



BULLETIN

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Volunteering for the WAC

We would like to thank all the volunteers for helping in the many aspects of our Club over the last years. Working together we have made the WAC truly something special, unique, and magic. We certainly appreciate your continued support year after year!

The Washington Alpine Club gives us all a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction. We get to see magnificent vistas, hidden waterfalls, meadows painted with wildflowers from an inspired palette. It keeps us all in shape, smart, and vibrant. We have all made many friends through our Club. Volunteering with the WAC can be very rewarding and provide an additional avenue to meeting people and finding interesting things to do with the Club.

If you have ever thought, "Hey, I'd sure like to give something back to the WAC in appreciation of all I have received," we have a deal for you! Besides the various classes, there are lots of opportunities to help with the bulletin, membership, publicity, social media, leading snowshoe trips, work parties, and trips, as well as functions at Guye Cabin. Let us know what you can do!

Book of the month

Alone on the Wall

Only a few years ago, Alex Honnold was little known beyond a small circle of hardcore climbers. Today, at the age of thirty, he is probably the most famous adventure athlete in the world. *Alone on the Wall* takes us around the world and through the highs and lows in the life of a climbing superstar to answer two fascinating questions:

Isn't he afraid he's going to die? Why does he do it?

Author: Alex Honnold



WAC Cabin 's new deck is taking shape

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WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB

Incorporated 1916

MEMBER OF: Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, Washington Trails Association. Washington Environmental Council. Washington Wilderness Coalition. MidFORC Coalition

The primary objective of this club is to encourage the healthful enjoyment of the great outdoors, to preserve its natural beauty and to promote good fellowship among all lovers of nature.

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MOVING?

Please update your info on the website:

www.washingtonalpineclub.org

Looking Ahead

To stay the most current just check the calendar on the website!

<https://washingtonalpineclub.org/current/calendar?month=dec&yr=2015>

- Annual Members Meeting—10/17
- New Snow Dinner—12/10

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

Subscribe: waclist-subscribe@yahogroups.com

It is time to renew your membership

Fall is the time to renew your membership in the WAC for another year. These rainy days and long nights make it super easy to do! Just look yourself up in the members section to see when your membership expires. <https://washingtonalpineclub.org/renew-your-membership>

Thanks for supporting your club! Remember your membership dues and any additional contribution are tax deductible!

You can also pay by check. Please send your check today made out to "WAC", to:

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President's Corner

My goodness, I am about out of President's Corners! I think I have one more left in me after this one and then I'll turn over the reins to someone else. Recently I made my official announcement that this is my last year serving as WAC President! This was not a decision I made lightly or in haste. I have served as President for 14 years now, and it is time for some energetic innovative inspiring leadership for the future. In my very long tenure we have completed a Guye Cabin renaissance, become a 501C3, doubled our membership, strengthened our classes, and solidified our financial health. All this ensures our commitment to our next 100 years, and the future.

Do you have vision to help lead our Club to the future? We need at least two candidates for Board positions. On the job training provided. I am hoping the next President will be one of the current Board members. A typical tenure on the Board is 2 years although many people serve longer.

We started our 100 year celebration last week with a party at Guye Cabin. We had perfect weather, Aaron Nation manned the BBQ, and there was excellent food galore. Later we viewed a slide show of the WAC past and looked at other historical items (thanks to Dale Ott). I really appreciate everyone who helped out and participated.

The 100 year celebration continues with a big party on Thursday September 29 at the Mountaineers program Center at Sand Point. Enjoy an evening of friends, a club hosted buffet dinner (and beverages!) and a short program on the history and future of our club. Please contact Elden Altizer if you can help with the party planning.

Don't forget the Annual Meeting and Open House is coming up October 17. Mark your calendar.

We will have a presentation by Jenni Minier from Conservation NW on Grizzly bear recovery efforts in WA. We will vote in the 2017 Directors. This is a good opportunity to see the Cabin and property and visit with other WAC members.

December 10 is our Annual new Snow Dinner. Always great food and fun in the early season snow. Anyone want to volunteer to do the entrée? All the rest is potluck.

It is this time of year that we start the new "season". The WAC runs on volunteers. Would you like to help out with the Club in an official capacity? We are looking for a Bulletin editor, Directors to serve on the Board, Snow Dinner organizer, Membership, Social Media, and other roles.



Have you been up to Guye Cabin this summer? The team (Mark, Mike, Gabriel, Russ LaFayette, John Sanford, Ralph, Gene, Aaron, and many others are working on a new deck and exit stairs from the upper entry. This was long overdue. Dave Mitchell has been working to upgrade our sewer system to the latest technology. Johnny Moeller took care of the carpenter ants. Dale, Aaron, Elden and others have put time in the yard and trails. Gene, Aaron, & Dale hauled in fire wood for the winter, Dale, and John Sanford and many folks helped to split and put it away. Guye Cabin has seen a lot of use this summer—and most of the time you can have it to yourself. You just need to plan ahead. It is yours to use.

The WAC is special! As my time winds grows short as President I think about that often. Certainly a lot has to do with our long outdoor history, our steadfast commitment and laser focus on conservation and education, and our wonderful Guye Cabin. Mostly it is simply the amazing spirited people of all ages in the WAC. You, all our members, your family and friends, are what make our Club truly extraordinary, and fun! Thank you all!

President's Corner (continued)

They do this for no reason other than the satisfaction it brings them to see others experience the wonders of the Pacific NW and grow in skills and confidence! A long standing tradition, the WAC began in 1893 helping to create Mount Rainier National Park, and is stronger than ever with 500 members! Most of them actually know each other. Do you know someone who would be a good fit for the WAC? Please take some time and introduce them to some of the many benefits our unique Club has to offer, and get them online to sign up! They will thank you for it!

We need you for the WAC Board of Directors!

Since we are a 100% volunteer organization, our Board is comprised of people just like you, who are willing to give a few hours a month, attend monthly Board meetings and other events, and work toward making sure our Club is happy and healthy.

What does it require? Just a positive attitude, ability to work as a team, and commitment to the future. (Never done anything like this before? Don't worry, we'll guide you through!)

We are looking for all Director positions including President. Positions officially begin in November.

Board Member Responsibilities:

- Attend board meetings each month
- Attend Annual Meeting on the 3rd Sunday in October
- Bring member concerns and items of interest to board meetings
- Participate in the decision making
- Train new Directors
- Seek programs to be presented at board meetings
- Understand club workings, history, constitution and Bylaws
- Arrange club activities- Classes, Cabin, Snow Dinner.
- Recruit and mentor new members
- Involve new members
- Have a good time
- Promote the Washington Alpine Club

Contact any Board member for more information.

New Snow Dinner Saturday, December 10, 2016!

The WAC Annual New Snow Dinner at Guye Cabin will be Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 6 pm. The Cabin will be open all day so come up as early as you want.

The New Snow Dinner is an annual event to welcome in the Winter Ski Season and encourage even more of the white fluffy stuff to fall! This is one of the biggest events of the year at the Guye Cabin.

Come up to our beautiful Guye Cabin for the day and play! Tour the Cabin. Inspect all the work done by our stellar Cabin Team. Or just socialize, read a book, play chess, snowshoe up Commonwealth Basin, go Nordic, lift ski, backcountry ski, or even relax!

Come early! Stay late! Spend the night! Spend the weekend! Bring your family, friends, and guests! Make some new friends! We are expecting a big turnout so make your plans now! You won't want to miss this one!

The Cabin will be open all weekend beginning Friday evening . Dinner at 6 pm sharp!

Here is the catch! We need someone to volunteer to cook the main course! Woohoo!!! (The WAC will reimburse you of course) Everything else will be specialty potluck. Everything Please bring your very best specialty dishes or side dishes of salads, appetizers, vegetables, deserts, or drinks. Flowers are good too!

Okay, what is the cost for all this great food, and fun? As usual, we are asking for a mere five dollar minimum donation each to cover the costs of the main entrée.

Questions or need more information? Email Mike Mahanay at mikemahanay@gmail.com

Want to know what is going on in the WAC? Just log in to the new WAC website!

Please take some time to log in and explore. Everything about the WAC is located here. You can easily see announcements and upcoming events right on the Front Page! <https://washingonalpineclub.org/> Can't login? Just email us and we'll get you going!



Wilderness Remote First Aid Class

It's that time of year again; the nights are getting a bit chillier, leaves are starting to fall and you just realized you've forgotten most of your wilderness first aid skills! Well, the WAC has you covered. We will be offering another Wilderness and Remote First Aid course this year. The date is TBD but will happen sometime in late October to early December. This course is highly recommended to any instructors in our various classes we offer and is pretty much required if you're one of my climbing/backcountry partners. You will learn the basics of caring for a patient in the backcountry in the beautiful setting of the WAC cabin at Snoqualmie Pass. We look forward to seeing you all there. Keep an eye on the website as well as the Facebook page for updated details.

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