



# BULLETIN

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A Full Moon Snow Dinner in the summer! Come up and ride, hike, or climb. Stay overnight, or drop in for the day. We'll have a potluck lunch at 1 pm and potluck dinner at 6 pm. Open House all day. Want to help?

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A typical scene at a work party! Josh, Schmidt, Amanda Henck, Phil, Harvey, and Jeff Wright build steps to the bridge.

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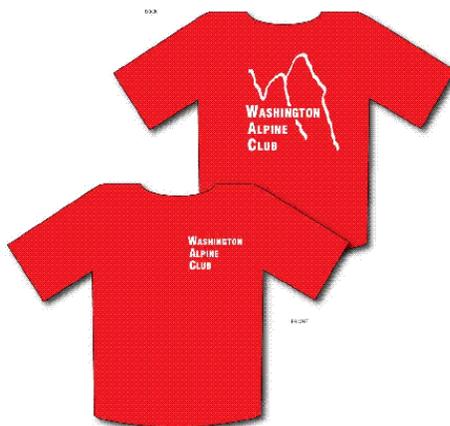
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Or Dave Mitchell [dtmitch@mindspring.com](mailto:dtmitch@mindspring.com)**Looking Ahead!** WAC Calendar

August 09 &gt; Guye Cabin Work Party

**August 16 > Full Moon Summer Party**

August 17 &gt; Light at the end of the Tunnel Marathon on the Iron Horse Trail

August 23/24 &gt; Cascade Crest 100 Ultra

Sept 06/07 &gt; ICO Train the Trainer

Sept 13 &gt; Cabin Work Party

Sept 27/28 &gt; Cabin event

October 18 &gt; Fall Cabin Work Party

October 19 &gt; Annual Meeting

November 01/02 &gt; MOFA Class (tentative)

November 08/09 &gt; MOFA Class (tentative)

Fall &gt; MOFA Instructor Class

**Join the WACLIST on Yahoo!**

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

Post message: [waclist@yahogroups.com](mailto:waclist@yahogroups.com)Subscribe: [waclist-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:waclist-subscribe@yahogroups.com)

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Please go to [www.washingtonalpineclub.org](http://www.washingtonalpineclub.org)  
If your address changes please let us know!

If you don't have an account on the [www.wacweb.org](http://www.wacweb.org) you can use the shared name and password:

User name: *climbing* Password: *climbon*

Thanks -George Snelling, Mike Garrison, Sim Larkin

## President's Corner August 2008

The last few weeks we have enjoyed some nice dry weather and folks have been out everywhere, including the high country.

Pat O'Brien is nearing the completion of his quest of the 100 highest peaks in Washington. This is an amazing accomplishment and we are very proud of Pat! Other climbers have been up Liberty Bell, Mount Rainier, Mount Stuart, Colchuck, and Eldorado. Besides the peaks, WAC members have been kayaking Puget Sound, riding the Seattle to Portland Bike Ride, and the RAMROD. Many are even still finding excellent places to strap on their skis! (Did you know the WAC is the haven for year round skiers?)

Mark your calendar for August 16. This is the date of our first annual Summer party. This is a perfect time to be up, the bugs are gone, summer is in full glory, the huckleberries are ripe, and the moon is full. There is plenty of room to camp outside or spend the night in the dorm. We'll have a potluck lunch and potluck dinner. Stop by, spend an hour, stay all day, or stay all night, or stay a little longer!

Our work parties have been very successful. Many thanks to all of you that have helped out over the summer. Your efforts are appreciated by the entire 515 members of our Club! Everyone has been working hard to spruce up and fix many things at the Cabin, repairing the Bridge, and marking ski/snowshoe trails for winter use. There is an ongoing effort to improve the ambience of the Cabin while protecting the rustic feel of 1932. Guye Cabin is a special place, loaded with memories and fun. It deserves to be treated with respect and love. We will have another work party on August 09.

Joe Sambataro and Todd Gitts are again co-chairing this



year's Intermediate Climbing Class in September and October. The class will include four weekends, including one ice climbing at the Coleman Glacier, two rock climbing in Leavenworth. And an alpine climb in Boston Basin.

Don't forget about the Annual Meeting in October 19. We also have a Mountain Oriented First Aid Class on slate for the first two weekends of November, and a MOFA instructors class.

The WAC offers many opportunities to meet great folks and get involved in worthwhile projects. Whether you like to practice your leadership skills, teach kids, or enjoy our Cabin, the WAC has a place for you!

**The Bulletin** is 100% online. Our new format 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. Do you have a story or photo you would like to share? Please send it in to us.

### Climbing Hiking Biking Skiing Partners

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

## Can you help the WAC?

*The WAC is in need of leaders to help with:*

Board of Directors,

Treasurer,

Outreach ( attending events to educate folks and promote the club),

Marketing,

Legal consultation.

If you have the time, energy, and drive to assist with any of these things please contact your President– Mike Mahanay at [mikem@grandcanyontreks.org](mailto:mikem@grandcanyontreks.org)

## *The Last Polar Bear* at the Burke Museum

The Burke Museum presents *The Last Polar Bear: Facing the Truth of a Warming World*, a powerful photography exhibit documenting the polar bear in its disappearing Arctic habitat. See more than 40 heartwarming photographs by environmental photographer Steven Kazlowski, who spent nearly a decade in this remote and delicate region. The exhibit will also include Northwest filmmaker Arthur C. Smith 's *Ice Bears of the Beaufort*, a short documentary that provides a portrait of polar bear behavior. *The Last Polar Bear* runs through December 31, 2008.

<http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/exhibits/details.php?ID=67&type=upcoming>

For more information, visit  
[www.burkemuseum.org](http://www.burkemuseum.org).

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## Have you thought about serving on the WAC Board?

Everything that happens in the WAC is by volunteers.

All the instructors, organizers, the Bulletin, work parties, the upcoming Summer Party on August 16, and much more! These are all people just like you donating a bunch of time and energy to teach skills and improve our Club.

If you want to help in some way, just contact one of the Board members on page 2!

We are looking for 2009 Directors.  
Experience not required, but commitment is required.

### our little piece of the Milwaukee Road...

In 1909, the Milwaukee, Chicago, & St. Paul Railway built a railway over Snoqualmie Pass. From 1909 to 1915, there was no tunnel and near the pass, the railway came up I90 and crossed the Snoqualmie River right about at the 1st bridge west of the Summit (the bridge you see if you walk down the Snoqualmie River a bit from the cabin). If you poke along our old rail bed, you may find some of the old concrete markers.

In this old picture, you can see the old railway with Guye Peak in the background.

<http://www.milwest.org/misc%20photos/rocky15.jpg>

You can see the trellis over the river and just where it enters the trees is about where "our" road bed begins. The railway curved around, crossed near our current bridge and then over the road and curved back to the pass proper. There, at the pass, was the Laconia Railway station which operated until 1915 when the tunnel by-passed it.

<http://www.milwest.org/misc%20photos/rocky16.jpg>

Also up above the old railway are old logging roads and some must be quite old since they have rough hewn logs (presumably cedar?) laid down over mucky areas.

Snoqualmie Pass section on the Milwaukee Road website

<http://www.mrha.com/places.cfm?pp=230>

I would guess that ours is one of the few bits of the 1905-1915 section that are left. Apparently the old Hwy 10 used and obliterated the old grade where it came up the valley next to the river.

-- Eli Holmes

## WAC Trip Reports! - *Post em' on the WAC website*

From Joe Sambato

The Post it note- West Face of Colchuck Balanced Rock, Girth Pillar, and Thin Red Line.

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&rowid=446>

Photos at

[http://isc.astro.cornell.edu/~don/pictures/v/friends/joe/joe\\_climbing/](http://isc.astro.cornell.edu/~don/pictures/v/friends/joe/joe_climbing/)

Static Point from Josh Schmidt

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&rowid=447>

Silver Peak from Michael Balise

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&rowid=448>

July work party from Eli Holmes

<http://picasaweb.google.com/e2holmes/WACWorkpartiesJuly08>



Joe and Kyle on Colchuck

Looking down on Colchuck Lake from high above



## Guye Cabin Work Party Aug 09 8-5

Summer is here! Save time and gas and come up to the Cabin! Bring your family, friends or group up to show off Guye Cabin. You'll need to be able to open/close or schedule in advance since the Cabin is not automatically be open every weekend in the summer. Are you ready for a work party? Come up to play, stay, or work. Spend the day and night!

**Mostly all outside with yard work.**

**We need wood splitters, chain saws, rakes, clippers. Please RSVP (if you are good with electrical we have some lighting work too)**

**After lunch we will sign folks off to open and close**

### **Guye Cabin tasks this summer-**

#### **Inside**

Re wire the men's dorm

Paint projects - bathrooms, basement

New carpet in hall from landing to women's dorm (in progress)

#### **Bathrooms**

Improve lighting

Redo shower room

#### **Ping pong room**

New lighting for the ping pong room

#### **Outside the Cabin**

Repair siding in various areas (left over from new roof)

Touch up paint – red and green

#### **Outside in the Yard**

Cleanup of branches and rounds

Firewood detail (split and stack)

Move dirt and rock from the East side of Cabin

Benches for outside

#### **Needed Donations** (must be nice)

New Ping Pong Table

Wooden table and chairs

Short book case ( any furniture carpenters out there?)

## Guye Cabin Summer Party Aug 16

Guye Cabin will be open by 9 am

Take a hike, do a climb, or do a bike ride!

Or just relax and make some friends

Open House all Day!

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm

Cookout Dinner 6 pm (bring a side to share and your own entrée')

Stop by, spend the day, Stay the night! Or longer!



Clarissa and Jake discuss trail marking techniques. Vivian, Eli, Mike Hoffner, and Phil take a break from loading the slash on the truck to move.



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