

THE BULLETIN PUT-TOGETHER A 30 YEAR SOCIAL EVENT

The first bulletin was only one page in '59, listing 4 hikes for the four weekends of the month in January. (See the front cover of this issue for a reproduction of that first bulletin.)

Trail scribe, Marian Sarrels, would type and send out the bulletins. And as the membership increased, so did the pages to two, three and four. She did this for three years and always mentioned that the annual picnic would be held at Hutch's Pond in May which ended the hiking season until September.

In early '63, President Eber Glendenning accepted the challenge to mimeograph the pages of the bulletin in his office at home.

After receiving the list of hikes and other information from the trail scribe, he and his wife, Lorna, would print each page as many times as needed to complete a bulletin before mailing to each member of the club. Once a month in the evening, at 7:45, eighteen to twenty members would arrive at the Glendening's home to help put the bulletin together.

As they entered, they saw that Lorna had placed a stack of each page in a circle around her kitchen table; likewise around the oval table in the family room.

After a short bit of visiting, three or four would line up at each table, and going counterclockwise, would pick up one page from each pile. When they completed the circle, they had a complete bulletin, which they placed in the center of the table. When the stack got quite high, it was taken into the living room where two or three members, down on their knees, were waiting to staple each one together. As their piles got high, eight or ten members in the living room would fold and staple them closed. Their piles were then taken into the kitchen and deposited in the double well sink.

Here, two members would put address stickers, previously typed, on each one according to zip code. When all of each zip code was complete, it was handed through a pass thru to Eber, who bound each zip code separately and slipped in a note telling the zip number and how many were in the pile. Then they were put in mail bags to be taken to the post office the next day.

All the time the work was going on, members were talking to one another about hiking or other events in their everyday life. It was a good time to socialize.

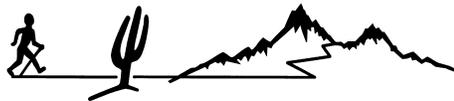
The same people did not come to the put-together every month, so you got to talk to a lot of different members.

After the tables and all were cleared away, those that lived further away left for home. Those that stayed, got their sodas and beer from the refrigerator and retired to the family room where Eber had set up a screen to show slides that he or any others had brought.

After 30 years of publishing the bulletin, Eber retired from that job and it was sent to a professional publisher and binder.

Thanks to the Glendenings and Pete Cowgill for keeping the club together for 50 years.

Note: Also thanks to Joanna McComb Coleman for the SAHC logo showing a hiker on the trail to two distant peaks that has been on the back of the bulletins since February 19, 1967.



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