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# Reiter Update

Op-Ed by Pete Gott

Well a lot of you may have heard by now that Dave Somers is going to introduce a Ordinance to the Snohomish County Council that would allow Off Road Vehicles to drive Reiter Rd. and May creek Rd. as a way to let the ORV-ers [Off Road Vehicles] to get to Gold Bar and let the ORV-ers that live at Gold Bar Nature Trails to get their ORV's to the start of the trail system that DNR is building at the road that goes to deer creek flats.

I thought I would try to fill in some facts and give you people's names and e-mails to contact and let them know how you feel about sharing public roads with off road vehicles.

Facts: according to the Ordinance all ORV-ers need to be licensed or hold a permit and be no younger than 15 years old, also all ORV's must have a white head light and red tail light that is plainly visible from a distance of 1,000 feet and a spark arrester approved by the state department of natural resources, a muffling device complying with RCW 46.09.120(1)(e); ORV's must not drive at a speed exceeding 15 miles per hour or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower, only be on the road between the times of 9am to 9pm, shall comply with all applicable state laws, including but not limited to laws relating to ORV registration, use permits, tags, equipment, and operation, and with the requirements of this section. (At this point as far as I can tell there is no state law requiring registration of ORV's so they won't be required to have any identifying numbers showing).

At this point we have heard nothing about how the county is planing to enforce these and other requirements other then maybe have a citizens group patrolling.

Dave Somers and the others involved are willing to take the piece of Reiter Rd. off the plan that goes from Index to the Deer Creek Flats Rd so ORV'S will not legally be able to drive to the town of Index even though they have been doing it illegally for years now.

Index adopted Resolution 10-04 to not support the use of any of Reiter Rd. by ORV's for various reasons.

These are a few of the facts I can pass on in my limited space but if you

are interested in reading the whole Ordinance e-mail me at Omyindex@gmail.com and I will send you a copy.

Also please let the Snohomish County Council know what you think no matter if your pro or con.

- Here are their e-mails.
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- Mike Cooper E-mail: Mike.Cooper@co.snohomish.wa.us
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- Dave Somers E-mail: Dave.Somers@co.snohomish.wa.us

Pete Gott

\*Editor's Note:

ORV's do in fact require registration, updated yearly just like a passenger vehicle, using the same tabs.

# To Those Who Love To Gossip, Here Are A Few Suggestions:

-IT Staff

Mike Smith broke into the cafe last week. James Quadrant is sleeping with the owners daughter. The Ranger's son is gay - sleeping with the preacher. The General Store is for sale. The entire South Fork is for sale : Potholes included. Louie and Brian are not actually bums, they sit secretly on a pile of cash.

The Washington State Department of Transportation will change the speed limit from Index to Monroe to 15 MPH. Anthony is a drug dealer. Kelley Rose is Wild Woman. The ICC is in fact an underground terrorist organization dedicated to the corruption of the community.

Care Bear Kari is sleeping with everyone's man. Alex Gibb is Satan. Softball practice has been cancelled indefinitely, pending a sober day from it's players. It is now legal to eat spotted owls.

Oh yeah, and Bigfoot has been stealing gas.

# Whale Watching On The Sky

-Kelley Rose

If any of you have ever read "The Photographic History Of Highway 2" you will notice something quite strange on page 21. In a photo depicting the old trestle bridge in Monroe (known as Buck Island or Al Borlan Park) you will observe a whale's tail fin rising out of the river. Since the book does not bother to explain what exactly it is doing there, I thought I would take a moment to clarify.

It is a little known fact that whale watching was once a prosperous attraction for the valley, especially on the banks of the Skykomish river between Sultan and Monroe. Families would gather along the shores to greet their arrival each spring, and vendors would sell hot dogs and whale shaped candies.

This was of course before the arrival of the infamous Dexie, who devoured the pod in the late 70's.

Since then, the area has relied on Wild Woman sightings, ravenous chipmunks, Ewok villages, and the occasional flamingo flock to lure in tourists.

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# Indian Wisdom From The Wild West-

From Shane Turnbull, part 4 of a 4 part series

## MINQUASS

If you see no reason for giving thanks,  
the fault lies in yourself.

## NAVAJO

The song is very short because we  
understand so much.

Thoughts are like arrows: once re-  
leased , they strike their mark. Guard  
them well or one day you may be your  
own victim.

Always assume your guest is tired,  
cold and hungry, and act accord-  
ingly.

## NEVADA

My young men shall never farm. Men  
who work the soil cannot dream, and  
wisdom comes to us in dreams.

- Wowoka, Nevada

## NEZ PERCE

I believe much trouble and blood  
would be saved if we opened our  
hearts more. I will tell you in my way  
how the Indian sees things. The white  
man has more words to tell you how  
they look to him, but it does not re-  
quire many words to speak the truth.

- Chief Joseph, Nez Perce

We do not want churches because  
they will teach us to quarrel about  
God...

- Chief Joseph, Nez Perce

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back ever since I was a boy. I real-  
ized then that we could not hold our  
own with the white men. We were like  
deer. They were like grizzly bears.  
We had a small country. Their coun-  
try was large. We were contented to  
let things remain as the Great Spirit  
Chief made them. They were not, and  
would change the rivers and moun-  
tains if they did not suit them.

- Chief Joseph, Nez Perce

## OKLAHOMA

When a man prays one day and steals  
six, the Great Spirit thunders and the  
Evil One laughs.

## OMAHA

Dreams are wiser than men.  
It takes a whole village to raise a  
child.

Respect the gift and the giver.

## PIMA

Why should you take by force from us  
that which you can obtain by love?

- King Wahunsonacook, Powhatan

## PUEBLO

A good man does not take what be-  
longs to someone else.

Old age was simply a delightful time,  
when the old people sat on the sunny  
doorsteps, playing in the sun with the  
children, until they fell asleep. At last,  
they failed to wake up.

- James Paytiamo, Acoma Pueblo

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# Preferred Hike For The Bushwhacker

-Anonymous Contribution

Our local old growth forest grove is down by the river, and although hwy. 2 passes through part of it (at m.p. 35) you get only passing glimpses of the trees from the road, and no sense from the grove itself. It's a wonderfully lush place of mosses and ferns and big old trees of many species. The only trails are fisherman's paths, that flush you quickly from road down to the river and avoid all contact with the grove. The only way to explore the grove is to bushwhack or hike off trail. Creeks, brush fallen logs and steep slopes can make it a challenge to get around and under the trees on foot, but if you're game and adventurous, the sights are worth the effort.

Of all my wanders through this grove my favorite goes up a ridge above the highway above the highway for a few hundred yards, to the upper end of the old forest. (The second growth forest continues above that). The upper half of this hike is on

a narrow-ish ridge top above steep slopes ("Rooftop Ridge"), so people who are afraid of heights and exposure, including small children and pets should probably stick to the lower, gentler slopes. Those who go all the way to the end of the old growth and back will find this unlike any other hike or bushwhack they have ever been on. The restless or energetic may go up and back in a half hour, but I take that long just to go up.

This hike starts behind the big, highway side leaning cedar tree at the start of the Mt. Index River Road and heads uphill, following to the right of the subtle low ridge that begins there. The slope is gentle at first beside the ridge, the brush is easy to avoid, and the step-over logs are few. A small creek and a big fallen cedar soon force you up onto the ridge itself (which you follow (along it's top) until it bumps into a bigger, higher ridge. Follow straight up this ridge's face to it's top in a couple hundred more feet.

This is where the hike gets memorable: the ridge top rises in a series of ever-higher knolls or rises, and long sections of level or gently rising ridge crest. The bushwhacking rout follows near the crest as much as possible, diverting around obstacles as necessary.

The knolls often mark where steep little buttress ridges come up from below. As you progress along the ridge, the gullies between the buttress ridges increasingly contain the tracks of earth flows

and debris flow. These tracks often show steep, exposed clay sides and headwalls, and a thin layer of plants elsewhere. Most of the older trees seem to be confined to the tops of the main ridge, and the buttress ridges; beyond the reach of their roots, the soil has often slid away, exposing the heart of layered clays; a geologic memento from an ice-age era lake experiencing global warming.

The buttress ridges and side slopes on both sides drop away ever more precipitously the further along you go. In a couple of places nearly vertical clay headwalls on opposite sides of the ridge almost meet each other at the top, making for somewhat dicey passage. I secured a short length of knotted rope in one place (test it, don't trust it), to aid in getting over a rotted log in a really steep spot, and past a tilting cedar blocking the crest. (This is why the "no dog" recommendation: they would claw up the surface of the log and make passage more difficult for others).

At the top of the rope a short grove with some big trees (The Toupee) grows out of the narrow crest; some of them cling most desperately to the clay. Beyond this grove is the turn-around point at the relatively wide, flat Den Cedar Gap, a great place for a snack before heading back down. Rooftop Ridge continues on, up an ultimate merging with a greater, higher ridge, but the fun parts to hike are all down in the old growth. Going back down is like going up: steep in places, narrow in others, but not really technically difficult.

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## Dinner Date

Amidst the misty veil, a loud river laughs, a touch, the rushing roar, the heron alights,

Particularly poison a rock, It's rite subtle as a bough, taught as sinew,

Eros as arrow, aim to joy, gleaming quick,

A glimmering flash, with a flutter of wings the heron dines, and to dine, is divine.

-Jim Roberts

# A Day In The Life: Louie and Brian



Artwork by Dean Shepard

"When you don't think, it won't hurt that bad."

-Louie

"May the fruits of your labors, not always be sour grapes."

-Brian

# Kayak Mouse Races

-IT Staff

The residents of the Leaning Tree campground have put forth an excellent suggestion for a summer sport. Mouse racing will now be initiated into the ranks of useless yet hilarious local past-times... Right up there with lawn bowling, beer ball and tricycle races... When it hits the river near you, be prepared to bust your gut with laughter.

These are the agreed upon rules and guidelines, set forth by the wise and all knowing founders:

- 1) mouse must be alive and in the kayak at the end of the race
- 2) must make your own kayak
- 3) any shape size or color of mouse will be accepted
- 4) numbers will be assigned and mounted on kayaks
- 5) 50 cent entrance fee will be collected
- 6) NO projectile missiles will be allowed to impede or endanger our little racers

\*Helmets and life preservers will be provided for the tiny athletes, since a life guard will not be on duty to assist should their be an emergency (unless we can convince someone from the Riverhouse to provide this service)

# Speaking Indexian:

"Please, don't quote me on that, it was highly inappropriate."

-B.E.



FRIDAY BBQ & Blues  
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# About the Cover

This artwork was purchased by "Care Bear" Kari - from the Index Cafe. It reminded us of our readers. Constantly squawking at us about when the next paper is coming out. WELL: we are humbled. We needed a few weeks off and had no idea that you would miss us so much.

\*It is obvious to us at the Times that our small contribution to the community has grown beyond our own expression. Thank you for all for your donation and encouragement from the town, which shakes things up, and creates a fresh focus for our content.

# From the Editors

We are currently looking for submissions for the upcoming 4th of July celebration/parade and the Index Arts Festival. Stop by the office or email us your stuff!!!

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## Blog Update

Look forward to an exciting new addition to the Index Times blog site. We will now have deleted scenes, outtakes, and unmentionables; all those things we did not dare to print will now be available for your viewing pleasure. Enjoy!

### Sharoooo's Tip of the Week:

Cloudy Drinking Glasses:

Soak them for an hour or longer in slightly warm (not boiled) white vinegar.

Then use a nylon net or plastic scrubby to remove film. Still there? The damage must be etching (tiny scratches that occur in the dishwasher) and it is permanent, sorry to say. To avoid this altogether, hand wash your best glasses.

## Index Gallery Alert

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## Horoscopes - By Kelley Rose

**Aries:** Relationships take center stage, and you will find yourself taking care of everyone. A shifting of priorities in the workplace, and the tendency to over-react.

**Taurus:** Working quietly behind the scenes to get things done your way. Unexpected dealings with financial institutions will shake you up.

**Gemini:** Deep thoughts and bursts of insight will do you wonders. Impressing others and providing valuable insight will make you indispensable to them.

**Cancer:** Achievement socially and professionally will get you back on track. Your persuasive abilities will open many doors and your executive abilities will shine.

**LEO:** Reorganizing your social life and prioritizing expenses. A new romantic will pleasantly surprise you. A friend will have good advice for you.

**Virgo:** Driven to extremes and implementing the dissolution of worn out ideals. Keep a close eye on your health, and don't forget the small things.

**Libra:** Being spontaneous and expressive, speaking your mind freely. New parts of you are being seen, and others will notice. Just run with it.

**Scorpio:** Insecure and emotionally isolated from your friends. Your profession and social lives will clash and a balance between the two will be sought.

**Sagittarius:** Getting stuck in a mental rut will undo all of your hard work. Mobility and mental flexibility will be your greatest challenges to overcome.

**Capricorn:** Transformation in your emotional environment will force you into the role of mediator. Fighting other peoples battles will drain you.

**Aquarius:** Risky living and self-development become prominent. Being efficient with your time and careful planning will make it all run smoothly.

**Pisces:** Being practical and balancing two extremes carefully. Daily jobs and routines will pull you down if you let them, remember it will pass quickly.

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