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*The night of October 13th there was a rare occasion for watching extensive northern lights activity all over South-Norway, including Alvdal. This beautiful and spectaculare photo was taken at 21:10 hrs by the Memorial at the Peace Plateau.
Photo: Stefan Johansson.*

Prospects for a building site for the Mt. Tron University of Peace at the Peace Plateau

In this double edition of The Mt. Tron Mail we take a closer look at the possibilities for acquiring a building site at the Peace Plateau; at some activities at Tronsvangen Seter this autumn; and then there are many photos from the opening in August!

Who owns what on Mt.Tron?



Panorama at the Peace Plateau at the Memorial over Baral and the foundation stone to the University of Peace. Photo: BP.

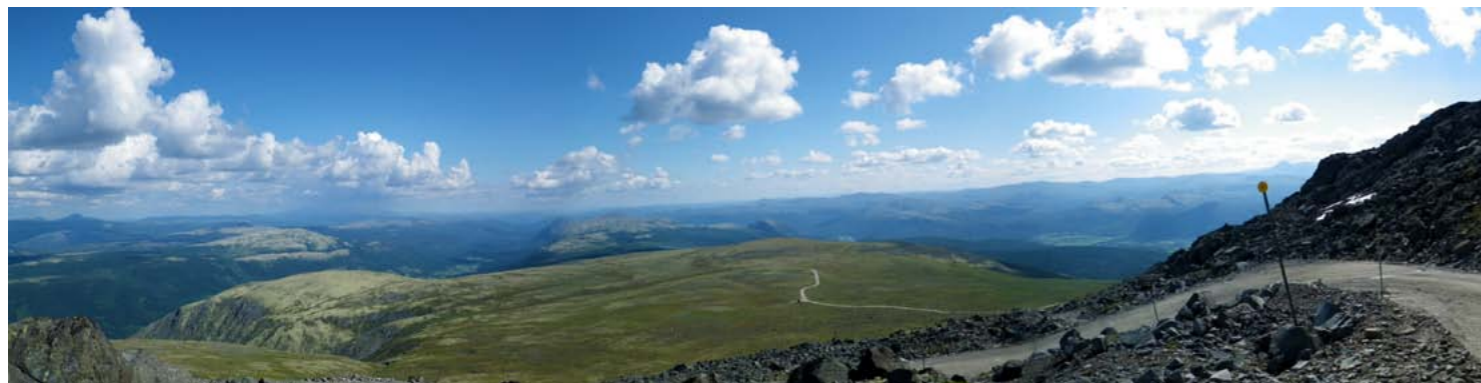
Einar Beer's project in the 1960s

Who owns what on Mt.Tron? This has been a recurring question ever since Einar Beer started work for building the University of Peace immediately after the construction of The Mt.Tron Road in 1959.

Einar Beer got clearance from the Alvdal municipality executive committee (1/9-1961), Alvdal agricultural board (16/10-1961), and from the county agricultural society (27/4-1962) to acquire 300 decares mountainous area at the Peace Plateau, together with the signatures of a majority of the local ground owners in a "Declaration of consent" of July 2nd 1962.

Beer got a lot of goodwill from local and regional public offices, but lacked competent helpers and advisers. The result was that in the end he didn't see any other possibility than to apply for help at the government department of education, after sending an extremely insufficient application to them early in 1964. In August that year he received a letter from them saying that "the department is unable to take a stand on your plan of establishing a university of peace at Mt.Tron." Consequently this project was stranded and Beer gave up further work.

However, what Beer didn't know was that at that time the question of who owns what on Mt.Tron was fully unsettled. And this is still the situation!



Panorama of the Peace Plateau seen from The Mt.Tron Road near the summit. Photo: BP.

The Mt.Tron Road

How the local contractor firm, Brødrene Gjermundshaug, at the time, managed to construct The Mt.Tron Road, is not known for certain, but in the land register for 43/1 Tronsvangen Seter there is entered a servitude of 10.02.1965 about free land for The Mt.Tron Road. It is presumed that most of the other properties in the area have similar road decisions. However, the road is owned today by the municipality of Alvdal, without owning the ground the road is constructed on, and all the ground owners have lasting right of use to the road.

"The Memorial at Mt.Tron"

The construction of the memorial over Sri Ananda Acharya (Baral), which is also the foundation stone of the University of Peace, was started in 1977 and was completed in 1979. Einar Beer collected the signatures of altogether 27 ground owners at Tronsvangen and Nysetra joint ownerships in 1975, after first applying to the municipality in 1974. He got written support from the education department (22.10.1975), the green light from Alvdal building authorities (case no. 40/77, 31.05.1977), and even received Nok 4000,- in monetary support from Alvdal cultural committee (case no. 16/78, 18.04.1978) for the construction. The memorial even functioned as the private grave site for Einar Beer from 1986 to 2000, with the educational department's approval.

Who owns what on Mt.Tron? (cont.)

Regulation of the summit of Mt.Tron

In the autumn of 1977 Alvdal municipality initiated a case at the local land consolidation court with the "wish to create clarity about the situation of ownership and right of use on Mt.Tron, with the thought of making plans for a variety of uses of that part of Mt.Tron which is not divided into ownerships with full right" (case no. 27/1997). This became necessary in relation to the wish of the Norwegian civil aviation authority to build a radar station on the summit towards Tyllaldalen. The Norwegian telecommunications company Norkring (prev. Televerket) already had a link at the very summit.

Independently of the land consolidation court the ground at the summit was regulated at record speed and completed by 1998, so that the construction work could start up during the pre-summer of 1999 and finish during the autumn of the same year. The radar station was operative from January 1st 2000. And the regulation also included Norkring's telecommunications tower, which had been built on ground not previously regulated.

After nearly seven years the procedure in the land consolidation court was closed on March 16th 2004. Then it had decided who owned to the newly regulated summit, who were the owners of the four joint ownerships which involve the summit, and the borders of these four joint ownerships, and also the ownership of The Mt.Tron Road from Tronsvangen to the summit of Mt.Tron.

Unfortunately, at that time, apart from the fact that all of the mountain was divided into four different joint ownerships the land consolidation court only concentrated on the very summit of Mt.Tron. The result of this was that the Nysetra joint ownership, which is by far the smallest of the joint ownerships with only seven members, came to include all of the Peace Plateau. However, there were never any visible borders made in the field and later some of the ground owners have denied the relevance of these borders saying that the Peace Plateau is a joint ownership of both Nysetra and Tronsvangen (25 members) joint ownerships.

Has Tronsvangen Seter a part in Tronsvangen joint ownership and thereby a part in the joint ownership on Mt.Tron?

Tronsvangen Seter, cadastral. no. 43 and holding. no. 1 in Alvdal, has from the start in 1885, after Kirst Simensdatter Taraldsteen (later Kirsti Tronsvang) bought the property, was twice divided: The first happened already on December 8th that year when Peder j. Tronslien bought a parcel of woodland which was registered as 43/2 (Statsarkivet i Hamar, j.nr. 262/88); and the second time happened 81 years later when Olav Murud bought and registered a parcel of woodland as 43/3. But along with this last sale in April 1967 all the rights of the joint ownerships followed this property, so that Tronsvangen Seter no longer holds these rights.

This is also in accordance with a decision of the local land consolidation court of 2012, where Olav Murud is listed among the 25 members in the Tronsvangen joint ownership and Tronsvangen Seter is not. All these members have woodland parcels at Tronsvangen, which is decisive for whether one has a part or not in the joint ownership.

The conclusion is therefore probably that Tronsvangen Seter today has no part in the Tronsvangen joint ownership and thereby no automatic right or part in the joint ownerships on Mt.Tron.

The situation today

Because of these conditions mentioned above the situation for the University of Peace is exactly the same today as it was when The Mt.Tron Road was constructed in 1959 and Einar Beer worked on his project during the years after: Nobody knows who owns the Peace Plateau or from whose properties the building site of the University of Peace have to be divided!

Therefore, according to consulted court authorities, we have to submit a petition at the local land consolidation court, which can only be done by one (or more) member of a joint ownership on the mountain. As neither The Mt.Tron University of Peace Foundation nor the Tronsvangen Seter have any part in any of the joint ownerships, one with such a part or membership has to submit such a petition in his own interest to gain clarity about the property borders at the site.

Opening celebration at Tronsvangen Seter August 7th



Good attendance

In spite of the fact that on the same weekend there were a number of other attractive events elsewhere in the locality, about 130 villagers and visitors from afar turned up, many of whom brought homemade cakes for the occasion. All photos: BP.

Resident Anne Vanem opened the whole event with welcoming calls on a lure, while the artist duo Tone and Hans Fredrik Jacobsen from Tolga continued with varied and partly Indian inspired folk music, to the great enjoyment of the audience. Besides exquisite playing, Tone and Hans Fredrik know the art of spellbinding the public with humour and good verbal communication. They presented two musical performances outside on the veranda.

Opening celebration (cont.)



Opera singer Knut Stiklestad did an excellent job as master of ceremonies (above, previous page), and deftly escorted all the guests through the entire programme, while he himself also performed as a singer during two classical offerings, together with our own eminent “house pianist” Atmasukha Ananda (below, previous page, and above to the left). Both these classical performances took place in the conference hall in the basement, which was crammed with people. Stiklestad and Atmasukha held, amongst other pieces, premiered a work including three poems from Snow-Birds by Sri Ananda

Acharya, with music composed by Atmasukha, which was astoundingly beautiful and touched many. In between all the musical performances there were demonstrations of Tai-Chi, led by resident Sergi Benedito from Spain (above, to the left), and of yoga, led by Baheerathan Vykundanathan (Thamba), originally from Sri Lanka (above, to the right). Topmost to the right is seen Tripti Ma together with Tone Hulbækmo, in front of the magnificent flower garden made by Tripti Ma, the sight of which some of the visitors exclaimed alone made the visit to Tronsvangen worthwhile! All photos: BP.

Tripti Ma's flower garden!



Together with the exhibitions of Baral (Sri Ananda Acharya) and the Mt.Tron University of Peace (on the next pages), Tripti Ma's flower garden was also ready for the opening ceremony, and was admired by all the guests. The picture below of Tripti Ma in the flower garden is taken by the resident Kent Gjørn Kristiansen, otherwise all photos: BP.



Permanent exhibitions of Baral (basement) and the University of Peace (2nd floor) at Tronsvangen Seter



Book launch in Oslo



On the International Day of Peace, September 21st, there was a book launch of Bjørn's book "Universell religion – Essensiell religionsforståelse" (Universal Religion – Essential Understanding of Religion (only available in Norwegian)) at the Taiji Centre in Oslo from 18:00 to 20:30 hrs. The event was organized by Wisdom Oslo, Norwegian Taiji Centre and the Magazine Vision. At the same time a power-point presentation of the ongoing work for realizing the Mt.Tron University of Peace was given by the architect professor Knud Larsen, who has also produced the pre-project to the University of Peace. During the first part of the programme Bjørn told around 40 visitors about his book and focused on many of the central themes, in the cosy and intimate rooms of the Taiji Centre. All photos: Øyvind Solum / Magasinet Visjon.



"Miscellaneous news"



TRONSVANGEN SETER - NORWAY

RETREAT - COURSES - ROOM/RENTALS

WWW.TRONSVANGENSETER.NO

Spend a week or two, or a long weekend, at Tronsvangen Seter in Alvdal, Norway, with its fantastic location on Mt.Tron and spectacular views towards Mt.Rondane and the Western mountains of Alvdal.

Experience tranquility and rest, beautiful nature and a stimulating atmosphere in the spirit of the University of Peace. Get to know the plans and activities pertaining to the inspiring mountain, where the Indian philosopher Baral lived for nearly 30 years in the previous century, and where his legacy remains vibrant to the present day (www.shantibu.no).

Whether a school (any kind of school, yoga school etc.), an association, company or organisation, a private individual or a group of friends - we have accommodation and a range of rooms and halls to rent to suit your needs, and we can offer courses and package solutions tailor-made just for you.

Whichever you choose, we welcome you to an inspiring and stimulating stay at Tronsvangen Seter!

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During August a "welcoming advertisement" for Tronsvangen Seter (above) was sent out to several hundred folk high schools, camp schools, Montessori schools, Steiner schools and yoga schools in Norway. It was also translated into English and German and distributed to German and English web sites.

Children from the Hamar Montessori School play outside in the yard at Tronsvangen Seter (topmost) on September 8th, while a Tamil film crew with actors were captured filming at Tronsvangen Seter on August 12th and 13th (above). Both photos: BP.

One of several Tamil gatherings (below). This one is from October 15th and 16th. Photo: Sadis Murugesu.





Mt. Tron with Glomma in front, as seen from Tynset, just before the municipal border with Alvdal at Auma, on November 7th 2011 at 10:54 hrs. Photo: BP.



Opplevalvdal.no is a local web portal which presents most of what is worth experiencing in the municipality of Alvdal. Here is shown tourism, trade and industry, adventures, events and a rich variety of impressive nature pictures from all over the municipality. Tronsvangen Seter is also presented through a subscription, and most of the presentations, which all have pictures and information, also have a link to their own web sites. See www.tronsvangenseter.no

The portal started last Summer and this Autumn an analysis of visitors to the web site found that during the period June 15th to November 3rd, the following web sites were most visited (apart from the portal's home page):

1. The Mt. Tron Road
2. Mt. Tron
3. Baral's grave site
4. Tronsvangen Seter's opening celebration

So an overwhelming concentration on Mt. Tron. Of well-known landmarks, Jutulhogget (North Europe's biggest canyon) was placed at number 9, and the Aukrust Centre did not even make the list. The majority of all visits came via FaceBook.

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