

NEWSLETTER

THE MOUNTAINEERS
EVERETT BRANCH

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It was a great idea from the start: a newsletter dedicated to the Everett Branch!

For those members I've had the pleasure to get to know through our business meetings, it's good to say hello from a new platform.

And to the 400+ that I have not yet met, I am especially pleased to extend this welcome — and this challenge to greater involvement.

Our Branch is only as strong as the energy of the membership; and the Branch has done remarkably well:

We have one of the best climbing classes in the Northwest.

Our climbing committee has put together an impressive proposal for the construction of a practice climbing rock in the City of Everett.

Our conservation division is a highly visible, well-respected group that is vitally concerned with local environmental issues.

We've formed a new, family-oriented backpacking class that grew from zero to over twenty people in just a few weeks.

We have agreed to sponsor a new Explorers' Post that will offer mountain-oriented training to the young men and women of our community.

And there can be more.

The Everett Branch exists to serve its members. What you want to do and are willing to do is what gets accomplished.

Want more climbs? Want to see more extensive hiking trips into more remote areas of the Cascades or other ranges? Want to make sure that development does not irresponsibly or needlessly damage or destroy one of your favorite natural areas?

Then attend our next business meeting and let us know. Or call one of our Committee Chairpeople. There's always plenty to do.

You are more than welcome!

— Jim Eychaner



EXPLORER POST 16
SPONSORED BY THE EVERETT BRANCH

The newly-formed, mountaineering-oriented Explorer Post is interested in new members. Youth, ages 14-21, who are interested in scrambling-level activities are invited to contact Tom Hutchinson at 252-0890 (home) or 258-4531 (work) for more information.

We anticipate a September organizational meeting and a nine-month Alpine Travel course with challenging summertime activities to follow.

More information later.

— Tom Hutchinson

CLIMBING

This year's climbing class numbered 35 to 40 students, of whom 32 completed the basic training and are now embarked on their three field trips.

Next winter the basic instruction and field trips will again be scheduled. Mountaineer members thinking about getting into climbing should make a note to sign up for that 1986 Everett Climbing Course.

Remember there's more beyond "Basic". Consider taking the Intermediate Class or helping out as a leader.

For the 1985 Climb Schedule, see The Bulletin. Most climbs still have room for additional signups.

— Dan Morse

HIKING UPDATE

We have a special trip scheduled for August, joint with Seattle Naturalists. It's an overnight to the Mt. St. Helens Impact Area, August 17-18. Leader was tour guide and naturalist for 2½ years at the Area. There'll be a nature study trip on Saturday to the top of Mt. Margaret, 7 miles north of Mt. St. Helens, and on Sunday we'll visit the backcountry lakes. Party limit 15. Sign up with leader, Scott Shane, 782-7392 (Everett).

— Gordon Rogers



CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE — Laprade ice axe, 70 cm., metal, \$40; Figure Eight \$7; Whillams seat harness \$35; JanSport D3 frame pack, \$75; Early Winters Pocket Hotel, \$75; carabiners, \$1 each; rescue pulley wheels, \$1 each. Art Hedstrom, 745-4792.

BACKPACKING UPDATE

Here are two additions to the backpack trips listed in The Bulletin:

August 3-4 — Lake Ann and Heather Pass (Famil Trailhead is on the North Cascade Highway. Leader, Jim Eychaner, 723-0237 (Seattle). Children welcomed on this hike.

Sept. 7-8 — Necklace Valley (S)
Leader, Darrell O'Kelley, 338-0438.

Note the trip descriptions in The Bulletin with (E) = easy, (M) = moderate, and (S) = strenuous. If you want more information about the trip call the trip leader.

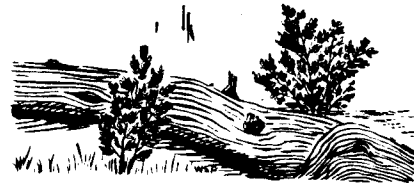
BACKPACKING PLANS

The first backpacking class by the Everett Mountaineers was completed with a group trip to Nason Ridge and Alpine Lookout.

This summer and fall backpacking trips will be offered. If you like this kind of activity, sign up so the backpacking group will become strong and the program and trips will be offered again.

If you have suggestions and places that you would like to see offered (and would maybe even lead), contact Dorothy Beeman at 668-8475.

Have a good summer in the mountains!
— Dorothy Beeman



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Since the first of the year the following people have joined the Everett Mountaineers and we extend them a warm welcome:

Ramona Bentz	Sereta Brownell
Linda Adams	Albert Romero
Walter Forster	John Hebert
Tim Vargo	Mary Jo Koenemann
Joan Sullivan	Jim Nelson
Candi Kane	Claire Hundertmark
Larry & Linda Longley	JoAnn Syron
Linda Fichter	Scott & Cheryl Jamtaas
Dwight Koch	Terry G. Smith
Lowell Klaisner	Kevin Summers
Linda Butcher	Kay Palsha
Mary Stevensen	

— Marjorie Schaller

SUMMARY OF CAMPAIGN SPEECH IN FAVOR OF NEWSLETTER

1. MORE "CLUB SPIRIT"

Right now the Everett Branch consists of about 100 members – those who come to the meetings (first Wednesday evenings) – and do all the work and have all the fun.

The other 400 "Everett Mountaineers" hardly ever attend a meeting, don't feel especially invited, and don't know what their club is doing.

They don't know about the important discussions we have here. They don't know about the interesting slide shows and lectures we have. They don't know about the concerns we attempt to take action on.

A newsletter would keep *all* of our members *included*.

2. MORE EFFECTIVENESS

If we could get more of our members to write letters, show up at hearings, and take action on conservation and trail preservation issues, Everett Mountaineers would have more clout. We would find our club having more influence. To be more effective, we have to first inform our membership.

3. MORE PRESTIGE

This club is one of the oldest and largest in the Everett area. We should be recognized as one of the leaders. Having our own newsletter would help to give us that status.

4. TIMELY INFORMATION

The Bulletin is necessarily Seattle-centered and little space can be allotted to the branches. Also, it takes 4-6 weeks from input to production for such a large publication.

5. MORE PARTICIPATION

Learning about club activities would encourage more members to participate in courses, sign up for outings, attend hikes and other activities, and generally share in the fun. A good attendance always makes the chairperson feel his or her efforts were worthwhile.



PERSONAL OPINION

From time to time, as interest dictates, and as space allows, expressions of personal opinion may be appropriate in this newsletter.

To start the ball rolling, Gordon Rogers contributed the following article.

COMMENTS ON OUR JUNE MEETING

The program for the June 5 meeting of Everett Mountaineers was on Zero Population Growth, a subject very fascinating to us lovers of the unpopulated wilderness.

The speaker said some things that were unrealistic, in my opinion, and which should be corrected lest they lead us to become victims of false concepts.

Quote: "Man is the exception; all other living beings balance themselves by nature."

Correction: No living being limits its own growth; instinct is opposite. Its numbers are limited by being eaten by others, or by other inability to survive the environment. Nature often gets unbalanced, as when an epidemic of weevils kills millions of acres of trees or swarms of locusts eat every plant in their path; they destroy their own food supply. Man is exceptional in that he has the intelligence to develop the technology to replenish his sustenance.

Quote: "Nature cannot keep up with the demands of too many people."

Correction: It is man's, not nature's job to sustain himself. Nature does not feed any organism; they all *take* their means of survival from their environment. Shortage of resources is inherent in all environments. That's what stimulates evolution to develop species adapted to ever-broadening spectra of environments and capable of adapting ever greater parts of their environments to their own needs. The shortage of natural resources today is proportionally no greater than ever in the history of life on earth. Technology has always solved the shortages and it always will, when man is free to think and act.

Quote: "Look what's happening in Ethiopia due to over-population...China is an example of a country that has chosen to stop its population growth."

Correction: The starvation in Africa has been aided and abetted; it's genocide. The rulers of China were forced against their will to adopt population control in order to obtain credit to bolster their power. The genocide in both places emanates from the same source: the controllers of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank; more fundamentally, despotism.

The question here is not whether there are "too many people." The danger is that the world's cruelest, most powerful tyrants are using population control as a tool for establishing a "post-industrial society," which is merely a synonym for feudalism, or Soviet-style communism. It's one of their methods of defeating technology, because the scientific and creative thinking technology engenders makes people resist submitting to serfdom.

The controllers of the international banks and food cartels are the same families who have ruled as emperors, kings, feudal lords and controllers of trade for thousands of years. They alone have created the present world-wide depression and unpayable national debts in effort to regain the power they lost to republican governments and the advancement of scientific thinking.

Let us take care that we not let our enthusiasm for pristine nature make us unwitting victim of those who are endeavoring to undo what was done for us by our forebears who revolted successfully against such despotism as of July 4, 1776.

– Gordon W. Rogers

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We have to start somewhere, and this is it. I'm sure we'll make improvements as we go along.

Those of you (Everett Mountaineer members) who were at the June meeting know that although the idea of having an Everett Branch newsletter was soundly approved, there was a substantial bit of clearly-voiced objection.

So this newsletter is something of an experiment for this year. If it turns out to meet a real need, it will probably be voted to continue. If the objectors turn out to be right, it will probably quietly disappear.

For now, this newsletter belongs to the members of the Everett Branch. Your comments, suggestions, input, complaints, contributions, ideas, protests, drawings, photos, and general help are needed. I await.

— Louise Marshall

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