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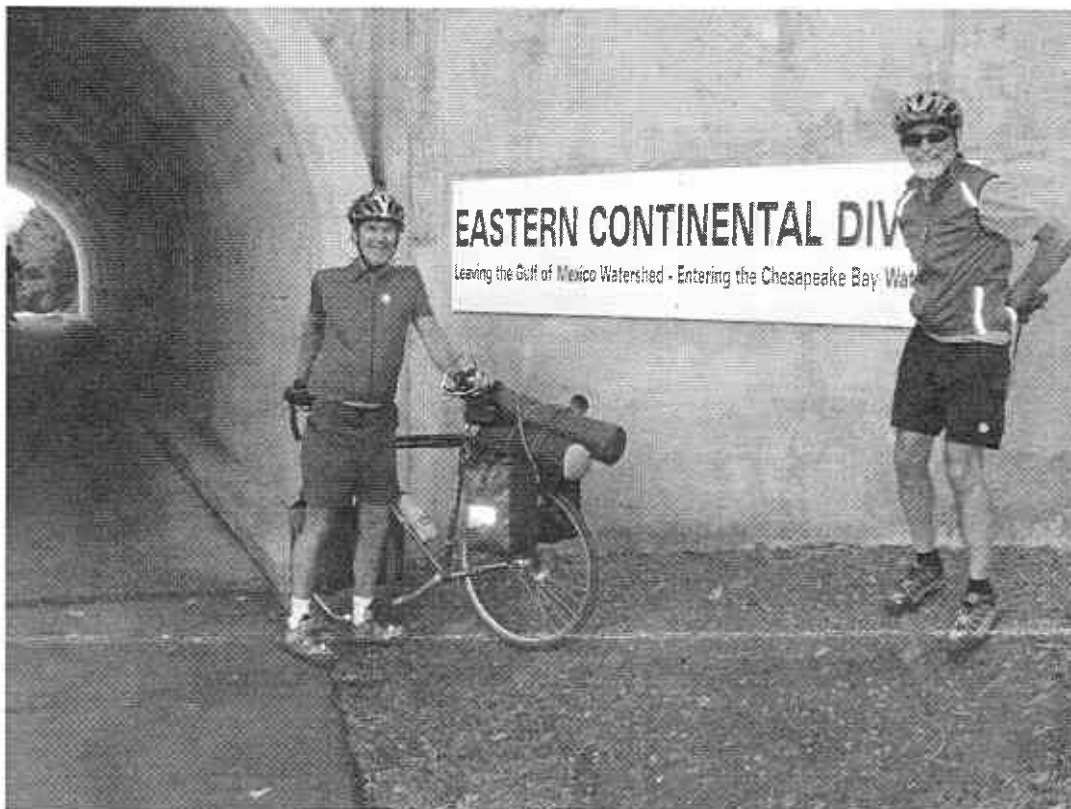
Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kilsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

Bicycling the Great Allegheny Passage

Monday, April 13, 7 pm

Presented by: Robert Pilger

In October, Robert and his old college roommate Jim rode the Great Allegheny Passage, a 346-mile Rails-to-Trails trail connecting Pittsburgh, PA, to Washington, DC. Jim had read an article about this recently completed route in a *Bicycling* magazine, and Jim was living in the DC area at the time. This area is steeped in history, especially that involving the so-called father of our country George Washington, the French and Indian Wars, and development of our railroads, canals, coal mining, and the steel industry. It turned out to be a memorable adventure, and is one of the classic Rails-to-Trails rides in the USA. (Photos courtesy of Robert Pilger)



Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, April 9, 7 pm

Contact: Steve & Nancy Osburn, 360-697-5982,
steven_osburn@hotmail.com

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Steve & Nancy's home in Poulsbo.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>
Fridays	Friday Morning Mountain Biking
4/5	Ski/Snowshoe to Steeple Rock
4/9	MAP Meeting, 7 pm
4/11	Climb Mount Ellinor
4/13	General Meeting, 7 pm
4/18	Ski at Paradise
4/18	Hike at Gorst Creek
4/18	Washington Coast Cleanup Day
4/19	Dogs on the Duckabush
4/19-30	Camping in Utah's Canyonlands
4/23-26	Ski into Elfin Lakes, BC
4/24	April Potluck
4/25	Bike the Olympic Discovery Trail
4/26	Whidbey Island Beach Hike
4/29	Judd Flynn Memorial
Late April-First Week of May	Southern Utah Canyonlands Day Hike/ Backpack Trip

April Potluck

Friday, April 24, 7 pm

Contact: John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

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

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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.

Friday Morning Mountain Biking

Fridays at 9 am

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

Join Greg for a weekly morning ride at Stottlemeyer, Miller Peninsula, or other locations.

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.

Climb Mount Ellinor

Saturday, April 11

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mount Ellinor and practice your ice axe skills. Beginners welcome.

Ski at Paradise

Saturday, April 18

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

This is an intermediate back-country skiing trip. We will traverse the upper Edith Creek basin, descend a bit to access the base of Mazama Ridge, ascend to the ridge top, tour north toward the remnant of Paradise Glacier, and then return to the parking area via Stevens Canyon Road. The minimum skill required is being able to descend large slopes using kick turn and traverse. Skins would be helpful.

Hike at Gorst Creek

Saturday, April 18

Contact: treezinc.com

Hike with Jim Trainer, the arborist that presented at the March PWC meeting. Meet at the forestry entrance of Jarstad Park at 9 am. This easy hike is free, open to the public, and doesn't require registration—if you're interested, just show up.

Washington Coast Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 18

Contact: www.coastsavers.org

Dogs on the Duckabush

Sunday, April 19

Contact: Karla Piecuch, 360-598-3601

Bring your dog for a hike on the up-and-down trail along the Duckabush River. We'll aim to go over Little Hump and Big Hump and have lunch at Five Mile Camp, 5.3 miles from the trailhead. Being a "fair-weather" hiker, this outing will depend on the weather, and how far we go will depend on trail conditions. Expect some snow still on parts of the trail and prepare accordingly.



Camping in Utah's Canyonlands

Sunday, April 19 - Thursday, April 30

Contact: Bob Brown, 360-569-2878, or Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Enjoy sunshine and slickrock hiking in Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capital Reef and Zion National Parks in southern Utah. We'll be camping at Squaw Flats Campground. The focus of the trip will be Canyonlands. We'll visit other parks on the drive home. Dates do not include travel.

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.

Outings

Bike the Olympic Discovery Trail

Saturday, April 25

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

This will be a 19-mile round trip bike ride on a bike path near Port Angeles. We will start at the Wild Current Way access and head west into Port Angeles. The trail goes through forests and parks and along the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This trip is suitable for road bikes.

Whidbey Island Beach Hike

Sunday, April 26 (*note date change*)

Contact: Shelley & Vicki Fleming, 360-779-2275,
two.marmots@comcast.net

This is an approximately 8-mile hike along one of the most beautiful undeveloped beaches on Puget Sound. We'll walk across on the ferry from Port Townsend in the morning, and hike north from Fort Casey along the beach, past Ebey's Landing and then along the uplands above the beach before returning. After returning to Port Townsend, those that wish to can get together for dinner at a local restaurant before returning home.

Judd Flynn Memorial

Wednesday, April 29

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Celebrate the life of Judd Flynn by swapping stories over a beer at Silver City.

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.

Ski Cowlitz Rock at Mount Rainier

Sunday, May 3

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Back-country/cross-country ski at Mount Rainier from Paradise Lodge to the headwaters of Stevens Creek. A short scramble up Cowlitz Rock will give a breathtaking view of Mount Tahoma. Level is intermediate to advanced (telemark turning is nice, but not necessary, to enjoy this trip).

Pre-Mother's Day Pub Pedal

Saturday, May 9

Contact: Steve & Nancy Osburn, 360-697-5982

Continuing in the fine tradition of past Pub Pedals, join Steve and Nancy for a bike ride through Seattle's microbreweries. We will meet at the ferry terminal in Seattle and pedal our way between various breweries. This is now a day prior to Mother's Day so you won't have to choose between brews and Mom!

Climb Copper Mountain

Sunday, May 10

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Celebrate Mother's Day with a climb. Hike to Wagonwheel Lake and then follow the ridge up to Copper Mountain. The summit is two miles west of Mount Ellinor and is known for its spectacular cornices in the spring (which we will avoid walking off!). This is about a 4000-foot hike/climb. Basic ice axe skills needed.

Car Camp at Dosewallips State Park

Friday, May 15 - Sunday, May 17

Contact: Joe & Kathy Weigel, 360-479-5116

Enjoy bike riding, harvesting oysters and clams (with a license), and a little R&R around the campsite. We'll have dinner at the Geoduck Friday night, and Saturday night we'll have a potluck and BBQ—bring your own meat. We have space #79 reserved. Spaces #78 and #80 are already reserved, so if you want to camp close, get your reservations soon.

Bike and Hike the Dosewallips Trail

Sunday, May 17

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join the weekend campers for a bike and day hike on Sunday. We will ride up to the old campground, lock up the bikes and hike the Dosewallips Trail. No destination, just go as far as we like.

Climb Mount Triumph

Saturday, May 23 - Monday, May 25

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

This trip is in North Cascades National Park and includes glacier travel and 5.6 rock climbing.

Rock Climbing at Mission Creek Canyon

Saturday, May 30 - Sunday, May 31

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

Climb Mission Creek Canyon near Cashmere, WA. All abilities are welcome.

Ski Ruby Mountain

Saturday, May 30 - Sunday, May 31

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Climb this 7400-foot peak in North Cascades National Park and ski down—if you dare!

Outings

Getaway at Silver Mountain, Idaho

Saturday, June 13 - Saturday, June 20

Contact: Molly Deardorff, 206-595-7220

Come spend all or part of a week at a 4-bedroom home in Kellogg, ID. Be near hiking, kayaking, whitewater rafting and 72 miles of paved biking trails. Other nearby activities include Silverwood Amusement Park, museums, shopping and mine tours. The house sleeps 8. A great opportunity to explore this beautiful area!

Extreme Day Hike Low Divide

Saturday, June 20 or June 27

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

Hike from Graves Creek, up the Quinault River to Low Divide, and then proceed down the Elwha River past Whiskey Bend and Lake Mills to the Elwha Ranger Station. The total mileage is approximately 50 miles, with an elevation gain of only about 3800 feet. I plan on leaving the Graves Creek Trailhead about 3 am and then hiking until we reach the Elwha Ranger Station (rest breaks will be tolerated!). Estimated time to reach Elwha Ranger Station is between 8 and 10 pm. If we can get another group to start at the Elwha Ranger Station, we could swap vehicle keys somewhere along the way.

MTTA Work Party

Saturday, June 20

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Help Tony do trail and hut maintenance for MTTA. Work parties usually include dinner, and the opportunity to stay overnight in one of the huts to enjoy some hiking or mountain biking on the trails on Sunday.

Climb Mount Saint Helens

Saturday, June 20 - Sunday, June 21

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Start by traversing into the crater (JUST kidding!). Climb or ski the 4800 feet from Climbers' Bivouac to the summit—it is an awesome sight. Basic ice axe skills are needed for the ascent. This is the easiest of the Cascade volcanoes. We will overnight camp Saturday night at Climbers' Bivouac, then climb on Sunday. Permit spaces are limited, so call early if you're interested.

Toleak Point Backpack

Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28

Contact: Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

Join me on a backpacking trip along the Pacific Coast to beautiful Toleak Point in Olympic National Park. It's about 6.5 miles each way. We'll hike in on Friday morning, day hike on Saturday (or just relax on the beach), and hike out on Sunday. Hiking in will be a bit more relaxed this year compared to last year because the tides are better (less adventure for Paul). In June there are usually baby seals and lots of eagles to be seen. There are great sea stacks and fun tide pooling as well.

Climb Mount Saint Helens

Saturday, June 27 - Sunday, June 28

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

No, this isn't a typo—Doug is doing this trip two weekends in a row to give everyone a chance to go. Climb or ski the 4800 feet from Climbers' Bivouac to the summit—it is an awesome sight. Basic ice axe skills are needed for the ascent. This is the easiest of the Cascade volcanoes. We will overnight camp Saturday night at Climbers' Bivouac, then climb on Sunday. Permit spaces are limited, so call early if you're interested.

Hike Mount Lincoln

Sunday, July 19

Contact: Gail Gross, 360-307-9022, and Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This trail begins 2.4 miles from the Staircase Ranger Station along the North Fork Skokomish Trail. This trail, even though it is considered abandoned, is in surprisingly good shape. See how a forest regenerates itself after being decimated by the 1985 Beaver Fire, along with great views of the valley below. Hike as far as you'd like, or relax a short distance up the trail in a sunny clearing alongside a small mountain stream.

Climb Mount Adams

Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 26

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug and his neighbor's Boy Scout troop on the climb.

Obstruction Point to Dosewallips Traverse

Thursday, July 30 - Wednesday, August 5

Contact: John Knott, 360-710-1158

Skyline Trail/Hayes River

Saturday, August 15 - Sunday, August 23

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This is a 9-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.

Backpack the Frank Church Wilderness

Saturday, September 5 - Sunday, September 13

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Backpack the Frank Church Wilderness in Idaho.

Bike the Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills

Friday, September 11 - Wednesday, September 16

Contact: Bob Brown, 360-569-2878, or Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Bike the 109-mile Mickelson Trail over 5 days, taking time to soak up some sun, visit parks, hike, and watch wildlife in the Black Hills. Dates do not include travel. Payment for the cabin rental is due by August 11.

Backpack to Indian Bar

Saturday, September 19 - Monday, September 21

Contact: Erin Hennings, 360-621-6961, and Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Backpack a portion of the Wonderland Trail around Mount Rainier. We'll spend two nights at Indian Bar to allow time to explore the area and get some amazing photos. This trip will be a key exchange so we can see more of the Wonderland Trail and won't have to double back.

Fall Grand Canyon Expedition

2 weeks, starting sometime between September 19 and 26

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

This year's Grand Canyon trip will be a little bit different – it will be in the fall, and it will be from the North Rim. Prior to requesting a permit, I would like to know how many people are SERIOUSLY interested in going. I can get either an individual permit for up to 6 people, or a group permit for from 7 to 11 people, depending on how many are planning on going. Once the permit is obtained, it will be impossible to change it, other than adding people (up to the permit limit). I will submit the permit request upon my return from Utah on May 3, so I will need to have a body count by April 15. The potential routes are as follows:

1. 11-day trip to the Nankoweap and North Kaibab areas (with one night on the Walhalla Plateau): 41 miles backpacking and up to 85 miles of day hikes/exploration.
2. 11-day trip to Haunted and Phantom Canyons and the North Kaibab area: 35 miles backpacking and up to 30 miles of day hikes/exploration.
3. 12-day trip to the Clear Creek and North Kaibab areas: 50 miles backpacking and up to 70 miles of day hikes/exploration.
4. 12-day trip to the Swamp Point/White Creek/North Bass/Shinumo Creek and Powell Plateau areas, 32 miles backpacking and up to 80 miles of day hikes/exploration.

NOTE: ALL day hike/exploration mileages are approximate, depending on local terrain, and are entirely optional. The trip length does not include transportation to/from the Grand Canyon.



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.

Mount Ritacuba, Colombia

Submitted by Daniel Froese

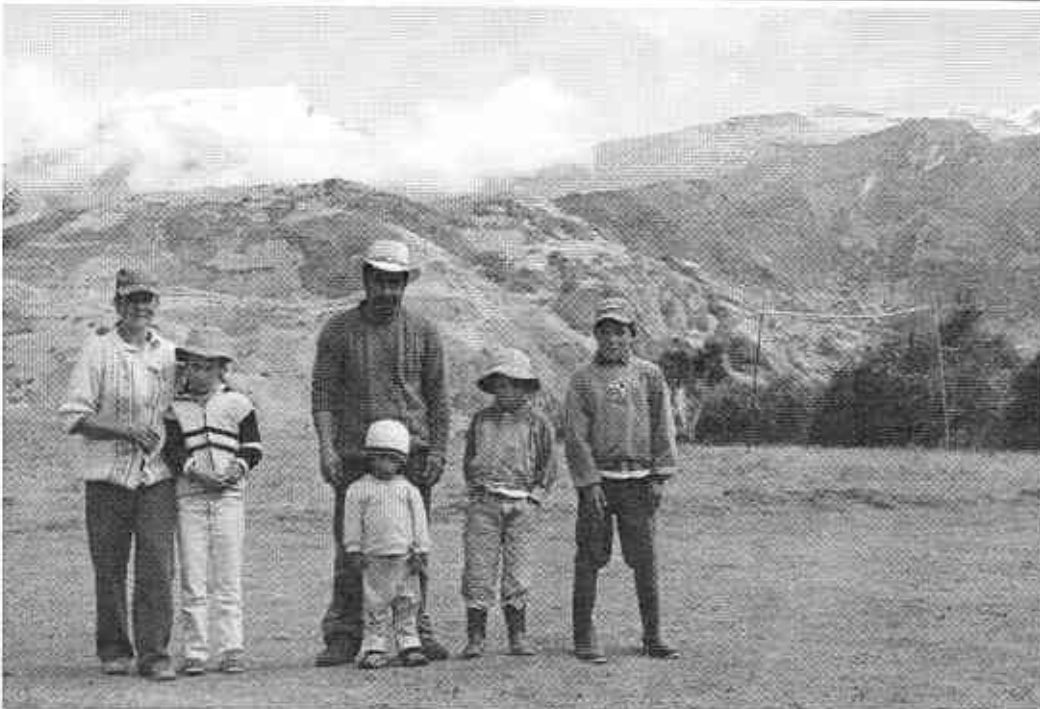
Bob Dormaier and I had been through a long drought of overseas climbing. During our 2005 climb in Turkey, we had started planning for Iran and Mt. Damavand. 2006 saw us in Russia for the successful ascent of Mt. Elbrus. Plans were made for Iran in 2007 and just before leaving, 15 British sailors were kidnapped and tension became high in the Middle East. The trip was cancelled. We started over again in 2008 and once again it seemed possible as politics cooled. The final straw came when the Iranian foreign ministry asked for proof of employment. When they saw Bob worked for the US Navy an entry visa was refused. It seems that Iran is off the list of climbing destinations. We had planned for a trip to Mt. Aconcagua in January of 2009. The economic crash of 2008 wouldn't allow me to take three weeks off work so that trip was postponed. The drought extended. However, while reading an article in *National Geographic Explorer*, I noted that Colombia was opening and that mountaineering was available. The author talked of a Sierra Nevada range in the far northern Andes. A climbing guide was mentioned so I looked up his website and on scanning through his retinue of climbs noted Mt. Ritacuba, the highest in the range. We corresponded later in the year and arranged for a climb in January, their peak season. Air tickets were purchased and hotels booked for the stay in Bogota.

We left January 10th for a flight through Atlanta, arriving just before midnight. Our guide, Nicolas Moreno, picked us up at the airport for the short drive through Bogota to the hotel, Casona del Patio. The altitude of Bogota at 8500 feet was notable in the quickened breath and the pounding heart, which never left us until we returned to sea level. We had planned the extra day to aid in our acclimatization. Sunday took us for some sightseeing around the capital into the Simon Bolivar Plaza and associated flea markets. We never saw another tourist let alone English speaker and suffered without a word of Spanish between the two of us. Calls of "gringo" followed us everywhere as we stood out being tall and lightly colored. We felt safe the entire time though and found people friendly and interested in our presence. South America is a great continent to visit for the American but I would recommend knowing some of the language. That afternoon was spent repacking our climbing gear, readying for the trip the following morning.

Early Monday morning, Nicolas picked us up to start the most difficult part of the journey, that being the 10-hour drive into the mountains. We had a small 4X4 that packed all our gear and the three of us in like sardines. We turned towards the north and followed worsening roads up over a pass at 13,000 feet around hairpin turns with drops over the sides of thousands of feet. Few guardrails were seen and several wrecks noted. We dropped down to a more tropical 1500 feet before hitting dirt roads and climbing back up into the mountains. Colombia is a country of considerable hills and valleys. We finally stopped at the regional capital of El Cocuy to pick up final supplies and obtain our climbing permits. Well after dark we arrived at the home of our horseman, Hilberto. We were at 11,000 feet.

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Dinner, consisting of mutton, potatoes and rice, was enjoyed with his wife and four young children in a two-room house that had only received electricity the previous year. We set up tents in the adjoining field and found bathroom facilities "behind any tree or wall that afforded us privacy". Here started our great experience in the culture of these people: warm, friendly and very hospitable. Imagine seeing the delighted faces on kids eating M&M's for the first time and watching their amazement as they saw themselves on the LCD screen of a camera. They don't see tourists and are not spoiled by our modern world. That will change as tourism arrives in this part of the country. This region had been closed until six years ago when the

government finally expelled the leftist guerillas. We had passed through multiple military checkpoints and armed government forces were very evident during our drive in.

The following Tuesday morning we peeked out of the tent for cloudless views of the objective, the snow-covered peak of Mt. Ritacuba. Sadly, this is the fastest shrinking glacier in the world but at this time still awesome to view. After a breakfast of mutton and potatoes we packed the car and headed to the trailhead and met Hector, our horseman of the day, who had left earlier to meet us. Our belongings for the trip were lashed onto the horses in addition to all the camp gear and the trek started up a well-traveled path to the base camp. Local Colombians would use this trail to take horses to the foot of the glacier to experience snow for the day and then head back home. As usual, our companions arrived at camp well before us and we found tents all set up and Hector and the two horses heading down as we arrived. This was to be our home at 14,600 feet for the next three days. Only two other tents were in camp with four local climbers sharing the site with us. The altitude became quite notable with even turning over in our bags leaving us gasping for breath. We had arrived early in the day and settled down to relax, talk and listen to tapes as we acclimatized. Our guide was a great cook and we enjoyed fresh meals the entire time. It was colder than I had thought it would be and spent most of the time bundled up. During the night the winds howled around us and we shivered in our bags.

The following morning, Wednesday, found the surrounding water frozen and we anxiously awaited the sun to warm us up. The objective of that day was to study the approach. We started with an ascent to look over a rock climb to the glacier but found it to be Class 4 and nobody had helmets so that was scratched. It had allowed us to climb 1000 feet and so aid us in the climb high, sleep low acclimatization. A route to the left took us to the tongue of the glacier and we found an entrance that we could approach during the dark. We had our path set. The rest of the second day was spent relaxing again and making final preparations. After the traditional pasta meal, we climbed into our bags after setting the alarm for 2:30 am.

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We appreciated a calm night and awoke to clear skies but again found everything frozen around us. After drinking a liter of water and gulping down a ramen breakfast, we followed the path to the glacier and there roped up. The climb began. Multiple layers were employed to keep us warm and gradually our water bottles froze and fingers and toes numbed. Our guide was in great shape and would have gone for the top without a stop. We, however, slowed by the altitude, forced a couple of rest stops. Little could be seen as we followed the glacier up, utilizing our headlamps. Finally, it lightened and I certainly rejoiced to see the sun peek over the mountains to the east and it started to warm. Layers were peeled off



during this process as we approached the summit pyramid. Once again I could feel my appendages. We were left with a short 60-degree climb to the top that required some front pointing. Due to the heavily corniced peak, we anchored in and quickly shot pictures. We were all alone; it was 7 am. Not a cloud was seen and we could see as far away as Venezuela and enjoyed views of surrounding peaks including Ritacuba Norte and Negro. Our summit of 17,750 feet with a climb of 3000 feet had been reached in just over four hours. We were exhilarated! The down climb was quick and anticlimactic. As we rested back on the tongue of the glacier, the clouds from below started swirling back in, but we were unfazed. The climb was complete; we were safe.

Hilberto returned at 8:30 the following morning, Friday, punctual "like a British train." We repacked our bags onto the two horses and, of course, they beat us down even though we had a head start. Once again, the harrowing road trip back seemed more dangerous than the climb itself. The prolonged shower and long night's sleep were memorable. Saturday morning saw us taking a teleferique up the local peak Monseratt for commanding views of the city. That afternoon, we experienced six rounds of bull fighting in the Plaza del Tores de Santamaria, something that isn't



widely seen and certainly not so in the US. The trip had been a huge success. South America is a wonderful climbing venue with friendly people, easy access and great exchange rates for our dollar, with cheap costs compared to Europe. It allows trips during winter so we can escape our dreary days and enjoy some sunshine. Colombia was safe and, while expanding for tourism, still has the feel of an untainted old world. Our guide was knowledgeable, affable and energetic. I would recommend this experience to anyone who likes a challenge and can live without all the first world amenities. It allows a glimpse into the past which is soon to be lost.

Club News

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Joan & Curtis Woods of Poulsbo.

Door Prize Winner At the March meeting, John Hager won the door prize, a water filter.

Meeting Refreshments

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

Jon's Minute

At the March meeting, Jon talked about hiking and ski poles.

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

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Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

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P.O. Box 323
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Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:

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