



BULLETIN

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Guye Cabin Needs Your Help! *See Page 7*



Dale Ott topping a tree leaning toward the Cabin

Old Timers Reunion July 14

Once again, it is time to put a date on the "Oldtimer's Reunion".

Saturday, July 14th is the chosen date this year. If you have attended in the past, it is the same routine. We'll have the cabin open by 10:00 a.m., a potluck lunch will be served around 1:00. Another reminders will be in the July bulletin.

If you are new to the club, an "oldtimer" is a person who remembers when we skied on our own hill. If you were five or fifty when that happened, you are considered an "oldtimer". We've had some really great turnouts, so hopefully this date will work for you. If you know of someone who use to be a member of the club and no longer gets the bulletin, please pass the word along. We encourage people to come up to the cabin to see what it looks like compared to the 60's and 70's. Lots of good things are going on in the club and I think past members should know what is happening.

Questions? Call MJ Steele 206-523-9309

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Get involved!

- *Board Meeting June 14*
- *Snoqualmie Conservation Coalition Meeting June 12*
- *Work Party June 23/24*
- *Work Party July 20/22*

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May Work Party Photos!



Shingles on the Cabin Roof. They are 25 years old. We had them evaluated and the experts said they were near to the end of their life.



The first wood choppers ball of the season! Allison started it, and then Cathy, Paris and Jeff Sargent

President's Corner June 2007

Summer is here! We finally had a week of warm weather already and lots of the snow is gone from Guye Cabin. Avalanche lilies and Skunk Cabbage are in full bloom. As always since the 1930's Chef Nelson's rhubarb will soon be coming up in the Cabin garden, signaling that the summer hiking/climbing season is here. Everyone is looking forward to a wonderful summer with lasting memories to reflect back on in the future.

May was an active month for our Club. The climbing class did their ascents of some of the Snoqualmie Peaks. A couple of weekends ago they were on the Nisqually Glacier, and coming up very soon they will be on Mount Baker. The Club participated in the annual cleanup of the Olympic Beaches, and John Sargent led an excellent bike ride on Orcas Island! WAC members participated in Bike to Work Day & Month and are planning the Seattle to Portland Bike Ride.

We'll all go off in different directions all over the world this summer, but there are important dates that you will not want to miss. We'll have a humongous Cabin work party on Saturday, June 22/23. We need your help! We need to repair the storm damage and re-roof the Cabin with an efficient, fire proof metal roof! We'll also work on the bridge repair, complete the winter parking area, and other small projects.

Mike Brown will be returning from Washington DC in July, but will not have time to lead his annual Hanford Reach Columbia River. We have missed Mike, and I hope many of us run into him while he is town.

On August 14 Mary Jane Steele will once again host the summer's biggest Guye Cabin event, the annual old timer's reunion. This is an excellent chance to get some quality social time in with these amazing folks that make up our unique magical Club. Come on up!

Let's have a fantastic safe and memorable summer!



The Bulletin

The Bulletin is now 100% online. The feedback from the Club regarding the new format has been overwhelmingly positive. This allows us to offer photos, color, more timely content, and save a lot of paper and trees.

For those without email, with dial up connections, or with incompatible software we will continue to mail the Bulletin. Thanks to everyone for their patience!

Climbing Hiking Biking Partners

Many folks are looking for hiking, biking, and climbing partners during the summer. The Waclist is a very effective way of looking for someone on short notice. Participating in Club events is an excellent way of making new friends and finding long term partners.

3 WAC Volunteers Recognized!

We would like to make a small gesture of thanks for everyone's time and commitment to the Washington Alpine Club. The "WAC," as many of us call it, was organized in 1916 by a dedicated group of volunteers. Many of us have been inspired and rewarded by great friends and unforgettable moments. Ninety-one years after its formation, it continues on as an organization led by volunteers. This month, we would like to share a little thanks to three folks, **Pete Alderson**, **Lynne Miller**, and **Randy Oakley**.

We would like to thank **Pete Alderson** for his commitment to the WAC Backcountry Travel course over the years. Many of us in the club had the lucky opportunity to learn from Pete and his team of instructors. Whether behind the scenes organizing the class, burying beacons or leading fresh, gumby skiers through the trees your leadership was much appreciated!

We would also like to thank **Lynne Miller** for her fantastic job as our membership chair. This is one of those unrecognized positions that are of such vital importance to the organization. It is both time consuming and very detail oriented and she stepped forward to do this for the last couple of years. We truly appreciate all you have done for the WAC!

We all appreciate **Randy Oakley's** help with the WAC Telemark/Randonee course for the past two years. We thank Randy for all his work behind the scenes organizing the class and his time up at the Summit each week skiing and checking in on staff and students—without him, the course would not have been such a success. And thanks for your help with the First Annual Free Heal Fest!

The Washington Alpine Club is made possible by all those who volunteer their time, experience, and friendship. We hope the WAC continues to give back to you the same inspiration you have given to all of us.

FWOC Convention at Snoqualmie Pass

Participate this year in presentations and business sessions which will convene at Snoqualmie Pass' (3,022 foot elevation) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the weekend of August 10th, 11th and 12th, 2007. This is the Federation's seventy-fifth annual convention and hosted by the Mountaineers. The WAC is one of the original 1932 members and have hosted the convention twice before.

The Saturday evening dinner, and Sunday sessions will be held at Guye Cabin. Would you like to attend, or help ? Please contact Mike at 206.922.6801 or by email

http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org/fwoc_convention.html

The following rates apply for convention guests:

\$100 for Friday reception and banquet dinner, Saturday social and 3 meals. Or,
\$50 for attending Friday only including registration and social, lunch and dinner. Or,
\$60 for Saturday only with registration, social, lunch and dinner meals. Or,
\$35 only for Saturday registration and social without meals.

Guests should tell the Registrar about vegetarian meals required.

Send registration payment by August 6th and include the following registration form to:

Joe Hargrave, Registrar Telephone: 503/235-6791 josephhargrave@att.net

Guye Cabin

With the long ski season and plentiful snow we have had a wonderful winter season at Guye Cabin. There have been members at Guye Cabin each weekend since early November.

Guye Cabin is getting even more popular. Have you seen how good it looks? Folks have been up every weekend since November to enjoy the beautiful weather, relax, and enjoy the fellowship. Be sure to sign in the Cabin Log Book when you visit the cabin, even if you only stay a few minutes. The Log book is a great source of history for the club and it is great fun to look through the old log books and see who was up to what when! Be sure to pay your dues and do a chore. The Cabin is a great place to meet new friends and renew old friendships!

Are you looking for a quiet, secluded mountain retreat to get away from the hectic pace of the City? Do you need a special place to host a family event such as a birthday party, reunion, anniversary, or just a get together? Guye Cabin is the perfect year-round hideaway.

Let us know if you are interested in bringing a group up sometime between now and October. Although we have the entire summer ahead of us, some dates are already taken so do your planning now!



Josh Root sanding the floor of the Fireplace room A huge thanks to everyone who pitched in at the May work party! We got a lot done!



Jeff Wright measuring the roof of Guye Cabin at the May 13 work party. It was a beautiful day!

Join the WACLIST on Yahoo!

If you want to get mail on the new WAC email list, join the yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/>

Post message: waclist@yahogroups.com

Subscribe: waclist-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Important: We only let people sign up who are current WAC members. When you click the Join This Group button, we have to approve you before you can join. All we see is your email address unless you tell us more. Please put your name in the comment section. As much as we love you all, we haven't memorized your email addresses, and if we can't figure out who you are from your email address alone, then we'll deny your request. If this happens to you just apply to join the group again and in the comment section, tell us your name.

You must be a current Member! Does the WAC have your email address? You can check these things on the WAC website.

If you don't have an account on the www.wacweb.org you can use the shared name and password:

User name: climbing

Password: climbon

This list is open to all members of the Washington Alpine Club.

Please see www.washingtonalpineclub.org

Thanks a bunch,

Climbing Class on the Tooth

Want to see more? Here's a link to pictures of the Tooth from Todd
<http://picasaweb.google.com/Toddsuyoshi/NewAlbum51407214PM>



Two weekends in May saw the 2007 Climbing Class doing Alpine Climbs of the Snoqualmie Peaks!

Next weekend they will head for Mount Baker!

WAC Calendar

June 12 > Conservation Meeting with WSDOT

June 16 > Yellowstone to Yukon Exhibit

June 22-25 > Third Weekend Work Party

July 10 > Meeting with Snoqualmie Ranger

July 14 > Old Timers Day

July 14/15 > STP Bike Ride

July 21/22 > Third Weekend Work Party

July 21 > WTA Trailfest at Rattlesnake Lake, N Bend

July 28 > Seafair Torchlight Run Downtown

August 04/05 > Belise/Moss Wedding

August 10-12 > FWOOC Convention at Snoqualmie Pass

August 11 > Second Saturday Work Party

August 11 > Conservation Summit 9 at Guye Cabin

September 01/03 > Labor Day Weekend

September 08/09 > Inner City Outings

September 15 > Third Saturday Work Party

October 21 > Annual Members Meeting

December 08 > 75th Annual Snow Dinner

Burke Museum of Natural History!

New exhibit Yellowstone to Yukon

**The WAC is invited for a special
Opening Day: June 16 10 am – 5 pm**

Join the Burke Museum for the opening of *Yellowstone to Yukon: Freedom to Roam*, featuring an update on the progress of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative by US Regional Director Penelope Pierce, as well as presentations by Conservation Northwest, the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition, and others on the effort to preserve local wildlife habitat and corridors.

The exhibit will run through the end of 2007.

<http://www.burkemuseum.org>

Biggest Guye Cabin Work Party June 23-24!

As everyone knows Guye Cabin sustained some damage in the big windstorm of last December. Mike is working with the insurance company to finalize the settlement. We'll need a lot of help to put our Cabin back in perfect shape over the next six months. This is the 75th anniversary of Guye Cabin so it is a very good time to celebrate, and put the Cabin in shape for the next 75 years! The Cabin is a great place to base for hikes, bike rides, and climbs in the Snoqualmie Peaks! Consider combining a trip outside with a day at a work party.

Please join us for the what we envision to be the biggest, most productive, and most fun work party in anyone's memory! We would like 20 people roped up on the roof for Sat & Sun pulling off the shakes. Once they are off we'll cover the roof with foam and plywood, then a topping of tar paper. We'll put the new metal lifetime roof on at the July work party.

Gloves, Lunch and Dinner both days will be provided!

Can you help? Please contact Jeff Wright, Bill Hooper, John Sargent, or Mike Mahanay for more info

Schedule for this year! Mark your calendars! (During the big jobs we will do both Sat and Sunday to get the job done)

June 23/24 > Third Saturday Work Party

July 21/22 > Third Saturday Work Party

August 11 > Second Saturday Work Party

September 15 > Third Saturday Work Party

Here is the list of stuff we are working on!

Inside

Various Electrical repairs
Window Cushion repair
Shim the furnaces (between the floor and furnace)
Redo shower room
Paint projects - bathrooms, basement, entryway
Sand and finish basement benches

Storm Repair

Replace the rafters in women's dorm area
Repair the floor above the women's dorm
Replace the rafters in entry way roof
Remove shakes & install New Metal roof for entire Cabin
Chimney lining
Rebuild the outside stairs

Inside after the roof repair

Fireplace Room ceiling insulation
Fireplace Room ceiling
Repair ceiling fan in Fireplace room
Refinish hallway floor

Refinish Fireplace room floor
New carpet in hall from landing to women's dorm
Redo bathroom ceilings

Outside in the Yard

Parking area fill, packing, grading, and gravel finish
Bring down additional trees at risk
Big Firewood detail
Big Cleanup detail
Build Benches for outside
Build a Bridge (Lee Parsons)
Site preparation
Build forms
Pour concrete
Install steel

Needed Donations (must be nice)

New Ping Pong Table > Dave Harrington
Couches (no hide a beds)
Wooden table and chairs
Refrigerator > Donated by Donn Brooks. Awaiting arrival
Short book case (any furniture carpenters out there?)

Yesterday! Nostalgia

May 1967 – Register Rally a Near Success. Five of the six scheduled peaks were successfully climbed on May 21st. The black sheep was Chair Peak, whose summit was jealously guarded by the past winters snows. These were in the form of highly respected cornices overhanging the chimney route and steep, slabby rotten snow on the north ridge. The Chair party retreated and climbed the Tooth along with Ray Ways party, but via the northern slopes. Two other groups, including the U. of W., were on the narrow peak.

Jeff Coulhour led a rapid ascent of Denny Mt. Rodger Lyman took a team of hotshots up Lundin. Jim Masons party ascended the highest peak of the area, Mt. Snoqualmie. Clay Gatchel had his group up and down Guye Peak before breakfast. New summit registers were planted on four peaks.

June 1958 - Alpiners Asked to Support "Arctic Wildlife Range Withdrawal". Fred Packard, of the National Parks Assn. sent the following telegram:

"Individual and organizational letters needed to support Secretary Seaton's 'Arctic Wildlife Range Withdrawal' in view of current protest from mining interests."

It is hoped that this area, located in the eastern portion of the Brooks Range, be designated as the first Arctic Wilderness Area. Since the land will be kept in its natural state, it will be an ideal grazing area for caribou, mountain sheep and other forms of animal life. Withdrawal will not mean the area will be closed to the public. On the contrary, it is for the use of the people. Camping, as well as hunting and fishing will be allowed in a true wilderness area.

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