Day Hike/ Backpack Trip

Late April – first week of May

Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com.

Come and spend some time exploring southern Utah's Canyon Country. Spend two days day hiking in Arches National Park, three days backpacking in Canyonlands National Park and three days day hiking in Bryce Canyon National Park. The fourth leg of the trip will be either three days backpacking down Buckskin Gulch and up the Paria River, three days backpacking in Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument (three options available), or three days at Zion National Park (one day of day hiking and two days backpacking). The mileage will be about 55 miles day hiking and 50 backpacking over the 14-day trip (including travel time). Group size is limited to 7-12, depending on location choices.

Skyline Trail/Hayes River

Late August (*exact date TBA*)

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This is about an eight-day hike up the Skyline Trail, down to Low Divide, with a side trip to Martins Park, down the Elwha River to Hayes River, up Hayes River to Hayden Pass, and out the West Fork of the Dosewallips River. This hike is about 56-60 miles, not counting side trips. We may do some easy climbs in Seattle Park.

Climb Aconcagua: the Tallest Peak in the Americas

December (*exact date TBA*)

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug on his long-awaited trip to climb the Stone Sentinel, Aconcagua, at 22,841 feet, in the Andes. This is a non-technical climb, but very demanding.

Photos

A group of PWCers celebrated New Year's in Port Townsend with a night of dancing, followed by a beach hike at Fort Worden on New Year's Day. Photos on pages 5 and 6 are courtesy of Steve Osburn.





Volunteers for Illahee Preserve

Illahae Preserve is a 400-acre preserve in Bremerton, bordered by the streets Riddell, McWilliams, Fuson and Almira and by the Puget Sound. During the recent storms, areas of the preserve were damaged, and volunteers were called to clean up fallen trees and washed out trails. Dale is looking for more volunteers to strengthen the call list and keep the trails open. If you are interested in doing trail maintenance in your own backyard, contact Dale Boyle at dboyle@web-o.net or 360-792-1714.

Club News

Door Prize Winner At the January meeting, Don Paulson won the door prize, a book about Denali.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who brought snacks to the January meeting. Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.

Jon's Minute

At the January meeting, Jon talked about storing snowshoes in a tent bag to keep wet, muddy snowshoes from mucking up everything in the back of your car. The bag your tent comes in should not be used to permanently store your tent, especially in this wet climate, because it causes the tent to delaminate.

We Need You!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner are in need of volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Barney Bernhard, at 360-479-3679.

Sponsor an Outing

We are always looking for people to sponsor outings for the PWC. If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting the Thursday before the General Meeting to discuss your plan for a trip. You can submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website by filling out the form at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Erin Hennings is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Trip reports can be all text, all photos, or any combination of the two. There are no length requirements. Please send trip reports and photos to Erin at penwicle@hotmail.com

Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman, our Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), and people and places in the pictures. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Sue DeArman, 360-697-1352, dearmans@comcast.net

Update Your Email Address

Does the PWC have your current email address? If not, contact Barbara Hager, Membership Coordinator, to update your email address and other contact information. Barbara can be reached at 360-692-5121 or greenthumb@telebyte.com

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

Please contact Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 for inquiries regarding the PWC website. Submissions to the editor of the PENWICLE will be sent to the website, unless requested otherwise.

Club Business

Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on back of newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership, but check with vendor for details:

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Barbara Hager at Peninsula Wilderness Club P.O. Box 323

Bremerton, WA 98337-0070,

or email greenthumb@telebyte.com, or call 360-692-5121.

Members should also contact Barbara if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961.

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PWC**Join or Renew Membership****PWC**

The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:

Peninsula Wilderness Club
P.O. Box 323
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐ Renewing Member(s) ☐ Change of Address ☐

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