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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

JANUARY 1989

NEWSLETTER

SKI TRIPS

The Winter Trips Schedule, including notes on logging road access, is attached. Note the lack of leaders/destinations for JANUARY 21/2 and 28/9. Please call Rod if you want to make up a party for one of these days. Koch or Rover Creeks are obvious destinations.

Jan. 28 - Feb. 4 SLOCAN CHIEF CABIN There many still be space available. If you can't get away for a week, how about a long weekend? (Jan. 28-30). Call Bakers at 368-3029 or 368-5530.

- SLIDE SHOW

JEFF LAKES SHOWS SLIDES ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO PERU

Friday, February 3 - 7:30 p.m.

Nordic Hall, Castlegar \$2 for hall, coffee

New members - come and see what you might aspire to, both as climbers and photographers.

APRES-SKI February 19 APRES-SKI FEBRUARY 19 APRES-SKI

After Armin's trip to Ymir Mt. or a day on the slopes at Whitewater, stop in at the Kratky/Isaacs home for hot soup and friendship.

Please give Janice notice (352-3895). The address: 44 Oak St., Nelson.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

Single: \$26 Family: \$36 Junior (14-18): \$16

To: Garth Thomson, Box 221, Rossland, V0G 1Y0

Please renew NOW. The next Newsletter will be the LAST ONE on your 1988 membership. Remember that priority is given to Hiking Camp applications from "current" members, i.e. those who have renewed before Feb. 1.

Abject and grovelling apologies to ROD BEAUPRIE. Not only did I leave his name off the list of Executive Members a year ago, but I failed to mention him in the list of those retiring from the 1987/88 Executive in the last Newsletter. (I have a complicated, but basically feeble & unacceptable excuse). Since the job of Trips Chairman is vitally important to the Club, and since he did a splendid job, I offer tardy but heartfelt thanks on behalf of all Club members.

GRASSY, COPPER AND HUCKLEBERRY HUTS

If you plan on visiting any of these huts, George Apel would appreciate a phone call before you go (365-7653) - or after you return. (No, he doesn't have any stovepipes or even windows to be carried in - he's just looking for information on conditions). Access to the Copper Mt. hut is good now (see Fred's road access report). And here's hoping George's knee is soon recovered so he can visit the huts himself.

TRIP REPORT - KOCH CREEK, Jan. 2

Fred Thiessen, Ken Holmes & Peter McIver ploughed through waist-deep snow to almost reach the McKean Lakes cabin on a beautiful sunny day. With a previously broken trail, Fred reports easy access to the cabin as long as the Koch Creek road is ploughed (logging until Jan. 20)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to junior (very) family member Julia Kratky, a new daughter for Kim and Janice.

Change of address:

Sanford, Cindy, R.R. #3, Nelson, V1L 5P6 229-5246

Wah, Fred & Pauline, 9812 - 84th Ave., Edmonton, AB, T6E 2G2 403-433-7792

Lasai, Gerry, Box 268, Slocan, VOG 2C0 355-2508

Butling, Helen - new phone no. 225-3516

We shall expect Megan Moorcroft to produce popcorn on her trips from now on, after hearing her extol the virtues of old-fashioned methods on Gzowski's Morningside last month.

VALHALLA SOCIETY'S MAP OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S ENDANGERED WILDERNESS

There was considerable media attention when this map was released last month. The Club library now has a copy, and others are available for \$5 (plus \$2 mailing) from the Society, Box 224, New Denver, VOG 1S0. This is a large and handsome production, with photos and useful information on the reverse side.

KOKANEE AND OTHER PARKS

Just in case anyone missed the item, the Club recieved a news release from the Ministers of Parks and Mines dated Dec. 21, 1988, which states that there will be no further exploration on mineral claims inside Wells Gray, Tweedsmuir, Manning and Kckanee Glacier Provincial Parks.

"A park is a park. Therefore, we will not permit mineral exploration in parks, nor will we permit new claims to be staked in parks," Huberts (Parks Minister) said. "We will deal equitably with holders of valid existing claims. It is important for us as a society to establish, once and for all, the significance we place on our parks."

"I am prepared to present to my colleagues proposals for legislating the boundaries of all parks once the master planning processes are complete and the remaining legal tenures have been dealt with." (A great advance on having boundaries changed by mere Order-in-Council).

So far, so good. However, the release continues on about mineral exploration in another million hectares of recreation area. More on this later.

Further to the Strathcona Park controversy: a steering committee has been appointed to manage the future of this park. Jim Rutter, Exec. Director of the FMCBC, is a member of this committee. The Parks Minister says that the mandate is to ensure that all planning and management activity is directed toward the vision of Strathcona Park as a wilderness reserve focused on quality outdoor recreation and tourism.

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FOR SALE

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2 pairs ski touring boots - for cable bindings

1 pr. ankle high, size 39

1 pr. backcountry telemark, high cut, size 40

Call Mary Baker at 368-3029

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FROM BOX 3195

Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. Winter and Summer 1989 courses. The courses and trips are almost all Vancouver/Coast Range based. However, some of the ski trips or longer climbing courses might interest members. The Club copy is at the Ports. Others available from: #336 - 1367 W. Broadway, Vancouver, V6H 4A9

Lemon Creek Lodge Winter Brochure. Box 68, Slocan, V0G 2C0

Mt. Norquay Ski Area - Long Range Planning Program. Canadian Parks Service, Oct. 1988.

Four Mountain Parks (Banff, Jasper, Kootenay, Yoho) Management Plan summaries. Canadian Parks Service, Nov. 1988.

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Derek Willans

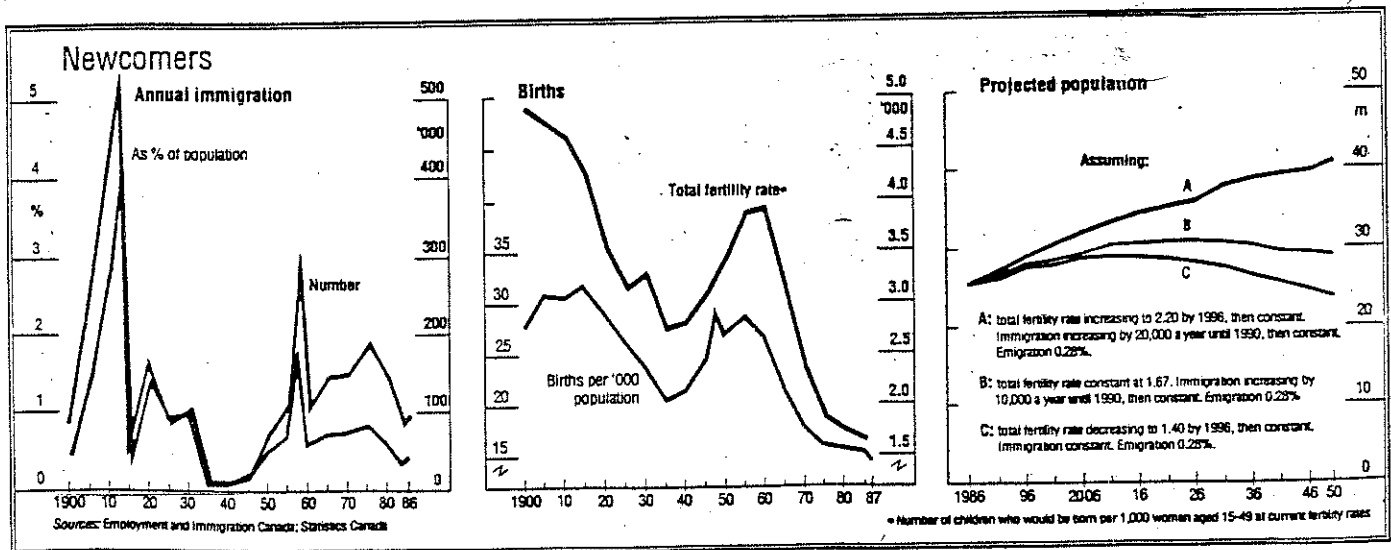
In a famous broadcast not too long ago the Pope said we should always make room on the table for another. I console myself that he would made a very poor conservationist, for ecologists the world over know only too well what happens when populations keep growing. Many believe Canada is a vacuum waiting to be filled with people. Remember Diefenbakers visions of a 100 million in the North.

But it isn't a vacuum. Out there its a beautifully balanced flora and fauna which can so easily be toppled. BC has only 3% of its land suitable for agriculture and though wildlife can easily survive on the high elevations in summer, in winter wildlife and people compete for the lowlands. People always win. The Columbia River Treaty benefitted the west's increasing population but flooded acres of precious lowlands and thousands of Kootenay deer, elk and moose died of starvation.

I am reminded of the tragedy of the commons. On medieval English commonland where everybody could graze a cow, the grazing was often ruined, for a person adding another cow to the common would keep all the rewards to himself while all the extra disadvantages of overgrazing were shared by everybody.

Obviously those who see an endless land do not know a Canada, yet there is a strong current of understanding in this land. For the last few years child bearing Canadians have made a choice for space, not like third world countries so proccupied with procreation that they are propagating themselves out of existence. In fact Canada's population would be decreasing were it not for immigration.

Politicians are pressured by economists who say that with only 26 million people Canada has room and resources for a much larger population. Others say no for a variety of reasons. As conservation chairman I would like to draw to the attention of Ottawa's politicians the irreversible changes that so few have already done to nearly every valley in BC and that there must be a balance between an ever increasing marketplace for manufacturers and the charm, beauty and livelihood of the Canadian environment. I am therefore proposing to put forward a brief to Ottawa that we maintain the population of Canada between 25 and 30 million, as shown by graph B.



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LAST NEWSLETTER
ON YOUR 1988
MEMBERSHIP!

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NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULED TRIPS

Feb 12	STAGLEAP PARK AREA (A1 & up)	Earl Jorgensen	352-7775
	Various trips possible from the Salmo-Creston summit.		
Feb 19	YMIR PEAK (B2)	Armin Hasenkox	354-4555
	Access from the Whitewater Ski Area. Apres-ski at Kim & Janice's (see below)		
Feb. 25, 25-26 or 25-28	McKEAN LAKES (A1 to C2)	John Stewart	352-3273
	Choice of one, two or four day trip. For full information see next page.		
Mar 5	KOCH CREEK/LITTLE SLOCAN (A1)	Peter Wood	359-7107
Mar 12	ROSSLAND RANGE (B2)	Chris Overton	362-7178
	Red Mt./Old Glory area		
Mar 19	SALMO-CRESTON AREA	Dave Adams	399-4256

Note that some destinations are not very specific. These will depend on access & snow conditions. Call the leader by mid-week for details.

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

February 19 Apres-ski at 44 Oak St., Nelson (Kim Kratky/Janice Isaac). Soup etc. All are welcome, whether you went to Ymir Mt. or not, but please call to say if you'll be there (352-3895)

February 28 WHERE-SHOULD-CLIMBING-CAMP-BE MEETING. Details p. 4

1988 KOOTENAY KARABINERS ARE READY!

We again ask local members to pick up their copies. Phone to make arrangements if you have a problem in doing so. Those who live outside the area will have their copies mailed out. (home)

DISTRIBUTORS Nelson: Fred Thiessen, FS Office, 518 Lake St. 352-6140
Castlegar: Sue/Bert Port, 2713-10th Ave., 365-6056
Rossland/Trail: Rita/Ken Holmes, 2359 Leroi, Rossland, 362-7723

HIKING CAMP INFORMATION / APPLICATION INSIDE

FEBRUARY 25 McKEAN LAKES

Meet: Passmore Junction, 7:00 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, then drive 20 miles to end of ploughing on Koch Crk. logging road (km 52, Murray Crk)

Choices: 1) one-day ski to McKean Crk & return (A 1) - 5 miles (one way) on gentle, unploughed road (500' vertical rise) with open views.

2) Saturday night at McKean Lakes Lodge (C 2) - 3 more miles and 2200' more vertical (climbing skins) - skiing above the lodge on Sat. p.m. and Sun. a.m. - ski out Sun. p.m.

3) Sat., Sun., Mon. nights at the Lodge - ski out Tuesday.

Lodge costs: \$50 per night (includes tea, dinner, breakfast & packed lunch). Bring Saturday lunch & light sleeping bag. Two person cubicles with sleeping platform & foamies. Maximum 10 people at lodge.

Full payment to be received by February 22 by:

John Stewart, Box 376, Nelson, V1L 5R2 352-3273

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Notes from an Executive meeting, January 16, 1989

CONSERVATION - Since Parks Branch planning for the Purcell Wilderness is underway, Derek has suggested that the Club concentrate its efforts in that area. He will contact various bodies for information. (We have recently heard via CBC that Open Houses will be held and questionnaires distributed in April or May.)

FMCBC - Peter McIver will be the Club's delegate as he expects to have to be in Vancouver fairly frequently and will be able to attend some meetings and make our concerns known.

and, of course, plans for our

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On April 1, 1964, a meeting was held to form the Kootenay Section of the Alpine Club of Canada. Five years later the KMC and ACC parted ways, and the first Spring Dinner of the KMC was held April 25, 1969. In late April this year the Spring Dinner will celebrate this 20/25 year anniversary.

Social Chairpersons Carol Potasnyk & Janice Isaac are working on a program now and they are **LOOKING FOR HELP:**

SLIDES - the Club hopes to collect a few slides from each year - the camps, trips, trail clearings, hut buildings, personalities etc. Those of you with early slides, please dust them off & contact Carol or Janice (or others on the executive). If you know of former members who may have good collections, please pass on their names.

ADDRESSES - of charter & early members who have moved away but might be able to return.

IDEAS - for other entertainment (skits?) or for other events later in the year

Call Carol (354-4437) or Janice (352-3895) or write Box 3195.

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FORMER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS - There are some glaring gaps in the Club "Archives". If anyone out there has a collection of Minutes, Correspondence or Newsletters (especially 1970-1977) please contact Sue Port.

Rover Creek - across from S. Slocan, this road is open till late Feb. or early March. Good access to Copper Mt. hut.

Boulder Creek - up the Little Slocan valley, between Airy & Russel Creeks. To about 5500' until late Feb. (see Trip Reports)

Akokli Creek - on the east shore of Kootenay Lake. Ploughed to 5500' or so. Likely to late Feb. or early March.

TRIP REPORTS

COPPER MT. 7300' January 8

Fred Thiessen

Capitalizing on the ploughed Rover Creek Road, we drove to road end (4900') early Sunday morning. We headed to the Conner-Copper pass (6100'), then to the west ridge of Copper (6400'). Once on the ridge we headed for the top which was very cold and windy. A run down to the hut for lunch, then another trip to the top for another run, then home. The snow was fabulous; it couldn't have been better. The hut is in great shape for potential visitors.

On the trip: Roland Perrin, Dave Adams, A. Lawerance, Carol Potasnyk, Dave Toews, Fred Thiessen.

UNNAMED 8100', west of Mt. Lequereux, January 14 Fred Thiessen

Knowing that this was the last weekend of logging at Windy Lake (headwaters of Koch Crk) we "cruised" to road end at the lake after a long drive. From here we went up (south) to the small lake NNW of Lequereux for lunch. Then we attempted Unnamed 8100'. We didn't make it (100 ft. short) but we had a great ski run (one increment below fabulous). This would be a great place for a summer outing.

We were: R. Perrin, P. McIver, Jeff ?, Heather ?, J. Isaac, A. Lawerance, F. Thiessen.

BOULDER CREEK, January 20 & 28

Another of Fred's explorations of winter logging roads. Boulder is off Koch Crk, between Airey & Russel Creeks. On the first trip the left hand forks were taken to a loading stage at about 5500'. The party ascended in increasing snowfall & wind to find themselves on a bump at 7000' (1½ km E of "Boulder L."). When the visibility improved they had good views of Mulvey etc. but could see no reasonable route to anywhere else.

On the 2nd visit the first right fork was taken, which led towards the lake at the head of the creek. The terrain offered more possibilities and a 7700' peak SW of the lake was reached, but the weather was warm and the snow terrible. (almost)

On one or both trips: F. Thiessen, K. Holmes, P. McIver, B. & S. Port, R. Perrin, J. Isaac.

CLEARWATER CREEK TO QUA (?) PEAK, January 24 John Stewart

This peak (7350', ½ mile E of Qua Lake - map 82 F/6) is at the very head of Clearwater Creek. This is a great one-day ski if conditions are perfect: 4,300 ft. vertical, 16 miles return, gentle to moderate slopes all the way.

Begin: Clearwater Rd., 100 yds S of Whitewater Lodge and the big x-c parking area on Hwy. 6. At 4 miles, junction of Huckleberry Pass trail - keep left, drop to bridge to recross to north side of Clearwater Crk. At 5 miles: logging skid road ends at avalanche slopes. Keep gradually ascending a few hundred feet above the creek through scattered trees for 3 miles to Qua Peak.

On the trip: Earl Jorgensen, John Stewart.

1989 CLIMBING CAMP

WHERE WILL IT BE? WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE IT TO BE? Want to participate in the quest for the location of Climbing Camp 1989? Meeting at Fred Thiessens (167-B Trevor St., Nelson) on FEBRUARY 28, 1990 hrs.

How about: the Tantalus Range (nr. Squamish), Mt. Trident & area (Northern Selkirks), or YOUR SUGGESTIONS WELCOME. (Phone Fred, 352-6140, if you cannot attend but want input).

1989 HIKING CAMP - WILDCAT CREEK

Location: Headwaters of Wildcat Creek, a tributary of the Blaeberry River, 7 km west of Peyto Lake on the Great Divide. Camp will be at 7000' in a large alpine basin surrounded by magnificent peaks & glaciers. A 2000' climb will give hikers a view of the huge Wapta Icefield. This is the Rocky Mts. at their best! (Map 82 K10)

Travel: Allow 7 hrs. driving from Nelson. Drive to Golden, take Blaeberry access road to ridge at 5600'. Helicopter to camp, 5 min. Approx. 3 hr. hike in is possible. Further info. on rendezvous in June information packet.

NOTE: all times will be Mountain Standard (move clock 1 hr. ahead)

Dates: July 22-29, July 29 - August 5, August 5 - 12

Cost: \$180 total. Registration upon receipt of \$50 non-refundable deposit & signed waiver. No phone registrations please. Full payment by June 15.

Age restriction: Minimum age is 15 yrs. Members 15 to 18 must be accompanied by a parent or other adult who will be responsible for them at camp.

Registration priority: Members who have joined the Club or renewed their memberships prior to February 1st are granted an exclusive two-month period to register for camp. Any remaining vacancies will be advertised in the April Newsletter for those members who join after Feb. 1.

Cancellations: \$50 deposits are non-refundable. The total fee is forfeited after June 30 unless a replacement is found. It is the member's responsibility to find a replacement if there is no one on the wait list. Those on the wait list have first priority. Contact Ron Cameron before finding a replacement.

Send registration form with signed waiver (one for EACH member attending - photocopy if necessary) and deposit payable to Kootenay Mountaineering Club to:

Ron Cameron, 2054 7th Ave., Trail, B.C. V1R 3C5

Camp Committee: Ron Cameron 364-1487
Joan Harvey 352-5666) Contact for further info.
Jim Kienholz 352-2590) on camp location

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NEWSLETTER

THIS FRIDAY!

MARCH 10

7:30 p.m. Nordic Hall, Columbia Ave. (2609), Castlegar

CHIC SCOTT, Canadian mountaineer who has climbed in many mountain areas of the world and has made several long ski traverses in our western mountains, will be visiting this area and will share with us a 90-minute slide presentation:

SKI EXPEDITIONS IN THE CANADIAN MOUNTAINS

covering the period 1929 to the 1980's, including the early Jasper to Banff expeditions (1929 & 1931), the original Jasper to L. Louise high level traverse (1967), the Rogers' Pass to Bugaboos traverse and others in the Selkirks, Cariboos and Purcells.

Cost: \$2 (hall rental etc.)

Non-members most welcome - please pass the word.

→ THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 1989 DUES WILL NOT RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER. IF YOU SUSPECT THAT YOUR FRIENDS ARE IN THIS CATEGORY, YOU MIGHT TELL THEM ABOUT THIS SHOW.

RESERVE THIS DATE!!! SATURDAY, APRIL 22

You won't want to miss the SPRING DINNER celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Kootenay Section of the ACC/Kootenay Mountaineering Club. It will be held in NELSON (exact location next Newsletter - a catered affair). It is hoped that many members & former members from outside the "core area" will be able to attend (sleeping space available Saturday night).

Skits are being devised and old slides collected. Iain Martin will present the slides - contact him (362-9472) if you have early ones.

TRIPS on p.2 - Note DATES OF EASTER TRIP, AND DEADLINE OF MARCH 10

CLIMBING CAMP and MOUNTAINEERING COURSE applications inside.

SCHEDULED TRIPS

Mar 12	ROSSLAND RANGE B2	Chris Overton	362-7178
	Probably Record Mt./Ridge beyond Granite		
Mar 19	SALMO-CRESTON	Dave Adams	399-4256
<u>Mar 24-26</u>	NOTE DATES OF EASTER TRIP TO ROGERS PASS (02)		
		Peter McIver	362-9513
	Please call Peter by MARCH 10 so that he can book the Wheeler Hut.		
Apr 2	WHITEWATER VALLEY 02	Howie Ridge	354-4909
	Access from Retallack. Destination to depend on avalanche conditions.		
apr 9	GRASSY MT. B2	Herman Kemperman	365-5338
	Access from the Castlegar/Salmo Hwy. if conditions are reasonable.		
(Note change of date, place & leader from original schedule!)			

Purcell Wilderness Conservancy

The Parks Branch is working on a Draft Master Plan for this area, which will be presented at public meetings to be held in late April.

In the meantime, various interest groups in the East Kootenay (guides, trappers, environmentalists, wilderness users) got together before Christmas to discuss the various issues, and decided that it would be useful if West Kootenay groups were also involved, with the hope that a position acceptable to most could be presented to Parks.

To that end, meetings under the name of the "Kootenay Coalition for Wilderness" are being held at Gray Creek on a series of Saturdays (starting Feb. 18), with representatives of various groups being invited. KMC unfortunately has not been able to have a constant "delegate" but various people have attended.

Under discussion have been the difficult questions of the definition of "wilderness", of access, and of the commercial use of the area. One major issue is whether the Purcells should continue as a Conservancy (a rather unique designation, created by Order-in-Council and thus with no real protection) or be made a Class A park (with the promise that these will soon be protected by legislation). A problem in determining status is the long-standing use of the east side of the Purcells by guides/outfitters. They have worked hard to preserve the area and must be considered in any future plans.

We shall try to have more information in the next Newsletter in order that members will be well prepared for the Public Meetings.

NEW MEMBERS

Clover, Virginia	- 310 Montcalm St., Trail, V1R 2S5	364-2779
Grierson, Catherine	- #2, 210 Victoria St., Nelson, V1L 4K1	354-4186
Griffin, Ann	- 1044 Sierra St., Berkeley, Calif.	
Jones, Janet	- 4881 Wesley Rd., Victoria, V8Y 1Y6	658-5917
Lobban, Kelvin	- Box 1108, Rossland, VOG 1Y0	362-5042
Malacek, Mark & Annette	- Box 1665, Rossland, VOG 1Y0	362-9504
Netzel, Rhonda	- 4582 West 14th Ave., Vancouver, V6R 2Y4	222-8195
Nixon, Curt	- 3008 4th Ave., Castlegar, V1N 2S6	365-7197
O'Flannagan, Carmel	- Box 196, Rossland, VOG 1Y0	362-5000
Perrin, Roland & Murielle	- 716 Kokanee Ave., Nelson, V1L 3P4	352-5480

cont'd

New Members cont'd.

Price, David - Box 1702, Cold Lake, Alta, TOA OVO 639-3105
Sikula, Teresa, - R.R. 3, Sunshine Bay, Nelson, V1L 5P6 229-4986
Simpson, Jim & Terri - Box 396, Montrose, VOG 1P0 367-9647
Van Dieren, David, - Box 1585, Rossland, VOG 1Y0 362-5961
Witton, Tom - 1415 Kootenay St., Nelson, V1L 1L8 352-9794

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to commend Derek Willans on his excellent Conservation column in the KMC Newsletter (Jan. 1989) and thank him. Few have the courage to speak up and tell it like it is.

This is an appropriate quotation from Driftwood Valley that I have always liked:

Man talks much about serving his fellow men, very little about serving the earth which has served him faithfully throughout the centuries of his being, and without whose co-operation he could not even exist. It is very humbling to learn how much better a natural area gets on without the inevitable interference or exploitation of man.

Megan Moorcroft

I write in response to Derek Willan's article in the January Newsletter. I appreciate his concern with preserving the Canadian environment but feel the idea of limiting immigration is to some extent a "false trail". I would like to see this issue debated by the K.M.C. before Derek, on the Club's behalf, forwards a proposal to Ottawa! So to continue the debate here are my thoughts on the issue.

There is indeed an absolute limit to the population a given ecosystem can support without marked deterioration. However I would suggest that the largest proportion of environmental damage in Canada is due to the commercial exploitation of our natural resources by "multi-nationally" controlled corporations for whom the whole world is the potential market. In this situation limiting immigration will do nothing to decrease the level of exploitation. If we want to protect our national resources we need to:

- develop environmentally sound resource planning at a national level,
- live more simply so we consume fewer resources ourselves,
- share any additional resources our environment can spare with needy third world countries at a reasonable cost (their desperate search for food, clothing and shelter causes massive environmental deterioration in their home countries which adversely affects the global environment, i.e. Canada too!)

The famous environmentalist dictum "THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY" leads me to suggest that we continue to air issues such as these, but that the most useful thing the Club can do is to continue lobbting (as it has done effectively in the past) to maintain and improve our local environment (and, of course, to stop buying every new bit of high-tech mountaineering equipment that hits the market!).

Wendy Hurst

And another letter on the last page...

1989 CLIMBING CAMP

WINDY RANGE

July 29 - August 7

Location: The Windy Range is in the Northern Selkirk Mts. at the headwaters of Bigmouth, French and Windy Creeks. Peaks in the area are Mt. Neptune (10,450'), Trident (10,240') plus 8-10 lesser peaks between 9 & 10,000 ft. Peaks are composed of metamorphic rocks (micaceous schists) with some granite on Mts. Trident and Neptune.

Map: 82 M 16

Cost: Total cost approx. \$300. Non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required with your application form. Full payment is due not later than June 30. Make cheques payable to Kootenay Mountaineering Club,

Cancellations: Deposits are non-refundable. The balance is refundable until June 30, after which time the total fee is forfeited unless a suitable replacement is found. Organizers will assist in finding a replacement, but the responsibility for doing so rests with the member.

Camp will provide breakfasts, dinners, a cook and the flight in and out. Participants supply their own lunches, tents and climbing gear.

For more details, call Fred Thiessen at 352-6140 (home) or 354-6200 (work). Information on equipment, participants, meeting time etc. will be sent to all applicants, plus a waiver to be signed. If you have the copy of the waiver from the February Newsletter, please send it in with your application.

For background information, there are three articles in the Canadian Alpine Journal: 1937, p. 19-22; 1951, p. 44-52; 1952, p. 110-114. Read these and be thankful that you will be helicoptered into camp! ("It is the considered opinion of three of us who know that the bush travel in Trident Creek is exceptional, and much worse than for instance in Swan Creek.")

A COOK is needed. Please call Fred if you are interested or have a suggestion. There is a modest stipend.

1989 CLIMBING CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Phone: home _____

Address _____ work _____

I require a ride _____ I have transportation _____

I have space for _____ riders

I have a truck or van which could transport camp food and equipment (we cover costs) _____

Send with \$50.00 deposit to: Fred Thiessen, 167-B Trevor St.,
Nelson, B.C. V1L 2W2

KMC BASIC MOUNTAINEERING COURSE 1989

This Basic Course is a general course intended for beginners. The course will include general aspects of wilderness travel, mountain hazards and safety, rock climbing, glacier travel and crevasse rescue. The course is divided into two parts:

Rock School Schedule

1. Lecture April 26, at Selkirk College
2. Rock Climbing May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at the Kinnaird Bluffs Castlegar

Snow and Ice School Schedule

1. Safety and Rescue May 31 at the Kinnaird Bluffs Castlegar
2. Snow Lecture June 7 at Selkirk College
3. Snow Practice June 10 at Ymir Bowl
4. Ice Snow Weekend June 17,18 Glacier Creek {may have to change place, depending on conditions}

Requirements

1. KMC member
2. 14 years of age minimum
3. good physical condition
4. signing of the KMC Indemnity and Release of Liability

Fees

Club Membership single \$26 junior (14-18) \$16
Rock School \$45 Snow and Ice School \$30 Both \$65 (includes rental of harness, helmet, ice-axe, crampons)

If you are interested in enrolling in this course please complete the application form and send a cheque or money order payable to the Kootenay Mountaineering Club to: Esther Neufeld

R.R. #3

Nelson, B.C.

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If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 229-5487.

THERE IS A LIMITED ENROLLMENT

DEADLINE FOR applications is April 10,1989

Application for KMC Mountaineering Course

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Adult _____ Junior _____

Dear KMC Friends,

I wanted to thank all of you who attended the Best of the Banff Festival in Nelson for your support. While the "filthy lucre" of profit went into my own pocket, rest assured it wasn't a killing and the project was more a labour of love than motivated by dollars alone.

It is for this reason that I hope this reaches all who saw the films because I want to extend an apology. I was let down by circumstances which dictated the films that were sent. Clearly there was not enough of the Best of the Festival as was the case in past years. The content of films was beyond my control as were the translations. The quality of light was my mistake as well. While a Xenon bulb projector was rented, the jury rigged screen did not give back enough light.

Anyone wishing a refund can drop me a line or phone. Hopefully the next attempt will avoid the pitfalls of the last show.

Dennis Herman, Box 102, TaTa Creek, B.C. V0B 2H0 422-3419

FROM BOX 3195

- 1) Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies - Summer 1989 brochure. Five week-long camps - all mod cons - \$340. Brochures available at the March 10 slide show.
- 2) English Wanderer - summer 1989 brochure. Walking & cycling tours in the British Isles. Local agent: Box 484, Kaslo, V0G 1M0

KMC members may be interested in:

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: GLOBAL ISSUES AND A LOCAL STRATEGY - a 2-day Workshop, April 1-2, in Nelson, sponsored by CUSO and the Kootenay Centre for a Sustainable Future.

The purpose: to bring together a cross-section of W.K. interests to discuss & map-out a sustainable future for the area. There will be speakers with experience in other regions and countries.

For further information: Greg Utzig, 602 Richards St., Nelson, V1L 5K5, 352-5288.

Never a serious student of nature - or of anything else - I judged at least that humanity may be roughly divided between two estates: the people of the indoors and those of the outdoors, of street and of trail. Sometimes the twain meet in business, politics or society, but they do not speak the same inner language. Except for trivial communication, they inhabit different worlds.

Bruce Hutchison, A life in the country, 1988.

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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1989

25th Anniversary Dinner

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - 6:30 p.m.

ELKS HALL, 812 STANLEY STREET, NELSON

\$15.50/person - Beer & wine available
or B.Y.O.B.

Renew old acquaintances - Slides* - Skits & More

Billetting available Saturday night (request in advance)

R.S.V.P. BY APRIL 15 to:

Nelson: Janice Isaac, 352-3895, or Carol Potasnyk, 354-4437

Castlegar: Sue Port, 365-6056

Rossland/Trail: Rita Holmes, 362-7723

PURCELL WILDERNESS CONSERVANCY - OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSIONS
(see the Conservation Report on p.4)

NELSON - Chakho-Mika Mall, May 5, 4-9 p.m.
May 6, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

KASLO - Langham, May 7, 12 to 9 p.m.

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*Please send those slides to Iain Martin NOW!!

May-June

Classification:

Physical Demands: A - not strenuous Technical Demands: 1 - hike
B - moderate 2 - scramble
C - strenuous 3 - climb, some may rope up
D - very strenuous 4 - climb, continual belays

Length: D - day trip, O - overnight trip D/O - option of participating overnight or for one day of trip

April 23 Slocan Lake Trail D Al Carol Potasnyk 354-4437
(A nice hike the day after the anniversary dinner.)

May 22	Elephant Mt.	D	Al	Peter Tchir	359-7440
	(Monday hike via Pulpit Rock. Open to kids.)				

May 27, 28 Christina Lake D/O Al+ John Stewart 352-3273
(Hike along the lake and up Sandner Ck. at the end. Possible goat area.)

June 4 Commonwealth Mt. D B1 Rod Beauprie 362-5579
(Early hike so expect snow.)

*****June 10 Snow School*****

June 11 Mt. Bor D B2 Peter McIver 362-9513
(Would this Valhalla peak be better classed as a C?)

*****June 17,18 Ice and Crevasse School*****

June 17	Crawford Peak	D	B1	Earl Jorgensen	352-7775
	(A lake with fish at the trail head.)				

June 18 Columbia River D Dave Adams 399-4256
Canoe Trip
(This traditional Wednesday trip has been teamed with the Canoe Club and moved to Sunday to give more daylight hours. The Colander should still be a possible end point.)

June 25 Mt. Baldy D B1 Kim Kratky 352-3895
 (Near Ymir and up Clearwater Ck.)

July 1,2,3 Mt. Bonney 0 C2 Fred Theissen 352-6140
(Probably the same route tried in previos attempts but in better weather.)

July 3	Sphinx Mt. (A standard trip.)	D	B2	Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
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Notes: 1. The remainder of the schedule will appear in the May newsletter. There is still a need for trips and leaders for July and August. If you can help contact Peter Tchir at 359-7440.

2. This summer will have a midweek schedule with a full list of Wednesday trips available during July and August. Details in May.

HIKING CAMP NEWS

As of late March, Camp I was full (with a wait list of 10!), and Camps II & III each had a few spaces. If you have not yet applied, call Ron Cameron (364-1487) before sending in your money.

Correction: The map reference is 82 N10

Further note: There is a ski hut with a 12 person capacity located 2 km north and 600' lower than the hiking camp site.

HELEN BUTLING - NEWS AND AN APPEAL

As many of you know, Helen Butling had a hip replacement operation in January. Although the hip is fine, there have sadly been serious complications and at the end of March she remains in the Vancouver General Hospital. She will be moving to an extended care facility in Vancouver or Nelson when space becomes available.

Although she is unable to respond to the many cards and letters which she has received, her family would like to thank all those who have thought of her.

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In view of Helen's illness, she will not be able to attend our Anniversary Dinner. As a token of appreciation for her countless contributions to the Club, we would like to put together an interesting photo album for the enjoyment of Helen and her family.

PLEASE HELP by looking out your NEGATIVES, SLIDES or 5" x 7" PRINTS with Helen in them and send them to:

Anne Dean, Box 96, Crescent Valley, VOG 1H0
IMMEDIATELY!

Please include
place & date.

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TRIP REPORT

McKEAN LAKES, February 25 +

John Stewart

There were 10 people for various times from 1 to 4 nights at McKean Lakes Lodge, including Gary & Margo Williams, Earl Jorgensen & John Stewart. Perfect powder snow even on the ridges, and one perfect sunny day. It's a great area, winter or summer.

Note: summer at McKean Lodge - for KMC members only, for this year only: \$20/person/day if you bring and cook your own food (meals can also be provided). Call 355-2518.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Derek Willans proposals regarding conservation and the environment deserve vigorous support.

The response of your reader who blames environmental damage on large corporations is not unexpected. It is easy to forget that these are a secondary effect of a growing population, which is the prime cause of environmental damage.

We have encouraged development of resources to provide jobs and tax revenue for social services. If we do not want development of resources then we should logically oppose immigration. Each new Canadian who wades ashore requires support and space.

If your readers think that some "multi-nationally" controlled corporations are garnering too much profit, then perhaps they could name them, for I cannot find one whose common shares yield more than a small fraction of Canada Savings Bonds.

Basil McDonnell, Trail

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Derek Willans

It was during the sixties that the sudden expansion of resource extraction in the Kootenays, accelerating at a geometric progression (three plywood mills, eight sawmills, two pulp mills, the immense flooding of Mica, Duncan and the Arrow, open pit mining and logging up every valley) started locals worrying about their backyard.

It all seemed to culminate in 1972 when members of the KMC jubilantly and worriedly embraced a spontaneous reaction by the public to save Fry Creek, the last of the unlogged canyons into Kootenay Lake. They eventually played a leading role, holding forth in public meetings and lobbying in Victoria.

At the same time other groups were pushing for a large wilderness area in the Purcells and it was only natural that everyone got behind the idea of a Purcell Wilderness. In 1974 the Cabinet of the day saw fit to pass an "Order-in-Council" establishing the Purcell Wilderness. This did not guarantee the Purcell Wilderness as any Cabinet could come up with another "Order". Subsequent Cabinets however were reluctant to stir up old passions so the original "Order-in-Council" has remained intact for 15 years.

Mining claims prior to 1974 have continued to be maintained and logging companies, counting the dollars locked up, have created a constant pressure on government to change the boundaries. The government, unwilling to act, set up the Wilderness Advisory Committee in 1986. Its recommendation on the Purcells was that a public master plan and boundary review be completed by 1990.

The government seems to be trying to meet the 1990 deadline. So far they have completed the master plan background report. They insist that the master plan must not make the issue of boundary review a focus of public attention. They indicate that this issue will be dealt with at some future date through a separate interagency and public review process.

In the meantime, Provincial Parks is planning sessions to review and comment on the issues and options with interest groups in March & April. Presumably Parks will be part of the inter agency committee which will establish the boundaries.

Prior to meeting with Parks a coalition of groups interested in the Purcell Wilderness met four times at Gray Creek. After a few false starts there was a wide consensus on topics such as campsites, cabins, horses, motorised vehicles, guiding, trapping - the feeling being that these were not part of the wilderness scene. On historical activities such as hunting there was no consensus, but on mining there was consensus that there be no exploration and that existing claims be purchased. Trail building should be at a minimum and no better than Grade 4.

As far as boundaries are concerned, there was consensus on including the land on which the Earl Gray Cabin sits, and the Carney Creek watershed.

Hopefully, members will drop by the Parks Open Houses (times and places on page 1) and give their support. If you cannot, I will be glad to hear from you. (1704 Topping St., Trail, V1R 4G3, 368-3772).

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**KOOENAY
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MAY 1989

NEWSLETTER

Tribute to Helen Deane Butling

(1913-1989)

Wild Spring Violets

A bouquet of fresh spring violets at your farewell
Wild violets, ambrosial, midnight-blue, from Jane's garden
Daughters, sisters, brothers, friends came from afar
Not you, you were on the mountain, on your lake, in the forest
There were beautiful grandchildren at your farewell
Singing, reciting, playing music, crying
You, in the wind outside, in a ray of sun, in the snow up high
Mike, Sue, John, Neil, Sally said good-bye
They came to tell true stories, to praise, to mourn
We all must leave, said Anne, one of your lovely sisters
You and Ruth led the way, follow we must
Will there be sweet spring violets in Nelson's gardens
Oh yes, For they are forever wild and free and now you

With love
Mari

FAREWELL...

Before we could celebrate the accomplishments and fellowship of 25 years of KMC history, we mourned the loss of one of KMC's founders and central members. Helen Butling died April 5. Many of us were present at her memorial service in Nelson, and at the Spring Dinner Leo Gansner and Chris Penn spoke of her importance to all of us who were fortunate enough to know her, either through the mountains or the many other facets of her very full and rich life. We will remember her in Kokanee, especially at the Slocan Chief Cabin, and at the little mountain fishing lakes, and in all the mountain areas we shared with her.

We will also remember her as we continue the struggle to protect our parks and other irreplaceable wild places - Kokanee, Fry Creek, the Purcells, and wherever else they are threatened. For, as Leo said, "She was an environmentalist and conservationist par excellence. We should take as an example for ourselves her dedication and her contribution to this Club and to the Kootenays."

AND CELEBRATION

But we did celebrate at the 25th Anniversary Dinner. Some members and former members returned from far away: Parfitts from Nanaimo, Penns from Squamish, Gansners and Bill Hurst from Cranbrook. And there were others from long ago: Askews, Streets, Gerry Browns, Vince Andersons, Ted Bakers, Scott Donalds, Norm Wagner and many others.

Howie Ridge helped us to remember Ian Hamilton, Rob Mills and Jim Brennan.

Jack Steed, Earl Jorgensen, Megan Moorcroft, Pat Ridge and Rod McLeod entertained with remarkable dances, forgotten punch lines, songs and shredded socks (you had to be there). Iain Martin and Ken Holmes managed to sift through 25 years of many members' slides to show us some of the strange characters who visited many wonderful mountain places.

We even managed one item of business:

TO ELECT A NEW CHAIRMAN - RITA HOLMES - CONGRATULATIONS!

(does anyone remember how we came to do this in the spring, with all other elections in the fall?)

And we talked, and met people who had only been names or whom we had not seen for years. It was a great evening.

THANK YOU CAROL & JANICE & ALL WHO HELPED TO MAKE IT SUCH A SUCCESS

The KMC executive wishes to thank all those members who helped make our 25th Anniversary Dinner such an enjoyable evening.

Special thanks to Iain Martin & Ken Holmes for the slides, the Kokanee Theatre Group for the entertainment, to Joan Harvey, Mike Brewster, Jim Kienholz & Fred Thiessen for decorating and clean-up, and to the 100 people who showed up to make the evening a success.

Overheard at the Spring Dinner:

Old-time former member: "We should have a camp for all the old farts. Helicopter in and out, climb a few peaks, tell lots of stories."

Old-time & still current member: "That sounds just like climbing camp. Why don't you come?"

SCHEDULED TRIP - details on the CHRISTINA LAKE HIKES, May 27-28

Two trails: Christina Lake shore trail from Texas Point to north end of lake: 10 km (one way)

Sandner Creek Trail past pioneer farms & logging at north end of lake: 5 km (one way)

Both trails in good shape, very little vertical, good open views of lake, creeks, mountains and ponderosa forest. Camping at north end of lake at recreation sites (or at far end of Creek trail).

Four options:

- 1) Saturday, May 27: 8 a.m. hike Lake Trail (1-way) and Creek Trail (both ways) = 20 km total. Return by boat at 6 p.m.
- 2) Saturday, 5 p.m.: boat to N. end of lake, camp overnight, hike Creek Trail without packs and Lake Trail with packs.
- 3) Saturday: hike Lake and Creek Trails, camp overnight. Packs brought up by boat. Sunday: swim (small beaches, "warm" water), hike out with packs.
- 4) Canoe Christina Lake (both ways or one-way & switch canoes) and hike Creek Trail. One long day or camp overnight (packs up by boat).

Boat fare: approx. for one way: \$7.50/person (inc. day pack)
\$2.50/overnight pack & food

Call John Stewart, 352-3273

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CLUB CAMPS

→ CLIMBING CAMP: Camp is FULL. A SECOND WEEK IS CONTEMPLATED. IF ←
INTERESTED, CONTACT FRED THIESSEN SOON!!

A cook is still needed. Any suggestions?

HIKING CAMP: All three weeks are full, with wait lists. Information on travel, equipment etc. will come with the June Newsletter. Final payment is due June 15.

HUTS PAST AND FUTURE

There was another sad note at the Spring Dinner - the announcement that the MULVEY HUT is no more. For twenty years it sheltered climbers, fed porcupines and survived winter snows. However, it had become beyond repair, through old age and a bizarre and tragic accident this winter. Reluctantly, Parks decided to burn it.

However, George Apel is full of plans for the "missing link" in the Bonnington Haute Route. He hopes that an A-frame can be pre-fabricated with help from some government grants, and erected by Club members near Siwash Mt.

TRIP REPORTS

WATERFALL CLIMBING, Canadian Rockies, Feb. & March Sabina Reska

Mid-February found Jeff Lakes and I in the Banff area. Climbs were well formed, and although the temperature was below -25 C, we were able to complete several climbs. After about a week of climbing here, we met Eric Hoogstraten in Jasper and completed the long Maligne Canyon. Several hours of walking up the frozen riverbed was enhanced by soloing some steep smears on the canyon walls around us. Several vertical steps, which in past seasons were connected by well-formed pillars of ice, were void of ice or broken off part way down. One such step involved climbing a six foot ice roof to get onto the top part of the pillar. A Grade 3 pitch brought us out of the deep narrow canyon.

Later in March, Jeff, along with partner Rick Cox, returned to the Columbia Icefields area to climb Curtain Call (Grade 5). Two difficult Grade 5 pitches of vertical chandelier ice were climbed before a long Grade 4 pitch put them on top. Eric Hoogstraten then rejoined Jeff and together they visited the well-formed ice at Field. Cool Spring (Gr 5) was climbed by its steeper and longer right-hand side up semi-bonded, vertical icicles. Carlsberg Column (Gr 5) was climbed on steep but well-formed ice. They finished off their season with Le Tabernacle (Gr 5), a new, steep two-pitch route formed by slender pillars hanging down from a 95 wall. The climb features bolt stations for belays and rappels, and well formed ice with occasional hollow sections behind the pillars - a classic.

SLOCAN LAKE TRAIL, April 23

Carol Potasnyk

If this day is any indication of what the rest of the season has in store, be prepared for a fantastic season. Twenty-one enthusiastic people enjoyed a great day of hiking and sunbathing along the shores of Slocan Lake. The falls on Evans Creek are well worth the short walk up the creek. Hiking time approximately 2½ hours one way. This includes a leisurely rest break.

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KOOTENAY KARABINER

As you plan those summer trips, think about the articles you are going to write for the Karabiner. Paul Allen will be waiting for them.

1983 issue: the extra copies of the 1983 Karabiner went "missing" and have just recently re-appeared. If anyone lacks this issue, please contact Sue Port. (Back copies of many other issues are available as well - \$3 for earlier issues, \$5 for the recent glossies).

SUMMER NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The May issue is a bit late because the editor went skiing. The deadline for June is May 31 (this will include the membership list - please send any corrections/changes to Garth Thomson).

There will be a combined July/August issue - sent out in mid-July.

Conservation Report by Derek Willans

About the middle seventies the KMC was asked to comment on the expansion plans by the Ski Area Operators in Banff National Park.

Though we declined to get involved in the Public Involvement process there was a general agreement in 1978 between Parks and the Ski Areas on what would be the ski area boundaries and new facilities for the next 42 years.

In 1986 the Sunshine Village Corporation appealed for substantial changes to the master plan that included more parking, a lift outside the master plan area and an additional hotel. The changes would provide for 8000 skiers whereas the master plan had specified a maximum of 6000 skiers.

It is my recommendation that the KMC intervene in the public review process and suggest that the Sunshine proposals are inconsistent with a National Park. That these proposals put a squeeze on a National Park because more tourist skiing will lead to more proposals, eventually creating an ecological isolation where the only life will be a skier day.

If any members feel otherwise please contact me.

Regarding the Purcell Conservancy a brief has been prepared for presentation to Parks at a private audition during the week of May 1-5.

At present only 3% of the narrow drainages on the West Coast of Vancouver Island are protected from logging. The Western Canada Wilderness Committee is trying to increase this to 4.3% by saving the huge first growth spruce forest of Carmanah Creek, which includes the tallest tree in Canada (97m). A letter has been written to the government supporting the preservation of Carmanah Cr. Letters from members will have a great impact so why not take five minutes and support the Carmanah.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Changes:

Larry Doell & Audrey Gerein, 401-577 E 8th Ave., Vancouver, V5T 1S9
873-2024

New Members:

Baillie, Jenny, Box 1684, Rossland, VOG 1Y0, 362-7720

Burton, Claudette & John, Box 70, Balfour, VOG 1C0, 229-5462

Carefoot, Layton & Maureen, 21 Pine St., R.R.1, Nelson, V1L 5P4
825-9410

Corey, Lynda & Robert, Box 1638, Rossland, VOG 1Y0

Rasku, Reino & Patricia, Box 270, Rossland, VOG 1Y0, 362-5701

FROM BOX 3195

- 1) Headwaters: the first international mountain writers conference.
July 14-16, 1989, Panorama, B.C. Brochure & registration form.
- 2) Northern Lights Alpine Recreation, Box 399, Invermere, VOA 1K0.
Brochure of summer offerings - hiking, climbing, photography.
- 3) Orienteering Association of B.C. - 1989 schedule of events and
information on four ROGAINES in the west. Call Scott Donald,
362-7768, if you are interested in this type of event.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE

2 frame packs, \$15 and \$30; 2-man "pup" tent, \$20;
snowshoes (need repair), \$10. PHONE 357-9734

FOR SALE

1 pr. crampons, size 8 (M); 1 climbing rope (good condition);
1 pr. fairly stiff hiking boots (will take crampons), size 9 (M)
Contact: Rose Anderson, 362-7292

NEW IN THE KMC LIBRARY

Thanks to Ron & Janet Cameron, we now have:

"Peak experiences, the climbing game", from Armchair Adventures
in Vancouver. Having made it to the top of the mountain, Ron &
Janet thought others might like to try this board game.

"Carmanah forever" - a videocassette from the WCWC on the threat-
ened Vancouver Island valley.

New members: the library is at the Ports, 2713 - 10th Ave, Castlegar.
A new library list is long overdue, but the file has "disappeared"
from our computer so the update will be somewhat delayed.

CUT OFF AND KEEP WITH YOUR SUMMER TRIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY TRIPS

The following trips are one day affairs scheduled for mid-week throughout the summer. Locations have been left to the designated leaders but if you have ideas that might suit the date, let them know and they will considerate it. Call by Monday if possible so that rides and equipment can be arranged. I expect most of the trips to be rated up to B2 so no technical climbing will likely be involved.

5	July	Jack Steed	352-2196	2	August	Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
12	"	Earl Jorgensen	352-7775	9	"	Megan Moorcroft	352-9404
19	"	John Stewart	352-3273	16	"	Kathy Hendren	825-4357
26	"	Anna Thyer	352-5265	23	"	Wendy Hurst	399-4157
				30	"	Ray Neumar	352-7042

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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

JUNE 1989

NEWSLETTER

THE RETURN OF THE K.M.C. PICNIC AT SYRINGA PARK

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 5:30 p.m. on

Come to the picnic area, which has tables & firepits.
Bring your own food, barbecues, utensils etc. etc.

ALSO BRING FIELD/BEACH GAMES - balls, darts, kites or
whatever. There is also a playground for children.

SCHEDULED TRIPS

June 17	CRAWFORD MT. B 1 Above Crawford Bay. Bonus of a fishing lake.	Earl Jorgensen	352-7775
June 18	COLUMBIA R. CANOE TRIP Joint trip with the Columbia Canoe Club. This traditional trip has been changed from a Wed. evening to a Sunday to give a more leisurely trip. Dinner at the Colander?	Dave Adams	399-4256
June 25	MT. BALDY B 1 Near Ymir, up Clearwater Crk.	Kim Kratky	352-3895
EW ADDITION July 1	OLD GLORY A-B 1 Old Glory on Canada Day!! Bring your flags.	Mary Baker	368-5530
July 1-3	MT. BONNEY C 2 Rogers Pass area. Good weather ordered.	Fred Thiessen	352-6140
July 3	SPHINX MT. B 2 Another tradition. Above Gray Creek.	Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
July 5	WEDNESDAY TRIPS START	Jack Steed	352-2196
July 8 (Sat.)	MT. VIRGIL B 1 Blue Grouse Basin, Kokanee Park, via Enterprise Crk.	Garth Thomson	362-7649
July 12	Wed. trip	Earl Jorgensen	352-7775
July 16	SNOWCREST MT. B 2 Howie has found an easy access to the highest peak in the Southern Purcells.	Howie Ridge	354-4909
July 19	Wed.	John Stewart	352-3273

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TRIPS cont'd

July 22-3 DUNCAN-BEAVER-SUGARLOAF C 2 Ken Holmes 362-7723
Up the Duncan R. to climb the one you missed last trip.
July 23 GEIGERICH-SAPPHIRE LAKES B 1 Bob Dean 359-7759
Kokanee Park via Lemon Crk.

JULY 15 - 20 TOP OF THE WORLD PROVINCIAL PARK

Missed out on Hiking Camp? Mary & Alan Baker invite members to join them in the southern Rockies. Easy backpack to base camp (3 km and 600') - a good family area. Call the Bakers at 368-5530.

TRIP NOTES FOR NEW MEMBERS

- Phone the trip leader several days in advance of a trip. Ask about the equipment and level of experience/skill needed. (If you can't reach the leader, try Peter Tchir, Trips Chairman, at 359-7440)
- Rides can often be shared. Tell the leader if you need a ride, or are willing to give one.
- Club ice axes are available for rent from:
Nelson: Fred Thiessen, 352-6140
Rossland: Peter McIver, 362-9513

The leader or someone else going on the trip may be able to pick one up for you if you are unable to do so.

CAMP NEWS

HIKING CAMP: your information sheet and camp roster should be enclosed

▲ LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN!!! Two 20-lb. propane tanks from the hiking camp equipment. Anyone with any information please call Mike Brewster, 352-5660

CLIMBING CAMP: A cook has been found. There will not be a 2nd week.

PHOTOS OF HELEN BUTLING

Would anyone who promised to send Anne Dean photos of Helen and who has not yet done so, PLEASE DO!! The album awaits your contribution.

HELP FOR WORN OUT CLIMBING OR TELEMARCK BOOTS

Fred Thiessen reports that DeVito's Shoe Repair in Nelson will repair your climbing & tele boots even if you think they are unsalvagable, particularly tele boots. No climbing shoes though (E.B.'s, Fires etc.) So you don't have to go to Goldstar in Vancouver (DeVito's father trained the Goldstar staff).

Large numbers continue to turn out for these easy, early-season hikes.

PULPIT ROCK, May 22. 15 adults and 11 kids (age 11 mos. to 14 yrs). All went to Pulpit Rock, some to the Second Lookout and one to the top of Elephant Mt.

CHRISTINA LAKE, May 27. Poor weather discouraged some, but 9 hardy people braved the cold and wet to hike to the end of the lake.

COMMONWEALTH MT., June 4. Nineteen showed up for this trip on a cloudless day (including 2 Aussies found the day before in Hamilton's driveway). Vehicles were left at the Huckleberry/Barret Crk. roads junction, where the road became a stream. Snow was encountered well before Barrett Lake. Above the lake, 10 headed for Dominion Mt. and the rest for Commonwealth, with a few running up and down several peaks.

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"This year we were extremely fortunate with the weather. Although to the uninitiated, rain every Wednesday would seem to be awful, it served to heighten our enjoyment. The rock, normally so hot and rough, has quite a different texture when running with water. The reduction of the coefficient of friction to .001 (tested by an independent laboratory, obviously), served admirably to stimulate the flow of adrenalin in the climber, while the sudden and frequent slips provided the belayer with much more practice than is usual. The camaraderie engendered when huddled at the foot of the cliff, face squinting upward into the rain, can only be appreciated by those who have experienced it."

Kinnaird Bluffs, May 1989??? No, this is from the Climbing School Report by Bert Port in the Kootenay Karabiner of 1971.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

NEW MEMBERS - Sharon Jacobs & Hugh Smith, Box 231, Rossland, VOG 1Y0
362-9616

CHANGES - These are included in your annual Membership List which is attached. Note changes for Alan & Mary Baker, Christa Dietz & Carol Potasnyk.

NEW IN THE KMC LIBRARY

Hiking on Rossland's Trails, by Leo Telfer. Rev. 1986.

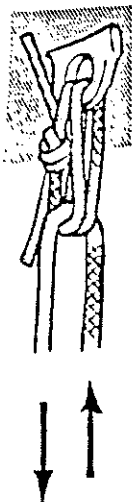
Access to and description of a number of old trails in the Rossland area. This booklet was revised by Pat (Telfer) Thomson.

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER: deadline mid-July. Date of production dependent on availability of copying facilities. Does anyone have access to a hi-speed copier in case of "emergency"? We expect to pay for paper plus. Please call Sue Port.

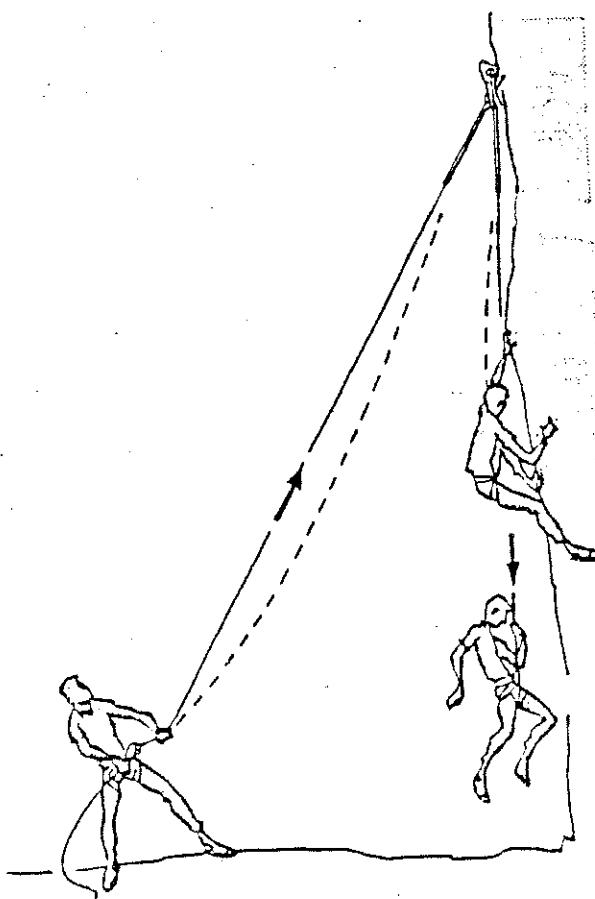
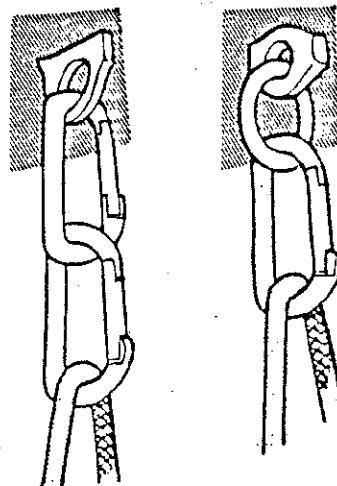
DANGER - Top Roping

Numerous accidents resulting in serious injuries and fatalities have been recorded when top roping climbers run the rope through a sling as per the diagram. When a fall occurs, or if the climber is being lowered, forces of 100 - 140 kp are being generated. This leads to the melting of the sling. The only safe way is to run the rope through a carabiner (see diagram). Even then lowering must be done slowly. Heat generated lies in the range of 100° C. This presents no problem for the carabiner, but it is hard on the rope.

WRONG!



CORRECT



Top Roping

Rope runs through sling.
When climber falls or is
lowered, sling melts and
climber falls.

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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 1989

SCHEDULED TRIPS

July 22-3	DUNCAN-BEAVER-SUGARLOAF C2	Ken Holmes	362-7723
July 23	GEIGERICH-SAPPHIRE LAKES, B1 Kokanee Park via Lemon Creek	Bob Dean	359-7759
* July 26	WED. HIKE	Anna Thyer	352-5265
July 30	J.C.'s CHOICE B2	John Carter	825-4306
Aug. 2	WED. HIKE	Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
Aug. 5-7	No word on a weekend trip. Call Peter Tchir (359-7440) to arrange something.		
Aug. 6	IDAHO LOOKOUT/SELKIRK PK. A/B1	Bob Dean	359-7759
NEW LISTING	Access from Sandon		
Aug. 9	WED. HIKE	Megan Moorcroft	352-9404
Aug. 13	LONG MT. C2	Dave Adams	399-4256
	Dave can't lead this, but phone him for the replacement leader. N.E. of Kokanee Park. access from New Denver area.		
Aug. 16	WED. HIKE	Kathy Hendren	825-4357
Aug. 19-20	MT. MARION C3	Mike Brewster	352-5666
	Access via Meadow Mt. The leader now knows the best route (still long). Car camp? or bivouac?		
Aug. 20	DOLLY VARDEN B2	Fred Thiessen	352-6140
	Goat Range, north of the New Denver-Kaslo road.		
Aug. 23	WED. HIKE	Wendy Hurst	399-4157
Aug. 26-7	GLACIER VIEW PEAK B3	Peter Wood	359-7107
	Overnight at the Woodbury Hut or a long day trip.		
Aug. 30	WED. HIKE	Ray Neumar	352-7042
Sep. 2-4	BUGABOOS FROM THE WEST B3	Chris Overton	362-7178
	(Rhonda's route - see the 1988 Karabiner for description). Good practise for climbing school students.		
Sep. 3	MT. MEERES B2	Bob Dean	359-7759
	Northern Valhallas. Last chance before the Slocan L. road closes.		

* See top of p. 2.

Ray Neumar has proposed a couple of trips and is inviting others to join him.

EARL GREY PASS - leaving about JULY 23 - a 4 to 5 day trip

WHITEWATER SKI AREA TO HARROP - if anyone has done this trip in the summer, he'd appreciate any information

Call him at 352-7042

Sept 9 : 1800 Wendy Hurst's place. Thrums - California North auto body on R. - turn L. there - turn R. parallel to highway - 150m ± depend of paving. Furthest L. driveway. Sign 1696.
 Pot-luck. Ham & cake supplied. TRIP REPORTS
 Microwave oven.

MT. BOR, June 11. Rod Beauprie was left to lead Peter McIver's "long access" trip. The trip was on snow from the Drinnon Lake parking lot. At 1 p.m., four stopped at the Lucifer col, while four others made it almost to the top of "False Bor".

CRAWFORD MT., June 17.

Earl Jorgensen

Eleven people caught the 8 a.m. ferry at Balfour on one of the few nice days between rain storms at this time of the year. The road up Crawford Crk. and then Springer Crk. to the 6000' parkinglot was in good shape. In places it may be too steep for anything but a 4WD vehicle (but what do I know?).

We were on the trail at 10 a.m. and at the top before noon with half the walking on snow. The lunch stop was rewarding in the view, but in spite of the sunshine it was cool enough that we spent only 30 minutes there and were back at the ferry at 2:10. That gave enough time for a beer stop at Chillers Pub (up the road from Duhamel Store on the north shore). A great day enjoyed by Laurie Charlton, Elaine Brown, Lorna Donaldson, Garth Thomson, Yvonne Tremblay, Kathy Hendren, Jane Steed, Mary Woodward, Ray Neumar, Bob Dean & Earl Jorgensen (L).

BALDY MT., June 25

Kim Kratky

As mentioned in the May Newsletter, turnout for these early season trips continues to be high. Twenty people visited this peak in the Nelson Range about 5 km south of Ymir Mt. Access was by way of Porcupine Crk. and the headwaters of Cultus Crk. Passenger cars can easily make it to the end of the road at 5900'. From this point it is a very easy two hours through light timber and the alpine to the 7612' summit (height verified by B. Dean). Of interest was the 6'x8' unroofed stone shelter on the top. I should mention that since much of the route is on private land, visitors are required to get a permit from Darkwoods Forestry in Nelson. The Club has a permit valid until October 2/89. Highly recommended for an easy outing.

OLD GLORY, July 1. 14 turned out on a cool & rain-threatening for this well-known hike. Leader: Mary Baker.

SPHINX MT., July 3.

Jane Steed

The mountain gremlins absconded with my list of the 16 enthusiastic participants on this Dominion Day weekend outing. Four 4x4 vehicles caught the 7:30 a.m. ferry and squeezed past the road building sites on the Gray Creek road for our annual Sphinx climb led by Yvonne Tremblay. We were greeted by hosts of golden avalanche lilies and anemones at their colourful best, beautiful carpets of them. The snow patches which were too heavy for good glissading provided a few quick "bum" descents. We had a fine, coolish day, high cloud and no ferry delay on the return.

WHITEWATER SKI AREA, July 5 (1st Wed. hike)

Jack Steed

A fine day to hike, warm but with the gentle altitude breezes to cool one. The route began at the lodge and took us up over the Hummingbird and Yankee Girl ski runs to the top of the T-bar. A short bush whack to the ridge overlooking Five Mile Cr. and then a delightful scramble over some snow and rock along the ridge beneath Half Dome. We traversed beneath Half Dome across a mixture of snow and grassy slopes to the ridge overlooking Kutell Cr. where we ate lunch with grand views north, east & south. We returned to the vehicles via the pass between Half Dome and Ymir Pk. Lots of boot skiing down into Ymir Bowl. We completed our day with a delightful cup of tea at Whitewater Inn.

On the trip: Bob Dean, Mary Woodward, Garth & Pat Thomson, Jack Steed.

MT. VIRGIL, July 8. The Enterprise Crk. road is passable to any reasonable clearance vehicle up to the left fork just before the park boundary, and for Blue Grouse Basin it is best to park in a clearing just after turning onto this road. (The washed out section just beyond is in somewhat better condition than in past years, and accessible to high clearance 4WD's for those heading towards Enterprise Pass). Thirteen people set out before 9 a.m. and reached the basin in under 2 hrs., after clambering over & under more than 60 small windfalls across the trail. Two toured the basin, and the rest reached the summit of Virgil (8400') via the south ridge in a further 2 hours. An attempted traverse of the mountain was thwarted by a short steep section and lack of a rope (this was a B1 trip). Ice axes were useful on the descent. Leader: Garth Thomson.

SOMEWHERE S.E. OF NELSON, July 12 (2nd Wed. hike)

Sue Port

Twelve people in high-clearance 4WD's crawled up the road above the Nelson reservoir to the cablevision installation on Burns "Meadow" at 5600' (the last cow left 80 years ago - now sparse forest). The road is very rough and long (1+ hrs). An old trail soon petered out and we contoured to the N. end of Evening Ridge, with a good view of the Whitewater Ski Area. Inbound trip: less than 2½ hrs. Outbound: 7½!! By the time we finally got the map (small scale), the navigator & the leader together, it was determined that we were on the wrong (N) side of Anderson Crk. It was a slow and, for those in runners out for an easy hike, painful return trip. The visitors from Japan, Argentina & southern Manitoba learned a whole new vocabulary: bushwhack, sidehill gouge, slide alder, rhodedendron, 4x'ing etc. (and probably a few unprintables as well). We reached the vehicles at 8:30 p.m. and got down the road just as it became dark. On the trip: Yvonne Tremblay, Gail Sumanik, Jane Steed, Mary Woodward, Garth Thomson, Ignacio Sanchez, Chiyuki Kishida, Sue Port, Bob Dean, Ray Neumar, Dennis Reimer, Earl Jorgensen.

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(Thanks to all who sent in trip reports. Keep them coming.)

VALHALLA PROVINCIAL PARK MASTER PLAN

The Club has just received several copies of this document. It will be of interest to all who have been involved in the planning process, and all who use and care about the Park. Copies are available in the Club library or call Ports and we'll try to get them circulating.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to Kirsten & George Apel, and welcome to new member Anna Josephine, born July 1.

On the same day, a "family camp" participant of past years was getting married (how can that be, when we're all still so young!)

Congratulations to Gillian Holmes & Gerald Minchuk, married July 1.

Also to Chris McIver & Sue Rella, who were married July 8. (Obviously their parents no longer have much influence, allowing them to be married on perfectly good climbing weekends!)

ADDRESS CHANGE: this change was omitted from the new list -

Doell, Larry & Audrey Gerein, 401-577 E. 8th Ave., Vancouver,
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The practise of listing new members in the Newsletter has not been well observed of late. Apologies and welcome to the following, whose addresses appear in the Membership List you received last month.

Benoit Aubin, Castlegar
Elio Borsato, Montrose
Elaine Brown, Rossland
Lorna Donaldson, Trail
Deborah Fletcher, Vancouver
Bruce Furiak, Fruitvale
Gerald Garnett, Kaslo
Pamela Hucal, Nelson
Valerie Jaques, Robson
Vernon Johnson, Oliver
Alan Leavitt, Fruitvale

Kelvin Lobban, Rossland
Mark & Annette Malecek, Rossland
Chris Perepolkin, Crescent Valley
Roland & Murielle Perrin, Nelson
Teresa Sikula, Nelson
Jean Simard, Rossland
Jim & Terri Simpson, Montrose
Art & Leona Sotham, Calgary
David Van Dieren, Rossland
Tom Witton, Nelson

And apologies to any who were missed.

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ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE FIRST AID KITS AVAILABLE

Recommended by Dave Adams, and available from Dave Dudley, Castlegar, 365-6221. There are 3 models:

- 1) Nylon case, suitable for backpacking - \$20
- 2) Plastic box, large, good for vehicle etc. - \$30
- 3) Padded nylon case, floats (good for canoeing!) - recommended for light aircraft - \$35

LOOKING FOR SOME NEW LIGHTWEIGHT BOOTS??

Peter McIver has sent an article from the Sunday Times which compares some of the new lightweight boots. For an all-weather boot, top marks went to the Scarpa Trionic Manta Attak (rigid enough for crampons, but not for ice climbing), with the Zamberlan Mountain Lite a close second. The whole Zamberlan Lite series received a good notice; some of these are available from MEC (although the specific names don't seem to correspond). Some other "summer" boots (Hi-Tec, Berghaus, Raichle) are also described, but most aren't listed in MEC or REI catalogues. The article is available at Ports.

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Derek Willans

THE PURCELLS Five KMC members, which included three ex-presidents, met with two representatives from Parks to present the KMC thoughts on the future of the Purcell Wilderness. We warmly congratulated Parks on the superb job they did in maintaining its wilderness status for the past 15 yrs and then stated our hopes for the future, which can be summarised as "leave it as it is and please don't start managing it".

Parks threw us a curve by stating that the BC Wildlife Fed would not support the Purcell Wilderness if hunting was banned from the west side. We replied that hunters represent less than 1% of the population and that it is very difficult for animals to pose for pictures when hunters were around. We also said hunting and hiking in the same area tends to be mutually exclusive so we opposed hunting in the western drainages.

Parks also brought in the Valhalla Wilderness Brief as a Trojan horse to splinter our recommendations. Reading through their long brief one gets a bit lost in their shades of grey but they are suggesting some development. Well built trails, bridges, directional signals, outhouses and commercial development. They do indicate commercial development should be appropriate to wilderness and when crowding occurs to build outhouses.

We suggested to Parks that instead of developing a user friendly Purcell Wilderness insofar as this is one way for Parks to sell it to government, to consider developing Fry Creek Canyon as day trip in conjunction with the Kootenay Chamber of Commerce. This would generate a greater return to the Province than the Valhalla group proposals.

In wrapping up we pointed out that industry, hunters and horseriders were not the only ones asked to sacrifice their interests in favour of the Purcell Wilderness. We in the KMC were willing to forego the use of the wilderness for camps (Bonny Gem and the Leaning Towers were used in the past) in order that the Purcells should remain a wilderness.

Innovative leadership is needed from Parks if we are to retain variety, diversity and complexity in the Kokanee/Valhalla/Purcell Park complex. The Kootenay Coalition, of which the KMC is a member, came to the

unanimous decision that the Purcell Wilderness should not give humans special privileges over other forms of life, otherwise the laws of attrition which the Valhalla brief starts rolling in, will force one change after another until the Purcell Wilderness is just another Park like all the other Parks.

The initial returns of the questionnaire sent out by Parks indicates public opinion solidly behind the "leave it as it is" philosophy. This gives Parks considerable political clout with other agencies when they bring up the usual "locking it up" and "only for the hardy" arguments.

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From the Spring issue of Avalanche News, Fred Thiessen sends the following, and notes that the Club should think about replacing its transceivers, which are all 2.275 KHz.

AVALANCHE RESCUE TRANSCEIVERS

by Peter Fuhrmann, Canadian Parks Service,
Canadian Representative to the International Committee on Alpine Rescue (IKAR)

Recent communication with the Department of Telecommunications, Canada, established that a frequency of 457 kHz can be used for transceivers. Because of the regulations governing frequencies and power output of the instrument, these units do not have to be licensed. This information was provided to Puls Electronics (Pieps) Austria, the largest importer of transceivers into Canada. Puls, therefore, will follow the recommendation of IKAR, to only supply Canada with Dual Frequency instruments, Pieps DF 2.275/457 kHz, for the period of changeover until only 457 kHz instruments will be produced. In all likelihood, the final changeover will occur in 1991.

A paper recently published by Rob Faisaut, IKAR Representative of the USA NASAR, clearly defines the US position and recommends a gradual changeover to 457 kHz. Therefore, US and Canadian opinions are compatible.

My advice to purchasers of avalanche transceivers is to buy only dual frequency instruments (that is Ortovox or Pieps DF) at this time, as recommended by IKAR Subcom. Avalanche. These transceivers will be compatible with the single 457 kHz frequency instruments of the future.

Should you purchase a single frequency 2.275 kHz instrument, you will find that this transceiver will not be compatible with what is going to be on the market by 1991.

Deadline for September Newsletter: August 20.

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SEPTEMBER 1989

SCHEDULED TRIPS

- Sept. 24 Salmo-Creston Pass B3 Steve Horvath 362-5365
Rock climbing on a peak south of Ripple Mt.
- Oct. 1 TRAIL-CLEARING - Lemon Creek John Carter 825-4306
We have enjoyed the trails all summer - now it's time to help improve one of them. Bring your pruning shears, saws etc. MEET: Credit Union, Slocan Junction, 7:30 a.m., but first call John Fri. eve. or Sat., or Sue Port. (Sounds as if there is a real need for this - see the account of the Sapphire Lakes trip).
- Sun Oct 8?*
Oct. 9 KOKANEE PEAK B2 Peter Tchir 359-7440 *Safeway 0700 leave*
(Mon) One last Kokanee Park trip, from Gibson Lake.
- Oct. 15 LAVINA MT. A1 Carl Johnson 354-4075
North of Hamill Crk. Rugged 4x4 drive to start.

ANNUAL CAMPS SLIDE SHOW

Friday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Complex, Castlegar (just S. of the interchange, one block east of Columbia Ave.)

Fred Thiessen will be co-ordinating Climbing Camp slides, Ron Cameron & Joan Harvey those of the Hiking Camps. If you have some good slides, please give them a call.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FALL DINNER

At the Fireside Place in Castlegar. Good food (well, better than last year!) and important issues (FMCBC membership, pressures on camps etc.). Plan to attend. More next Newsletter.

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Send your articles and photos in NOW to Paul Allen (Box 1670, Rossland, V0G 1Y0).

This is our 25th anniversary issue. If you feel that you didn't do anything of note this year, how about a retrospective or reminiscence?

MAPS & COMPASSES - BASIC THEORY AND PRACTICE. Saturday, Oct. 21,
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register by Oct. 15. \$20.

The following positions come up for election (2-year terms) at the A.G.M.:

Secretary	Mountaineering School
Cabins & Trails	Camps
Newsletter	

PARKS LIAISON

HUT NEWS

He also notes an increase in the rodent populations in the huts which is attributable to those who leave food behind. Please, PACK IT ALL OUT.

The RIDGE CABIN on Unnecessary Ridge (en route to Old Glory) burned down in July - cause of the fire unknown. KMC used to maintain this shelter, but others took over the job in recent years.

A few years ago the National Parks administration finally consented to the building by the ACC of the LLOYD McKAY HUT in the Freshfield area of Banff National Park - and some KMC'ers have enjoyed some excellent ski touring from it. Now Parks has decided that it is out of place in a designated wilderness area and must go by this fall. (Parks solution was to burn it. Those involved in the construction hope to remove and re-use it.)

In return, Parks will build a similar structure to replace the Balfour Hut on the Wapta Icefield traverse.

CONSERVATION REPORT by Derek Willans

NO DECISION ON THE CARMANAH VALLEY AT TIME OF WRITING.... A letter was sent to the Minister of the Environment supporting the move to preserve the complete valley of the Carmanah.

We indicated to the Minister that our membership keeps increasing and with it the problems of trying to satisfy the members' demands. From one annual climbing camp not too long ago we were now trying to keep up with the demand by organising hiking and climbing camps and this year, despite the fact that we had organised four camps, it was still not enough.

We pointed out to the Minister that places like an unlogged Carmanah Valley were essential to our being able to satisfy BC consumers demand for high quality recreation.

In the on-going battle between preservation and exploitation, the following English proverb is probably a good rendition of B.C.'s history!

The law locks up the man or woman
Who steals the goose from off the common
But lets the greater villain loose
Who steals the common from the goose.

THE VALHALLAS:

A master plan for guiding development of the Valhalla Prov. Park was recently released by Parks. The Ministry intends to make the Park more available to a broader public. Development will include improving road access to the Park boundary (access to Mulvey via Bannockburn is now a reality). Hiking will be emphasised as the main method of accessing the Park and trails will be improved to lakeshore and alpine areas. Public cabins are also proposed for extensive ski touring or backpacking activities.

TRIP REPORTS

Thanks to all who sent in reports. Bob Dean requested that I not put his name to his, "or Trips will be looking like a one-man show", so all the unsigned ones are his.

MT. AIRY, July 16. Since the access to Snowcrest was questionable, the scheduled trip was cancelled and a substitute trip up Mt. Airy was arranged. Thirteen people turned out and we drove to Passmore and up Airy Creek to the foot of the mountain. Leaving the cars at 9:10 we were on the peak at 11:20 and after eating and etc. we left at 12:05 and got back to the cars at 1:45. It was a pleasant trip with about 100 m of bush at the bottom of the route.

SAPPHIRE LAKES & MT. GIEGERICH, July 23. A party of 13 hiked into Sapphire Lakes via the Lemon Creek trail. In most places underfoot the trail was good but it is not being maintained and large windfalls were down in a number of spots making the going unpleasant at the least. Ten of the party reached the lakes and nine of these went on to the top of Giegerich.

EARL GREY PASS TRAIL (ARGENTA - PANORAMA)

Ray Neumar

On the trip: Mary Woodward, Yvonne Tremblay, Earl Jorgensen, Doug Bennett & Ray Neumar. We left the trail head at Argenta at 3:30 p.m. July 23 and after 2 cable crossings made our first camp at 6:30. Easy - we thought! However, day 2 & 3 involved a great deal of bush-whacking, crawling under and over deadfall, log crossings and trail searching to reach the North Forks campsite at "Mile 21". A 4-hour hike upwards on day 4 took us to the Earl Grey Pass where we made camp and climbed the 8841' peak just to the north. The following day, climbs were made just south of the camp. Wow! - almost 360° of glacier view here.

A leisurely 9 hour hike on day 6 took us to the end of the trail on Toby Creek where Bill Pitt of Invermere picked us up.

NOTE: We all felt that some clearing of the trail in the Conservancy is necessary to encourage even moderate use. The registers at both ends of the trail confirmed only a few crossings by August.

OUTLOOK MT., July 26. A Wednesday trip to Kokanee Park on a hot day. Five turned out - 3 going up Outlook and 2 to the cabin.

MT. LEQUEREUX, July 30. On this Sunday, nine of us set out to climb Mt. Woden. There is a trail into McKean Lakes --- where?

After unsuccessfully hunting for the trail, it was decided to drive to a clear cut on the other side of the valley and climb Mt. Lequereux. This plan was duly carried out, 6 reaching the summit via the north ridge. A lake was conveniently situated near the end of the trip so ---.

BONNINGTON RANGE, Wednesday, August 2. The weather did not look at all promising but nine persons turned out for a trip up Forty Nine Creek, intending to climb Toad Mt. About 5 km along the road they were thwarted by someone who had decided to dig up the road that day so Mt. Connor became the objective and the party drove up Rover Crk.

When the point of departure from the road was reached no-one felt like sampling the wet brush so driving back a little way to the start of the Siwash road we hiked up that road to the Siwash basin & cabin. By that time it was raining. In the cabin we lit a fire and had lunch. We returned to the cars in moderate to light rain.

The trip was enjoyable.

SELKIRK PEAK, August 6. Meeting at the Slocan Valley Junction at 7 a.m., six of us piled into two cars and drove to the Idaho Lookout parking lot at 7000 ft. Leaving the cars about 10 o'clock, four of us climbed Selkirk Peak and then we all joined the 70+ tourists who had already visited the L/O that day. It was a pleasant hike on a hot day. Unfortunately there was no convenient lake at the end of the trail.

HAYSTACK (GRAY'S PEAK), August 12. After the heavy rain of the previous evening the bush was very wet on Sunday, 13th August, so the trip day was changed to Saturday, 12th, and the destination from Long Mt. to the Haystack. (How does that sound?)

Five members turned out and the ascent of the peak was made in 4 hours in excellent weather. After an hour of gossip on the summit the party left and were home before the storm broke.

WHITEWATER MT., 9000 ft., August 20.

Fred Thiessen

Since the road off Wilson Creek leading to Mt. Dolly Varden had washed in places, the destination was changed to Whitewater Mt. We met at Retallack at about 0635 hrs, then drove to road end at about 5000 ft. From here we travelled on the trail (we had a large group, so didn't worry about the bears), crossed the creek the required two times and eventually stopped at the glacier below the peak. At this point the adventuresome scrambled up the peak while the explorers poked around the mine ruins and the green (serpentine) rocks. We by-passed the creek crossings on our return and were at the cars by about 1530 hrs, just in time as it turned out. The marginal weather turned into a downpour 5 minutes down the road.

We were: R & M Perrin, F Thiessen, L Smith, D VanDieren, T Heim, G Ockeloe, s O'Donnell & B Patterson. I think we all had a good time, but some were heard to mumble about leaving Nelson at 0500 to make Retallack at 0630.

MT. CORNFIELD, Wed. August 30.

Ray Neumar

Five people in two 4x4's drove the Sitkum Creek Rd to the mine at the end of it. A 4x4 is necessary as well as a key from the mine manager for the gate near the beginning of the road. We were aware of the controversy amongst KMC'ers on a previous hike as to which was the highest peak (they had climbed to the middle one) and decided to begin with the first and ridge walk and climb all three. From the last peak it appeared that the middle one was the lowest and we dubbed it "False Peak". The first and last peaks looked fairly close in elevation. The pleasant light scrambling, 360° view and interesting mine make this a worthwhile trip.

On the trip: Jennifer Smith, Mary Woodward, Garth Thomson, Bob Dean and Ray Neumar.

CLIMBING CAMP, 1989

Fred Thiessen

Climbing Camp was held July 29 to August 7 in the northern Salkirk Mts, at the headwaters of Bigmouth Creek between Trident and Neptune Peaks. In all we were 21 people who enjoyed a week of mostly O.K. weather punctuated with thunderstorms, two very bad days and some very hot days. Peaks were climbed (4 first ascents), new routes were put up, acquaintances were renewed and books were read. For the most part the peaks were easy, the rock was crumbly and the setting spectacular. More details on the adventures of some will be in the Karabiner.

HIKING CAMPS, 1989

We've heard several enthusiastic accounts of the Hiking Camps, although the first weekers seem to have managed to disable a helicopter, and to have spent a lot of time searching for ptarmigan eggs. Official accounts to come later.

MT. WODEN, Sept. 3. The scheduled trip was to Mt. Meeres but in view of the unsettled weather conditions it was decided to climb Woden instead so four of us drove up Koch Creek to the parking lot at the bridge a little way past the 63 km sign and hiked up the trail which starts 100 m beyond the bridge.

There was a sprinkling of fresh snow on the peak so one of the party explored the cabin and lake areas while the others went on to the summit. The weather co-operated and a good trip was had by all.

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"NEW" MEMBERS

Congratulations to Naomi Earthy & Don Mousseau on the birth of Ryan on June 12, and to Robyn Laytham & Paul Allen on the birth of Scott on September 5.

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Earle Whipple, 7 Prescott Way, Woburn, Mass. 01801 617-932-3574

NEW IN THE KMC LIBRARY

Canadian Alpine Journal, vol. 72, 1989.

The best of B.C.'s hiking trails; twenty great hikes, by Bob Harris. Vancouver, 1986.

Looking for new areas to explore? Maps, distances, history - from the Chilkoot Trail to the Rocky Mts. Good for winter planning/dreaming.

FROM BOX 3195

Sustaining the living land; the report of the British Columbia Task Force on environment and economy. Chairman: David Strangway. June, 1989.

Banff Festival of Mountain Films, Nov. 3-5. Special guest Chris Bonington. Brochure & order form. Preceded by:
Nov. 3 - Seminar on Wilderness Tourism: \$135, at the Banff Centre.

FOR SALE

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CLIMBING BOOTS - Kastinger Arolla - women's size 7½/8
3/4 shank, like new. \$100.
Contact: Fred Thiessen, 352-6140.

*FOUND!!! 9 mm climbing rope on Saturday, Sept. 9 (sodden, so there for a few days) just below the Gimli-Midgard col.
Call Armin Hasenkox, 354-4554.*

OTHER NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME

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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1989

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

FALL DINNER AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FIRESIDE INN, CASTLEGAR

BAR OPENS 6:30 DINNER AT 7:00

SMORGASBORD - \$12.95 (+tip)

BY NOVEMBER 10, CONTACT ONE OF:

Janice Isaac, 352-3895 (Nelson)

Sue Port, 365-6056 (Castlegar)

Rita Holmes, 362-7723 (Rossland/Trail)

BRIAN GAVIN, President of the FMCBC (and of the BCMC) will attend to answer our questions about the Federation and to hear our concerns. If you still have your last Cloudburst, you might want to read his President's Column on p.2. While he is here, he would like to see the countryside and get some exercise, and so there will be, on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, a "low-level" HIKE (Slocan L., Kokanee, Cody Caves/Ainsworth etc.) or even an early ski trip. Destination to depend very much on weather and conditions. For decision and details, call:

Peter Tchir , 359-7440 a few days in advance.

BEST OF THE BANFF FILM FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 7 to 11 p.m. - CIVIC THEATRE, Nelson

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$8 or less

Tickets from Snowpack, Nelson or Mallards, Castlegar

Once again brought to us from the Banff Festival of Mountain Films by Dennis Herman of IBEX CINEMA. For those of you who attended last year, Dennis writes that the move to the Civic is to improve projection, sound and, if necessary, facilities for translation. He will be able to preview the films this year so there'll be no surprises, and potential translators will be briefed "so that the integrity of the film is not shattered by verbatim noise".

GOING TO BANFF FOR THE FESTIVAL? See Dennis's invitation on the last page.

WINTER SKI-TOURING SCHEDULE

Peter Tchir is now working on the Winter Trips Schedule. Any suggestions, offers to lead etc. gratefully received. If you don't call him (359-7440), he may well call you so be prepared.

TRIP REPORTS

BUGABOOS - Sept. 2-3

Fred Thiessen

In a drizzle we convened at the clearcut at the headwaters of Rory Crk. Two promptly left us prior to setting out. It was raining by the time we set off and within a half hour a small mutiny prompted the leader to retreat with two more. The survivors, loyal to mountain exploration, continued into the drizzle, mist and slush. Two hours after leaving the cars we camped with a roaring fire at timberline S.W. of Howser Pk. On Sunday it was better but too cloudy to explore so we came home.

Survivors: Robin Lidstone, Armin Hasenkox, Mike Brewster, Fred Thiessen, Tina Enger.

Mutineers: Chris Overton, Judy Findlay, Rhonda Netzel, Sharon & Hugh.

Those wishing to visit the Bugaboos may wish to note that this route in via Howser and Rory Creeks is only a 2 to 3 hour hike to a good campsite (no bush to speak of, only 5 slide alder bushes). From this campsite, Flattop, Thimble, Howser, Anniversary and Rock Ridge Peaks would be easy climbs. Pigeon Spire and Marmolata would be a bit further away, but still feasible as it would be a 9 km return, 3,000 ft. day. Next year? (Unfortunately, there was no space

for Fred's sketch map of the area.

SUNRISE PEAK, Sept. 10

Janice Isaac

Ten people and one dog enjoyed a wonderful sunny day up the Silverspray Trail (Woodbury Creek). The lower part of the trail has been cleared recently and we made good time up to the summit of Sunrise (4 hours). A great outing for all.

MULVEY BASIN, Sept. 16-17

Sue Port

Eight people ate their lunch in the sleet at the end of the N. Bannockburn spur road, decided that the weather would surely improve and set out for the Gimli-Jones col. Various routes from the end of the road to the lovely grassy basin below Gimli have been tried, some better than others. A short trail (only an hour through the bush) would be a great asset. There are sections of good game trail if you can find them.

The section between the shoulder of Gimli & the col can pose some problems. On the recce the previous weekend we met 2 parties who had stayed too high on the way out and had to haul out ropes to downclimb some slabs. From the col there is a rock ramp down to the snow, and a snow and boulder traverse leads to the snow slopes below the Jones-Midgard col. (Ice axes a necessity - crampons may be useful at times). We camped on grass at the outlet of the upper lake, having taken a slow 5 hours.

The plan was to climb Gladsheim on the Sunday but it began to snow after a 5 a.m. rising. Some toured to the old cabin site (700' lower) before leaving mid-morning.

Participants: Derek Marcoux, Mark Hamilton, Peter Bullock, Ken Holmes, Hamish Mutch, Bert, Sue & Andrew Port.

I had always been fascinated by the ridge that looms above the road N.E. of Summit Lake on the way to Nakusp. However, the bush-covered, 1:1.5 slope with 4,500 vertical gain offered no easy route up. Helpful SFP officials and area residents indicated an old logging road going up Harlow Crk from Wilson Lake, north of the Nakusp Range, but warned of "very rough spots". Bill & Mies Bryce kindly volunteered their Suzuki and their company for a recce and we spent a pleasant day reaching the ridge. From there we "eyeballed" potential routes to Mt. Ferrie to the east (approx. 8 km round trip) and to Summit Peak to the west (14 km round trip). The area is not dramatic but offers pleasant ridgewalking through semi-alpine terrain with stands of alpine fir, and with long views across to the northern Valhallas and down Slocan Lake. One local had told me he ski-tours a lot in the area and certainly the wide alpine bowls would make for beautiful skiing, but winter access would require the use of (ouch!) snowmobiles.

In view of the length of driving time (3 hrs from S. Slocan), I would recommend an overnight camp at the pleasant Forestry campsite at the east end of Wilson Lake.

Route: From the Wilson Lake turnoff, .7 km NW of Box Lake, a good logging road leads up Wensley Crk to Wilson Lake. Just before the lake, the road along the south side of the lake takes off to the right. 4.4 km E from this junction and before you reach Harlow Crk, a rather non-descript (grassy) road leads to the right. Just past the 2.2 km point on this road there are some deep washouts and there are several other awkward but manoeuvrable ones before reaching a parking spot on a hairpin bend at the 7 km mark. From here it's a one hour bushwhack up the ridge to the south for the ridge walk to Summit Peak (7,450'), or head east up through the fairly open forest toward Mt. Ferrie (7,700').

BRILLIANT BLUFFS, Wednesday, Aug. 23

Wendy Hurst

The weather office and the sky both offered ominous omens of nasty weather so original plans (see account above) were abandoned. However, after several rainy days, some of us felt a great need to stretch our legs so we ambled up the old logging road behind the Castlegar Golf Course and along the newly marked trail to the top of the Brilliant Bluffs (or whatever that rather splendid rock face that towers over the Brilliant Dam is called!). This ranks with the Mel Deanna Trail as a pleasant summer evening or fall morning trip, with interesting rock features (giant cracks you can climb into) which should keep younger family members happily occupied. P.S. It turned into a glorious day - so much for forecasts!

LEMON CREEK TRAIL CLEARING, Oct. 1

Twelve people found that the Sapphire Lakes hikers of July 23 had not been exaggerating the sad state of the Lemon Crk trail (at least 3 were brave enough to return to work on it). The greatest problem was the number of large windfalls, sometimes piled one on top of the other. Three chainsaws attacked these, but another day's work remains. Others clipped, slashed & heaved - notably Earl with his infernal but effective brush cutter. We started in sun but soon after lunch it began to shower, and when the sleet became vicious we reluctantly (?) turned back.

The workers: John & Robin Carter, Roberta Hamilton, Wendy Hurst, Jane Steed, Earl Jorgensen, Jim McDonald, Bob Dean, Norm Thyer, Garth Thomson, Bert & Sue Port, Herman Kemperman

COPPER MT. HUT WORK PARTY, Oct. 7

George Apel

Having answered my plea for volunteers, Earl Jorgensen and Megan Moorcroft joined me for the drive up 49 Creek Rd to Copper Mt. on a very pleasant day. The lumber provided by the Min. of Forests was packed in to the cabin. Opening the door to the unwelcome stench of the packrat and its winter supply of food indicated additional work. However, a new floor was put down, food and nest removed, the cracks filled with wire screen and the rain cap replaced on the chimney of Copper Hut.

P.S. If someone is going in soon, please contact me (365-7653)

KOKANEE PEAK, Oct. 9

Earl Jorgensen

Two orphans mustered for this scheduled trip on a fine Thanksgiving day. We left the Molly Gibson lot at 9:30 a.m. (not exactly an alpine start) and went up the trail before striking up past the original mine and continuing up to the saddle just north of the peak. We lunched there at 1 p.m. in the sun but out of a fairly cool breeze. Then we traversed over the top and descended a gulley on the south side of the peak. We reached the parking lot at 4:30, where we found the lake to have been appropriately stocked with Kokanee. Above the old mine we were delighted to come upon a covey of 12 ptarmigan all in their pure white plumage. Would they have been on one family and all or nearly all have reached maturity? An interesting conjecture. Robin Lidstone and I enjoyed an excellent scramble.

McKEAN LAKES, Oct. 7

Anon.

If you follow the directions in the last Newsletter and head up just past the bridge nearest the 63 km sign on the Koch Crk Rd, there is NO trail but the bush isn't bad and by the time you figure out where you are, in the valley N of Mt. Harlow, you realize that a mere 1000' will take you to a col giving easy access to the south end of the McKean Lakes basin and to the good trail back down to the road. And so you have a pleasant round trip and a bit of an adventure (14-year olds like bushwhacking - of the reasonable sort. Trails are boring.)

P.S. The trail starts 100 paces past the bridge after the 65 km sign.

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TO BURN OR NOT TO BURN? Norm Thyer sent in the following:

At Hiking Camp we had campfires some evenings. There was some discussion as to whether they are a good thing environmentally. Do they speed up the decomposition of dead vegetation and its conversion to new growth, and is this speeding up desirable? What are the relative amounts of carbon dioxide and methane produced by burning and natural decomposition? What are the relative rates of production of these gases? How does this affect the "Greenhouse Effect"? I'm sure that some "environmental experts" in the club have their views on this matter. Let's hear them!

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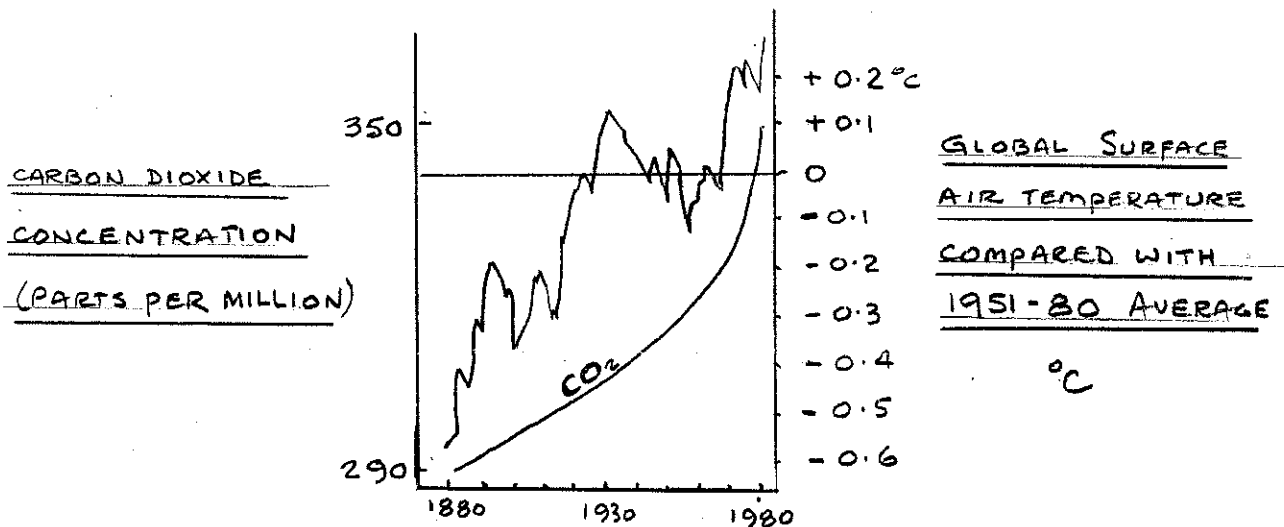
Fred & Pauline Wah, 2707 Chalice Rd NW, Calgary, Ab, T2L 1C7

CONSERVATION REPORT by Derek Willans

The Warming Globe: Carbon dioxide has the ability to trap some of the sun's returning rays like the glass of a greenhouse. Thus the warnings of an impending greenhouse effect in the worlds atmosphere due to carbon dioxide from deforestation, which probably accounts for 10-30% and the burning of fossil fuels which accounts for all the rest of the carbon dioxide emissions to the atmosphere.

Since the last ice age 18000 years ago the the temperature of the earths surface has slowly increased by 5'C. The conventional wisdom is that the earths surface will increase its temperarure by half that amount in the next 60 years. If one considers the changes that have occured since the last ice age then "Global Warming" for many of the earth's plants and animals could mean their extinction. Someone has calculated that the resulting rise in sea level that 1-2'C increase would bring, will drive 60 million people from their homes.

The following graph shows how carbon dioxide and temperature have correlated over the last 100 years.



A mammoth survey of 14 countries found widespread belief, in poor and rich countries alike that the environment has got worse. Politicians the world over have seized on the green theme. Even Maggie Thatcher was driven to say "No generation has a freehold on this earth. All we have is a life tenancy-with a full repairing lease."

No politicians however have come up with an answer how to cool the earth, but the writing is in the sky that even the unintelligent can undersand it. The following letter to the Sun probably says it all.

Self-imposed penalty might alter our ways

It is fairly obvious that the vast majority of us will not really change our lifestyles until the environment deteriorates to the point where it actually affects us personally. Until then, mere lip service will be paid as we pretend to be really concerned.

I wonder how a gasoline price of \$3 a litre would affect our driving habits? I would welcome it, because I am sure I would become far more conscious of the use I make of my car. I would probably walk more, carry more passengers when I did drive, and I'd drive more conservatively and economically.

Why would I do that? For the environment? No, I'd do it to save myself money, and as a byproduct the environment would be helped.

That may sound self-centred, but we live in a very self-centred world, and if we artificially have to hurt ourselves to get results, then let's do it. Raise gas prices, charge a toll to one-occupant cars that use the bridges, and so on. Why not?

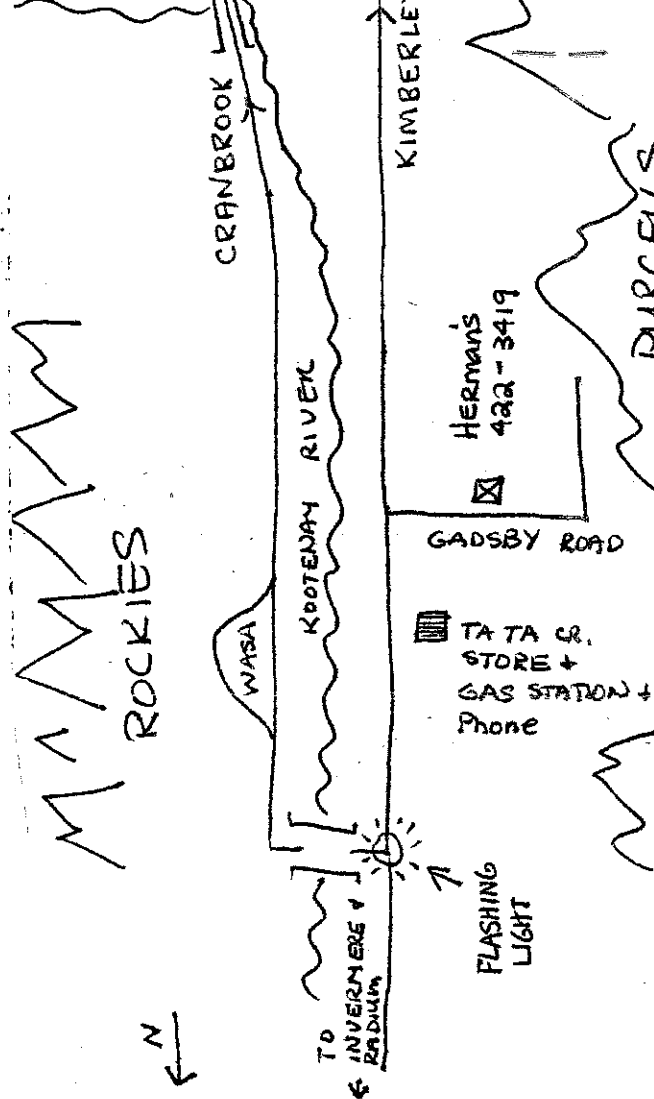
Despite overwhelming evidence that vehicle pollution is the number one problem for our air, too few

people really care at this point.

I drive into town from West Vancouver each morning and invariably get caught in the traffic jam on Taylor Way. The lights are set for a long delay of at least three or four minutes. During this wait about 90 per cent of the drivers leave their engines running and the exhaust spews upward in unnecessary clouds. That happens only because there is no immediate reason for people to think about shutting off their engines and, as a result, thousands of gallons of gasoline go up in smoke needlessly.

If we supposedly intelligent urbanites cannot start to act responsibly, let's do things like raising gas prices so that we are forced to change our lifestyles before it is too late.

D. CHARLES BRISTOW
920 - 3rd Street
West Vancouver



HERMAN'S "HOSTEL"

Map

For those of you KMC'ers who may be going to Banff, please don't hesitate to stop off in Ta Ta Creek (near Wasa) if it makes your logistics more expeditious. There can be some real nasty blizzards around that time frame. We have lots of extra sleeping space and shower facilities. Beware though, you will likely be plied with alcohol in the evening and fresh roast coffee in the morning. However, since we are a family unit, nothing ever gets too far out of hand. Kids are welcome.. we have two, age 4 and 8.

Another item from Norm Thyer:

SUPPORT THE 1989 CANADIAN MT. TILICHO WINTER EXPEDITION
(Mt. Tilicho is in Nepal, north of Annapurna)

by buying one (or more) of the official Expedition T-shirts (white with red & blue logo). Sizes: small, medium, large, x-large.

Send \$10 plus \$1.50 postage to the leader: Steve Adamson,
56 Saddlehorn Cr.
Kanata, Ont. K1M 2B1

RIGHT AWAY! - he leaves Nov. 8

The item ended with the cryptic remark that "the KMC will probably be represented on this expedition, so give it your support!"

A phone call gave the further information that not only will Norm be going, but Anna and daughter Linda will trek in also. We wish them the best of luck and a wonderful trip, and look forward to hearing all about it when they return in late December.

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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1989

CHRISTMAS SKI AND POTLUCK SUPPER
Saturday Dec. 16.

Whether you have been skiing cross-country, downhill or touring,

Everyone is welcome at

Ports' Après-ski Christmas Party
Any time after 4:00 p.m.

2713 10th Avenue, Castlegar (365-6056)

Hot soup provided; bring your own dishes, bottle, instruments
and general GOOD CHEER!

Bring a fun gift (i.e. a treasure from the basement you always
wanted to get into someone else's basement).

In order to have some idea of numbers, call Sue 365-6056, Rita 362-7723
or Janice 352-3895.

MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE

President Rita Holmes

Secretary Janet Cameron

Treasurer Garth Thomson

Trips Peter Tchir

Karabiner Paul Allen

Conservation Derek Willans

Cabins and trails George Apel

Camps Jack Steed and Dave Adams

Newsletter Jane Steed

Social Janice Isaac and Carol Potasnyk

Mountaineering school Ken Holmes

Outgoing executive members to whom we owe a hearty vote of thanks include Mari Earthy, Esther Neufeld, Sue Port, Ron Cameron, Joan Harvey and Jim Kienholz.

MEMBERSHIP FEES are now due for 1990 membership year.

INDIVIDUAL.....\$25.00

COUPLE OR FAMILY.....\$35.00

JUNIOR (and under).....\$15.00

FORWARD TO Garth Thomson, Box 221, Rossland, BC. VOG IYO.

New members are:

Bruce and Kathie Bourdon Box 1676 Rossland, BC. VOG IYO 362-9647

Joan and Arthur Thomas 1295 Knox Road, RR2, Nelson, BC. VIL 5P5

~~Mark~~ Mealing

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Changes of address:

Janet Jones 4902 Maxine Lane Victoria BC V8Y 2J2 658-5917

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NEW IN THE KMC LIBRARY

Ourom, Anders A Climber's Guide to the Squamish Chief
B. C. Mountaineering Club 1980

Two copies donated by Brian Gavin for the BCMC on his recent visit.
Dated but contains all the classic routes.

Long, John How to Climb Rock! Evergreen, Colorado.

Chockstone Press 1989. Time to update Royal Robbins texts of
nearly 20 years ago. Lots of technical stuff.

CABINS REPORT: The Copper mountain hut has a new floor and the

Forest Service has supplied a new stove for Huckleberry nut.

Don't forget to express your support for Carmanah preservation to

Mr. Vander Zalm, Victoria V8V 1X 4 or Mr Mulroney, Ottawa, KIA 0A6.

1989-90 WINTER TRIPS SCHEDULE

1. Trips have not been graded due to differences in standards and the variability associated with winter conditions. However, most trips are geared to mountaineering or telemark skis. To get details of difficulty, talk to the trip leader.
2. There are a few T.B.A.s still available for you to lead in the second half of the schedule. Contact Peter Tchir at 359-7440 to arrange for the great trip you would like to take fellow club members on. A long weekend trip for Easter would be especially appreciated. The details for later trips will be in the January and February newsletters.

Dec 16	Nancy Greene	Peter Tchir	359 7440	VIA upper parking lot
	(Saturday) Pot luck party at Port's to follow.			
Dec 24	MERRY CHRISTMAS			VIA
Dec 30	Copper Mt	Ken Holmes	362 7723	VIA Rover Creek
	(Saturday) Work off Christmas and prepare for New Year's.			
Jan 7	Timber Creek	Fred Thiessen	352 6140	VIA Enterprise Creek
	Up Enterprise Ck near Kokanee west Boundary.			
Jan 14	Salmo-Creston	Mark Hamilton	365 6749	VIA
	What happens up there will depend on people's interest.			
Jan 20	Mt. Kirkup	Chris Overton	362 7178	VIA Granite Chairlift
	(Saturday) One ride lift tickets will be required.			
Jan 28	Unnecessary Rg.	Roy Hopland	362 7278	VIA Old Glory Trail
	Trip descends from Berry Mt. to the highway at Nancy Greene Summit.			
Feb 4	Syringa Creek	Fred Theissen	352 6140	VIA
	Depending on availability of plowed roads. Contact Fred to make sure.			
Feb 11	Grassy Mt.	Dave Adams	399 4256	VIA powerline
	Hut available for tea.			
Feb 18	T.B.A.			VIA
Feb 25	South Valhalas	Peter Wood	359 7107	VIA Hoder Creek or other
	The destination will be determined by the availability of plowed roads.			
Mar 3	Record Ridge	Chris Overton	367 7178	VIA Granite Chairlift
	(Saturday) Single ride lift ticket will be required.			
Mar 11	T.B.A.			VIA
Mar 18-19	back Wymer Mt.	Ken Holmes	362 7723	VIA WH20 T-bar
	An over-night trip that some might join for one day.			

Mar 25	T.B.A.	VIA
Apr 1	T.B.A.	VIA
Apr 8	T.B.A.	VIA
Apr 15	Easter Weekend	VIA
Apr 22	Mt. Brennan Fred Theissen 352 6140 6000 vertical feet so be fit and prepared to keep up.	VIA Retallack
Apr 29	T.B.A.	VIA
May 6	Whitewater Gla. Dave Adams 399 4256 Take the left turn and go to Mt. Whitewater instead of Brennan.	VIA Retallack

FROM SUMMER CAMPS COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS Jack Steed & Dave Adams

Several sites are being considered viz. N. W., N. E. or South of Revelstoke; Purcells; a large alpine area between Stockdale Creek & Howser Creek. Members' suggestions are welcomed. Be specific & detailed and submit before the end of '89. Watch for an announcement in January of site and the names of additional committee members.

Jack Steed RR1, Nelson, BC. VIL 5P4

Dave Adams Site 13, Comp 34, RR 2, Castlegar BC VIN 3L4

KARABINER reminder

Don't forget to submit material to Paul Allen before the end of the year.
Box 1670 Rossland, BC. VOG 1Y0.

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1 pair HEAD MASTER 205 cm. skis and ISER binding.
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