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# Washington Alpine Club



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## BULLETIN

### END OF ERA !!

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- 23/24 Annual WAC Olympic Beach Cleanup
- 29/30 Iron Horse Bike Trip
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- May 7/8 Climbing Class at Snoqualmie Pass
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- 12/15 Climbing Class at Cabin
- 20/22 Climbing Class at Cabin
- 22 Yakima Canyon Bike Ride
- June 4 Mike Brown Annual Hanford Reach Trip
- 11 Guye Cabin Work Party

#### BOARD MEETING

*No board meeting this month.*

#### AMONG OURSELVES

At hand is an end to the boisterous bachelorhood of Pat O'Brien. In August, Nadia Hakki will take him in hand and the free spirited adventure will continue together.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Do you know someone who would enjoy all the good things the WAC has to offer? Encourage them to sign up and take part in our activities, classes, Cabin, and fellowship!

#### MEMORIAL

CHARLOTTE TURNER-ZILA died March 11th after a long illness. She was born in Darrington, WA and raised in Seattle. She raised her family in Texas and California and when they were grown she earned a BA in Anthropology and was working on her Masters Thesis when she took off on a world tour to see the places she had studied. She was among the first westerners allowed into Anatolia in Northern Turkey.

She returned Seattle in 1972 and married Bill Zila in 1977.

Charlotte was a lifelong democrat and was active in the 43rd District. Another interest was gardening and she was active in the Arboretum, and Puget Sound Mycology Soc. where she earned a Golden Mushroom Award.

Besides tending the library at Guye Cabin Charlotte organized many field trips in the WAC over the years. We twice spent a day in the Chester Morse Reservoir system, had nature walks at Guye Cabin.

She organized a trip in the I-90 tunnel when it was 100 feet short of completion. We hiked the length of the eight-foot core to the boring auger.

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I remember exploring the old wagon road above Lake Kechelus with Charlotte and my family on a rainy day, she in a new, blue, gortex rain suit that we were to see often about the property.

She introduced roasting chestnuts one evening at the cabin. Up to then this was just a refrain in an Xmas carol.

I remember when my kids were about 8-12 years old, she introduced them to a new game called Pictionary after a day of skiing. We didn't get started for home until well after midnight. Charlotte had a great enthusiasm for life and she will be missed.

Bill Hooper

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

With the arrival of April we went from no snow to a decent spring ski season. If you can still get to your Boards, pull 'em back out and head up to the hills! All the ski areas are open again for the first time since January. The Summit was nice enough to let us know that they will indeed honor our passes next year.

The WAC Climbing Class is off to a great start! As every year, the students are some of the best ever! Besides learning all their knots on Tuesdays, next weekend will see the class at Spire Rock, followed by Mount Erie. Many instructors come back year after year to help out with a portion of the class. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to make this class a great success each year!

Our Club is again one of the sponsors for the annual Olympic Coast Beach Cleanup on April 23. Once again, we will be responsible for the Hoh River Beach and Jefferson Cove to the North. This is where the Hoh River, which has it's headwaters high on the slopes of Mount Olympus, empties into

the Pacific Ocean. If you have been out to our Olympic Coast, you know what a wonderful wild area it is. Like last year, we'll camp Saturday night at Hoh River Beach. In keeping with WAC tradition, if we can find some wood we might have a little bon fire after all the work is over. Please contact me if you would like to participate in this event.

John Sargent once again showed us that he knows how to organize a superior bike ride. We did the new Kickitat Rail Trail and the historic Columbia River Highway Trail near Hood River. The WAC has lots of bike riders (great cross-training). Next month, there is the scenic Yakima River Canyon ride, a 35-mile round trip. The road follows the Yakima River up gentle grade with few hills. The highway will be closed to thru traffic. A perfect ride for the whole family! Others are training for the Seattle to Portland ride in July. Guye Cabin is great base camp for rides on the Iron Horse Trail or through the Snoqualmie Tunnel.

On April 30 is a free Adult CPR class, hosted by the Red Cross. I encourage everyone to sign up for this. If there is demand we can schedule an infant/child class.

I have to admit, I have already got my Summer Peak list together, and as usual it is a long one. I think Pat O'Brien has his ready too! The "Upcoming Climbs" section of the website, and the listserv are great places to let everyone know what you are up to and find partners. Many members are hoping to complete their Chief Six Peaks this season by climbing certain Snoqualmie Peaks. Others are plugging away at the Bulger 100.

As the weather gets warmer we'll have some work parties at Guye Cabin. We'll have one in May, and then a few over the summer. We still have some projects on the list. Cleaning up the property, planting some trees, painting and some carpentry, are just a few of the things we can do. Come up and help out if you have the time!

We will post some dates later. This is a great way to meet some new people in the WAC and invest in the Club's future. Mike

**BULLETIN DELIVERED TO YOUR COMPUTER!**

Beginning this month the bulletin will come directly to your email address. You will just need to click in the link to open the bulletin in pdf format. You will be able to read it online, save it to your collection on your computer, or print it out. There are over 350 WAC members with email and this method will translate into a significant \$\$dollar savings for the Club over the course of a year.

If you don't want the bulletin to come to your email account, or have comments or doable suggestions please email [mike@grandcanyontreks.org](mailto:mike@grandcanyontreks.org) and I will take you off the email list. And of course, if you don't have email, or like to get something in the snailmail box besides bills, you can continue to receive the mailing. Here is the address for this month. It will follow this same format each month

<http://www.grandcanyontreks.org/wac/2005/wac> bulletin 2005 april.pdf

**IRONHORSEBIKE RIDE**

Please join me for our next Rail Trail adventure. On April 30th at 10:00 we will meet at Guye Cabin for a ride on the Iron Horse Trail. John Sargent

**YAKIMA CANYON FOR A DAY BIKE TOUR!**

Sunday, May 22, 2005, 9:00AM to 3:00PM. A 35-mile round trip through the scenic Yakima River Canyon. The road follows the Yakima River up gentle grade with few hills. The highway will be closed to thru traffic. A perfect ride for the whole family!

Hosted by the Yakima County Crime Stoppers, For More Info webpage: [www.co.yakima.wa.us/biketour05/](http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/biketour05/)

### FREE ADULT CPR CLASS ON 04/30

Is your CPR certification current? Normally this class is \$40, but on 04/30 it is FREE!

Hosted by the Seattle Red Cross. The class will be held at the WA State Convention Center Downtown on Pike or Pine.

More info and sign up at [http://www.seattleredcross.org/health/GetTrained/cpr\\_saturday\\_05.htm](http://www.seattliredcross.org/health/GetTrained/cpr_saturday_05.htm)

Classes at: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am; 12:30 & 2:00pm. Each session takes approximately 21/2 hours.

Don't pass this up. All the current WFA/MOFA classes do not include CPR certification.

This is a savings of 30-40 dollars! The WAC encourages everyone to be CPR certified

### OLYMPIC BEACH CLEANUP APRIL 23

Olympic Coast Beach Cleanup Oil City/Jefferson Cove April 23, 2005 The WAC's annual service project is now in its fourth year! "The wildest, the most remote and, I think, the most picturesque beach area of our whole coastline lies under the pounding surf along the Pacific Ocean in the State of Washington . . . It is a place of haunting beauty, of deep solitude." William O. Douglas  
Jefferson Cove is a beautiful low tide beach about a mile long. At the North end is the first ladder and the route over the big Hoh Head that eventually makes its way to Third Beach, some 17 miles distant. Hoh Head can never be rounded, even at an extreme low tide. It is 1.5 miles to the low tide beach at the North side of Hoh Head, and 3.5 miles by trail to Mosquito Creek.

You are invited to participate in a grand adventure: to join others in removing debris from of Olympic National Park beaches during the April 23, 2005 weekend. We will camp at the Hoh Beach on Saturday evening, about two miles from the trailhead.

Contact Mike Mahanay at [mike@grandcanyontreks.org](mailto:mike@grandcanyontreks.org) to register. We will again do the Hoh Beach and Jefferson Cove Beach south of Forks. Last year we saw Bald Eagles, seals, and lots of life in the tide pools. We had a party of 13 last year. Our goal this year is 15 volunteers. We would like firm commitments by April 15, but of course will take latecomers up to the last minute.

The clean up is energized by a partnership of community service organizations, businesses, tribal and government agencies. Volunteers will comb ocean beaches from Kalaloch South Beach in Olympic National Park to Hobuck Beach on the Makah Reservation. Marine debris will be hauled off the beaches and piled at trailheads or cache sites for disposal. This community/volunteer effort will help preserve the natural beauty of this unparalleled Washington wilderness resource.

WAC volunteers should register at the field operation site at the Forks Information Center, or at the Olympic National Park Ranger Stations at Kalaloch.

Volunteers will record data about the debris they collect. The information will provide a snapshot record of the coast and help identify sources of the debris. The data will be used for oceanographic research of interest to naturalists and marine scientists from the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and Olympic National Park. Mike

### KLICKITAT TRAIL BIKE RIDE 1566' APRIL 02 2005

The Klickitat Trail is a nearly level 31-mile rail corridor extending from Warwick, WA on the high prairie of the

Goldendale Plateau to the Columbia River at Lyle, Washington. It winds its way down through Swale Canyon for 10 miles, then follows a secondary road and then trail along the nationally designated Wild & Scenic Klickitat River to Lyle.

It is a former railroad line that once ran all the way to Goldendale, and as of 2003 it is now state park property. More info is at the Klickitat Trail Conservancy website at <http://www.klickitat-trail.org/>

Our leader, John Sargent billed this ride as "Simply put, a double your money back, guaranteed, incredible ride."

We had a leisurely start on the high prairie west of Warwick. Besides our WAC group of 14, there were 10 scouts with longtime WAC members Gino and Kathy Amodei. There was also a bike group from the Friends of the Columbia River Gorge, <http://www.gorgefriends.org/> and a hiking group from the Klickitat Trail Conservancy. It was fun to talk to the fine people in these two Clubs that share many of the same interests of the WAC.

We were serenaded by birds and frogs, and saw many trout pools, and waterfalls. The trail was lined with oak trees and later Ponderosa Pines. Simply put, it was very beautiful! It is a wonderful area for birding. On clear days Mount Adams and Mount Hood can be seen.

Like the 7-mile stretch of the East Lake Sammamish Trail, which passes or crosses property owned by lakefront residents, some folks along the Klickitat Trail assume false ownership of the trail. We heard of one guy who would threaten riders with his gun, but we never saw him. I hate to see folks try to take over public property!

Les Sargent met us with the Sag Wagon at the next access point, 10 miles down the trail, for some lunch. It

was fun to ride up to Les and see what he had been up to. It is always great to have Les around, and we could not do these rides without his help!

After lunch we rode pavement through the small town of Klickitat, and then rejoined the trail for the last 8 miles to Lyle. Here the Trail follows the wild and scenic Klickitat River.

Audrey had a flat, but John was able to change it without taking the wheel off in 11 minutes! He got lots of encouragement from Mike, Audrey, and Lee! The high running river eventually squeezed into a gorge of rushing rapids only 15 feet wide!

Again Saturday night, many of us stayed at the Wishbone Campground. Others stayed in the fancy Lyle Hotel, a historic railroad hotel, and we all met at the Lyle Café again in the morning. This area is very popular for windsurfers in the summer.

Day Two. Historic Columbia River Highway Trail - John promised, "Just as much fun but only half the Bag Balm."

Sunday morning, after a good nights rest and a hearty breakfast at the Lyle Café we crossed over the Columbia River and rode 19 paved miles on the Historic Columbia River Highway from just outside The Dalles Or, to Hood River Or, traveling through the historic Mosier Twin Tunnels.

[www.odot.state.or.us/techserv/bikewalk/Maps/Columbia%20Gorge%20Bike%20Map.pdf](http://www.odot.state.or.us/techserv/bikewalk/Maps/Columbia%20Gorge%20Bike%20Map.pdf)

Once again, John was right on the money. The day was cool and cloudy, and all the ride was on pavement. There were very few cars on the road. We ascended from the Columbia River to the top of the Columbia River Gorge, almost 1000'. At the top we were treated to fantastic views of the Columbia River on its way to the Pacific Ocean. You could almost see Lewis and Clark paddling down in their canoes.

The next piece was downhill, but in wind and rain! At the town of Mosier we met the Sag Wagons and almost everyone rode the bike only trail through the historic twin tunnels. These 17-foot tunnels date back to the days of Model T's, then were closed in the 1950's when a new highway was built. Then in 1995 Oregon Senator Mark O. Hatfield was able to secure funding to rehabilitate and preserve this scenic trail.

Two fantastic rides in two days! John Sargent did a wonderful job of organizing two rides that was appropriate for everyone. No one was asking for their money back! Thanks to Les Sargent for shuttling cars, and the Sag wagon! Mike

#### **PARKING AREA UPDATE**

Near the end of March, Bill Higgins and Mike Mahanay took a trip to Sumner to meet with Larry Sargent at Dryco Surveying. Larry agreed to clean up the survey to give us something more useful. He will also add the Quit Claim Deed from 1968 and bearings and distances. In addition he will come up to the Cabin and resurvey some points to ensure the accuracy of the topo portion of the survey.

Larry provided us with the legal description for a construction easement, that we will need from Sahalie. Rosemary Daszkiewicz is assisting with this construction easement and the two new easements (entry and exit) from the Gymnastics Society (Sahalie Ski Club). We hope to present our request to Jack Gunner, the contact at Sahalie soon.

Once we have the easement request signed and recorded by the Gymnastics Society we can proceed with hiring a Civil Engineer. Mike

#### **GUYE CABIN PROJECTS**

We have made some wonderful progress improving and restoring Guye Cabin over the last three years. We have a Fire system, the outside is completely painted, the family room has a new

window and new paint, there is a new kids play room (where the first aid room was), new lighting and new paint throughout, gosh, the list goes on and on. A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Cabin, both past and present.

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting with Mary Jane and Pete Steele at their home. The Steele family was very active in the WAC for many years. Pete was instrumental in the ski hills, as well as big projects such as building of the new addition, covered porch, and the sewer system. Our tasks at hand now are easy thanks to the groundwork Pete and others laid over the years! Mary Jane is again organizing the Old Timers Rendezvous at Guye Cabin on August 20.

Our first official work party will be Saturday, June 11. As the spring snow melts and the weather warms, there are still several things left to do: Finish the garage door replacement Stain/seal the new wood paneling Carpet the hallway from ladies dorm to kitchen Spackle the windows outside Replace two cracked windows Plant some trees as a buffer between the road and Cabin Walk the property and clean up trash Split and stack some more wood What else?

If you have boxes of cut kindling and rounds to split bring them up!

Besides, June 11, we'll schedule several work parties throughout the summer, although not as many as last year. Mike

#### **GUYE CABIN**

Do you have a group that you would like to take up to Guye Cabin? The Cabin is perfect for families, birthdays, reunions, scout groups, etc. There are many hikes, climbs, and bike rides to do with Guye Cabin the ideal base camp! From now until next fall is the perfect time. Guye Cabin can

accommodate large groups during weekdays and many weekends from May until Christmas. Please check for availability.

Historic Guye Cabin was first built in 1932, then added on several times over the years. It is the oldest of the remaining Mountain Cabins, built during the heyday of Outdoor Clubs. With 85 bunks, in women's, men's, and coed dormitories, Guye Cabin can accommodate a large group. The warm and cozy Fireplace Room is perfect for reading, conversation, or playing games. Guye Cabin has an outstanding library of outdoor literature and guides. Kids of all ages will find entertainment.

Guye Cabin is hostel style. There is a full kitchen with electric stove, three microwaves, and a complete set of dishes, pots, pans, and cups. Just bring your own food, and prepare it at your leisure.

Bunks have mattresses. Guests are asked to provide their own sleeping bags or bedding and pillows. The sleeping areas are not heated, so a 20-degree sleeping bag or better is recommended in the winter. Bring earplugs if you are a light sleeper, and a flashlight.

Take a look on the website, or call, or email, Bill Hooper or Mike Mahanay for more information.

Mike

#### **Tsunami REFLECTIONS**

WAC members Jennifer Lind and Eric Semsak were in Thailand this past December when the tsunami devastated the region. Below are two journal entries from their travels - one before and one after the tsunami. Eric and Jen will have a slideshow in a few weeks and share tales of their travels and tsunami experience. If you are interested in attending, please email Jen at [climbthai@yahoo.com](mailto:climbthai@yahoo.com) for details.

December 21, 2004. Chiang Mai, Thailand

There's a palpable interconnectedness among the hill tribe villagers. It's not just community but communal. The large cracks between the hand-cut boards of their wooden homes reinforce the feeling that there are no real walls here. You hear every sound in the village from the roosters' incessant alarm to a child's laughter in the hut across the ravine. There can be no secrets here, no soloists. They all work the same hillside fields. Bamboo smoke seeps from the slats of each home, creating a seamless cloud in disguise of a single point of origin. The chickens and their chicks, the pigs and their piglets roam freely belonging to no one but feeding all.

We've recently returned from 5 days in the hills outside Chiang Mai in the Chiangdao Mountains on trails that would be unintelligible from the surrounding forest were it not for the villager who shows the way. We've heard nary an industrial sound for days.

Now it's back to the city, but it strikes me as equally full of danger as the exposure of a life in the hills. And though any laws here are really more like suggestions, it seems there are less accidents here than in the overly litigious States. Less rigor but more personal responsibility, as counter-intuitive to the developed world as that might sound. The Thai have a saying "Mae Pen Rai" which loosely means "Never Mind." It's of no consequence, nothing to get hot about. It will all unfold as it should.

We'll leave for the south tomorrow, having seen a slice of the north. Even spent a day in Thai cooking school! Now off to the beach...and the rock! Deo pop gan mai! -Jen & Eric

December 27, 2004. Railay Beach,  
Thailand

*The following section was mistakenly  
omitted from the print bulletin.*

CNN first reports ten thousand dead.

As a cell phone rings “It’s a Small World  
After All”.

It’s surreal to be this close to disaster.  
All around is an echo of destruction.

This Gilligan’s Island now a bamboo  
landfill.

Boats in trees. Kayaks inside out.

Waves rock the skeleton of a 22-foot  
sailboat against the crags.

Sand has un-paved paradise and  
disappeared civilization.

The tsunami has filtered all that we cling  
to and separated the important from the  
expendable.

People emerge to wait on the beach with  
their belongings for transport - they rush  
to the sea that had tamed them only  
yesterday in hopes it will deliver them  
today.

The Thais have worn their life vests all  
night long. Most have never learned to  
swim. The ocean an even more intimidat-  
ing adversary now.

The frantic searching has stopped —  
either because the lost have been found  
or hope has been lost.

Thais and tourists self-soothe with  
cigarettes.

The breeze still carries a faint scent of  
spilt diesel and kerosene.

Selfishness has largely replaced the  
selfless-ness, the focus turned inward,  
as people fight for position on the  
departing boats.

High tide is back again — ironically  
comforting in the wake of its disappear-  
ance before the tsunami.

And so the sea has reclaimed the beach  
where the stranded stood in the hours  
before. Now fully loaded ferries cross  
the horizon in a hasty retreat from  
holiday.

The sea is calm — clean and clear as a  
sheet of blue glass. Its expression  
reveals no conscience, as if this is the  
way it has always been.

“Happy New Year,” an array of multi-  
colored garlands hangs undisturbed  
from the ceiling in the hotel lobby.  
They flutter in the breeze. Glitter of  
sunlight.

