

**THE MOUNTAINEERS  
EVERETT BRANCH**

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**NEXT MEETING MARCH 5TH**

The program for the March meeting will be given by the backpacking group and will feature slides of the backpack trips of 1985 with slides from Joyce Wilson, Dan Brauer, Delores Wagner, Neil Johnson, Mike Beeman, Jon Witter, and Dorothy Beeman.

This will follow the potluck dinner at 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy an epicurean delight and some beautiful slides afterwards.

**ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER**

Mountaineers are good cooks — and appreciative eaters. Come and see for yourself on March 5th. We serve at 7 p.m.; come early and help set up the room for this festive affair.

This is an especially good evening for Everett members who don't attend Everett meetings, trips and classes. It's so informal — both the dinner and the slide show afterward — that it's easy to feel like you belonged. It'll be a fun evening.

Oh. Yes. A — M bring a maindish; N — Z bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. Everyone furnish your own place-setting. Rolls, butter, and drinks will be provided by the club.

**INTERMEDIATE CLIMBING COURSE**

The Rock Lecture will be held March 4th at 7 p.m. at Swallow's Nest in Everett. On March 8th will be the Rock Rescue Field Trip at Mt. Erie starting at 8 a.m.

**SCOUTING**

The Explorer Post held a successful first aid outing. A new training session will begin in September and new members may join the Post then.

**MOUNTAINEER TRUSTEES**

Jim Eychaner reported on the Trustees' retreat. He mentioned, among other things, that one of the outcomes of the retreat was a decision for the Mountaineers not to grow.

**EVERETT MOUNTAIN RESCUE**

Jon Wilson, a member of Everett Mountain Rescue, asked the Everett group for a donation to that organization. A motion to donate \$500 to Everett MRC was moved, seconded, and passed, after discussion.

**CLIMBING ROCK**

Everett Parks Board has approved a site for the climbing rock. It will be placed below the picnic tables area on the forested side of the hill (but neither the editor nor the Branch Secretary remember what park).

Jack Bennet moved, seconded by Dan Morse, that the Branch finance the climbing rock; that a minimum of \$5000 be committed to the construction; that a committee be formed to deal with finance and construction; and that said committee report to the club on its progress. After considerable discussion the motion was amended to pledge \$5000 with additional amounts to be donated, by vote, as needed. The amended motion passed.

**ORV PLAN REVIEW**

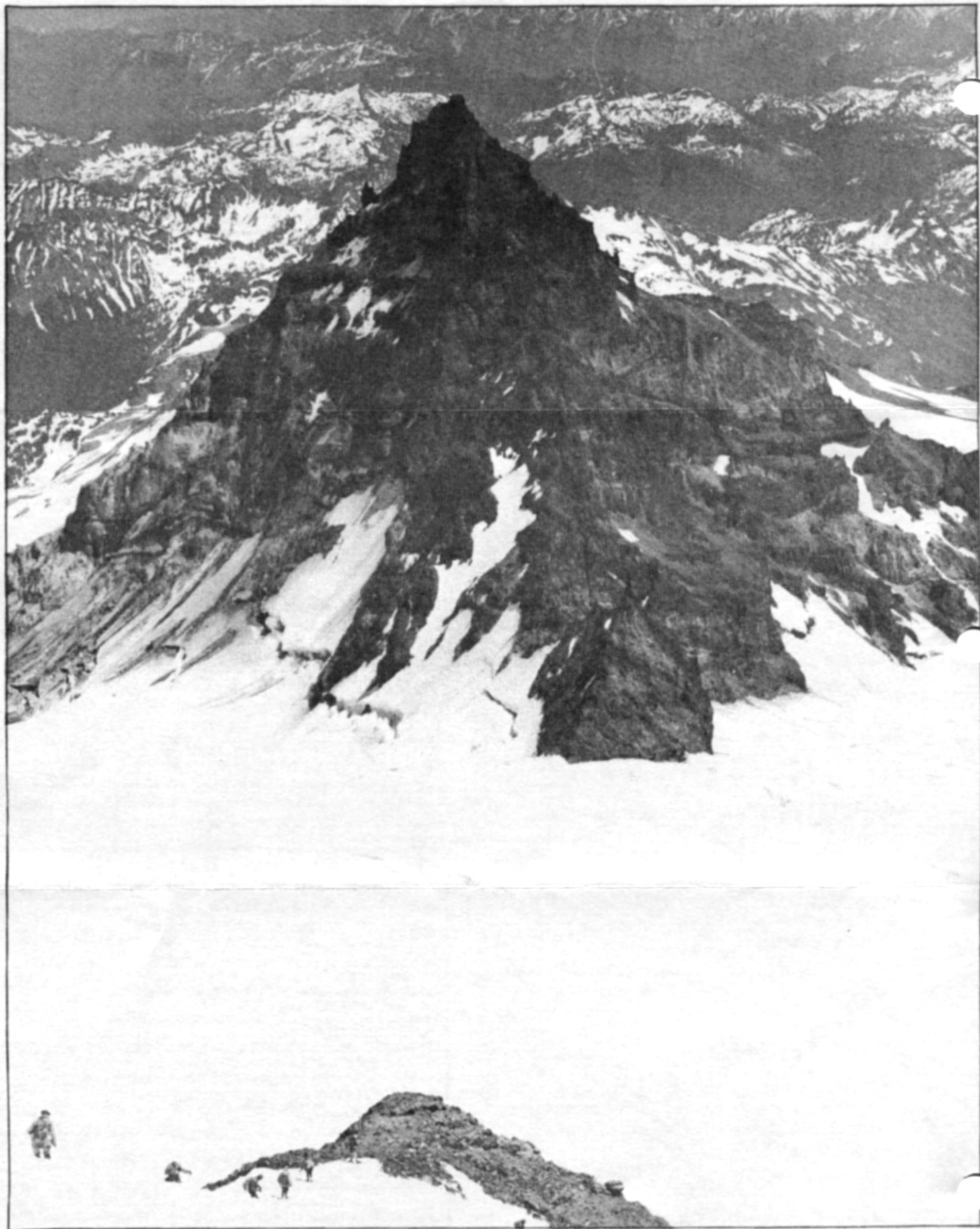
The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation is conducting a review and update of Washington's statewide Off-Road Vehicle Plan. A portion of that review concerns ORV user education and law enforcement programs.

The IAC (or ICOR, some say) would like to know what interested parties think of this type of ORV program. What should continue; what should change. Send your ideas and comments before March 15, to IAC ORV/E & E, 4800 Capitol Blvd KP-11, Tumwater WA 98504-5611.

An explanation of the program and some figures concerning the dollar amounts are available on request from Roger Dovel, at above address.

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## FOREST SERVICE RECREATION REPORTS AVAILABLE

Since I have become involved in trail maintenance the Forest Service has been sending me reports once or twice a month on trail conditions, road conditions and other conditions in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. So if you are planning a trip into the backcountry and want to know what to expect up there, call me and I'll look up the latest report for you.

— Gordon Rogers 353-2085

## NATURALIST/PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP (HIKE)

Sunday, February 23. Lost and Fragrance Lakes near Chuckanut Mountain. 5-10 miles, 1000 to 2000 elevation gain, respectively. Geological attractions, myriad ponds, lakes, marshes, gorgeous forest, waterfowl, and great viewpoints. Leave Everett P.U.D. at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Linda Moore, 347-7650 (h) or 259-0922 ext. 208 (w). (Footsore 3, 103-106)

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON TRAIL AND RIVER RECREATION

The Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia is coordinating an International Congress on Trail and River Recreation in Vancouver, British Columbia, May 31 through June 4 this year. Speakers and workshops will represent experience and viewpoints from around the world.

In conjunction with the Congress, the National Trails Council (U.S.) will hold its 8th Trails Symposium.

## DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES

On a list of 30 sources of risk, ranked according to actuarial estimates of their annual contribution to numbers of deaths in the U.S., mountain climbing ranks 21. Many people perceive it as more dangerous than that. About 30 deaths per year can be attributed to mountain climbing. To hunting, 800. To bicycles, 1000.

What's most dangerous? Smoking, with 150,000 deaths attributed to it. Next, Number 2, is Alcohol, with 100,000; then Number 3, Motor Vehicles, with 50,000; then Number 4, Handguns, with 17,000; then Number 5, Electric Power, with 14,000 deaths. No other activity is anywhere close to those big five.

— from the newsletter of the  
*China Lake (CA) Rescue Group*

## INSURANCE PROBLEMS

The Washington Alpine Club will not hold their Climbing Course this year. Insurance is prohibitive; would take more than they have total in their treasury.

The Cascadians have developed a form for Release of Liability. These forms are to be completed before every trip and *no one* is to be allowed to participate unless they have signed the form. After the trip, the forms are to be stored with other official records of the club. Signing a form states that the participant releases the Cascadian club, the trip leader, and the club Board of Directors from liability if something unforeseen should happen.

Tacoma Mountain Rescue has seen its insurance costs almost triple last year, from \$1100 to over \$3200.

## OUR COMMON BOND

*Quoted from the February issue of the Skagit Alpine Club Newsletter, this message from President Pat Murray:*

Recently I was describing the Skagit Alpine Club to people I work with. It was easy to describe the different outings, committees, and activities. What was more difficult was to describe what kind of people join and become actively involved in the club.

Many of us are old friends. New members always appear to feel right at home. Yet I continue to be aware of what a diverse group we are. How is it that we are able to work (and play) together so productively?

I believe the common bond is the life style we have all apparently chosen. That is, the choice for adventures in our lives. We are not satisfied without the thrill and challenge of pushing ourselves in areas unknown.

So many people have remarked to me: I don't know how you do it. It would be too scary (or cold, or wet, or hard, or dangerous, etc.)

Our trips in the mountains (or oceans) have certainly been all of those things. But that inner thrill of accomplishment is something you can only experience and rarely describe.

I remember vividly my feelings of stepping up on my first summit, because I've re-lived it on every summit since.

This is our common thread. When we look at each other on a summit or at the end of a trip, no matter how different our outside lives are, the feelings and excitement are the same. This comradeship continues long after the trip has ended.

My goal is for all of us to continue sharing our adventures for a long time. That is our greatest strength and the reason for our continued success as a club.

## THREE FINGERS LOOKOUT THREATENED

Now that the Three Fingers Lookout is within the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, the Forest Service is considering seriously having it torn down.

Harold Engles, a Forest Service District Ranger from 'way back — and still an active climber — gave an extemporaneous (and fascinating) account of the logistics of placing the lookout on Three Fingers in 1932.

Your editor is really sorry that Dianne Duffy's tape recorder ran out of power at just that time, because this was a rare opportunity to listen to an old-timer tell stories of "the way it was". His audience was either in total rapt silence or chuckling at his amusing comments.

The point was, however, that the Lookout — now over 50 years old, and somewhat the worse for neglect — could be saved, and the Everett Mountaineers could adopt and maintain it. If they would.

Chairman Jim Eychaner appointed a committee of two — Jerry Thompson and Carol Pinneo — to investigate the possibilities.

## PARK BUTTE LOOKOUT

Skagit Alpine Club is scheduling an overnight trip to Park Butte Lookout on March 22-23. Their bulletin describes it as "a classic trip, led by the guy (Tim Place) who's been taking care of the cabin for a number of years." See, Adopt-A-Lookout works.

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SNOWFLAKES

Cupid says, "Skiing is for lovers." Watch out, you Nordic skiers. How did you get into this mess anyway? Diagonal herringbone glide . . . those are some techniques! Make tracks and ski your hearts out.

Is romance over the hill? Who was that Headless skier at the Mt. Baker telemark field trip last month? Was his favorite song really "Turn, Turn, Turn" by the Byrds?

The answer to these and many more snowflake mysteries can be found in club-sponsored ski tours. Sign up now!

Cupid's favorites are all you folks who helped make the ski program a success this season. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you all!

— Hap Valentine

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY PARK BOARD

The County Park Board meets on ~~Second Tuesdays~~ at 1:30 p.m. It advises the Parks and Recreation staff concerning acquisition and uses of park lands, including trails. The meetings are open to ~~the~~ public and usually visitors are asked if they have anything they would like to say to the group. This is a good opportunity to let the Board and staff know that trails are important to the residents of this county.

The Park Board and staff welcome input from the public and from clubs such as Everett Mountaineers.

An important subject currently being considered by the Parks and Recreation department is a comprehensive county-wide plan for parks and recreation. This plan is scheduled for adoption sometime this year.

To reach the office, address correspondence to PO Box 310, Monroe WA 98272 or telephone 339-1208 or 743-7504 or 794-4344.

### KANGAROO RIDGE HUT

The U.S. Forest Service has approved an application by Liberty Bell Alpine Tours to construct a hut near Kangaroo Ridge. Construction may begin in 1986.

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### VIA AEREA FROM PERU

*Those of you who have acquired a copy of the 1985-6 Mountaineer Roster (free from Marjorie Schaller at any business meeting) may have noticed that our farthest-off Everett member appears to be Ed Lamb, who lives in South America. We've been faithfully sending him copies of our Everett Newsletter, and he says:*

I have enjoyed receiving your newsletter which sometimes mentions familiar names, but more often the names are unknown to me after so many years away from the Everett area. I do receive the bulletin from the "mother club" in Seattle, by surface mail, and it reaches me four to six months after publication. From this distance it seems excessive in its "thou shalt nots" which I find pleasantly absent from the Everett newsletter.

Here in Cusco we have an on-again, off-again hiking club, not very active right now because of the rainy season. Maybe we can make reciprocal privileges: pay your own airfare, hotels and meals. I have about 40 years on the next oldest member, but keep up even on our hikes that sometimes reach 14,000-plus feet elevation. Cusco itself is 11,500 feet.

I was in the Seattle area from October to December to take care of some personal matters, and was operated on at Stevens Hospital for a hernia that I didn't know I had. I had no opportunity to contact the club, however, and the weather was not too inspiring, either.

Best regards to all.

— Edwin J. Lamb

