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NEWSLETTER



AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

IN THE NEW YEAR

1981 WINTER TRIPS SCHEDULE

Carl Johnson

| Jan. | 18 | Phil Whitfield | 352-9936 | Toad Mountain | XC-A |
|------|----|----------------|----------|------------------------|------|
| Jan. | 25 | Sue Port | 365-6056 | Plewman Basin | A |
| Feb. | 1 | Don Mousseau | 362-9549 | Record Peak | A |
| Feb. | 8 | Howie Ridge | 352-9658 | Ski Social at Whitewat | er |
| Feb. | 15 | Carl Johnson | 354-4075 | Ymir Creek | A-XC |
| Feb. | 22 | Bert Port | 365-6056 | Bannock Burn | XC-A |
| Mar. | 1 | Dave Adams | 365-6430 | Sentinel Peak | XC-A |
| Mar. | 8 | Fred Thiessen | 352-6140 | to be announced | |
| Mar. | 15 | Eric Norton | 362-5813 | Mt. Brennan | A |
| Mar. | 22 | Bob Dean | 359-7759 | Russel Creek | XC-A |

later trips to be announced in a further newsletter.

Please contact the trip leader well in advance in order to confirm that the trip will actually happen. In the event that a trip leader is not available, an attempt will be made to find a substitute.

Trip leaders have the right to turn back any person arriving who is not properly prepared for a winter trip.

X-MAS SOCIAL

Anne Dean

On Dec. 5th we had our X-mas party at the Nordic Hall. The road conditions were poor and only the bravest of Mountaneers came out to join the fun. Approx. 23 Members.

The hall was nicely decorated, the music good, dancing fun and the food enjoyable.

Santa's wife visited and brought along a huge bag full of presents for almost everyone there. I never knew Santa even had a wife and boy did she ever enjoy all those hugs and kisses from our rough and ever-ready Mountaineers.

After this I don't think Santa will ever get a chance to come again. Liberation and freedom of expression has hit the heavens too - not just earth.

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KARABINER

Ian Hamilton -

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE

to submit material for the Kootenay Karabiner.
Articles, reports and poems should all be sent in now,

To: Ian Hamilton

955 - 7th Avenue

CASTLEGAR, B.C. VIN 1S2

The copy does not have to be typed. The cut-off date of your copy has not been fixed but will be very soon.

In 1981 please send me many enjoyable articles for this newsletter. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

We are making an attempt to get the membershiplist in "top shape" If your mailing address is incorrect please phone 359-7759 or drop us a line.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ???????

no way



If you are not all right the way you are it takes a lot of effort to get better.

Realize you are all right the way you and you'll get better naturally

W. Erhard



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NEMSLETER

Dave Adams-

SOCIAL EVENTS

On Friday, February 20th there will be "THE MISTERY TOUR"

Meet at Booty's cabin trail car park at 6:55 pm. Bring your Cross-country-equipment, headlights, supper and wine-skin. Participants over 18 years old only.

Gee, get ready, lets go

On Fridy, February 27th - Slide Show at the Nordic Hall at 7:30 pm.
"JANICE & PEGGY IN SOUTH AMERICA"

On Sunday, March 8th - Après ski party at the Martin's Down-hill or cross-country skiing at Red Mountain, then meet at the Martin's after 4 pm.

Phone Libby by March 2nd, 362-9472

On Friday, March 13th - Slide Show at the Nordic Hall at 7:30 pm.
"FRED THIESSEN AND PETER MCIVER IN NEPAL"

On Friday, April 10th - the Spring Dinner at the Nordic Hall

Details at a later date.

We will be obtaining a Liquor Licence for events at the Nordic Hall. We hope to have another Slide Show sometime in March, presented by:

"THE CANADIAN EVEREST 1982 EXPEDITION"

If our new Social Man keeps this up, we might see quite a lot of each other in 1981.

SUMMER CAMPS 1981

Fred Thiessen-

Meetings to discuss the locations of the climbing and hiking camps will be held at Fred Thiessen's, 1124 Selby St. in Nelson. If you are interested but can't make it, phone Fred at home - 352-6140 or at work - 354-4181 Please bring maps, ideas and information.

Climbing camp meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 13th at 7.00 pm. (surely you are not superstitious?????)

Hiking camp meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21st at 7.00 pm.

By holding the meeting on Saturday, out-of-town people could possibly combine a day's skiing at Whitewater.

ROCK SCHOOL

Sue Port-

Information about the Mountaineering School and application will be in the March Newsletter

Look out.....

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Please send your 1981 membership dues to:

BOB DEAN Crescent Valley, B.C. VOG IHO Single membership \$ 7.00, Family membership \$ 10.00.

FOR SALE

1 CO-OP MEDIUM FRAME PACK \$ 45.00

1 3 BURNER COLEMAN STOVE \$ 45.00

For further details phone: Peter Spearman - 352-9930

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AVALANCHE COURSE

Peter Spearman-

Mountain Avalanche Safety Instructor - Ken Moyle - 2 sessions E.K.C.C. \$ 28.00 - March 28-29, April 11-12, 9 am. to 4:30 pm.

- Day 1 Classroom session to cover topics of avalanche formation, prediction, safety and rescue, film and slides, improvised rescue sled, handout material and course outline.
- Day 2 Field session to include evaluating hazardous terrain, route finding, snow profile study, working with avalenche rescue aquipment, identifying weather patterns, using improvised rescue sled, and possibility of helicopter ride and survey of avalanche control if held at Whitewater Ski Area.

Further details on course descriptions can be obtained at the Creston Campus, Registration for these courses are currently underway

East Kootenay Community College, Creston Campus, 722 Pine St.

Phone 428-5332 or 428-5333

TRIPS SCHEDULE

Carl Johnson-

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| Mar. 7 | Fred Thiessen | 352-6140 | Barret Creek possibly overnight |

April 17, 18, 19 - Easter trip - fly in Ski out to Silver Spray cabin max. 12 people - any more must provide own accommodation - tents or snow-caves. Leader: Fred Thiessen, 352-6140.



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MAY 1981

OUR SINCERE THANKS GO TO

Kim Kratky

for the excellent work he did for close to 4 years as president of our club.

"The King is dead...
long live the King..."

GOOD LUCK TO KEN HOLMES THE NEW PRESIDENT

Between 40 & 50 people attended the S.A.G.D. Meeting at the Nordic Hall in Castlegar. The Dinner was good, the Meeting short and we had a very entertaining Slide Show, presented by Ken Holmes on Ski Touring.

TRIP REPORT

Dave Adams-

19 people spent Easter at the Slocan Chief Cabin. We helicoptered in on Thursday evening, April 16th. Fred Thiessen arranged for excellent weather. Enjoyable skiing. At least 8 peaks were climbed. 4 people spent Friday night at Saphire Lakes and toured the area on cross country skis the following day. Spectacular views of the moon over the Kokanee glacier. Some ski'd out Sunday - others Monday.

ATTENTION - 1981 Alternate Hiking Camp_

John Stewart-

There will be a second hiking camp this summer for members wanting a shorter camp and easier hiking and scrambling conditions.

Location: near Johnson's Landing, Kootenay Lake, beside a tarn in large meadows at 7.800 ft., 2 miles north of Kootenay Joe Ridge and 1 mile west of Winter Pk.

July 19 - 25 Date:

\$ 125.00 (helicopter in - hike out with day pack) Cost \$ 150.00 (helicopter both ways)

Applications: Send name, address, phone (include July location, if different), if driving your car to Johnson's Landing, if you prefer to helicopter or walk out 8 miles, along with a \$ 25.00 deposit, no later than early May. Limit of 20 people.

To: John Stewart Box 376 Nelson, B.C. VIL 5R2 Phone 352-3273

Details will be mailed to participants in early June.

TRIP SCHEDULE

Carl Johnson

Kootenay Joe Ridge 366-4201 Carolyn Schramm May 3rd Mt. Eire 352-9605 May 10th Derek Male

Do you have any suggestions for an interesting Summer hike or climb? Are you willing to lead a trip? Carl Johnston is at present preparing the Summer Schedule and needs more input.

354 4075 Please call him at home: 352 2211 or at work 339 Local

CLIMBING CAMP 1981

Fred Thiessen-

The KMC Climbing camp will be held from July 18-26 in the Remillard Range at the headwaters of Windy Creek. (north of the Adamant Range).

Maps: 82 MAE A.C.C..Journals: 1971 pgs. 54-55
82 M16E 1972 " 9-11
82 N13W 1973 " 67
82 N12W 1975 " 77

Cost of the trip is \$ 300.00 - \$ 100.00 is due with your application, the balance is due by July 1st. Included in the camp fee is the helicopter ride in and out, a cook and food. The Food-committee has yet to decide if participants will provide their own lunches. Those attending are expected to provide their own accommodation, eating utensils, climbing gear etc. A detailed newsletter will be mailed in June with all the details. Applicants dropping out after July 1st will loose their deposit (\$100.00), if they cannot find a replacement.

HIKING CAMP 1981

The KMC Hiking camp will be held from July 25 - Aug. 3 at Eagle Nest Lake at the top end of Carney Creek. (Location of the 1980 satelite camp for the hiking camp), 3 km south of Mt. Toby.

Reference Map sheets: 82 Kl, 82 K2

Cost of the camp will be approximately \$ 200.00 - \$ 50.00 is due with your application, the balance by July 1st. Participants are expected to provide their own transportation to the helicopter site, accomodation, eating utensils, climbing gear etc. Applicants dropping out ater July 1st without finding a replacement, will loose their deposit. (\$50.00). A detailed newsletter will be mailed in June with all the details.

CAMP APPLICATION FORM

| For which Camp: | Address: | Phone: |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Have own tent: yes | no willing to share: Yes can provide ride for | no people. |
| Date: | Signature: | |
| If applicant is under lof guardian attending | 19 years old, signature | |
| Enclosed is a cheque for ing Club, Hiking/Clim | or \$, payable to Ko bing camp. | otenay Mountainee- |



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NEWSLETTER

THE POSTAL STRIKE IS OVER

THE WEATHER BEAUTIFUL

CLIMBING CONDITIONS ARE EXCELLENT!!!

Wednesday, September 2nd we could all see each other at the

ANNUAL SYRINGA CREEK PICNIC

Meet at the Picnic Site from 4 p.m. onwards. Bring food, drink, children, boats, games and musical instuments.

Dave Adams wants you to know that the Little Slocan Road now has strong metal gates just north of Hoder Creek and north of Bannock Burn, which makes it impossible to drive into Bannock Burn.

You are requested to lodge complaints with the Forestry Service.

* CONSERVATION REPORT *

You are probably well aware a government study group was formed late last year to analyse the variables affecting land use in the Valhallas. This was subsequently enlarged to include the whole Slocan Valley. The group reports to the Kootenay Regional Resource Committee (KRRC) which represents the various government departments and the Central Kootenay Regional District (CKRD)

As a club we should be delighted that our ten year old proposals are finally being addressed. Unfortunately the glow of early thought has been eroded by a nagging feeling that the whole thing is a hit and run exercise by the planners, and that entrenched government resource departments such as Forestry have adopted an imperishable fantasy that the Slocan study is a patented quick fix solution which will permit them to say that harvesting the Valhallas is in the best interest of B.C.

The first sign of blight occurred when the terms of reference for the study were not forwarded to groups such as ourselves for input. This after they had agreed to allow us input. Further erosion occurred when we pointed out that the KRRC did not have any representation by the Dept of Tourism and were told that that department was not willing to get involved. This led to a lobby for a tourist consultant, a request that was granted but may not be acted upon because of budget cuts.

For years Forestry have been told that Slocan Forest Products leaves a high percentage of good saw logs to rot on the ground. Eventually Forestry estimated the waste and somehow we managed to get a copy. Despite this, Forestry are succeeding in preventing the planning group from addressing waste when they put the facts before the KKRC and the CKRD.

Everyone considers the STP mill to be set in concrete whereas ample evidence exists to suggest this is a very shaky assumption. The potential of the Valhallas to create a destination tourist business for the Slocan is ome of the important aspects of the park proposal. If the STP mill ceases to operate the tourist business would be about the only employment generator in the Slocan, yet the planners are not going to discuss this possibility.

The area representative for the CKRD set up forestry and agricultural study groups but not tourism or recreation. Those of us pushing for a park set up committees in these activities and they will be giving input.

In conclusion it seems to me that the fact finding process is proportional to the desire of the government at the local level to curb the process, whereby we were able to get the central government into the open and out of its secret inter-departmental committee rooms.

The attached fact page should be of interest to you. It would certainly help the cause if you wrote to

- The Chairman, The Kootenay Regional Resource Committee, c/o The Dept of the Environment, 310 Ward St, Nelson B.C.
- The Chairman, Central Rootenay Regional District, 601 Vernon, Nelson.

suggesting that the Slocan Study Group should address waste in the Arrow Lakes TSA especially as to how it affects the Valhallas.

The Planning Group are scheduling mublic meetings early in October and it would be of knormous benefit if you could see your way to attend, and even more important to make your presence known.

" CONFLICTS IN THE VALHALLAS "

- Private ownership of the proposed park lakeshore is minimal.
- Agriculture is non existent.
- Limited mining potential mainly low grade molybdenum anomalies.
- Logging is the major land use conflict.

Forest values in the Valhallas.

- 8,568 hectares, or one sixth of the total area of the Valhalla Park is capable of commercially growing timber.
- This represents 1% of the productive forestland in the Arrow TSA.
- The annual allowable cut of the Valhalla Propossal is 21,043 cu m or 700 truckloads of logs per year, or 18 days of work for ten truckers.
- The total mature volume volume of timber available in the Valhallas in the next twenty years represents 13 months operating for the SFP mill if logged all at once with no waste.
- Much of the timber available is decadent hemlock-cedar type for which SFP has no market and cannot utilize.
- 60% of the timber volume in Nemo Creek is decadent hemlock-cedar.
- 70% of the timber volume in Wee Sandy Creek is decadent hemlock-cedar.
- The Ministry of Forests in 1975 stated that the forest reserve of 62.680 cu m would be adequate to absorb the loss of the Valhalla timber with no loss of production or jobs to industry.

IMPROVING CURRENT WASTE PRACTICES WILL MORE THAN OFFSET VALHALLA TIMBER LOSSES

In 1980 the Ministry of Forests indicated the following:-

- Total measured waste for three and one half years cut on only two of the companies licences was 17,426 cu m.
- This represents 83% of the AAC of the Valhallas.
- Waste was as high as 100% of the cruised volume of hemlock in one cutblock while spruce balsam wastes on several cutblocks hit as high as 25% of the cruised volume.
- This is measured logging waste only; escaped slash burns have not been measured and their volumes are significant.

An improvement in forest utilization practices on SFP licences would mean an increase in timber volume to the company surpassing the AAC of the Valhalla Park.

April-June 1981 MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

The Mountaineering School could not be termed a total success this year, marred as it was by several unfortunate incidents. We started well; there was an enthusiastic and well-equipped group of 26 students, and the weather was good for the rock climbing sessions at the Kinnaird Bluffs, with five dry Wednesday evenings in May! However, on the last evening one student went off bouldering by himself before the rest of us arrived and slipped and broke his leg. We all hope it will heal quickly and well.

Then came the Ymir Mt. snow school, with a good turnout in the early morning sun - which was soon lost to cloud, rain and snow. One student was hit on the back by a rock falling off the face of the mountain, and although he cheerfully carried on all day he acquired six stitches that evening. And finally, one party of three spent the night out when they missed the descent gully from the peak in the snow and cloud. Although we no longer have an official Mountain Rescue Group, seven of the instructors returned to the area at 4:30 a.m. Monday to track down and eventually meet the wet but cheerful three on the Clearwater logging road about noon.

The foul weather preceding the Glacier Creek weekend (June 20-21) almost resulted in it being called off. However, enough people were willing to give it a try, and 7 instructors and 15 students made camp in the usual spot and found an ice wall on which to practice crevasse rescue on the Saturday. Some snow fell that night, and the accumulation of recent snows meant slow and heavy going on Sunday as a long thin line trudged upward toward Truce. The attempt was called off after a few hours, just before clouds and snow descended. A disappointing ending - but a safe one. (This was the same weekend as the Mts. Hood and Rainier disasters).

The students were: April Anderson, Leon Arishenkoff, Allan Auringer, Mary Baker, John Barr, Allan Barrett, Stuart Burwash, Grace Conzon, Butch Geiger, Duane Gingrich, Douglas Goodman, Donald Helbecque, Bob Heslop, Jordan Hughes, Margot Inman, Robyn Laytham, Doug Leavers, Bob Perchie, Derek Smith, Elizabeth Stanich, Gary Staples, Grant Stewart, Peter Tchir, Carol Welhan, Raymond Pichette.

And once again many thanks to the instructors: Dave Adams, Ian Bult, Ian Hamilton, Ken Holmes, Kim Kratky, Iain Martin, Derek Moule, Don Mousseau, Peter McIver, Eric Norton, Bert Port, Howie Ridge, Fred Thiessen, Gary & Margot Williams, Peter Wood, John Wright, John Wurflinger - and to Andrew Dunlop for his help.

SIXTH ANNUAL BANFF FESTIVAL OF MOUNTAIN FILMS

Entries have been invited for the Sixth Annual Banff Festival of Mountain Films with awards for seven categories of film about montain topics.

Regulations and entry procedure have been sent to the club and entries should be sent on by September 30th.

For a copy of the regulations contact Ken Holmes, Phone 362-7723

Correction:

The Editor regrets stating in the July newsletter, that people from the COLUMBIA River Canoe trip floated happily down the KOOTENAY River.

It was pure ignorance and might well happen again!



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KARABINER

Ian Hamilton-

This is the last chance for you to send in Material for the Kootenay Karabiner. Trip Reports, Poems, Maps or anything else you consider suitable for the Karabiner. Don't submit photos unless they are excellent. Send to:

Ian Hamilton 955, 7th Avenue Castlegar, B.C.

KMC-Park-Branch-Liason-Committee

Due to various reasons, none of which are very interesting, there have not been any meetings of this Committee for duite some time.

There are now several items I know of, plus possibly others that I don't know exist, that could be of advantage to the KMC: for us to try and get some action from the Park Branch.

If you would like to join this committee please let me know. The next meeting will be in October in Castlegar. Due to the lenght of time from the last meeting, (some time last year) would all past members of this committee also indicate they are still interested.

Phone: Ian Hamilton 365-6749 THANKS

ETROPER PIRT

Kim Kratky-"Not a Pipe but a Ship"

Howie Ridge and I had been musing since last year about a trip to Chimney Rock, Idaho. Finally, on Friday afternoon July 10th we drove down to Priest Lake and camped at the Horton Ridge look; ut site east of the lake.

Saturday morning we climbed a 7,136' flat-topped wedge that, from the top, looks more like a ship than anything else. The standard route took us two leads plus a scramble, and is rated 5.3. Howie will tell you more about this enterprise in the next Karabiner. Earlier Chimney Rock adventures appeared in the Fall 1971

Kim Kratky-

Mt. Dryden

The sun shone all day as seven people enjoyed a club outing in the Whitewater Greek valley on August 23rd. Promptly at 7.30 a.m. three car loads of people converged on the Retallack townsite. From Retallack we were able to drive more than two miles up the mining road to a good parking spot near the newly-installed trail register. Even full-sized cars can travel on this road if one is careful. Exploring the Southern Selkirks gives full directions for finding the trailhead.

The four-mile trail we found to be overgrown and faint in its middle section through a sub-alpine meadow. After three hours of pleasant walking, we reached the height of land between Whitewater and South Jooper Greeks. From here, one has a fine view of the two valleys; of Whitewater Atn., Mts. Dryden and Brennan; and of the remains of a man-made watercourse. This impressive bit of engineering was used to bring water in a ground-level stovepipe to the mine workings below Whiteater Mtn.

Our Ascent of Mt. Dryden (9.050') was made very easy by a long snow ramp on the southeast face. Nothing more than an ice axe is necessary for the climb.

From car to summit: five hours. Return: three hours.

Participants on the outing were Sue Port, Margo and Gary Williams, Doug Levers, E.J. Perrin, Steve Fuller, and Kim Kratky.

Kim Kratky- West Kokanee Creek

For several years I have thought about exploring the West Kokanee Creek trail; a footpath that has its beginning about four miles up the Gibson Lake roads. On Friday, August 28th, 3ob Dean and I set out from his car at 7:30 a.m. to follow this route. After crossing Kokanee Creek on an impressive, permanent bridge we followed the broad trail on its gentle ascent through heavy timer. Unhappily we found the trail to be in bad condition after we had walked some 90 minutes. Deadfalls and alder thickets made the going unpleasant; at points we lost the trail entirely and had to rely on flagging someone else had placed. After four houre of frustrations, abrasions, and scratches we reached the remains of what must have been an unsuccessful mine located at 6.800°. Beyond this point we enjoyed the views from enchanting alpine meadows at the head of the valley from which we could see Sunset Mtn., Outlook Mtn., Kokanee Glacier, and all the Valhallas. A 25-minute scramble at speed took us to the top of a nearby unnamed 7.800° mountain located $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Mt. Cornfield. For a while we were tempted to continue along the ridge to Outlook Mtn. and return via Gibson Lake, but our better judgement prevailed.

Our return from the summit took a shin-numbing 3½ hours.

This trip is recommended only to those wishing to pack a chainsaw and lopping shears.

Kim Kratky-

Archduke and Emperor

On September 12, Bert Port, Ian Hamilton and I journeyed to the headwaters of Deep Jreek to finish a KMJ club trip of July 5th that had been rained out. This time we completed the ascent of Emperor Peak by the west face, and also climbed the twin summits of Archduke Mtn. Views of other mountains in the Purcells were particularly good from this vantage point about 5 miles west of the Truce Glacier.

(Shame on everybody; but Kim for not sending in)

TRIP SCHEDULE

Jarl Johnson-

 Oct. 4
 Wolves Ears
 352-9658

 Oct. 11
 Nemo Creek
 A2 Derek Willans
 368-3772

 Oct. 10,11,12
 Black Tusk
 Fred Thiessen
 352-6140

For trip details contact the leader.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Dave Adams -

THE AGM BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRESIDEPLACE IN CASTLEGAR, ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.

THE BAR OPENS AT 6.30 PM DINNER BEGINS AT 7.00 pm APPROX. COST \$ 10.00 PER PERSON

Please reserve your place before Nov. 3rd by phoning

365-6430 Dave Adams 365-6749 Ian Hamilton

There will be a X-mas-party at the Nordic Hall on Saturday, December 19th at 8 p.m. Details later.

There is a slide show planned of the 1981 Summer Camps, at the Nordic Hall, on Friday, January 15th at 7.30 p.m.

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Dave Adams -

The AGM Banquet will be held at the Firesideplace in Castlegar. on Friday, November 6th

> The Bar opens at 6.30 p.m. Dinner begins at 7.00 p.m. Cost \$ 10.00 per person

Please reserve your Smorgisboard dinner before Nov. 3rd by phoning

> 365-6430 Dave Adams 365-6749 Ian Hamilton

The X-mas-party will be held on Friday, December 18th at the Nordic Hall at 8 p.m. Music for dancing by the "Star-system" For a midnight Potlack smorgisboard bring interesting snacks and savories and not to forget - your bottle.

Cost \$ 5.00 per person

To Libby Martin's knee our best wishes for a speedy recovery. You will need it to dance at the X-mas-Party

GOOD LUCK

3.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Ken Holmes -

We received an appeal from the 3.C. Wildlife Federation for financial assistance. Apparently they are in severe financial difficulties - indeed, their letter says they are struggling. If you would like to make a contribution please send it to B.C. Wildlife Federation or to Graham Kenyon who is the president.

(Contributions are tax deductible)

ACCESS TO KOKANEE PARK AND OTHER LOCAL AREAS

Ken Holmes -

The Keen creek access road has been closed for some time, 6 miles from the Trailhead.

The Woodbury creek road was reported unaccessible until mid-August.

The Gibson Lake road was in poor conditon and some members had to leave cars 2 miles from the parking lot.

The little Slocan Lakes road is gated off and access to Bannock-burn and Mulvey prevented.

What can we do about it?

The answer is complain!!!!

Pick up your phone and call the Parks Branch, Forestry and Highways anytime you encounter poor access conditions or similar.

Unless the public let these government departments know that people are concerned, little action will result.

Julie Norton, the Cabin & Trail chairman has changed her address to:

693 B Rossland Ave. Trail, B.C. VIR 3N2

For Road reports or information on huts and trails phone Julie at: 368 9429

A new Club has been formed and the newsletter will list the scheduled trips next spring.

The Kelowna Climbing Club P.O. Box 967 Station A Kelowna, B.C. VIY 707

TRIP REPORT

Carl Johnson-

On September 13, 1981, Carl Johnson, Carolyn & Peter Schramm, Earl and Eric Jorgenson hiked to Jumbo Pass Earl and Eric climbed to the top of the Bastille. The hike to the pass took about 2 hours with an easy scramble to the top after another 2 hours. The weather was fine and due to the recent improvements to the trail the hiking was very pleasant.

FOR SALE

4 year old Gelding, registered Quarterhorse, gentle disposition, requires more training - \$ 1000.00

Phone: 368 9429 or 368 3616 at work ask for Julie Norton The following agricle was written by J.Bonfoni, President Sierra Club
Western Canada

When government bureaucracies grow, it is usually seen as a bad thing - a sign of inefficiency, a growth not unlike cancer. When businesses grow, however, it is seen as just the opposite - a sign of efficiency, a growth created by good management and a greater responsiveness than the competition. Government managers are supposed to contain growth, while business managers strive to promote it.

Unfortunately for the environment and responsible land use planning in Western Canada, electrical utilities are run like businesses rather than governments. That is, growth is a measuring stick by which performance is judged. Utilities in Western Canada, like those elsewhere in North America, are not likely to achieve historical growth rates from local consumption, though. Both residential and industrial customers are starting to take serious steps to conserve energy. This is due in no small part to the increasing cost of energy – even hydroelectricity.

This presents quite a dilemma to utility executives. For all the lip service utilities pay to conservation, what with public service ads and little reminders with your electric bills to mend leaky hot water faucets and turn off unnecessary lights, the fact remains that they are managing for growth. Growth in energy consumption means more cash flow, more profits, a more powerful organization, and quite likely - larger salaries. If there is one wish that is common to "big wheels" it is to be bigger wheels, and the road to success as an executive does not lie in "stagnation." As Dick Fiddler, the manager of Seattle's new energy conservation building code (and Vice President of the Sierra Club) noted when in Victoria lecturing local civil servants, the greatest barrier to serious electrical energy conservation lies not in technological limitations or consumer acceptance, but with "institutional momentum." That is to say, utility executives see their function as they always have - to help their utilities grow.

While conservation has not achieved the level it could with serious leadership by the utilities, nevertheless it has had some damping effect on growth rates. Projected into the future, this puts a real crimp in the plans of executives to build new megaprojects. How can they build these things without sufficient demand?

Possible salvation for their old-school management philosophy has recently come their way from south of the border. Recently a bill was signed by President Reagan called the Northwest Power Bill. This legislation forms the new mandate of the Bonnerville Power Administration, that federal agency in charge of building dams and such things in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, for sale of power to local utilities. Part of that bill addresses the problem of what to do for new power sources now that they have run out of places to build dams. One answer the bill suggests is - look to Western Canada. The bill reads in part:

The (BPA) Administrator is authorized and directed to investigate opportunities for adding to this region's resources or reducing the region's power costs through the accelerated or cooperative development of resources located outside the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington if such resources are renewable resources, and are now or in the future planned or considered for eventual development by nonregional agencies or authorities that will or would own, sponsor, or otherwise develop them.

I am assured by the Club's northwest representative in Seattle that "renewable" does indeed include giant hydro projects, and that "outside" means *north*. In fact, this particular section of the bill was referred to by those involved with drafting it as the "Canadian clause."

The BPA will soon come knocking on the doors of the western premiers. They know that while large scale export of firm power is not yet taking place (usually due to provincial policy), the possibilities are there. Further, they know that these premiers are quite at home with the idea of basing their provincial economies on the export of raw resources. Consequently, it is very probable that at some point we will see moves by the provincial governments to change current policies; changes which will result in half-million volt power lines trudging from our northern rivers across the border. Changes which will serve to perpetuate Canada's and especially Western Canada's role as "hewer of wood and drawer of water" to the industrialized nations.

Club members should be aware of all this when large and seemingly unnecessary projects are announced in the future, (such as B.C. Hydro's 4.8 thousand megawatt Liard Project). Letters to your MLA and premier expressing opposition to the export of power while we suffer the consequences of loss of productive land and/or degradation of our air and water. Remember that even if the export projects look relatively harmless, they are taking away a source of power that otherwise could have been used locally, meaning that another plant will have to be built for that purpose later on.



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NEWSLETTER

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

was held on November 6th, in Castlegar. Approx. 50 people attended.

The election of Officers took place and we all thank the people for the work they are doing or have done as members of the Executive.

> Julie Norton - Cabins, Trails & Equipment Sue Port - Rock School

> > have resigned -

We Wellcome

Dennis Herman - Jabins, Trails & Equipment John Wurflinger - Rock School

THE K.M.C. EXECUTIVE 1981/82

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| Conservation | Derek Willans | 368-3772 |

K.M.C. WINTER TRIPS SCHEDULE 1982

Carl Johnson

| Jan 10 | Benshaw Trail | XC 3 | ob Hammond | 368-7776 |
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| Jan 17 | Salmo Creston Summit | XC-A | Phil Whitfield | 352-9936 |
| Jan 24 | Record Ridge | A | Don Mousseau | 362-9549 |
| Jan 31 | Old Glory | Α | Steve Horwath | 362-5365 |
| Feb 7 | Dominion Mtn. | XC | Ken Holmes | 362-7723 |
| Feb 14 | Granite to Old Glory | Α | Eric Norton | 362-5813 |
| Feb 21 | Silver King-Toad Wtn | .XC | Jack Steed | 352-2196 |
| Feb 28 | Mt. Brennan | Α | Bert Port | 365 - 6056 |
| Mar 7 | Ymir Creek, snowshoe | XC | Carl Johnson | 354-4075 |
| Mar 14 | to be announced | Α | Howie Ridge | 352-9658 |
| Mar 21 | Retallac Area | XC | Jim McLaren | 353-7170 |
| Mar 28 | To be announced | | | , |
| Apr 4 | Outlook Mtn. | A | Ken Holmes | 362-7723 |
| Apr.8,9,10,11 | Silver Spray, fly in | A | Peter McIver | 362-7674 |
| April 18 | to be announced | | | |
| April 24,25 | Lavina Mtn | A | Carolyn Schramm | 354-4075 |
| May 2 | to be announced | | | |

Please contact the trip leader well in advance, to confirm that the trip is taking place. In case a trip leader is not available, an attempt will be made to find a substitute. Note that if a person arrives not properly prepared for a trip the leader has the right to turn him or her back before starting.

Grading System

A - Easy B - Moderate C - Strenuous X - Cross Country Skiing

Pieps are available to Club members for a small rental fee. Please let leaders know if you need one prior to going on a trip.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Dave Adams -

The X-mas-party will be held on Friday, December 18th at the Nordic Hall at 8.p.m.

Music for dancing by the "Star-System"

For a midnight Potlack smorgisboard bring snacks and sevories and dont forget - your bottle!!!

Cost \$ 5.00 per person

Dave has prepared a list of social events up to March which I will list here. Please mark the dates on your calendar.

Each event will be announced once more as a reminder closer to the time to inform you of any chamges and further details.

January 15/82 at 7.30 p.m. - A Slide show of the 1981 Summer: Camps, at the Nordic Hall in Castlegar.

February 12/82 - evening - phone Dave Adams about the Mystery Tour - 365-6430

February 19/82 at 7.30 p.m. - A Slide show "Eric Norton in Peru" at the Nordic Hall in Castlegar.

March 12/82 - evening - phone Dave Adams about the second Mystery Tour - 365-6430

March 26/82 at 7.30 p.m. - A Slide show at the Nordic Hall in Castlegar - details later.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Anne Dean -

Recently I saw the "VALHALLA SHOW" in the South Slocan Church Hall and was impressed to the point that I want to urge you all to write to the following people a letter of support for the Vallhalla Wilderness Park.

- 1 The Hon. Stephen Rogers, Minister of the Environment
- 2 The Hon. Jim Chabot, Minister of Parks
- 3 The Hon. Tom Waterland, Minister of Forests

Parliament Buildings Victoria, B.C.

You may in the past already have written such letters - please write again.

There is nt much time left until the final decision goes through. It does not seem realistic, that for the sake of 3½% of the total timber lands available to the mill to log, this untouched area of such beauty and potential should be "ruined" Each one of us will be responsible if this area gets logged, for they havent heard us loud enough, clear enough and often enough. There are such few areas left untouched and until government realizes that SELECTIVE LOGGING is the only way to go, a handful of concerned people scream as loudly as they can to be heard, for these areas to be set aside for future generations.

Please write and address all 3 letters in one envelope to:

Anne Dean, P.O Box 38, Crescent Valley, B.C. VOG IHO no later than December 15/81.

I will send the letters as a joint project of our Club to the appropriate address as an "X mas gift" to our apparently deaf, dumb and shortsighted representatives of people!!!

I ask you to do it this way only because I know from experience - I read a request, have good intentions, then forget and nothing happens......
So if you send your letters to a collective place first, it will make it just that little bit harder for you to forget....

I only try to twist your arm

if you don't want the park - don't write

PLEASE WRITE!!!

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This is to all members that arent aware that the K.M.C. owns a handsome library, which is presently located at: Bert & Sue Port's residence. - 2713 loth Avenue, Castlegar. Phone: 365-6056.

FOR SALE:

1 pair 205 Volkl Powder Skis with 727 Solomon Bindings. The best Powder Ski made - in excellent condition

Call: John at 352-2383

FOR SALE:

l year old Kodak Slide Projector Model 750H \$ 200.00

Call: Ian Hamilton at 365-6749