

OCTOBER
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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.

The Appalachian Trail ... and the Sierra Nevada

Presented By: Tom Banks
Monday, October 11, 7 pm

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail (AT) is one of our country's oldest and best-loved long trails, stretching 2,168 miles from Maine to Georgia. National park ranger and former PWC president Tom Banks will narrate a slide show of his May-June, 2004 backpacking trip on the AT across Vermont and

New Hampshire. He will also discuss his plans to continue hiking the Appalachian Trail this autumn.



Tom will also share photos from his summer working in the Sierra Nevada.



PWC Halloween Party and Potluck

Saturday, October 30, 6-11 pm, Gilberton Community Club, Bremerton
Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114



The Halloween Party will be the traditional costumed event, with activities for all ages, held at the Gilberton Community Club, 8050 Illabee Road NE, Bremerton. There will be a potluck dinner starting at 6:30 pm, so please bring a dish to share and anything else you would like to drink. The club will provide soft drinks, coffee and tea, a cake, plates, napkins, and utensils. All members are eligible to enter a door prize drawing, and there will also be a costume contest with prizes awarded for the "Best Couples Costume", "Best Single Costume", and the "Most Imaginative & Creative Costume". Set up will begin at 4:30 pm and volunteers are needed for decorating, etc., as well as cleaning up afterward. Also, if you have any favorite dance music CDs, please bring them. Please call Molly if you have any questions or would like to help decorate.

Directions: Option 1 - From Highway 303 (Wheaton Way), take Sylvan Way east for 1 mile, turn left (north) on to Illabee Rd., go 3.4 miles to the Gilberton Community Club on the right, across from California St. Option 2 - From Highway 303, take Brownsville Hwy east for 1.1 miles, turn right (south) on to Illabee Rd., go 1.3 miles to the Gilberton Community Club on the left, across from California St.

PWC Officer and Board Election

The election of PWC Officer and Board Members for the coming year will be held at the next General Meeting on Monday, October 11, 2004. There is only one nominee each for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, so only a vote of confirmation will be needed for those positions. There are four great nominees for the Board Members-at-large. However, since there are only three Board Members-at-large needed, an election will be required to see who will fill those positions.

The candidates for Officer and Board positions are as follows:

President: Molly Deardorff
Vice-President: Rick Fleming
Secretary: Kathy Weigel
Treasurer: Joan Edwards

Board of Directors: Barney Bernhardt
Tom Leurquin
Greg Myrick
Tom Rogers

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PWC Officer and Board Election

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The following details regarding club elections are from the PWC by-laws:

Article V – Elections

Section 1: The following positions will be filled by annual election: a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer and three board members-at-large. Officers and board members shall serve one-year terms from November 1st through October 31st. Officers and board members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position unless no other nomination is made for the position. Nomination of an incumbent who has already served two consecutive terms in a position will be allowed only after the regular nomination process shows no other nominees.

Section 2: For election purposes, each paid membership will be allowed one vote for each adult in the household, up to a maximum of two votes per paid membership. Nominees and anyone making nominations must be voting members of the club. Nominations shall have the prior approval of the person being nominated and may be accepted by any board member up to and including the September general meeting. Nominations by mail must be received at the club's post office address (ATTN: Secretary) prior to the September general meeting. Nominees will be announced in the club newsletter prior to the election process. Elections shall be held at the October general meeting and will be by secret ballot unless there is only one nominee per position, in which case a show of hands or vocal consensus may be called. Members who cannot attend the meeting may vote by sending written, signed correspondence to the club's post office address (ATTN: Secretary) indicating their choices. Mailed-in votes must be received by the October general meeting.

Section 3: Board vacancies that occur part way through the year, or position(s) not filled during the election process shall be filled by appointment through a majority vote of the remaining board directors and the persons appointed shall serve through the following October 31st.

Section 4: Officers or board members not fulfilling responsibilities inherent to their position to the extent the club or club members are detrimentally affected may be removed from their position by the majority vote of the full board of directors.



"Best Berry Picking or Favorite Berry Recipe" Contest



Where do you find the best berry picking? Do you have a favorite hike where the trail is lined with a banquet of ripe, sweet berries? Perhaps a country road where you can pull off and fill your pail. And if there is still some of the fruit left by the time you get home, do you have a favorite recipe from Grandma that makes those berries into a delicious treat? Submit your berry picking locations or recipes as contest entries! For each contest entry, write a brief description telling either your favorite place to pick berries, including the type of berry found and the best time of year, or write a favorite recipe using your hand-picked delicacies. Submit entries by e-mail to penwicle@hotmail.com, by regular mail to the club PO Box, or submit it at one of the club meetings. Enter as often as you like. Each entry will be eligible for a special prize drawing to be held at the December General Meeting. Entries may be submitted up to the mid-meeting break during the December meeting. This competition is open to all PWC members and their families. The winner will be selected by random drawing. You don't need to be present to win! Entries will be published in the PENWICLÉ.



Hikers & Skiers Wanted



Autumn is here and early season snows may soon start to cover the high country trails. Outdoor enthusiasts will have their choice of either hiking or cross-country skiing. Why not sponsor a PWC outing and share the fun. Day trips are usually very informal and don't require much planning beyond a meeting time and place, some information about the trail conditions and trailhead location, and a weather report. Forest Service or National Park Rangers, as well as veteran PWC members, can often provide up-to-date information about trails. Sponsors of outings are not considered instructors, but mainly someone who is a point of contact to enable members to join together for a hike or ski, and who have some basic information about their destination. Participants are expected to be adequately prepared for the activity they wish to join and are responsible for their own safety while on an outing.



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. Please 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.

Hike to Silver Lakes

Saturday, October 2

Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114

Hike 5.5 miles to Silver Lakes with an elevation gain of 2200 feet. This is a dog-friendly hike, so feel free to bring your four-legged friend along for the walk.

Camp & Hike at Heart O' the Hills

Saturday, October 9 - Monday, October 11

Contact: Joe and Kathy Weigel, 360-871-0291

Car or RV camp at Heart O' the Hills campground in Olympic National Park and day hike down into Badger Valley from Obstruction Point. This is a steep trail, passing over barren shale slopes and several open meadows where the fall foliage may be showing its colors.

Hike to Marmot Pass / Mt. Buckhorn

Sunday, October 10

Contact: Tom Banks, 508-579-2521, RangerTWB@aol.com

Join Tom Banks for a full day's hike to Marmot Pass and Mt. Buckhorn, followed by a dinner soiree. Enjoy hiking to a favorite fall destination in the Olympics, with some autumn leaves and crisp weather adding to the fun. Mount Buckhorn is easily identified on the horizon, and its two summits can be gained by an easy scramble from the pass. An optional dinner outing to Red Robin will occur afterward. Come one, come all, to either or both events.



Camp & Bike at Lake Easton State Park

Saturday, October 16 - Sunday, October 17 [dates changed]

Contact: Rick and Vicki Fleming, 360-779-2275

Car camp at Lake Easton State Park and explore the area on bike trips from camp. Located 15 miles east of Snoqualmie Pass, Lake Easton State Park is a forested, 516-acre camping park on the Yakima River and Lake Easton in the Cascade Mountain foothills.

Sewing & Gear Repair Weekend

Saturday, October 23 - Sunday, October 24

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Customize your pack, repair your tent, re-strap an ice axe or sew up ripped Gore-Tex. Whatever your problem, Jon has set aside the fourth weekend in October to assist PWC members with their equipment repairs and alterations. Jon has an industrial sewing machine and a supply of material, strapping, and fasteners. However, if your project is significant or requires special stuff, please bring required attachments with you, as his supply is limited. If you have any questions about your repair project, feel free to give Jon a call beforehand.

Bike the Olympic Discovery Trail

Saturday, November 6

Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114 or Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

Enjoy great views along the Strait of Juan de Fuca while having a fun bike ride on the Olympic Discovery Trail. When completed, the trail will stretch from Port Townsend in the east to the Pacific Coast in the west. Only portions of it are finished at this time, mostly near Port Townsend, and between Sequim and Port Angeles. The trail is open to travel by foot or bike, and horse on the unpaved areas. Most of the trail is suitable for either street or mountain bikes.

X-Country Ski at Mount Rainier

Saturday, November 27

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Come join in the fun cross country skiing in November. This is a beginner - intermediate outing towards Reflection Lakes on Mount Rainier. November skiing offers soft, fluffy fresh snow, beautiful winter scenery, and a nice conditioning workout. So invite a friend, and come share in the laughter and fun. Warm-up lessons and skiing tips will be offered to build one's skill and confidence.

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Reports

The Continental Divide Trail

By: Kevin Koski

Kevin Koski started his hike of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) at the Mexican border in New Mexico on May 1. He has now crossed the states of New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming, and has also hiked a bit of Idaho. Kevin is now traveling through Montana trying to reach the Canadian border before heavy snows cover the trail. The past three issues of the PENWICLE included messages that he sent from towns along the trail since the beginning of his trip through to Pinedale, Wyoming. The following is a continuation of his messages and photos from his journey on the CDT.

August 23, 2004, Lima, Montana

Hello everyone,

Well it has been a long time since I last saw a computer. I am currently in Lima, Montana at the very hiker-friendly Mountain View Motel. I just finished traveling through the Centennial Mountains, which proved to be very challenging because of the elevation gain, lack of trail, and mud. Last night it rained hard from 6 pm to 4 am, and snowed from about 4 to 6 am. I finally walked out of the fog, and clouds at about 2:30 this afternoon. I was not planning a visit to Lima, but my mind needed the break and I needed to talk to someone. Let's just say I have been having strong thoughts about getting off the trail lately, and coupled with the cold gloomy weather the past two days, my mind needs a break. Basically, I am pondering the thought if I am having fun. I think lately it has been a race to reach the border, a death march as some know me for. Since my mental attitude has been poor lately, it has affected my mileage. Two days ago I only managed to hike 13 miles, and I was exhausted. I find myself getting up later and later. (OK, it has been very cold, so the warm sleeping bag feels good.) Basically, the trail currently is proving to be an extreme mental challenge for me.

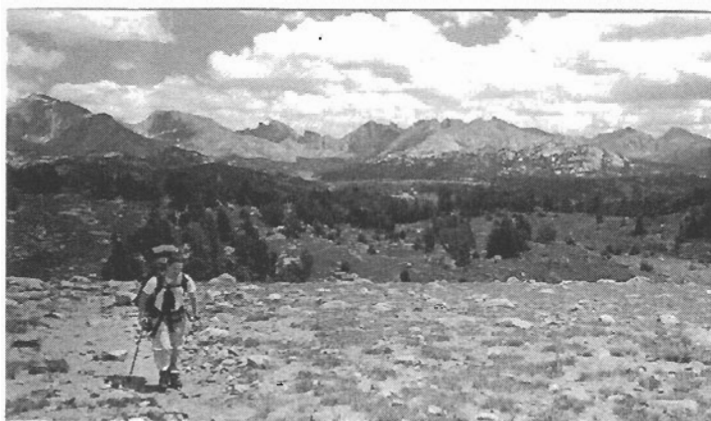
John and I had a wonderful time in the Wind River Range of Wyoming. The scenery was the best that I have seen on the divide. When John and I finished our week at Green River Lakes, we went river rafting for a day and had a drink at the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. I liked the saddles in the bar. John dropped me off back at the trailhead where I continued the hike alone, and was scared in the evening by a moose. I saw several castings of grizzly prints in the mud, and I heard wolves every night. Sometimes the wolves were very close. Just south of Twogottee Pass I ran into three southbound CDT hikers. The trail tread in this area was not to be found. I spent a day bushwacking. I entered Yellowstone and ran into six more CDT southbound hikers. Yellowstone was basically all charred from the 1988 fires. I only saw two moose in the entire park. I enjoyed the swim bath in Shoshone Lake. I ended up spending two nights at Old Faithful, where I met Michelle and Ned, a couple who I bumped into on the trail the day before. They treated me to dinner at the Old Faithful Inn. Thanks Ned and Michelle. Michelle previously hiked the AT. The geysers were awesome. I spent two days watching the geysers in the Upper Geyser Basin, so I got to see several good spouts of water. I then left Old Faithful and headed towards Mack's Inn, and that is when the bad weather began. The hike between the two locations was pretty much unimpressive. I stayed in Mack's Inn for two nights because I was missing half of my maps in the resupply box. I had to wait an extra day while the needed maps were overnighted, which actually took two days. I then left Mack's Inn and four days later I sit here in Lima. The past section I only saw one moose, but it was an impressive one with a huge rack on its head. The scenery was nice, when it was not raining. Basically, I got hammered by the weather last night. I have to dry my sleeping bag tonight because the center overhead seam on my new tarp tent has not been seam sealed yet, so I had water dripping on me all night. This morning, when I woke at 9 am, there were icicles hanging from all the tree tips and limbs. Burr.

Anyhow, the cook named Mike at Jan's Cafe offered to give me a ride to the trailhead in the morning, which I will take because hitching on I-15 tonight was almost impossible. Freeway hiking is no fun at all, especially when there is no traffic to increase your chances of a ride.

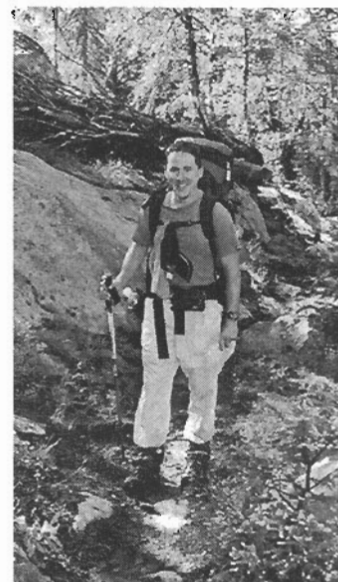
Anyhow, I am going to push on, and I will be doing some thinking if I am still having fun, or if I am just marching forward.

Have a great week!

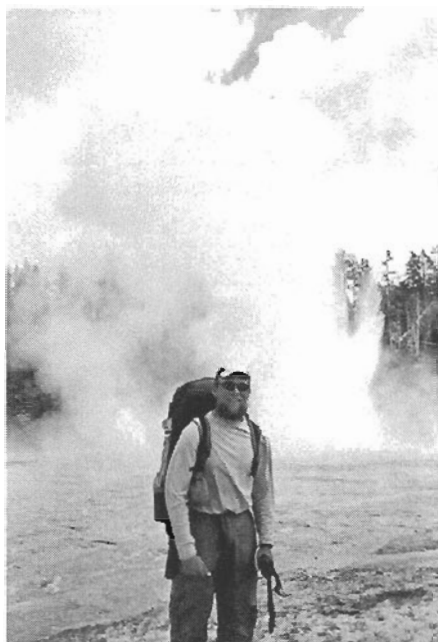
Kevin "The Animal" or "Rambling Rehydrator"



PWC member John Myers hiked with Kevin through the Wind River Range of Wyoming.



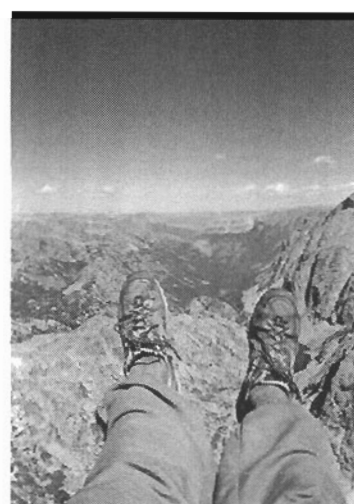
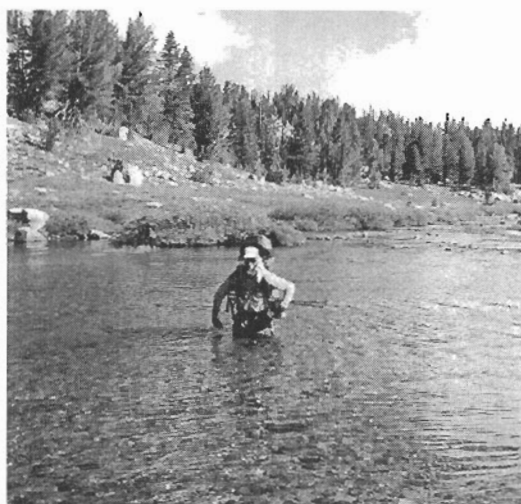
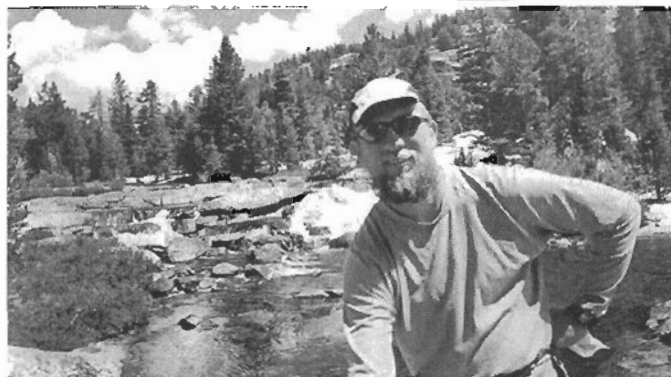
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Kevin at a Yellowstone geyser.



Bear track.



August 28, 2004, Leadore, Idaho

Hello everyone,

Thanks for all the reply e-mails from Lima. I know my last e-mail was kind of a downer. I will blame my poor spirits on the weather. It was cloudy almost every day. My spirits have greatly improved along with the weather.

The last section from Lima, MT, to Leadore, ID, was wonderful. I especially enjoyed the scenery as I got near Leadore. The terrain was mostly treeless, so hiking on ridges above and near timberline proved to be cold with the two snowstorms I encountered, and the associated wind. Yes, I have been snowed on twice in the last five days, but it looks like the weather is going to improve. I am going to take my time from here to Salmon because I need to be in Salmon by this Thursday so I can spend Labor Day weekend with my girlfriend, Susie, who will be driving out from Seattle to visit me for the first time since April 17. I took my time in the last section due to bad weather. Two days the weather forced me to take shelter at 3 pm, which is very early. I need to find trees and flat ground to set up my tarp. The trees are needed as a wind break because the tarp makes me nervous in high wind. Each night the temperatures have been dropping to the low 30s. Burr. The cold temperatures make it hard to get out of the sleeping bag in the morning. I have a feeling that "Summer" is quickly closing her doors on the divide. Several of the high peaks still have a light coating of snow on them. My highest elevation in the last section was 10,200 feet, which is not too high, but above timberline for this far north. Oh, there were some excellent tasting springs in this last section. I love sampling springs because each one tastes different, and you can be lazy and not purify your water. Second, oh, I hardly saw any wildlife in this last section. The hunters will be disappointed this year.

I have been having thoughts of what I want to do for my electronic presentation I want to make when finished with this trip. I am thinking of putting the pictures on a DVD with music and text mixed in, to allow a BoxLight presentation. So, if anyone knows about any software, or computer hardware that might be required, I would appreciate some advice.

Thanks,

Kevin Koski "The Animal"

Oh, I forgot to tell all of you about the sheepherder that I had a long conversation with. He was 24 years old, and from Peru! It was a good exercise in Spanish that I haven't used since high school. I managed to forget a lot. I shared some jelly beans with him. I think he appreciated the conversation, and was very impressed with my maps and tarp tent. He mentioned that he had not talked to anyone in 24 days. Wow, and I thought I was lonely.

Hasta Luego! Kevin

Reports

August 30, 2004, Hamilton, Montana

Hello everyone!

Well I reached Lemhi Pass at 3:30 pm on Sunday, August 29. I ran into an Americorps crew having a picnic. They were celebrating two months of trail work on the CDT. They were also celebrating the "graduation" of several members who were leaving after one or two years of service. The group was awesome, dynamic, and very well connected. I spent the better part of the afternoon chit chatting with them. Bruce and Kathleen, the fearless leaders, volunteered to give me a ride to Tendoy after a wonderful touching ceremony atop the Continental Divide, in the same location where Lewis and Clark first reached the divide. The setting was wonderful. I look forward to checking out their trail maintenance they accomplished south of Butte. I do not plan on taking the Anaconda cut-off. Otherwise, I would miss what they worked on.



I accepted a ride off the divide because I am meeting Susie somewhere in the area this weekend. Lemhi Pass was a convenient place to reach town. Otherwise, I had a 100-mile stretch to Lost Trail Pass, which I would not be able to make in time for the weekend. I am sure I could have hopped off the divide in several locations, but lacking proper maps of the exit routes, I decided to get off at Lemhi Pass and rest my left foot for several days which has been bugging me (since New Mexico).

I was at Tendoy for about 10 seconds when my first car arrived. I was picked up by Tim and Cassie of Hamilton, MT. They thought I would do everything in Salmon prior to Susie's arrival, so they offered to put me up for a few days in Hamilton. I accepted their generous offer. I was provided a bike and helmet by Tim so I could tour the city while they worked. Tomorrow, I will tour Missoula. Basically, I think this will be a good rest break for my foot. It affects my daily mileage, but what the heck, I am on vacation.

I am currently at an internet cafe after eating at "The Kitchen" for breakfast. I visited a barber shop for a quick trimming. The cafe treated me to a free Chi Tea for hiking the trail and getting this far. The weather has greatly improved; it is now sunny and warm. I am very excited to see Susie after 133 days away from Washington. After meeting with Susie, I will get back on the trail on September 6. Next time you will hear from me, I will have hiked the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness, which I have been greatly looking forward to. I hear from southbound hikers I encountered that it looks like the Sierras. I would like to thank Jonathan Ley for providing the free shake in Leadore, Idaho. It was very tasty and hit the spot. With respect to the trail condition, the section between Lemhi Pass to south of Bannock Pass was awesome. The trail was built to classic forest service specifications. It was a pleasure walking on such a nice trail after the rough terrain in the Centennial Mountains.

Thanks everyone for your support!

Kevin "The Animal" CDT 2004 !

September 14, 2004, Anaconda, Montana

Hello everyone!

I am here in quite cool Anaconda, Montana, temperature-wise that is. I just received an e-mail from Garlic Man. Since it is currently snowing on the divide, I might stay another day and wait for him to catch up. I think I am only ahead of him because let's just say sometimes I have not been a purest with respect to following the designated trail. Lately I have been having a hard time hiking by myself. Especially when the weather is bad. I was ready to quit when reaching this town. But every time I enter a town, I get revived to keep going. The Anaconda Pintler Wilderness was wonderful until it started to rain, sleet, then snow two inches. I hope Garlic Man and Trippin Ant are safe and warm. I arrived at this lake named Warren Lake, situated at 8,450 feet, last Saturday night. It started to rain at midnight, and 32 hours later of almost constant precipitation, mostly rain and sleet, the water siege ended with two inches of snow on the ground. Since it was raining so hard, I decided to stay still and not break camp, which I think was a smart decision with respect to staying warm. I was going to ride the storm out, like a hurricane, except there was little wind. I did ok. But sitting in one spot alone for 32 hours is quite a mental challenge. I will admit that I got a little sappy at times when thinking about how great this trail has been, and it was going to end in the next town. Well, I have flip-flopped again and decided to stay in the race. Due to the poor weather conditions, I did bail off the divide early at LaMarche Creek. To get off the divide I had a 17-mile walk which I completed in five hours. I reached Montana Highway 43 and hitched into Anaconda. This caused me to miss another 20-mile stretch of the divide. Looks like I have an excuse to organize a summer backpacking trip in the future for you to join me!

Before the weather got bad, I ran into a forest service trail crew of three people working on a new section of the divide trail. I spent the night with them and we basically had a wonderful time talking. They gave me some delicious corn on the cob, some hot tea, and the book One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest to read. I am enjoying the book because it is much more detailed than the movie.

When Susie came out, she tugged on my beard a lot, and quite hard at times. She thought it would look good in dreads. We had a wonderful time visiting some hot springs. I was sad to see her go, but I will be back to Washington soon.

I have been doing some thinking of what I have learned about myself on this trip, and I keep coming back to the fact that I like people. I look forward to sharing my memories, and pictures with all of you when I return. Thanks for all the positive support e-mail. Here is to the CDT !!!

Thanks, Kevin Koski (The Animal)

Outings (continued)

Backpack in Grand Canyon - 2005

Late March or early April 2005

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

The next installment of the Grand Canyon expedition will be sometime next spring. The trip is tentatively planned for 10 days (plus travel time). The proposed itinerary will begin at Hermit's Rest and descend via the Boucher Trail, head west along the Tonto Trail to Elves Chasm, and then return to Hermit's Rest via the Tonto Trail and the Hermit Trail. There is an alternate route that would require less retracing of the route, but requires a rappel along the way. The total distance will be approximately 110 to 135 miles, with several thousand feet of elevation gain/loss on some of those days. Permit requests will be submitted on November 1 for a March start date, or December 1 for an April start date. If you are interested and have a date or route preference, contact me prior to those dates. If interested without preferences, contact me anytime before February 2005. Group size will be limited to six people.

Iceland Adventure

July 2005

Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net

Iceland's name does not do it justice. Its climate is temperate due to the Gulf Stream. It is a land of austere beauty with a fascinating Nordic culture. Join fellow PWC members, and others, as we explore this land by hiking, pony trekking and sea kayaking. The trip is still in the planning stage but should consume approximately two weeks of your time. Details available as they emerge.



Outdoor News

MTTA Fall Gala

The MTTA Fall Gala is at REI's main store in Seattle, Saturday, November 13, 2 - 6 pm. The Fall Gala is the MTTA annual gear auction, member meeting, and opportunity to reserve hut space for overnight trips this winter. If you miss the Gala, you get the leftover space not claimed. So if you want to get a weekend at a hut before April, you really need to come to the Gala.

Olympic Outdoor Center Kayaking

Spring Courtright gave a great presentation about kayaking at the September PWC General Meeting. Spring is the Education Coordinator for Olympic Outdoor Center in downtown Poulsbo. The center sells new and used kayaks, and provides kayak rentals and guided trips. PWC members will receive a 10% discount on purchases or services. One seasonal trip they are offering now is a Salmon Tour to view migrating salmon returning to local streams to spawn. If you would like to contact Spring for more information, you may send an e-mail to ooc_programs@silverlink.net or call Olympic Outdoor Center at 360-697-6095.

Slide Show & Book Signing for Patagonia

Saturday, October 16, 1 pm

Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Silverdale

Contact: Brenda Seale, 360-613-5352, crm2602@bn.com

The Barnes & Noble bookstore at 3108 Northwest Randall Way, Silverdale, will host a stunning slide show with author and photographer Tim Hauf, featuring his coffee table book, *Patagonia: Wild Land at the End of the Earth*. The event is free and open to the public.

Warren Miller Film 'Impact'

Warren Miller's 55th annual feature film 'Impact', highlighting some of the best terrain, skiers and snowboarders around the world, will appear at the Admiral Theatre in Bremerton on Sunday, November 14, at 7 pm. Come kick off the winter season and get inspired to hit the slopes with remarkable footage shot in incredible locations such as Bulgaria, France, Switzerland and all over North America. Tickets available through Ticketmaster. For more information, contact the Admiral Theatre box office at 360-373-6743 or www.admiraltheatre.org.

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September 17, 2004, Anaconda, Montana

Hello everyone,

Well, I am still in Anaconda. Garlic Man and Trippin Ant arrived in Anaconda, Montana, last night. They are going to rest their feet, so we should leave town on Saturday or Sunday! I am fine with this because I would like someone to hike with, and I have reached the weekly rate at the hotel, so the next three nights are free! I think that \$140 for a week is much better than the \$168 I paid for one night at Old Faithful. Tonight sounds like a good night to test out the old bowling arms.

The higher peaks in the region are still snowcovered. The snow is not melting off very quickly. There is not much else to tell you all from Anaconda, except that I am ready to get out of town, and hit the snowcovered trail again.

Have a good fall!

Kevin "The Animal"

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, October 7, 7 pm

Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Tom Rogers in Brownsville.

October Potluck

Friday, October 22, 6:30 pm

Contact: John and Ellen Knott, 360-792-2440

John and Ellen will host this month's club potluck dinner at their home in Bremerton. As hosts they provide the dessert and guests bring a dish to pass.

PWC Climbers Group

An informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month (check calendar for date changes), 7 pm, at the Silver City Brewing Company, Silverdale. All are welcome to join us for general socializing and discussions about past and future mountaineering excursions. For directions, call John Myers at 360-782-2224. For a list of climbers call Mike Raymond at 360-779-9282 or e-mail mntnmiker@aol.com.

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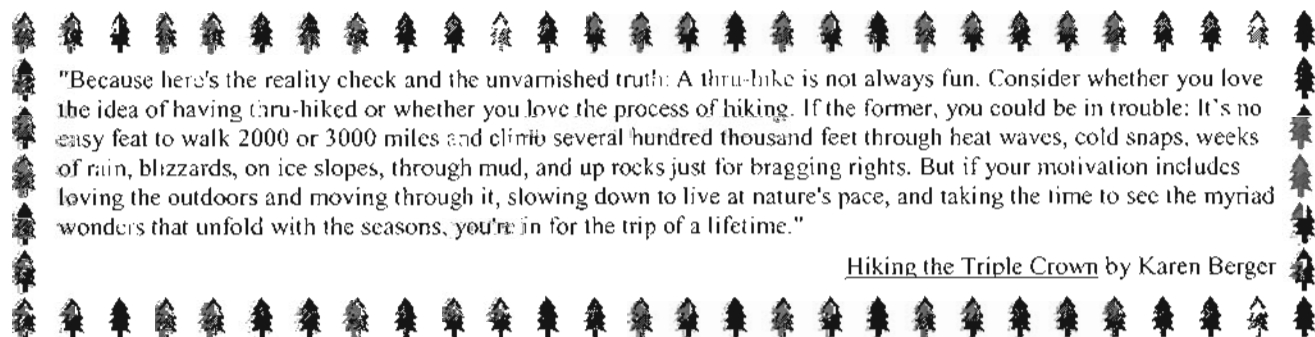
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10/25	Climbers Group Meeting	John Myers at 360-782-2224	8
10/30	Halloween Party 	Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114	1



"Because here's the reality check and the unvarnished truth: A thru-hike is not always fun. Consider whether you love the idea of having thru-hiked or whether you love the process of hiking. If the former, you could be in trouble: It's no easy feat to walk 2000 or 3000 miles and climb several hundred thousand feet through heat waves, cold snaps, weeks of rain, blizzards, on ice slopes, through mud, and up rocks just for bragging rights. But if your motivation includes loving the outdoors and moving through it, slowing down to live at nature's pace, and taking the time to see the myriad wonders that unfold with the seasons, you're in for the trip of a lifetime."

Hiking the Triple Crown by Karen Berger

Club News

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Spring Courtright, Judy Floyd, Christine Peterson, Ernest Torok.

Thanks for the Treats!

Thank you to all who brought goodies to share at the September meeting. If you have never donated a snack, please consider contributing in October. We are always willing to taste test new cookie recipes. For information regarding refreshments, please contact Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

New Club Web Master

A special thank you to Sandie Morris for the great work she has done with the club web site. Sandie developed a completely new PWC web page from scratch and recently started posting the monthly PENWICLE on the page also. Now she needs to focus on other things, so Venita Goodrich has volunteered to take over as the new club web master. Thank you, Venita!

Tip of the Month

Thank you to Jon DeArman for showing the handy folding bow saw at the September meeting. A bow saw, with the correct type of teeth, is more efficient for cutting camp firewood than a hand axe, and is probably safer, too. If any member has an outdoor-related subject they would like to present as a "Tip of the Month" in a short (5-minute) talk, please contact Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352, dearmans@comcast.net.

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, Kathy Weigel, at 360-871-0291.

Parking At General Meetings

When parking at the KUUF church building for General Meetings please follow the following regulation: Going down, it is OK to park on the right side of the downhill driveway approaching the lower lot, but parking is NOT allowed on the left side. Parking on the left side causes a violation of the fire code for which the church can be cited and fined.

The upper parking lot is for the use of the preschool and day-care center, including at night. There is a grass field overflow parking lot for our use that is accessed by the next driveway to the south, on Perry Avenue, on the same side as the church. Please help PWC stay on good terms with the church.

PENWICLE On-Line

Since an electronic copy of the 'PENWICLE' newsletter is posted on the club's website 'pwckitsap.org', any club member submitting articles or information for inclusion in the newsletter should only submit information that they are comfortable having posted on the club's web page. If you would like to submit an announcement, but prefer that certain information be left off the web page copy, please be specific about which information should be left out. We will try to ensure the information is deleted from the web page copy of the PENWICLE.

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:

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

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

PWC Officer and Board Election

The election of PWC Officer and Board Members for the coming year will be held at the next General Meeting on Monday, October 11, 2004. See page 1 for details.

Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Vicki Fleming at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070 or call 360-779-7275. Members should also contact Vicki 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 Tom Broszeit at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-613-9573.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

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

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Join or Renew Membership

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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

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