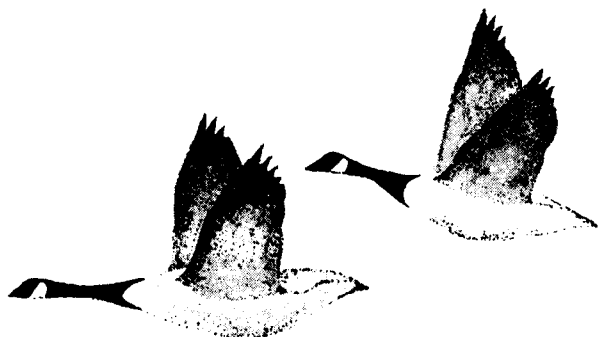


The Peninsula Wilderness Club

September
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Calendar

SEPT 9

SUN

DAY HIKE

Moderate to easy day hike in the Olympics or the Cascades. Our objective will be selected based on the weather forecast & preferences of those going along. The only prerequisites for this trip are an exploring curiosity & a liking for hiking. See accompanying article on HIKES & call Jim or Mary for more details at 779-5421.

SEPT 10

7:30 PM MON CLUB MEETING AT THE BAYVIEW INN

"Show & Tell" is the theme for tonight's monthly meeting. Here's your chance to see what trips fellow club members have been doing. Dig up your favorite pictures & turn them into about a 10 minute show. We'll have a projector & screen, but this month's entertainment is up to you! Nominations for club officers will also begin at this meeting so give some thought to likely candidates.

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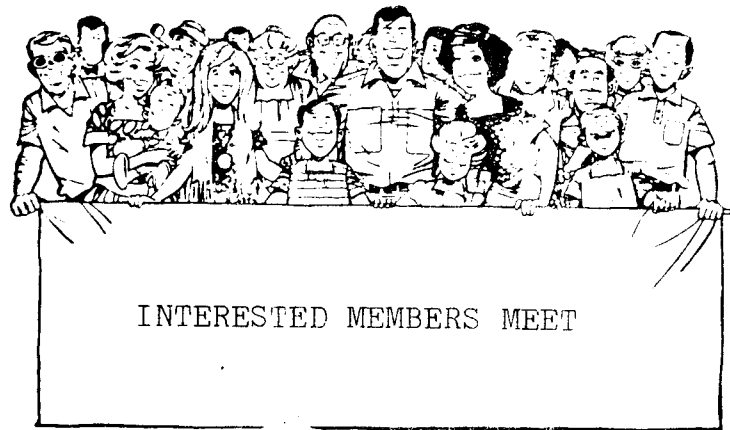
SAT

DAY HIKE

Another day hike--same terms as for Sept. 9 trip offering. Call Jim or Mary for more details. 779-5421

ANYTIME

Bob Duffy is still looking for interested bicyclists to join him on rides around town or touring the countryside. Even though Bob is a dedicated bike enthusiast, he is not one who requires total exhaustion on every "good" ride. Give him a call whenever you might be thinking of any kind of ride. 373-9608



Thirteen of us gathered Aug. 28th to hash out a topic that was announced at the August meeting & published in the newsletter. There were new faces in the group, it is encouraging to see this interest continuing in the club's direction.

The topic covered was broad based & hard to define to everyone's satisfaction. Rather than try & report all the details of the discussion process, I will simply state the policy which was agreed upon by the majority. The PWC will accept notices from any person or organization & publish them in the newsletter calendar as long as the subject matter is within the scope of the bylaws. These notices will be concise & yet provide members with enough information for them to decide whether to pursue it further. In order to clarify the source or sponsorship of the various monthly events the calendar will be broken into two sections; first a list of PWC activities followed by a list of community interest activities from sources outside the club. It was also agreed to continue the policy of allowing members to advertise personal outdoor gear they would like to offer for sale, & that no "retail" advertising would be accepted at this time.

GO TAKE A HIKE.....

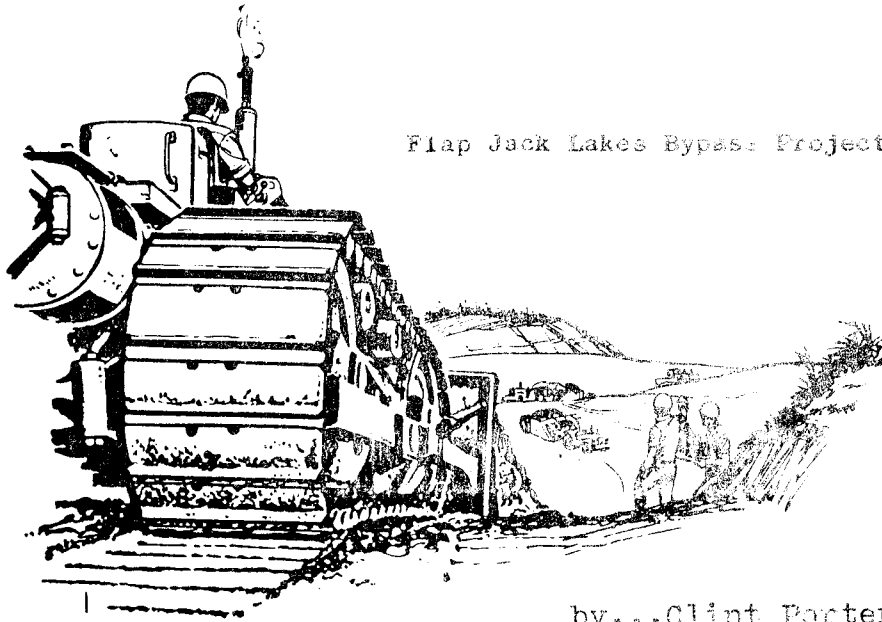
Summer is starting to wind down already but there are still plenty of good hiking opportunities available. As most of us know we have an abundance of excellent, easy-to-follow trails almost at our doorstep. For newcomers to the area or those who just like to hear suggestions, I've decided to list some of the day trips that I have in mind.

Close by in the Olympics is Mt. Zion, Mt. Townsend, & Harrison Lakes. Plummer & Eagle Peaks in Rainier Park offer a little scrambling. Moving north to the Snoqualmie Pass area, there is Kendall Peaks & Snow Lake. Finally, a little further north is Mt. Pilchuck, which is very popular & provides excellent views of the Olympics across the Sound & the Cascade Crest from Baker to Rainier.

I have not done all of these hikes, so I hope to explore some new areas on my scheduled day hikes listed in this month's calendar.

There are all good day hikes & I encourage you to try one yourself or join us on Sept. 9 or 29. My trips will be tailored to whatever people's interests are. We can work in rock scrambling, map & compass route finding techniques, wildlife stalking....whatever!!

So, look up these ideas in your trail guides & on the topos, watch the weather, & don't hesitate to "Go take a hike!"



Dale Boyle originally conceived and organized this project. The object was to build a short bypass on the trail up to Flap Jack Lakes in the Olympic Mountains National Park. This would enable hikers and backpackers going up to Flap Jack Lakes to avoid two crossings of Donahue Creek. As things turned out only Mac McWilliams and myself were able to make the trip.

Mac and I arrived at the Staircase Ranger Station at 9:00 AM on Saturday, 18 August, ready to do our bit for the park service. One of the staff at the station seemed to vaguely remember something about a volunteer work crew coming out to do the project and attempted to radio Ranger Molly, up at the lakes, to let her know that we were on our way. On the way up, about half a mile from the lakes themselves, we identified the proposed bypass route by the orange cloth strips tied to various trees and bushes. When we got to the lakes, Ranger Molly was not to be found. Somebody said they seen a girl with a badge heading up toward Mount Cruiser with a friend, loaded with climbing gear. This indicated to us that we should not be expecting to see her back at the lakes anytime soon.

Mac found that the ranger's tool box was unlocked, so we helped ourselves to two "Pulaskis" (a combination ax and hoe) and returned to the planned bypass site to do what we had come to do. We put in a good afternoon's work cutting away bushes, removing logs, and rearranging the route a little to suit ourselves. It turned out not to be a really big job since there had been a trail running that way in the past. When Ranger Molly turned up at the lakes that evening, the three of us went back down to the work site where we discussed some ideas Mac had for further improvements.

Operating on the theory that all work and no play makes Clint and Mac dull lads, we took Sunday morning off to have some fun. We hiked up to Gladys Pass, about a mile beyond the lakes, where we parted company, Mac to do some exploratory climbing along Saw Tooth Ridge and Mount Cruiser to the east, while I, being somewhat less ambitious, headed west up Mount Gladys (5600 feet) to do some leisurely rock scrambling and strolling. On the way up Gladys I looked back toward the Saw Tooth and observed a large climbing party heading up a snow chute. Looked rather like a bunch of ants.

From the top of Gladys I spotted some pleasant looking lakes just below the gap between Mount Gladys and Mount Henderson and decided to go down. These turned out to be Murdock Lakes, a real nice place. There is no trail to them or sign of camping that I saw. There are two basic routes to get there from the top of Gladys, either straight down or by a more circular route along the ridge line. The ridge route offers some interesting photograph opportunities of the Skokomish Valley as well as a couple of shots of Lower Flap Jack Lake. Extreme caution is recommended for either route. An ice ax would be handy.

Returning to Gladys Pass I gazed up at Cruiser and observed a tiny figure standing on the crest, soon to be followed by a couple of more tiny figures who I could faintly hear shouting at each other. The ants had made it.

A note of caution for any would be mountain men or women intent on taking on the Saw Tooth without adequate training or equipment. It is dangerous and not for the inexperienced. A party climbing Saturday had a near fatal accident. One lady slipped and went sliding down a steep snow field head first. Had she not been wearing a helmet, she would have been a goner.

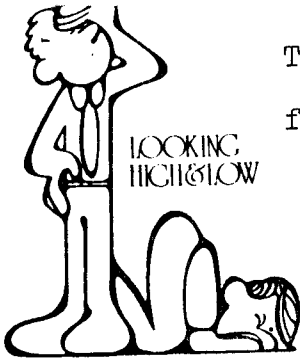
Mac and I spent Sunday afternoon doing a little more work on the bypass, clearing back the brush a bit more, filling in a hole here, cutting foot holds there, and cutting into the bank a little in spots. On the whole, we were pleased with the final product which now requires only a little wear.

Flap Jack Lakes is a really lovely place for a camping trip or just a day hike. Its only drawback is that it is rather crowded on weekends and you have to obtain reservations at the Staircase Ranger Station. As an alternative, Black and White Lakes are nearby, the turn off for that site being just beyond our bypass. To reach Flap Jack Lakes one must hike about seven miles and climb 3,000 feet. Most of the climbing is on the last four miles. Some of the route, our bypass in particular, is rather steep, but it's all worth it. For Mac and myself, carrying back packs and really pushing it, the trip up took four hours and , back down, three.

For those of you who are new to the area, Flap Jack Lakes would be ideal as a starter expedition to give you a feel for what the Olympics are all about. And, if you are lucky, the goats will be waiting up at Galdys Pass to greet you. So, if you have not been there yet, are in the mood, and have the time, do go up there and take a look around. And when you make the trip, do use our bypass. Otherwise, Mac and I will be very cross with you.

ELECTIONS

You probably have been hearing so much about the "other" elections in Novemer, that you've forgotten that it's that time again for the PWC. Our election of club officers is slated for the October meeting. Nominations for office will be accepted at the Sept. meeting & again in October just prior to voting. You might discuss the possible nomination with the prospective nominee before tossing his/her hat into the ring!!



THE SEARCH IS ON....

for a new newsletter editor(s). Jim & I have enjoyed our turn as editors, but because of our location (we live in Poulsbo), we are finding it difficult to coordinate smoothly all of the different aspects that go into publishing our infamous PWC poopsheet.

The job in itself is really not bad, especially since we split up among several different people the newsletter responsibilities; Bob & Anne Duffy take care of having the newsletter printed, put on the mailing labels, & take the finished product to the Post Office. Charlie Miller is in charge of our "computerized" membership list & prints all of the mailing labels. Jolene Vrchota takes the newsletter from Jim & relays it to the Duffy's, & various people have done mail pick-up at the club P.O. box.

So, what does that leave the editors to do?--Gather up the info, write an article if we so desire, & put it all together. It's a chance to "do your own thing", & you can be as creative as you wish. You don't have to be an "old timer", newcomers, here's your chance to become more involved!! Maybe a newcomer & a oldtimer together?--Don't rule out the possibility of a co-editorship--it sometimes helps to bounce ideas off of someone else.

I know there is a lot of untapped talent hiding within the membership, so please, won't you help us out?

Mary

OUTDOOR TRAVEL - STRESS AND THE MIND ****INDICATIONS OF A PROBLEM****

Strong desires carried into the outdoors by the hiker often override good judgment, and adversely affect mental attitude and the will to live. These factors may even create emergency situations or precipitate accidents.

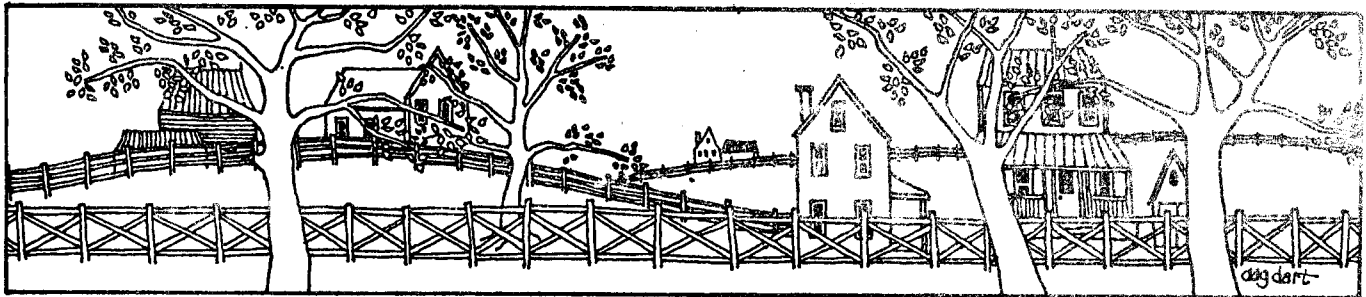
Determination: A state of mind which allows long-sought desires to overrule good judgment. This can push a person to use every ounce of energy to attain the goal, leaving none to sustain life during the return journey.

Get-home-itis: This nagging pressure may be caused by obligations, promises, or even responsibilities that he feels must be honored at all costs. In an attempt to honor them he often foresakes good judgment in his decisions in hopes he will be lucky and make it home.

Outdoorsmen must at times consider the worse of the two evils: being late and safely returning home, or pressing on in the face of a storm (instead of finding shelter) and never getting home.

Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open.

-Sir James Dewar-



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