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KOO ENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

JANUARY 1987

NEWSLETTER

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !

Here's to powder snow, sunny summits, Bannockburn Creek access, unthreatened parks, and safe skiing and climbing for us all.

CULTURE AND CLIMBING IN THE CORDILLERA BLANCA OF PERU

Jeff Lakes, now preparing for an expedition to Makalu, will show slides of two recent climbing trips to South America.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 7:30 p.m.

NORDIC HALL, CASTLEGAR

SCHEDULED TRIPS

JAN. 10	REDFISH/KOKANEE CREEK	Bill Bing	825-4684
	Moderate skiing on steep logging roads/open areas (with Nelson Nordic Club).		
JAN. 18	CLEARWATER - YMIR CREEK CROSSOVER	Earl Jørgensen	352-7775
	Easy to moderate skiing on logging roads		
JAN. 25	HODER OR KOCH CREEK	Bert Port	365-6056
	Destination to depend on access. Moderate to rough terrain: alpine/telemark.		
FEB. 1	PAULSON TRAILS	Stan Baker	359-7346
	Easy, packed trails near Nancy Greene Lake.		
FEB. 1	MYSTERY CROSSOVER, NELSON AREA	Howie Ridge	352-9658
	Moderate.		

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FEB. 8 UPPER KUSKANUX CREEK Fred Thiessen 352-614
 Above Nakusp Hot Springs. Overnight in Nakusp.
 Moderate to rough terrain: alpine/telemark.

FEB. COPPER MT. HUT John Stewart 352-3273
 14-15 Stay in the new hut. Moderate: alpine/telemark.

ACCESS NOTES, from Fred Thiessen

- 1) Mid-Slope Rd. still open, giving good access to Copper Mt. hut.
- 2) Koch/Marioka Creeks (west of Cougar Creek) - open at end of December to 6000'.
- 3) Kuskanux (Nakusp Hot Springs Rd.) open
- 4) Hoder/Night Creeks NOT open at end of December.
- 5) Whitewater Ski Area - a \$3 one-ride ticket gives access to excellent skiing in the Five Mile Creek basin.

TRIP REPORTS

SALMO-CRESTON SUMMIT, December 7 - Six skiers met in the damp, cold cloud at 9 am at the summit and proceeded up the road on the south side. We headed off towards Ripple Mt. and turned back after varying numbers of bumps on the ridge had been attained. The Creston Nordic Club cabin provided a warm place for lunch and all enjoyed skiing down through the trees on the return.
 On the trip: 4 Ports, Mark Hamilton, Renate Belczyk.

MT. CORNFIELD, December 21 - Yvonne Tremblay and Renate Belczyk left from Yvonne's house (Six-Mile) to ski 6 km. up a new 11 km. logging road. Yvonne claims that the ski down is always good.

GRASSY MT., December 27-28 - George Apel and Thom Bell proceeded up the open west slopes from the skid roads above pylon 15.4. At lower elevations snow had not fully covered the stream beds on the roads. Breaking trail with heavy packs took close to 6 hrs. to reach the hut. A lone skier with a day pack was able to follow the tracks in 3½ hrs. On the 28th a pit was dug to ground level near the hut with the following observations:

Slope: SE exposure
 Snow depth: 125 cm.

—	Surface
—	35 cm. 1 cm hoar
—	50 cm. ½ cm hoar
—	85 cm. 1½ cm ice
—	Ground

ICE CLIMBING - OR, HOW I SPENT MY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

While most of us were over-eating and trail or lift skiing, Laura Adams and Jeff Lakes were ice climbing in the Rockies. They ascended the 310 m. Cascade Mt. waterfall in Banff on December 20 ("the most popular ice route in Canada" says Jeff - only three other parties the day they were there), and "Hers" waterfall of the Grotto Falls, east of Canmore. They also spent three days on various routes on the Weeping Wall at the Columbia Icefields.

Camps, (Climbing and Hiking), Jeff Ross

The following important new summer camp registration policies were unanimously arrived at during a recent joint climbing and hiking camp review meeting. The measures are designed to update and improve existing procedures. They will apply to both the climbing and hiking camps beginning with the '87 camps.

New, (for '87) Camp Registration Policies

1. Camp Registration Priority for "existing members". Members who have renewed their memberships prior to the annual February 1st cutoff date will be granted an exclusive two month registration period from the date(s) of the respective camp announcements. (As of Feb. 1st, organizers will obtain a list of all 1987 paid up members from the Treasurer for this purpose). We feel this measure most equitably addresses the concern some have had about a "new member", (one who joins for camp), possibly excluding an existing member at camp by filling available slots. As club "regulars" normally renew prior to the Feb. 1st cutoff each year, this non-discriminatory means of "natural selection" will favor club "regulars" at camp registration time. Have you paid your '87 dues?

Treasurer, Garth Thomson	Single 20.00
Box 221	Family 24.00
Rossland, B.C. VOG 1Y0	Junior 10.00
	(14-18 years)

2. Non Refundable Deposits. A 50.00 non refundable deposit will be required to reserve a spot on the camp rosters. Hopefully this will deter "registration on speculation" by members whose plans may actually be indefinite.

3. "Phone Registrations". While camp organizers are always happy to answer any questions on the phone, registration for camp will only be confirmed upon receipt of a completed application form accompanied by a deposit.

4. Deadline for full payment.....(balance of camp fees), is due June 30.

5. Cancellations.

a. Before June 30 the deposit is forfeited, but any additional pre paid fees are refundable.

b. After June 30 both the deposit is forfeited as well as the balance of the camp fee, unless a suitable replacement can be found. While waiting lists are common in the months prior to the camps, in the final month before camp, most members on waiting lists have either dropped off, made other commitments, or have filled slots made available by earlier cancellations. Therefore, unless there is an available member on a waiting list, the onus is on the member who cancels in the final month to come up with a suitable replacement themselves if they are to receive a refund, (less the deposit which again is forfeited in any case).

6. Minimum age at which a junior member may participate in a camp shall be 15 years of age. For liability purposes, junior members between the ages of 15-18 who wish to attend camp must be accompanied by either a parent or legally appointed guardian who shall be solely responsible for such junior members at camp. While it is recognized there are mature and capable younger members whose parents may feel comfortable with them along at camp, the camps are designed as an adult experience, and

Camp Registration Policies, Cont.

organizers are not inclined to assume the unavoidable additional level of responsibility entailed by having participants younger than 15 at a camp.* However, we would encourage experienced members with younger children who are interested in a camp experience to come forward and volunteer to organize and lead a family camp. We as a club have the equipment, with motivation being the final ingredient necessary to perhaps make a family camp a yearly event.

Summary

While some of these regulations will probably seem too demanding to members unfamiliar with the dynamics of the camp(s) organization job, each has been arrived at to address problem areas that have regularly caused difficulties for camp organizers, and in the case of the new existing-member-registration-priority-measure, in response to direct input from the membership.

Briefly, other items were discussed at our meeting including safety related topics, new equipment requirements, camp application form waivers and a resolution that both camps have a SSB radio, (as last year), every year from now on. Specifics pertaining to the preceeding and/or other measures affecting the camps will be put into place or addressed as necessary in forthcoming hiking or climbing camp newsletter announcement.

Review Committee: Ross, Thiessen, Steed, Butling, Brewster, Korffman.

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A REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership fees are due at the time of the Annual General Meeting. For this year's rates see the preceding article. If you joined after September 1, 1986, you have paid your membership for 1987.

If you do not pay by March 15, your name will be removed from the membership list and no further Newsletters will be sent until membership is re-instated.

The following hold 5-year memberships (no longer available) which are due on the date noted:

Adams, Dave - Jan/88	McKay, Norm/Martha - Jan/89
Biller, John/Kay - Jan/90	Norton, Eric - Jan/91
Dean, Bob/Anne - Jan/88	Parrilla, Joseph - Jan/88
Deane, Ritchie/Fiona - Jan/88	Pichette, Raymond - Jan/88
Deatherage, Gary/Ann - Jan/90	Staples, Gary - Jan/87
Harrison, Hal/Trish - Jan/88	Stewart, John/Katherine - Jan/88
Herman, Dennis/Jane - Jan/87	Swinkels, Fritz/Marieke - Jan/88
Holmes, Ken/Rita - Jan/88	Thiessen, Fred - Jan/88
Hopland, Roy - Jan/88	Walker, Paul - Jan/89
Langballe, Knut - Jan/89	Walton, John - Jan/89
LePage, Peggy - Jan/90	Willans, Derek - Jan/89
Leyland, Scott - Jan/89	Wood, Peter - Jan/89
McDonnell, Doolee - Jan/88	Wright, John - Jan/88
McIver, Peter/- Jan/88	Wurflinger, John - Jan/89

KARABINER

Last Call! If you have not yet picked up your copy of the 1986 Kootenay Karabiner, please arrange to do so now. Nelson: Fred Thiessen, 352-6140, Rossland-Trail: Don Mousseau, 362-9549, Castlegar: Sue Port, 365-6056.

There are a limited number of extra copies available by sending \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage to: Jeff Ross, RR #3, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5P6. Will send directly to you, or to a friend if you supply the address.

1984 Karabiner: If anyone did not receive his 1984 copy, some "missing" extra copies have surfaced. Call Sue Port, 365-6056.

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FOR SALE

Skis - Kazama Mountain High, 205 cm. - Villom 3-pin binding

Boots - Norrona telemark boots (Norwegian, top of the line) - size 43

Call Ken Holmes 362-7723

FOR SALE

- Sleeping bag: Mt. Logan down

- Mountaineering boots:

Asolo Expedition full shank double boots - men's 8½

Edge half shank boots - men's 9

- Rock shoes, Fire - men's 7½

- Camera: Konica 35 mm automatic with case

- Ski pants, blue entrant - Ladies size 8-10

Phone Jeff Lakes or Laura Adams at 365-6132

WANTED

Cut off tail ends from a pair of skinny stick-on skins (to add to a child's whose skis keep growing!)

Call Sue Port at 365-6056

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PADDLERS WANTED

Are you interested in meeting others who enjoy recreational canoeing? Are you interested in a Kootenay Canoe and Kayak Club (KCKC) with a schedule of evening practices, family day trips, or longer "expeditions"? Planning should begin now as spring will be here soon. For more information contact;

Bert Port, 2713, - 10th Ave., Castlegar, B.C. V1N 3A5 365-6056

CONGRATULATIONS to Julie Lachman and Neville Jordison on the birth of Alexander Frank November 18, 1986.

MOUNTAINEERING BOOKS

Many thanks to Fred Thiessen for obtaining a copy of the missing 1980 issue of the Canadian Alpine Journal for the Club library. The set is once again complete from vol. 1, 1907.

If you want to have your own set, the Alpine Club had some for sale for only \$3,000. Unfortunately, the deadline for applications was Dec. 31 (all of a week after the ACC newsletter was received).

Ross Breakwell recently brought us a catalogue from Michael Chessler Books of New York (mountaineering, exploration, Tibet etc.) in which we noted the high price of some classics of Canadian mountaineering: Coleman's Canadian Rockies, 1911, for only \$350 (U.S.), and Stutfield and Collie, Climbs and explorations in the Canadian Rockies, 1903, for \$275.

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From the Sierra Club of Western Canada:

OUTDOOR PRODUCTS WANTED

THE SIERRA CLUB OF WESTERN CANADA IS A RECREATION/ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION SEEKING FOOD, GAMES, CLOTHING, AND/OR EQUIPMENT IDEAS THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR OUTDOORS PEOPLE WHICH CAN BE DEVELOPED AND MARKETING FOR A MAIL ORDER BUSINESS.

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For more information please contact:

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FEBRUARY 1987

February 14-15	John Stewart	352-3273
COPPER MT. HUT - Stay in the new hut. Moderate alpine/ telemark touring.		
February 22	Chris Overton	362-7178
BERRY-PLEWMAN CIRCUIT - Popular short circuit, Nancy Greene Summit to Hanna Creek. Moderate alpine/telemark.		
March 1	Peter McIver	362-9513
WHITEWATER RIDGE, W. access - A not-Goat-Creek trip (says Peter - Does anyone still believe him?) Only the hardy need apply, don't expect a picnic etc. An annual event, back by popular demand.		
March 8	Gary Williams	362-5297
DOMINION MT. VIA BARRETT CREEK - Telemark skis. Long road access to attractive isolated summit near Ymir.		
March 14-15	George Apel	365-7653
GRASSY MT. HUT - Good touring at the new hut (and a good chance of finding it with this leader!) Alpine/telemark.		

Do you want input into the location of the 1987 camp? Bring your ideas; maps will be provided. If you have a suggestion and can't make it, call Fred Thiessen (352-6140).

MARCH 28-29 - Just received: notice of a Basic Avalanche Safety Course by the FMCBC, in the Nelson area. See p. 5.

TRIP REPORTS

WHITEWATER SKI AREA TO NELSON, January 15

Earl Jorgensen

On January 15, John Stewart, Robert Gordon, Bill Bing and Earl Jorgensen undertook the annual crossover from the Whitewater Ski Area to Nelson. The route is from Hummingbird Pass, proceed west up to the ridge, they keep heading west to the antenna site on Burns meadow. From there the trip is down the road to the Nelson City reservoir. The weather was bright and the sky was blue. We were on our skis shortly before 9 a.m. and had lunch after 3½ hours at the antenna. We had a spot or two of bushwhacking along the top, and it would be helpful if the route was flagged. But we were back to the reservoir by 2:30 p.m. after a nice run down the road in the powder.

CLEARWATER CREEK, January 18

Earl Jorgensen

During W.W.II, aircrew were required to note the weather when on a sortie. One of the terms used was C.A.V.U. - ceiling and visibility unlimited. That certainly describes the day of the KMC trip up Clearwater Creek and over the pass and down to Ymir. We had a super day and the snow was ample. For 2 hours we had a good track up Clearwater. Then we put on the necessary skins for the climb over Huckleberry Pass and into the brilliant sunshine for lunch. The trip down to Ymir was most pleasant but relatively slow, with too much snow. The leader had to maintain a stride all the way down in breaking trail, but those following had a nice ride. The splendid day was topped off with a very delightful stop at Whitewater Inn. There we settled in front of a warm fire with a glass or two of the amber nectar; it was no wonder we were late for supper. On the trip: Garth Thomson, Chris Overton, Barb Norris, Norman and Anna Thyer, Chris Stewart, Earl Jorgensen.

KOCH/MARIOKA CREEKS - ACCESS NOTE: The planned trip of January 25 did not take place as a recce the previous weekend found three small logging outfits felling onto and skidding down the Marioka Creek Road on the weekends. (A phone call to SFP had assured the absence of logging trucks, but no mention of any other activity.) There was no other vehicle access above the main Koch Creek Rd. at that time.

SLOCAN CHIEF CABIN, January 24-31

Sue Port

Mary Baker's SCC lottery win allowed 11 people, some of them KMC'ers, to spend a week in Kokanee (Mary & Alan were unfortunately not among them). Most flew in, all skied out; the latter is made less pleasant by logging activity about 3 miles up Kokanee Crk. Rd., which may mean a long walk at the end (enlivened by reckless logging vehicle drivers). The snow depth at the cabin was only 1.7 m, but increased slowly with daily snowfalls.

John Carter is in as Park Warden this winter; his advice, care and trail breaking services were much appreciated by all.

A couple of possible firsts: Thanks to the Thomsons, Robbie Burns Day was duly celebrated with pipe music (taped!), haggis (with its Ode), neeps and of course the appropriate liquid refreshment. The first annual Kokanee snow diving competition was also held, with trees and the outhouse providing the elevation. Amazing what a stormy day with minimal skiing can lead to.

The lottery system is not perfect; we heard of one organization which submitted 35 applications (and got two choice bookings). If any members have ideas for improvement, please pass them on to John Carter.

COPPER MT. HUT ACCESS

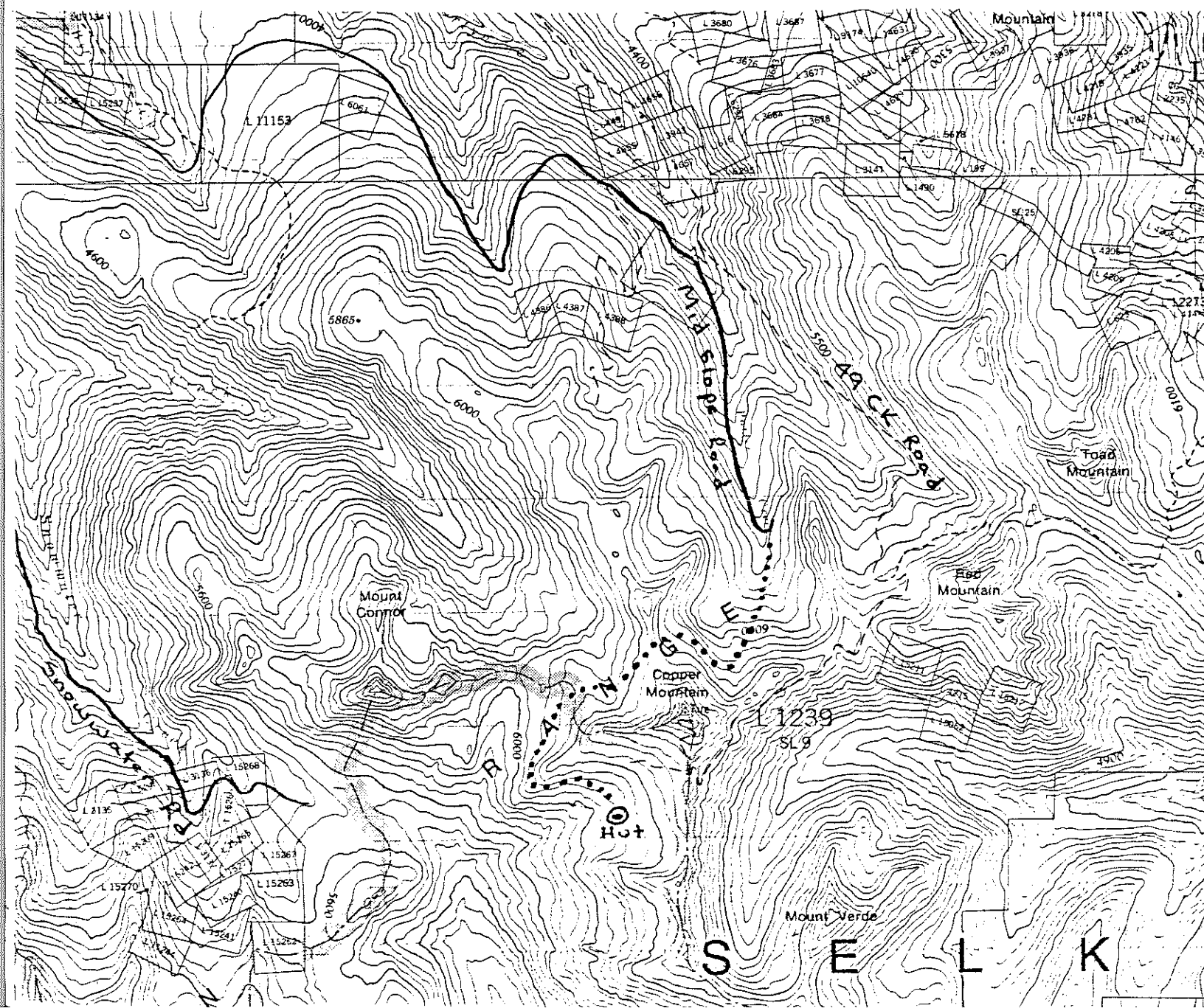
Fred Thiessen

On January 10, a group consisting of BCFS employees and KMC's explored routes into the Copper Mt. hut. We went in via the Mid-Slope Road (still plowed to 5500 ft.) and set off to gain the east shoulder of Copper Mt. The SE slopes of Copper appeared avalanche prone, so we climbed Copper, then skied down to the hut (2½ hours).

After lunch and another run, we left via "Route A" (see map), which contoured around Copper, through the headwaters of Rover Creek, then back to 49 Creek and down to the cars (2 hrs.), to arrive at dusk.

Although longer, route A is the safest of any of the winter routes, the elevation gain is the least, and exposure to avalanche-prone slopes is minimized. Take an altimeter; in poor visibility it is essential in helping to find the hut (6250 ft. 50 ft.) The map is 82 F6.

We were: P. Spearman, F. Thiessen, T. Braumedi, N. Billadow, J. & C. Bunce and the Daves Elliot, Toews, Gluns, Adams and Clark, thus proving that 50% of all males on ski trips have Dave as their first name.



NOTES FROM A K.M.C. EXECUTIVE MEETING, JANUARY 12, 1987

Conservation: Letters will be written to:

1) support the Height of the Rockies Wilderness Proposal. This area on the Continental Divide at the headwaters of White and Joffre Creeks includes the Royal Group, site of the 1970 camp, and the Limestone Lakes, site of the 1987 Hiking Camp.

2) oppose the opening of the Ripple Ridge road (Stagleap Park, Salmo-Creston summit) to snowmobiles.

Rock School: to be limited to 10-12 students, to match the number of members willing and competent to instruct on rock or snow. The Club now has sufficient helmets, harnesses and ropes to equip this number, but is short of ice-axes. A motion was passed to purchase 5 or 6 axes (to a cost of \$300) to increase the Club's supply for Snow School and for other trips.

Camps: It was decided that the only Club mountaineering equipment to be provided would be ropes for emergencies. Otherwise, participants will be responsible for bringing their own equipment and for acquiring the skills to use it (eg. Club axes will not be taken into Hiking Camp "on spec", although individual members may want to rent one for the week).

Also, a \$5 "equipment maintenance fee" will be charged each Camp participant, to be kept in a fund for major expenditures (tents, stoves etc.)

Membership year: Members may have noted the discrepancy in the last Newsletter between the cut-off dates for memberships; the Camp article gave Feb. 1 as the date to determine membership for Camp application purposes, and March 15 was given as the cut-off for Newsletter mailings. These dates will stand for 1987. Next year we'll try for a more coherent policy.

Liability: Once again, the problem of insurance and liability was discussed. The Club had only just reconciled itself to purchasing insurance for members (through the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C.) when that became unavailable in the widespread insurance crisis. Now, some mountaineering clubs are requiring members to sign a lengthy waiver form releasing the Club and its members from liability in the event of an accident, and indemnifying the Club against the costs of such things as medical or rescue expenses.

The Executive looked at copies of the ACC and BCMC forms, which are said to be similar to waivers which were upheld in the Ontario and B.C. Courts of Appeal, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada. If we were to require such waivers from members, what would happen to our very open policy of allowing non-members on Club trips? The President will be inquiring into the experiences of other Clubs through the FMCBC. Any thoughts from KMC members on this subject are welcome.

In the meantime, the Rock School and Summer Camps will continue to require participants to sign a waiver.

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BEST WISHES to Kim Kratky & Janice Isaac and their new daughter Karla, born October 5 in Honduras and finally safely settled in Nelson.

KMC OPERATING BUDGET

As agreed at the annual meeting, the Executive Committee has prepared the following operating budget for this year's activities:

REVENUE		EXPENSES	
Membership fees	\$2200	Karabiner '86 - Expenses	\$1250
Snow survey - Revenue	\$500	Less advertising revenue	<u>350</u>
Less expenses	<u>250</u>	Net for Karabiner	\$900
Net from Snow survey	250	Newsletter	850
Rock School - Revenue	800	FMCBC membership (\$4 each)	550
Less expenses	<u>400</u>	Conservation Committee	200
Net from Rock School	400	Library	75
Equipment rental	300	Copper Mt. Hut project	150
Interest	<u>200</u>	Cabins/Trails	150
	\$3350	Other projects	250
		Social	100
		Administration	<u>125</u>
			\$3350

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BASIC AVALANCHE SAFETY COURSE, March 28 & 29, Nelson area

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. will be putting on their standard winter course, suitable for all skiers and back-country travellers.

Two day course: \$55. One day of theory in the classroom, one day in the mountains (x-c skis and skins required). Pieps supplied if needed.

Register at Snowpack in Nelson.

WANTED

DOUBLE KAYAK, preferably wood. Call:

Rhea Vermette, 352-9646 (eve) or 354-6517 (day)

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EAST-WEST KOOTENAY REVIEW - A new monthly publication seeks contributions on subjects of interest to rural life in the small communities of the Kootenays (with "some form of monetary incentive for good contributions") - from news and politics through local history, environment, gardens, poetry, art to sports & recreation.

The deadline for the first issue is March 13 (then April 17, May 22 etc.). Individuals who wish more information should contact:

Ms. Susan Hulland, Box 20, Crawford Bay, B.C. VoB 1E0 (227-9387)

The Club might also want to publicize events or contribute articles or photos, perhaps on conservation issues.

Save this for future reference

Limestone Lakes, 1987 Hiking Camp

Location: On the rugged spine of the Continent 40 miles east of Invermere and 3 miles S-S/W from Mt. Joffre, (11,200 ft.), highest peak on the Divide between the U.S. border and Mt. Assiniboine.

Description: Even the connoisseur of Rocky Mt. wilderness is likely to be awed by the scenery at this year's camp. The isolated, little known Limestone Lakes plateau is located near the core of a large area now under study for inclusion in the proposed Height of the Rockies Wilderness Park. Though lacking the vast expanses of meadowland at the past few camps, this rugged, fossil bearing 7,000 ft. plateau, with it's three good sized lakes surrounded by Rocky Mt. spires to near 10,000 ft., (and adjacent country), offers equally magnificent though different rewards compared to what we've experienced at recent camps.

Logistics: Roughly a 170 mile drive east from Nelson/Trail via Cranbrook to the Whiteswan Lake access road south of Canal Flats. Then a 47 mile drive on good gravel road to road end on the middle fork of the White River, (Maiyuk Creek). From there a short helicopter flight puts us on site. Stop for a soak in Lussier Hot Springs on the way home.

Maps: Key 3, 82J6 and 82J11 cover the vicinity of camp. Maps can be ordered from a Government Agent's office, or direct from:

Surveys and Mapping Branch

Ministry of the Environment

Parliament Buildings

Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4 Attn. Map and Air Photo Sales Office

Maps are \$3.50 each, B.C. residents add sales tax. Make checks payable to Minister of Finance

Dates: First camp, July 25th-August 1st, second camp, August 1st-August 8th, third camp, August 8th-August 15th.

Number of participants: 19 members per week plus a cook

Registration priority: As noted in the January newsletter, members who have either joined the club, or renewed their memberships, (for 1987), prior to February 1st, are granted an exclusive two month period to register for camp, (February 1st-April 1st). Any remaining vacancies will be advertised in the April newsletter at which time members joining after February 1st will be able to register for camp.

Fees and deadlines: Total fee: \$170.00. Non refundable deposits of \$50.00, plus a completed camp application form, are required to secure a spot on the camp rosters. "Phone in registrations" will not be accepted. Full payment is due not later than June 30th.

Cancellations: Deposits are non refundable. Other camp fees which may be paid in advance are refundable til June 30th, after which time the total fee is forfeited unless a suitable replacement is found. Organizers will assist in finding replacements, but the responsibility for doing so rests with the member cancelling at such a late date.

About Hiking Camp

The Kootenay Mountaineering Club does not act as a guide service through it's Hiking Camp program. Rather, it merely facilitates transportation of members into remote, rugged wilderness areas where one's activities must be governed by the level of experience each possesses in such an environment. Hiking Camp is not for the inexperienced person completely new to hiking. As the camps are held in a wilderness environment, participants should ideally have some off trail backcountry hiking experience to get the most out of camp, or, as a minimum, be a strong on trail hiker.

Mountaineering Equipment

As our outing is a HIKING CAMP, we are now requiring all members who anticipate their activities at camp may require the use of specialized mountaineering equipment, INCLUDING ICE AXES, to independently make arrangements to bring such gear to camp themselves. Camp organizers will not supply such equipment.

Please complete the camp application form found elsewhere in this newsletter and send it with your deposit to: Jeff Ross, RR 3, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5P6 Make checks payable to K.M.C.
Questions?, phone me at 825-9546, Jeff Ross, Camps Chairman.

1987 Hiking Camp Application Form

Name _____

Address and postal code

Home phone, or

Check enclosed for _____, payable to K.M.C.

(deposit, \$50.00), total camp fee, \$170.00

Please register me for camp one, July 25-August 1st _____

camp two, Aug. 1st-Aug 8th

camp three, Aug 8-Aug 15th

(Your cancelled check will be your receipt)

If the week of my choice is booked, please put me on a waiting list _____

Or, book me into another week as space permits.

I will require a ride _____

I have transportation _____ I may have space for _____ passengers

I have a dependable van or truck which could transport camp food and equipment _____

(Travel allowances are paid)

Release

I understand the 1987 Hiking Camp is to be held in a rugged, remote wilderness area where I alone must bear full responsibility for insuring my own safety. I note that the hiking camp is not a guided trip and that it is not recommended for the inexperienced person. Furthermore I understand there are potential risks and hazards encountered in the wilderness, including but not limited to precipitous mountain terrain, severe weather, (prolonged snowstorms, sudden lightning, wind rain and hail storms), wild animals, including Grizzly Bear, Elk, Moose, and other potentially dangerous animals. I understand I must make every effort to properly equip myself for camp, in particular with: a sturdy tent suitable for an often harsh mountain environment, functional rain gear, warm, insulating clothing, and a sturdy pair of vibram soled type hiking boots offering firm ankle support. (A detailed equipment checklist will be mailed to all participants in June).

Therefore, understanding the risk factors inherent in participating in hiking camp, (which I alone agree to bear), I hereby release the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, it's officers, camp organizers, and fellow club members, from any liability arising from any personal injury, or death sustained by me while participating in hiking camp, due to any cause whatsoever, including without limitation negligence on the part of the K.M.C., camp organizers, or other club members. Furthermore I agree that this waiver of responsibility shall be binding on my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and successors. Finally, I confirm I am 19 years of age or older.

Signed _____ Date _____

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To be completed by junior members, (15 to 18yrs at the time of camp), and parent or guardian.....

To be completed by junior members, (15 to 18yrs at the time of camp), and parent or guardian.....

Name	Birthdate
10-12-1940	10-12-1940

Parent or guardian, by signing below you hereby certify you will accompany the junior member to camp where you will bear full legal responsibility for their safety and well being. Further, that by signing you acknowledge the preceeding waiver will apply to the junior member on whose behalf you are signing as a parent or legal guardian.

Parent _____ Date _____

Guardian Date _____

(If a parent is to accompany a junior member to camp, only one signature is required. If a guardian accompanies the junior member, the parent must also sign this form in acknowledgement and full acceptance of all previously stated provisions, as well as signifying your approval of the guardian who shall accompany your son or daughter to camp).

Mail this entire form to Jeff Ross, RR 3, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5P6

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KOO ENAY MOUNTAIN CLIMBING CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1987

The original March Newsletter copy was lost somewhere en route to being duplicated. This is a much* shortened version; we shall try to include the missing items in future Newsletters. (And yes, in future we shall try to make a photocopy of the final typescript before sending it off!)
*(or rather, somewhat shortened. It seems to have grown!)

SCHEDULED TRIPS

MAR. 22	KOCH/MARIOKA CREEKS Destination to depend on access.	Don Mousseau	362-9549
MAR. 29	BERRY MT. TO CASCADE SUMMIT 2nd annual attempt to complete this tour in one day. Telemark gear; long & tiring but not technical.	Ken Holmes	362-7723
APR. 4-5	ROGERS PASS, WHEELER HUT Need 2 weeks notice. Excellent alpine touring. Will cancel if weather is poor/dangerous. Leave Fri. night.	Peter McIver	362-9513
APR. 12	WHITEWATER SKI AREA Explore the back country. Alpine/expert telemark.	Armin Hasenkox	354-4555

APRIL 11 - 16 SLOCAN CHIEF CABIN

Due to a cancellation, Helen Butling has been offered these 6 days before the Easter weekend. There will be a full moon! A chance for some magical night skiing. Helicopter in, fly or ski out. If you are interested, please call Helen as soon as possible at: 825-4384 or 225-3426.

APRIL 24 SPRING DINNER - more inside

→ MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW OVERDUE!! THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU
→ HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 1987 DUES. Single \$20, Family 24, Junior (14-18) \$10.
→ To: Garth Thomson, Box 221, Rossland, B.C. V0G 1Y0

INSIDE: Climbing Camp and Climbing School notices & application forms.

HIKING CAMP

Camps 1 & 2 are now fully booked (but with no waiting list); there are several vacancies for Camp 3. This is the last chance for "old" (paid as of Feb. 1) members to apply; new members may apply as of April 1 for any remaining vacancies, or for the wait list.

SPRING DINNER - APRIL 24 - NORDIC HALL, CASTLEGAR

Potluck dinner, with a small charge to cover the hall rental, coffee etc. The business meeting will be mercifully short and will be followed by a slide show. More in the April Newsletter.

VOLKSMARCH, KETTLE FALLS, March 28 & 29

Running is out (tell that to the Nooners!). Walking/speed walking/race walking is in! Mary Baker has just told us of a very low-key, family-oriented event on Saturday and/or Sunday, March 28 & 29. The walk starts at the Kettle Falls Marina and is about 10 km. long. You can start any time between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., but must finish by 4 p.m. \$1.50 to enter; more if you are competitive and want a medal. Phone Mary for more information (368-3029)

ACCESS NOTES

John Stewart

The following logging roads are still being ploughed at mid-February and offer good circuits:

Access to Toad Mt. area:

- 1) Giveout-Morning Crk. road (most of its length): at 5 km., just after the Giveout Crk. bridge, the new Silver King road climbs left. Ski 3 miles to the Silver King mines, 4 miles to Toad Mt.
- 2) Giveout-Gold Creek road (most of its length): at 5 km., just at the switchback, the old Silver King road turns off to the right. Ski less than 3 miles to the S.K. mines, 4 miles to Toad. Watch for logging trucks, even on weekends!

Access to Copper Mt. Hut:

- 1) Rover-Midslope: ploughed now only to 11 km., then ski 5 miles to end of road, the 3 more miles around NW side of Copper Mt. (Fred's map, Feb. Newsletter)
- 2) Rover-Snowwater; ploughed to 3 km. then ski 8 miles almost to end of road (very well packed and groomed by snowmobilers! - fast descent), then 2 miles to hut.

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K.M.C. PIN - UPS

THREE K.M.C. MEMBERS HAVE MADE THE CENTREFOLD OF --- BEAUTIFUL B.C.!! (Spring, 1987). "Strong-lake-bull" Fred Thiessen, Eric White, "who only gets quiet when tense", and "strong and silent" Gordon Frank make up half the team that features in Eric's article on the Mt. Fairweather climb last June. Great photos and text. Congratulations Eric.

MT. TENDERFOOT (almost), 2828 m. February 8 Fred Thiessen

Our crew of hardy explorers, consisting of Pat Taddy, Linda Allis (Nakusp Outing Club) and probationary day member Fred Thiessen left a cloudy, grey Nakusp at 7:30 a.m. to drive towards the sunny headwaters of Kuskanax Crk. Parking at 1350 m, we skied to the head of Kuskaniz Crk. then turned NE to gain the hight of land (2500 m) at the divide of Poplar, Tenderfoot and Kuskanax Creeks. Since the day was young and the weather warm and clear, we set off to Tenderfoot Mt. We skied over to the east ridge about 50 m below the summit where we concluded a rope would be nice for the first 30 m of ridge. Lacking one, we turned back and skied down the Tender foot Glacier which had surprisingly good skiing, then over and into the Kuskanax Valley for spring sluch back to the car. Spring slush on February 8?? A good long outing with many kms, lots of vertical and all quite tired at the end. It's too bad that the loggers have already left this area; the ski-touring up there is unlimited.

COPPER MT. HUT, Feb. 15

John Stewart

Because the last 5 miles of the Rover-Midslope road is no longer ploughed, this trip was changed to a 20 mile crossover from Giveout Creek to Rover-Snowwater. Three inches of new snow made this a good trip; 8 hours of skiing, plus an hour enjoying the woodstove, good new windows etc. of the Copper Mt. Hut. On the trip: Earl Jorgensen & John Stewart.

P.S. Avoid this route, especially the SE slopes of Copper Mt., if the avalanche danger is high.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE

John Carter recently put in an order for snow profile and weather reading instruments. He now finds he has a few extra items which are available:

Weather/Avalanche Field	\$15	Metric rulers	\$16
Books		Thermometers	16
Crystal screens	10	Optic lenses	7

Call 825-4306, or drop in to see him.

FOR SALE

Princecraft aluminum canoe, 15 ft., plus 4 paddles & 2 lifejackets. \$450. Call Brad Kryski, 364-2954.

FROM BOX 3195

- 1) Summer 1987 brochure of the Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies. They offer five 6-day camps in July & August in the Marvel Pass area (SE of Mt. Assiniboine). \$325, includes transportation from Banff, meals, tent (with stove!), hot water, leaders etc. etc. Address: P.O. Box 3514, Stn. B, Calgary, Alberta, T2M 4M2
- 2) Brochure from Northern Lights Alpine Recreation, Box 399, Invermere. B.C. VOA 1K0, outlining the summer program of alpine treks, mountaineering schools, expeditions etc.

1987 CLIMBING CAMP July 25 - August 3

Location: Battle Range, southern Selkirks, in the south-east reaches of the Westfall Group. Camp will be between the headwaters of Laidlaw Creek and the south fork of Houston Creek. There will be access to 7 or 8 peaks as day trips (ranging from Wrong Peak to Thumb Spire & the Iron Ridge), with the possibility of a satellite camp at Oasis Lake.

Access: Drive up the Duncan River road to Laidlaw Creek. Helicopter in on Saturday, July 25, and out on Monday, August 3.

Map: 82K 14 - order from nearest Government Agent (\$3.50)

Fees and deadlines: Total cost will be approximately \$250. Non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required with your application form. Full payment is due not later than June 30th. Make cheques payable to Kootenay Mountaineering Club.

Cancellations: Deposits are non-refundable. The balance is refundable until June 30th, 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 are to provide their own equipment, tents and lunches.

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. (This waiver will probably not include the "BBar, Elk, Moose and other potentially dangerous animals" clause of the Hiking Camp one. This seemed to be inappropriate for a camp that ends on Animal Rights Day (according to the Western Canada Wilderness Committee calendar.)

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

1987 CLIMBING CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Phone: home _____

Address _____ work _____

I require a ride _____ I have transportation _____

I have space for _____ riders.

I have a dependable truck/van which can 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

KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
BASIC MOUNTAINEERING COURSE 1987

This basic mountaineering course is intended for beginners. This course will include general aspects of wilderness travel, mountain hazards and safety, rock and snow climbing, glacier travel and crevasse rescue.

The course will consist of the following:

Lectures: April 15 & 29, June 10 - 7:30 p.m., Selkirk College

Rock climbing: May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 4 - at Kinnaird Bluffs

Snow climbing: June 13 - Ymir Mt.

Snow & ice climbing weekend: June 20-21 - Glacier Creek

(These dates are open to change, depending on access, conditions, students' commitments etc.)

Course fees and requirements:

- 1) K.M.C. membership - \$20 single, \$10 Junior (age 14-18) To:
Garth Thomson, Box 221,
Rossland, B.C. V0G 1Y0
- 2) 14 years of age or older
- 3) good physical condition
- 4) willing to sign a waiver releasing Club and individual members of all responsibility in event of accident, injury or death.
(This will be available at the first lecture.)
- 5) Fee: \$75.00, which includes the use of climbing harness, helmet and ice axe.

Deadline for applications: April 10, 1987

There is a limit on the number of students; you must pre-register.

For more information call: Paul Allen, 368-3155 (work), 362-5832 (home)

Members wishing to enroll should fill out the application below and send it with their money (cheque made out to Kootenay Mountaineering Club) to:

Paul Allen, Box 1670, Rossland, B.C. V0G 1Y0

APPLICATION FORM

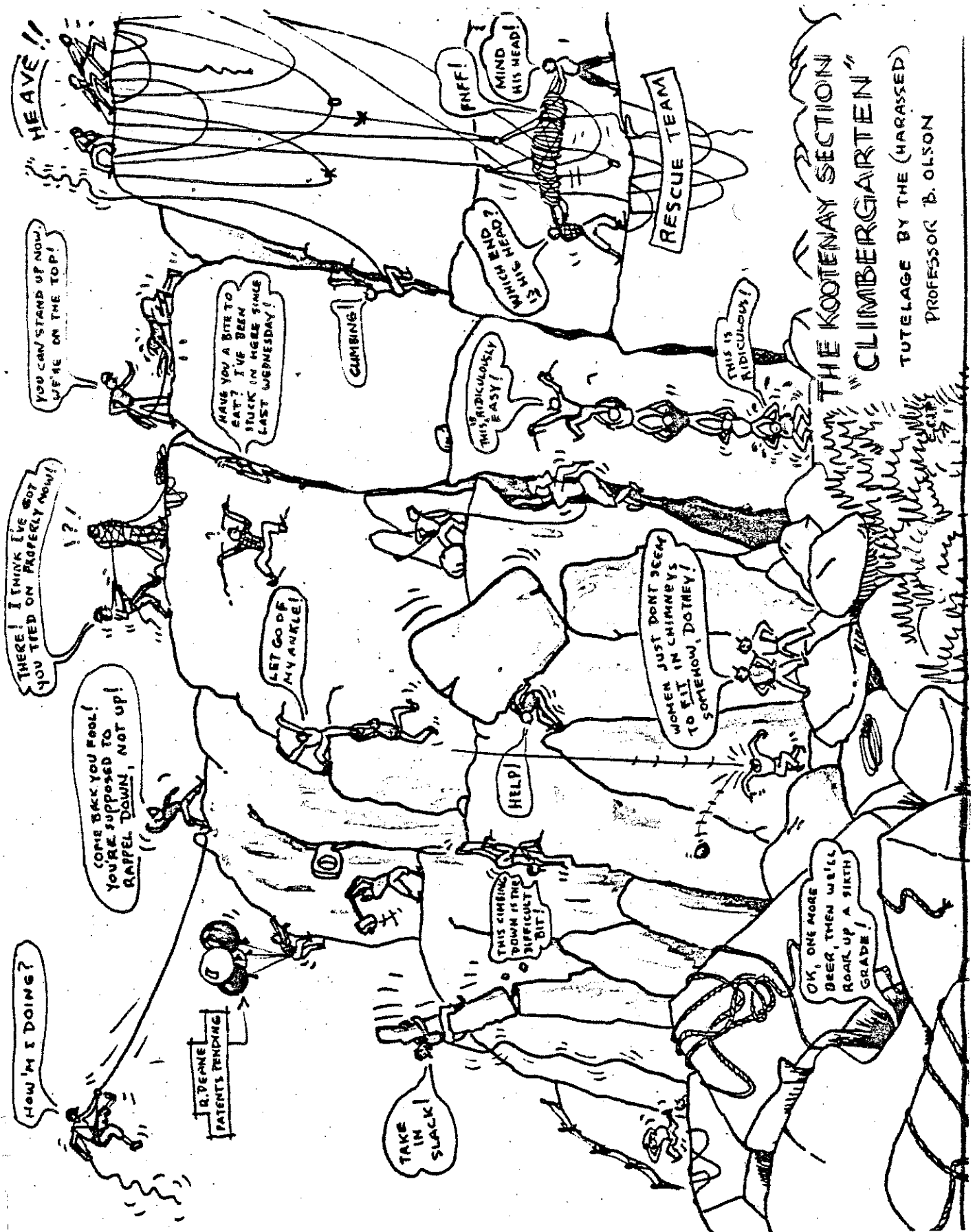
K.M.C. BASIC MOUNTAINEERING COURSE 1987

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ AGE _____

I am a paid up member of the K.M.C. for 1987. I enclose a cheque/
money order for the amount of \$ _____ payable to the Kootenay
Mountaineering Club.

As Climbing School comes round once more, it seems appropriate to share this cartoon, which first appeared in the Kootenay Karabiner, vol. 4, Spring 1966. It was drawn by Chris Penn, who with Jack Oswald produced so many excellent early issues.



1987 MAKALU - 1 EXPEDITION

At 27,825 feet, Makalu is the fifth highest mountain on Earth, and it remains one of the most esthetic and seldom climbed of the world's highest peaks. Although not quite as high as Mount Everest, Makalu is technically more difficult, offering sustained and steep, rock and ice climbing from 21,000 feet right to the summit.

Expedition leader Bernard Muller has chosen eight climbers to attempt the North - West Buttress of Makalu in the post monsoon (September - October) of 1987. Bernard has climbed eight of the world's fourteen highest mountains including Mount Everest. As part of the climbing team, I will be relying on seven years of technical climbing experience on many peaks over 20,000 feet, including the difficult South Face of Chacraraju (20,053 feet, West summit - French Route) in Peru. I will be depending on sponsors, as well as my own literature and photography to specialize in extreme rock climbing and difficult mountains. Future plans include an attempt on the formidable West Ridge-Direct of Mount Everest (29,028 feet) in the fall of 1990.

Following our arrival in Kathmandu, Nepal, and completion of final preparations, we will hire more than 150 porters, at \$7.00 U.S. a day each, to carry four tons of food and equipment for ten days up the Arun Valley to the base of Makalu. We are also required, by the government of Nepal, to employ and outfit cooks, head porters and a liaison officer, as well as covering the administrative costs and climbing permit applied for three years ago. A large amount of food and equipment will help to ensure success by preventing the exhaustion of supplies, and therefore allowing the extra time needed to overcome logistical problems and storms on the mountain.

An expedition such as ours financially exceeds personal savings, therefore sponsorship must be introduced. I will be depending largely on personal donations for my involvement with the expedition and donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please join me in spirit on one of the world's highest mountains in a spectacular mountain region.

Jeff Lakes

1987 Makalu Expedition
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Jeff LAKES has been selected as a climbing member
in regard to his/her high achievement in mountaineering practice.

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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1987

SPRING DINNER

APRIL 24 - NORDIC HALL, CASTLEGAR - 6:30 for dinner at 7 p.m.

This year the dinner will be POTLUCK. In order to have a good balance of courses, Dave Adams requests that you bring the following:

SALAD - Surnames starting with A to G
MAIN DISH - H to P
DESSERT - Q to Z

It is important to remember that one person has to bring enough of a particular course to feed at least three people, i.e. a couple should bring enough for 6.

After a very short meeting, Laura Adams & Jeff Lakes will show slides on ICE CLIMBING.

There will be a charge of \$2/person to cover coffee, rolls, & hall rental.

SCHEDULED TRIPS

APR. 12	WHITEWATER SKI AREA	Armin Hasenkox	354-4555
	Explore the back country. Alpine/expert telemark.		
APR. 17-19	MT. JOFFRE	Ken Holmes	362-7723
	Another attempt on this 11,000' peak. Difficult, alpine/telemark. Leave Thurs. eve, camp at 9000'.		
APR. 26	MT. BRENNAN	Janice Isaac	352-3895
	Almost an annual event. Long but usually rewarding 6000' climb. Alpine/telemark.		
MAY 3	KOOTENAY JOE	Carl Johnson	354-4075
	Another popular annual trip, in the Argenta area. Alpine/telemark.		

Myron Rec. 312-5633
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ROCK SCHOOL: still lots of room. Spread the word to friends & colleagues who might want to learn basic mountaineering skills.

Hiking Camp....Jeff Ross

To all registrants: you are confirmed for the week of your choice unless you have been contacted. As of today, (March 19), there are three slots remaining open for week three, August 8-15th, with no one yet on wait lists. I anticipate these three slots may be filled by the time this appears in print. It would be advisable to phone me from this point on before mailing new apps. A camp roster, detailed travel instructions, and an equipment checklist will be forwarded to all participants in early June. For a good look at where we'll be this summer, see the March photo in the Western Canada Endangered Wilderness Calendar. The view is north up the headwaters of the middle fork of the White River. That's Mt. Joffre in the distance. Our camp site is approx. one mile west, (left), and 1,800 feet higher from the spot where the photograph was taken. The calendar is on display at Snowpack's Nelson and Castlegar stores. Sweet Dreams!

Camps Chairmen's Report, Jeff Ross

A Spring update...Lions and tigers and bears!...Oh My!...(and repeat)...Yes Dorothy, hiking camp does serve a different clientele than climbing camp. Hence the "capricious critters clause" in it's waiver/app form, (the one they had such fun with in the climbing camp announcement in last month's newsletter). Though many folks at hiking camp are Grizzly Adams clones to some extent, (learn about baths guys!), our app form is aimed at the least informed ship in the convoy so to speak. That's the reason for recitation of the grisly facts of life in der black forest....things 95% of us, (I hope), are well informed about, but also, obviously, facts the other 5% should be well aware of before going green to a first camp experience. So bear with us you scaly peekers!

Removing tongue from cheek, we are moving towards obvious standardization in the registration process for the two very different camp experiences. But as they differ so, and because hiking camp serves a much larger clientele than climbing camp, each will retain some independence to best accomplish the task at hand. Re: the new app/regs for hiking camp, my thanks to the nearly 60 members who without complaint, have registered for camp while meeting all requirements. Still, regs can and should be reviewed periodically. Members with constructive suggestions for improvement to same, (who are also conversant with the current realities of the camps organization task), should pass their suggestions along to the next Camps Chairman who will be elected at this Fall's Annual General Meeting.

(Now we learn that the name "Battle Range" derives from a legendary encounter between a prospector and a grizzly bear. -There may be an addition to that Climbing Camp waiver!)

REPORT FROM THE HUTS & TRAILS CHAIRMAN

John Carter

It sounds as if Club members and guests are enjoying the Grassy and Copper Mt. huts as well as Huckleberry Hut. Don't forget that we will need work parties in the early fall to complete the Copper Mt. Hut and install an outhouse. Of course, the normal maintenance will have to be completed on the other two huts. Check the summer trip schedule for September work parties! I am also planning a trail clearing work party for September/October, so keep that in mind.

(In other words, John is expecting a big turnout for work parties this year. Let's not disappoint him!)

SNOW CONDITIONS, KOKANEE PARK

John Carter earlier reported well below average snow depth (180 cm. in late February). However, March snowfalls have brought the depth close to normal (260 cm. by March 21). Snow stability has been good and the skiing generally excellent, with lots of powder. One can now drive 5 miles up the Kokanee Creek Road (i.e. leave a vehicle up there if you are flying in).

TRIP REPORTS

POLAR CIRCUS

Jeff Lakes

On February 20, Laura Adams and I travelled to the Canadian Rockies for a 9-day waterfall climbing trip. After warming up on several shorter routes and failing on Bourgeau Left Hand (Grade 5) due to dangerously brittle ice, we made ascents of Professor Falls and Silk Tassel (both Grade 4).

Attention was then shifted to Polar Circus, a difficult Grade 6 climb on Cirrus Mountain in the Columbia Icefields area. An early start by headlamp, 12 hours of continuously steep ice climbing and 4 hours of rappelling in the dark were required to complete the climb in one day. 6 pitches of ice rise through a deep gully to the main falls, which consist of 6 more pitches of 70 to 90 degree ice, totalling 12 full ropelengths of serious climbing.

In 1975, the first ascent of Polar Circus required 8 days of load hauling, fixing ropes and aid climbing tactics to ascent more than 2,100 feet of steep to vertical water ice. It was to remain the most serious waterfall in Canada for several years, and the first one-day ascent was not made until 1981.

BERRY - PLEWMAN TRAVERSE, Feb. 22. Six skiers enjoyed this trip from Strawberry Flats (Nancy Greene summit) over Berry and Plewman Mts. and down Plewman Basin. Although a bit crusty on top, the skiing was good. Leader: Chris Overton.

BATTLE RANGE NOTES

There is for every one of us a simple word or two, some phrase which, for us alone, will evoke the memories and the mood of exaltation and high romance. Such, for me, are the words, "Battle Range", for they call forth no describable experiences but rather the return of my old dreams of their remote, dark peaks and the awareness of their beauty ... and they call back the years when my thoughts wove a spell of enchantment about them.

So starts Norman Brewster's article on the Battle Range in the Canadian Alpine Journal, vol. 31, 1948. He describes various attempts to explore the range in the 1940's, with graphic accounts of the difficulties of access and the glories of the high country.

Decades later, the area was still difficult of access. In June 1971 a party visited the "Southwestern Nemo Group" (Canadian Alpine Journal, vol. 55, 1972, p.46), camping near the site of the upcoming KMC camp and climbing a few peaks in time very limited by bad weather. With no handy road up the Duncan R., they flew in from Revelstoke and exited on foot, as thus tersely described:

The next day we broke camp and started the long bushwhack out. With 75 pound packs we staggered out over the 26 miles in 3 days, or 29 hours of walking. After 3 days in B.C. bush we were glad to see the deserted old mine road in McMurdo Creek torn into the edge of wilderness and signifying the end of the alders, deadfalls, swamps...

Don Vockeroth of Rossland, one of the four on the trip, remembers chest-high wading and long days, but the mountains well worth the effort.

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This is your Newsletter. Please send/phone in those reports of trips, (official or private), access, conditions etc. Also notices of events, products, news items of interest to Club members.

KOKANEE PARK - NEW BOUNDARIES & STATUS

On January 29, Environment & Parks Minister Stephen Rogers announced changes to 6 provincial parks, including Kokanee, which had been studied by the Wilderness Advisory Committee. These changes are meant to make park boundaries more rational and to deal with almost all existing resource commitments (mainly mineral claims) in provincial parks.

For Kokanee Park we read the following (quoted from the release):

Background Kokanee Glacier Park was established in 1922 and has both significant wilderness values and good potential for discovery of commercial mineral deposits. Today it includes 45 mineral claims. The park and surrounding area has a long history of mining and mineral exploration.

Mining companies are pressing for resolution of existing tenures and for exploration in the rest of the park. Work toward a park master plan has clearly identified the land required for park purposes.

Changes

- 1) Removing lands from the park and adding other land as Recreation Area (see map)
- 2) Re-classifying the existing mineral claims to Recreation Area
- 3) Approving the principle of re-classifying the remaining park lands to Class A. Prior to re-classification, a two-year mineral study will be undertaken by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to identify those mineral resource values situated in the rest of the park. Following that study, the area (Ed.- the whole park, or the areas with mineral resources?) will either become Class A park or will be classified as Recreation Area to permit further mineral exploration. (underlining mine, Ed.)

From the background information supplied we learn that:

"In Class A parks, no resource extraction may occur except that which is essential to protecting the natural values which the park protects. In Recreation Areas, certain mining and logging operations may occur where legal resource commitments exist and where, prior to a final decision on Class A status, there has been insufficient opportunity to evaluate the resource potential of the area."

For Kokanee Park, this means that existing mineral claims are now classed as Recreation Areas and the freeze on development is lifted. Further, after the two-year study is completed, other areas may be designated as Recreation Areas and be available for exploration and development as well.

Query: How does one exploit the mineral resources in a Recreation Area in the middle of a Class A park without making the latter classification meaningless? (And isn't "Recreation Area" a strange name to give to a mineral claim?)

The Minister says that "the government appreciates that there will continue to be public concern over the issue of mineral tenures in parks. However, in some cases, the only alternative to permitting controlled exploration would be to pay unacceptably high compensation fees to the owners of existing tenures whose rights have been clearly established by rulings of the Supreme Court of Canada." (This would apply to change #2 above, but not #3).

He invites "all concerned members of the public to participate in a public process to prepare master plans for ... Kokanee Park. That would identify the role, zoning and management objectives of the newly defined park."

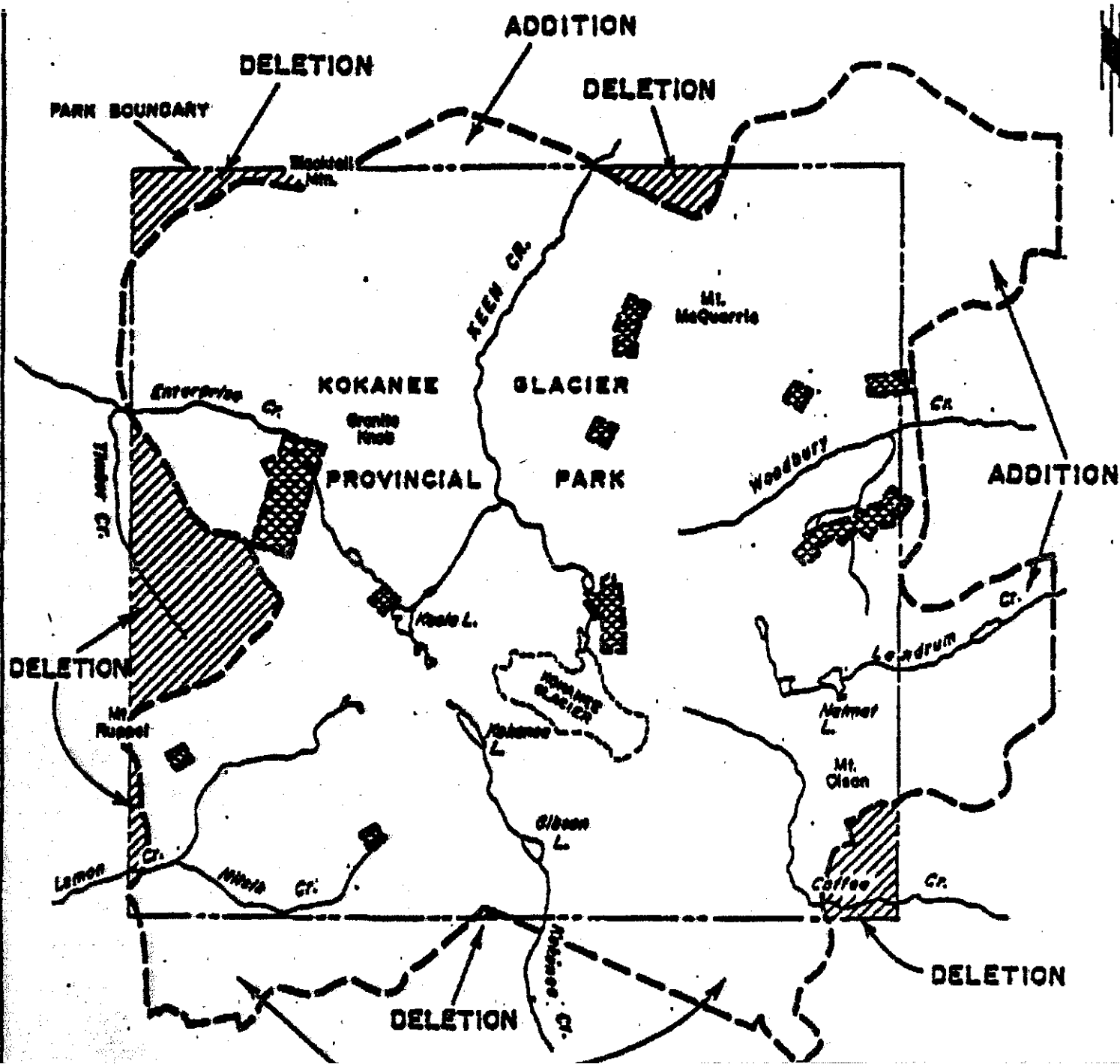
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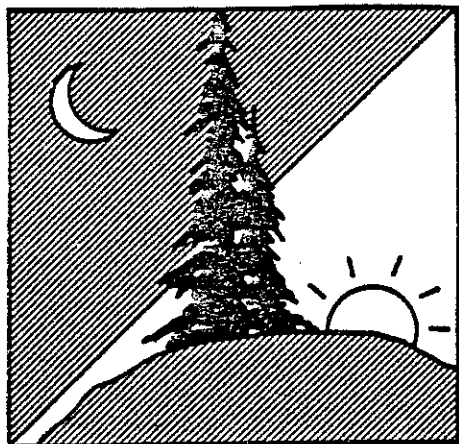
The Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. has written to protest various changes in all six parks. No reply as yet.

We have learned that in EARLY MAY there will be a public hearing in Nelson on Kokanee Park, and that there may also be meetings with special interest groups (eg. K.M.C.). The date for these had not been set at the time of writing. Watch your newspaper for notice of the public meeting.

HOWEVER, this will deal merely with how best to work within the changes already made. There will be, for example, no discussion on the whole mineral claims issue. If you want to make your views known on such matters, write directly to:

Bruce Strachan, Minister of Environment and Parks, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.





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June 13 - 14, 1987

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For information & registration forms, contact:

Kitty Jones, Alberta Orienteering Ass'n.
104 A 429 14th St. NW, Calgary, Alberta

Rogaining is the sport of cross-country navigation in which teams of two visit as many checkpoints as possible in a 24-hour period, navigating by map (1:50,000) and compass in a 200 sq. km area.

This is being promoted as a very social event. You can stay out all night if you want, but most participants enjoy shared campfires, meals etc. between bouts of "rogaining". For more information locally, contact Scott Donald (Kootenay Orienteering Club) at 362-7768.

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FOR SALE

Sleeping bag - Mt. Logan down
Mountaineering boots
- Asolo Expedition full shank
double boots - Men's 8½
- Edge half shank - Men's 9

WANTED

Used plastic boots suitable
for summer mountaineering and
clamp-on crampons -
Size 8½-9, Men's

Call Jeff Lakes at 365-6132

FOR SALE

Sleeping bag: goose down, mummy style "Kara-koram". Good to -30 F.
Excellent condition. Asking \$200.

Call K. Cristofoli at 359-7185

NEW IN THE K.M.C. LIBRARY - JUST ARRIVED

The Guiding Spirit, by Andrew J. Kauffman & William J. Putnam.
Revelstoke, Footprint Press, 1986.

This is the story of the Swiss guides brought to the Canadian western mountains by the CPR. It is based in large part on interviews with Edward Feuz Jr. (who guided from 1903 to 1953, and died in 1981 at the age of 96), with extensive research into published & unpublished materials. It is full of colourful anecdotes about many well-known people and places. A good read.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peggy LePage and Bob Perchie on the birth on March 1st of Robyn Elizabeth. The Club may soon have to plan some "Kinder camps"!

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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 1987

The SUMMER TRIP SCHEDULE is attached. Please keep it handy and watch for any changes in future Newsletters. The Trips Chairman and his committee have also prepared "Responsibility Guidelines for Leaders and Participants"; please read and try to follow! Finally, Fred Thiessen has prepared an equipment checklist which appears on the back of the Trip Schedule.

ADDITION TO THE TRIP SCHEDULE

May 24 K & S RAILWAY BED (A1) Yvonne Tremblay 825-9238
5-mile ramble near Sandon, including Payne Bluffs area

*Sign 3 Forts around
N. Denver Sandon turnoff - 9am*

CLIMBING CAMP IS FULL, EXCEPT FOR A COOK! If you know of anyone who might be interested, please call Fred Thiessen (352-6140)

KOKANEE PARK PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a public meeting near the end of May to discuss the boundary revisions and future activities in the park. Representatives of KMC and other interest groups will meet with Parks officials before this date for discussions on these matters.

Please attend if you are able and have any interest in the future of "our" park. The date and place (Nelson?) will be announced in some papers, but you can call the District Office (825-4421) in mid-May for the details.

TRIP REPORTS

ROGERS PASS, April 4-5. Peter McIver judges this to be one of the better Rogers Pass trips - it didn't rain! On Saturday they ascended the Illecillewaet Glacier until they reached the level of the cloud (sticky, wet snow), but on Sunday had good weather for an enjoyable trip to the Lily Glacier (Loop Creek). Others on the trip: Ken Holmes, Tom Hulland, Fred Thiessen, Dennis Herman.

BERRY MT. TO CASCADE SUMMIT, March 29. Ken Holmes, Peter McIver and P'nina Shames were successful on the second attempt to do this traverse in one day. They had excellent conditions and took only 10 hours.

WHITEWATER SKI AREA, April 12. After an easy start up the Summit Chair, we ascended Ymir Mt. (some ski carrying on the summit ridge), skied down the south side and proceeded to circumnavigate the mountain. The ski down into Five-Mile basin was excellent and made the long slog up to the ridge above the T-bar worthwhile. There were several inches of new snow, and more fell during several squalls. Total time: about 6 hours. On the trip: Tom Hulland, Chris Overton, Armin Hasenkox (leader) & Sue Port (reporter).

MT. JOFFRE, April 17-19.

Bert Port

The fourth KMC trip to Joffre left Rossland (it doesn't always) on Thursday night, and after an overnight stop with the Hermans in Wasa left the parking lot at Upper Kananaskis Lake (it doesn't always) at lunchtime. Recent snow on the lake and on sharp scree slopes made the trip to 7400 ft. unpleasant. Eight inches of snow overnight discouraged us from proceeding beyond Aster Lake. The retreat was made bearable by thoughts of English ale and steak & kidney pie at the Rose and Crown in Canmore. On the trip: Tom Hulland, Peter McIver, Fred Thiessen, Ken Holmes (leader).

WAPTA TRAVERSE (Peyto L. to Sherbrooke L.). A party which included some KMC'ers attempted this classic traverse on Easter Weekend. They found 30 bodies occupying the Peter Whyte Hut! (those without permits were soon out digging snow caves - ask Dave Gluns for the story). The weather was terrible and they escaped via Bow Lake the next day.

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The Spring Potluck Dinner was a very enjoyable affair - good food, good turnout and interesting slides of Jeff and Laura's ice-climbing exploits (I think I'm glad that I'm too old for such endeavours).

MORE ON LIABILITY INSURANCE

Fred Thiessen

The liability insurance which the Club has through FMCBC is for third party liability only. This means that we are insured for lawsuits from non-FMCBC members for negligence. The FMCBC cannot get coverage for "involved" or first party, i.e. we cannot get coverage for FMCBC members suing FMCBC members. This is why a number of Federation Clubs require a waiver to be signed as a condition of membership, and why a number of KMC activities require a waiver (camps and rock school).

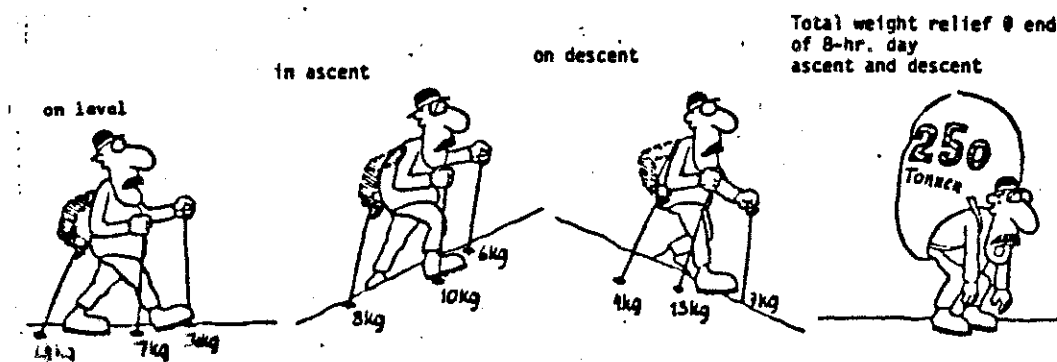
Interestingly enough, the Alpine Club of Canada is able to obtain liability insurance for "first party coverage", at a cost. It is a condition of the ACC insurance that a waiver be signed. The ACC waiver has been adopted by the FMCBC, its member clubs, and by the KMC for climbing school and camps.

Liability for volunteers is now a concern for governments, and the insurance industry, the federal Dept. of Fitness and Amateur Sport as well as the B.C. government are investigating the problems and turmoil affecting clubs composed of volunteers such as ours. We'll keep you posted.

FOUND: after the second week of Hiking Camp last summer - a red stuff sack containing an enamel plate and fork. Call Helen Butling, 225-3426.

THE SKI POLE IN SUMMER, or SAVE THOSE KNEES

Pat Thomson has sent in an article translated from "Bergwelt", Munich, Aug. 1981 (translated source unknown), which analyses the advantages for the body of using a pair of ski poles when hiking and back-packing. By measuring the number of pole placements per minute on varying terrain, and the pressure on the pole, the authors figure that in an hour, the load lifted from the lower body when using poles will average 13 tonnes on the level, 28 t on the ascent and 34 t on the descent - for an average of 250 t at the end of an 8-hour day! "If this is kept up through a climbing life, then many of the physical afflictions which hit climbers in later life ought to be avoidable."



In any case, apparently Alpine guides have been using ski poles in summer for some years, and younger climbers are following suit. In Europe, the use of a walking stick with a horizontal hand grip has been publicized, but the authors find it less useful and comfortable than ski poles (with straps).

The question of boot weight is also addressed: the leather climbing boots weigh about 2 kg. more than the lighter but less hard-wearing synthetic boots. They calculate that on an 8-hour hike over easy terrain (30 km), wearing the lighter boots spares the legs lifting a total load of 40 t.

DON'T LET THE BUGS SPOIL THOSE EVENINGS AT CAMP!

Pat Thomson also sent along an ad for the Skeeto-ban Jacket and Pants - loose fitting garments which you impregnate with repellent and wear over your regular clothing. Apparently someone used one of the jackets at Hiking Camp last summer and it proved very effective. For more information, you can contact:

Draft Enterprises, BOX 217, Eriksdale, Manitoba, R0C 0WA

REMEMBER THE KOOTENAY KARABINER - YOUR journal needs your articles on trips, equipment, local mountain history etc. You have till the end of summer, but start thinking about what you might contribute now, and make Kim happy by getting it in early. Call him if you have any questions (Kim Kratky, 352-3895).

FROM BOX 3195

Brochure from Kumsheen Raft Adventures, 281 Main St., Box 339, Lytton, B.C. V0K 1Z0. They offer 3-hour to 3-day trips on the Thompson and Fraser Rivers (and a 5-day one on the Chilko & Chilcoten). They have a video of a 2-day trip for loan.

From the Sierra Club in Victoria, an order form for some new products:

- 1) Two-headed poncho! (for backpacking infants)
- 2) Bug bonnet (which extends to waist level)
- 3) First aid pouch - 7" x 10" - water proof etc.
- 4) Handi-hoist: rope & pulleys (11 oz.) for hauling 25 lbs of food out of reach of bears, rodents.

Hummingbird Nature Tours, 13738 - 232nd St., Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 6V3. Brochures offering a wide range of tours = hiking, backpacking, birding, photography, whale watching etc.

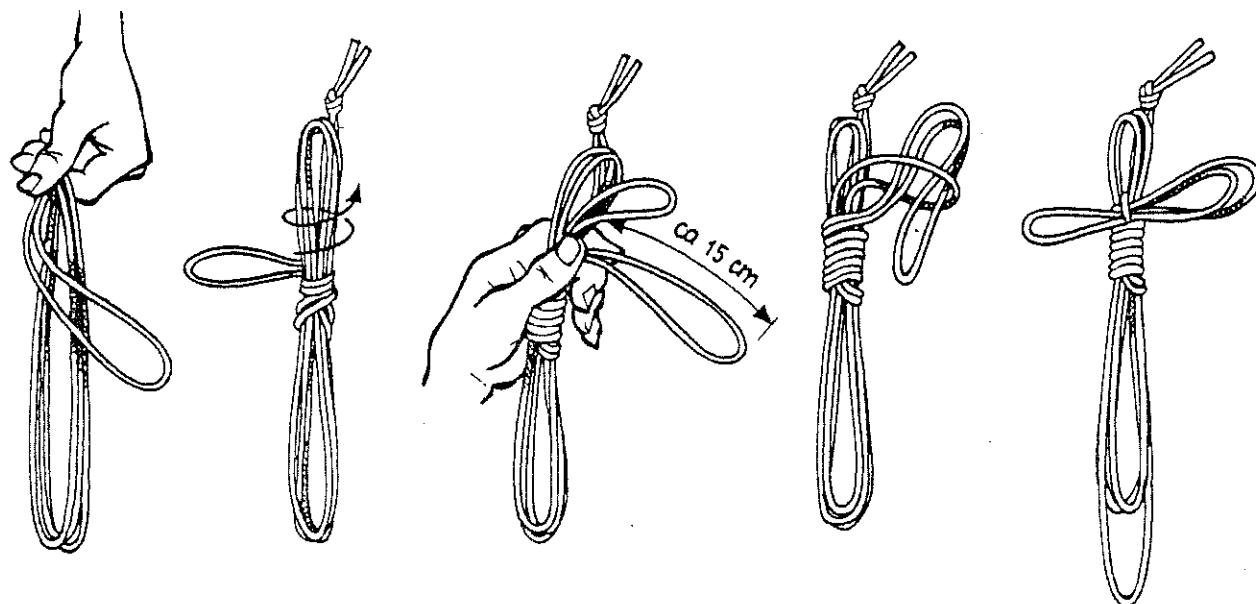
Kootenay Recreation Council, c/o Box 23, Gray Creek, B.C. V0B 1S0

We have received a couple of notices of meetings, but never in time to publicize them in the Newsletter. This group hopes to create a regional organization to promote low impact recreation "industry" in the Kootenays. Contact Peter Duryea at 227-9469 if you want more information.

Fred Thiessen sent in the following item from the ACC newsletter, Winter 1987.

A New Method of Coiling Long Slings

Lutz Berthold, Badtolz, recommended a new method of coiling long slings. Usually one carries these over the shoulder which is extremely dangerous. Numerous strangulation accidents have been reported. It is also undesirable to stuff long slings into pockets as they are then difficult to extract when needed. If they are stored in your pack they are not available at all. Using the Berthold method slings can be carried nearly on the rack and are easily opened. See diagram.



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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

JUNE 1987

NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULED TRIPS

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| June 13 & 20/21 | SNOW SCHOOL | Paul Allen |
| June 20/21 | SHARP CREEK (C 1)
Details below | John Stewart
(352-3272) |
| June 24
(new listing) | COLUMBIA RIVER CANOEING - Robson to Trail
Start late afternoon & paddle for your
supper at the Colander | Dave Adams
(399-4256) |
| June 27/8 | DEVIL'S RANGE (B 2-5)
Destination & access to be determined; range
of excellent climbing & scrambling. | Paul Allen
(362-5832) |
| July 5 | BEATRICE LAKE TRAIL (A 1)
Hike from Slocan City to Evans Crk. and
then on the Beatrice L. trail | Derek Willans
(368-3772) |
| July 5/6 | MT. BONNEY/ROGER'S PASS (C 2)
Call the leader for details | Fred Thiessen
(352-6140) |
| July 11
(new listing) | MT. CRAWFORD/PLAID LAKE (B 2)
Bring fishing rods! Camp at Crawford Bay
& climb Sphinx Mt. the next day. | Tom Hulland
(225-3582) |
| July 12 | MT. SPHINX (B 2)
Access up Gray Crk.; easy scramble to alpine. | Yvonne Tremblay
825-9238) |
| July 11/12 | MT. MARION (B 2)
Car camp Friday night at 7000'. Climb Marion
on Sat. & possibly Meadow Mt. Sunday.
Full moon! | Mike Brewster
(352-5666) |

VALHALLAS (SHARP CREEK) - on the longest days of summer!

6 miles and 7500(!) ft. vertical from beach to English Peak, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 20; or, camp site halfway up; or any shorter distance by the excellent Sharp Crk. trail to viewpoints, cabin ruins, meadows or glacier. Come for the weekend, or just a day.

Possible "ferries" from New Denver:

FRI p.m.: 4:30, 6:00, 7:30; SAT p.m. 7:30; SUN a.m. 8:30, 9:30.

Return: SAT p.m. 8:00; SUN a.m. 9:00, 10:00; p.m. 4:00.

Fare: \$10 adult return; \$5 children under 12 (or your canoe!)

Make up a party! Bring the family! Phone John Stewart by WED. JUNE 17
(352-3273).

FINAL PAYMENT OF CAMP FEES, (\$120.00 balance, \$170.00 total), IS NOW DUE AND PAYABLE NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30th. Make checks payable to KMC and mail to: Jeff Ross, RR3, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5P6. ~~One slot has become available~~ week one, *July 26th-Aug 1st. One person is wait listed for week two, Aug 1st-Aug 8th. Week three, Aug 8th-Aug 15th, is full with no wait list. There is often a chance for members on wait lists, something to consider if you have an interest in camp but have not registered. Contact me for registration info. A camp roster, detailed travel instructions, and an equipment checklist are in the mail to all participants. Call the leader of your week for answers to any pre camp questions you have from this point on, (see your roster for leader designation). Have a great camp! *Full, but no wait list.

CLIMBING CAMP STILL NEEDS A COOK!! If you know anyone who might be interested, call Fred Thiessen, 352-6140.

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Start writing those articles on past exploits, equipment, mountain lore etc., and plan to write up any major summer trips soon after your return. The Karabiner is only as good as the material that you send in. Good prints (colour or black & white) are also needed. Send to the Editor, Kim Kratky, 414 Innes St., Nelson, B.C. V1L 5E7.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE: Since the Editor plans to be off in the mountains in late July (and hopes that most of you will be likewise), and since our current copying facility is not available that month, there will be no Newsletter sent out at that time. We will probably publish an August/Sept. Newsletter in mid-August, depending on what material is available. Please mail in those trip accounts, conservation items etc. over the summer.
Deadline for the July Newsletter: June 20.

TRIP REPORTS

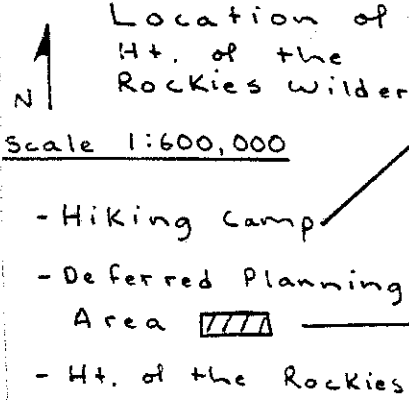
MT. YUILL, 7055', and its environs, May 17, 1987. Wanting to combine an easy trip and gardening in one day made us pick Mt. Yuill, which neither of us had explored. Leaving Nelson at 7:30 a.m. we drove along the North Shore and up Red Fish Crk to road end. We forded Redfish Crk, then headed towards Ross Lake. Just below the headwall we headed north to climb the ridge system, then circumnavigated Ross Lake on its surrounding ridges (including Yuill). Good views of the West Arm, Nelson and the Kokanee Peaks. We returned to the Cruiser at 1400 hrs., and to Nelson at 15:30. Lots of time to garden. Recommended for next year's trip schedule. It must be mentioned that fording Redfish Crk. during the spring freshet offers a few thrills. On the trip: Kim Kratky, Fred Thiessen (reporter).

MT. BRENNAN, 9500', April 26. Can you believe it; Mt. Brennan in sunny weather! We assembled at Retallack at 7:30 a.m. and were able to drive to the bridge over Whitewater Crk. Leaving the cars at 8:30, we carried our skis to the lake where we had a snack before proceeding. About 1000' above the lake, at the usual white-out line, the two Daves and Garth enjoyed an extended lunch while the rest of us steamed to the summit which we reached at 12:30. For me, it was the 2nd ski ascent out of six tries, and the first time with clear skies. It is the classic spring tour, but it sure is a long way up there from Retallack (6000').

We skied down in steadily worsening slush to meet our Sunday dinner and ferry commitments. On the trip: Tom Hlland, Dave Gluns, Dave Adams, Garth Thomson, Ken Holmes, Armin Hasenkox, Fred Thiessen (reporter).

Forestry Minister Dave Parker has announced the formation of a Palliser Wilderness adjacent to the Great Divide between Elk Lakes Park and Assiniboine, to be managed by the Forest Service. This area includes the location of the 1987 Hiking Camp. A portion of this area is a deferred planning area, meaning that a decision on its future (wilderness or logging) will not be made until late July. See map for size of wilderness area and the deferred planning area. A Forest Service Wilderness means that no logging commitment is being made and that the area is removed from the Annual Allowable Cut.

Stan Baker reports a positive answer to our letter protesting proposed snowmobile use of the Ripple Ridge Rd. at the Salmo-Creston summit - such use will not be allowed.



A number of individuals have expressed concern over the logging on this road leading to Kokanee Park. If you are unhappy about this clearcut, make your views known to:

You may wish to mention that this area was proposed for selective logging or small clearcuts; what we have is a large, messy clearcut.

The Forestry bridge, declared to be unsafe, at 7 km on the Woodbury Crk. road, is to be removed June 9. At present there are no plans to replace it, which means no reasonable access to the new Woodbury Hut, the historic Silver Spray hut, the increasingly popular round trip between the two, or to Sunset L. and beyond. Somehow Forestry & Parks must find a way to keep this route open. You can write to:

and (next page):

* DECISION DEFERRED FOR THE TIME BEING - WRITE ANYWAY!

Bob Strachan, Minister of Environment & Parks,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, V8V 1X4

ON WASPS AND ALLERGEN KITS

Libby Martin

The season of yellow- & black-striped insects is upon us. To most readers this is no cause for comment, much less for alarm. To a few of us, though, it means carrying an allergen kit at all times, and for some, like myself, enduring a series of injections each spring. Both measures could be life-saving ones.

My reason for bringing this to the reader's attention is that in August 1985 I had no idea that I was extremely allergic, when I was stung by one of those "things" that look like a hover fly but ain't! Life-saving measures had to be taken. I was very fortunate that the incident occurred on the public beach at Christina Lake, in the company of friends, and not two weeks later when I was backpacking with the family in Little Yoho. (We did not then carry an allergen kit.)

Some advance warning of extreme allergy may have been given. If you have been stung in the past and the area has been swollen and itchy, beyond normal expectations, you may be a candidate for emergency treatment next time around. On the other hand, people have died from insect stings with no such advance warning.

As a result, I would advise everyone to include an allergen kit in their first aid kit any time they go beyond reach of medical help because, as we found out, you never know when you may need it.

Allergen kit - "Anakit" - costs around \$15 and is available from your pharmacist.

Suggestion: read the instructions before packing it away. If you need to use it, it is a good idea to know how beforehand because the symptoms occur very quickly.

FROM BOX 3195

- 1) Brochure from WILDERNESS FIRST AID AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION OF B.C.
c/O Capilano College Outdoor Recreation Dept.
2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver, B.C. V7J 3H5

They offer 3 basic certification courses in wilderness first aid: Survival Wilderness First Aid (30 hrs.) for "outdoor enthusiasts", and Basic and Advanced Wilderness First Aid for outdoor leaders (104 hrs total). They also publish a textbook: Wilderness first aid for outdoor leaders (\$20). Courses are offered in different parts of the province, depending on demand. We also have the first issue of their newsletter, Wilderness pulse.

- 2) GOLDEN ALPINE HOLIDAYS, Box 1932, Golden, VOA 1H0 (Wayne Bingham, Operator) - Brochure outlining their lodge-to-lodge touring in the Esplanade Range, just north of Glacier National Park. They now have 2 lodges and are building a third this summer. They offer complete packages, but also "self-sufficient group packages" which they thought might interest KMC. Here's another possibility for a ski week next winter (also available for summer hiking). Height of luxury by KMC standards - separate bedrooms, inside toilet!, sauna etc.

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- July 18-19 MT. BEAVER (C4) Kim Kratky
Strenuous snow and rock climb near Mt. Duncan (352-3895)
- July 19 SADDLE MT. (B1) Across Arrow L. near Nakusp Megan Moorcroft
Car camp Sat.? - cross at 8 a.m. (352-9404)
- NOTE CHANGE: Little Snowy Top will be Aug. 22-23
- July 25 CLIMBING & HIKING CAMPS begin (latter please note date)
- Aug. 1-3 MONICA MEADOWS (C1 or 2) Chris Overton
2 days starting Sat. 2h day stop up - 1 hour lunch
Beautiful area; alpine meadows, possible day (362-7178)
hikes to L. of Hanging Glaciers or hot springs
3 days climbing near Horsethief Creek. (354-4427)
- Aug. 8-9 MT. LOKI (B2-3) Armin Hasenkox
Popular trip to prominent peak across Kootenay (354-4555)
Lake. Climb or scramble depending on route.
- Aug. 9 OLD GLORY (A1) Ron Cameron
Bring family, friends & neighbours. (364-1487)
- Aug. 15-16 GWILLIM LAKES (B1-3) Gary Williams
Easy access with great range of scrambling & (362-5297)
climbing. This year, don't change your plans
without informing the leader!
- Aug. 22-23 MTS. SIMILARITY & RAZOR'S EDGE (C3) Fred Thiessen
Interesting climbs; access through Hall Crk. (352-6140)
Mt. Templeman (F8-9!) a possibility?
- Aug. 22-23 MT. WODEN (B2) Peter Wood
Koch Crk. access to this striking peak (359-7107)
- Aug. 22-23 LITTLE SNOWY TOP (A1) Earl Jorgensen
Scenic area in Idaho, just over the border (352-7775)

1987 HIKING CAMP, LIMESTONE LAKES

SOME IMPORTANT FOOTNOTES to the info package mailed to participants in early June.....
To avoid confusion we will keep our watches set on Pacific Daylight Savings Time. Travel instructions in the info package reflect this, with no time zone changes. Departure time from Nelson, Castlegar, Trail is 6:00AM. The average arrival time at our morning meeting spot in Skookumchuck will likely be 9:30AM, (a twenty minute adjustment), with 2:45 hrs driving time to Cranbrook, and 45 minutes from Cranbrook to S-chuck. Please write these travel instruction updates on your infosheet now so yours is consistent with everyone elses. Albertans and anyone else on Mountain Time will of course be at the S-chuck meeting point at 10:30AM Mountain Time. Food organizers suggest a Tupperware sandwich container would be a good addition for everyone to bring along. Once again, everyone have a great camp!....Jeff Ross....

* ALSO NOTE TYPO ERROR: WEEK ONE DEPARTURE DAY IS SATURDAY, JULY 25th
(not the 26th)

MONTEZUMA BASIN HELI-CAMP Sept. 5, 6, 7.

Advance trip detail: A pleasurable holiday camp in an isolated, pristine pocket of wilderness north of 6km on the Keen creek, Kokanee Glacier Park access road, (see Kokanee topo). Numerous tarns, a herd of goats, intersting geology, and an old miners cabin. Camp in a fine basin beneath the meadowed southwestern flank of Mt. Holmes. Easy walking to moderate scrambling suffices to traverse most of the meadows, open Larch forest, and ridges throughout the locale. Round trip helicopter transport: approx. \$100.00. (Bring your own food and backpacking stove, etc.). A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit secures your spot. Phone Jeff Ross now at 825-9546 for a reservation or for further details.

TRIP REPORTS

WHERE IS MT. SHARDELOW?

Kim Kratky

On June 7th Howie Ridge and I decided to visit Mt. Shardelow, about 3 km. south of Hilda Pk in the Valkyrs. Following the power line road west of Koch Crk., we were able to get a two-wheel-drive car to within 1 km. of the height of land between Lower Arrow Lake and the Slocan R. We then marched north along a ridge system to a 7,400' peak that we thought was Shardelow. However, compass bearings showed we were about 3 km. south of our goal. In our defense, we beg to point out that this region is right on the southern edge of our 1:50,000 map. Still, we wonder how many other times we (or you) have made a similar mistake and not realised it.

Note to Trips Chairman: the power line road gives excellent access to Mista Pk. We think we can find that.

SHARP CREEK TRAIL, Valhalla Park, June 20-21

Six boated from New Denver Friday evening, 3 more Saturday a.m. and 4 canoed across Saturday evening. The Saturday hikers set out (from 1700') at 7:15 a.m. and returned 11 hours later - having reached heights of from 7300' to 8800' (English Pk.)!! Many walking sticks were cut to ease the strain of descent. Some sun, a few showers. These nine re-crossed the lake that evening or next morning. The late-comers set out at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and reached just beyond the ruined shelters (6600' on the 1:125,000 map) by 2 p.m. They descended in a thunderstorm, but the lake was calm again by early evening.

The trail is excellent and scenic, with a side trail to the first large waterfall, but steep and long. Going up is the easy part; ski poles are highly recommended for the descent.
On the trip: J. Stewart (leader), E. Jorgensen, M. Moorcroft, R. & J. Cameron, Y. Tremblay, M. Bradshaw, A. & M. Baker and 4 Ports.

June 24 - 16 hikers on the Sharp Creek Trail

KOKANEE GLACIER PARK PLANNING

On May 28, nine KMC'ers met with Parks officials at the Kokanee Interpretative Centre to discuss the Background Report on the Kokanee G.P. master plan. We hope that many other Club members availed themselves to the "Open House" the following weekend, and took the time to fill out one of the lengthy questionnaires.

As usual, Parks were very forthright and helpful, and tried to explain how Kokanee was caught up in province-wide problems and compromises, especially in regard to mineral exploration/exploitation. The next two years will be important in this regard, as the Geological Survey completes its mineral evaluation in the Park and Parks Branch identifies the areas of highest recreational value, or those most sensitive to disruption. (To this end, questionnaires will be made available to all Park visitors this summer - please fill them out.) Where these mineral/recreational values overlap, it is to be hoped that mineral claims will be bought out. We, as Park users, must press the government on this issue. If claims are to be exploited, Parks has control over "off-claim" concerns: access, camps, etc., while the Mines Act controls what happens on the actual claim.

The problem of Woodbury Creek access was also put in the broader picture. Similar cases exist all over the province because road access to parks is not provided for in any Ministry's budget. A province-wide inventory of such roads is being made, with the intent of assigning responsibility, and funding, somewhere.

Re an increase in private sector involvement: the KMC'ers were unanimous in opposition to heli-skiing/hiking in the Park. There was not much time to discuss other aspects, but this was well covered in the questionnaires. The Slocan Chief Cabin was also discussed; Parks seemed to accept that it was past being upgraded to safely continue to serve in its present capacity. This was not accepted calmly by several KMC'ers!

It is expected that the draft Master Plan will be completed by the end of October this year. Those who attended the Open House should be receiving copies, and the Club will of course respond. Copies of the Background Report, the Public Handout (for the Open House) and the questionnaire are available in the KMC library.

Those who attended the May 28 meeting: Stan Baker, Helen Butling, Derek Willans, John Carter, Garth & Pat Thomson, Kim Kratky, Jeff Ross, Sue Port.

NEW MEMBERS

Murray Gilchrist, 695 Tennyson Ave., Trail, V1R 2E2

Laurie Charlton, Box 621, Rossland, V0G 1Y0

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Jeff Lakes, Box 91844, West Vancouver, V7V 4S1 980-0216

A new climbing hazard: a young Club member was recently shot at while climbing solo at the Kinnaird Bluffs, by someone "trying out a new bird gun".

Next Newsletter: will be published mid-August. Please mail in trip reports, news items, etc.

4. -
FOR SALE: Canoe - 16 ft., square end (accepts 2 h.p. motor) -
almost new (1 year) - asking \$450
Call: Mary & Alan Baker, 368-3029

WANTED: Old downhill ski poles (about 120 cm) for summer hiking.
Call Sue Port, 365-6056.

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K.M.C. LIBRARY

With this newsletter comes a list of the books in our library; if you can't come to the library, some means of getting the books to Nelson, Trail etc. can usually be found. The Ports will happily check the CAJ indices for articles on particular areas - lots of useful and entertaining material available.

New books:

Morrow, Patrick. Beyond Everest; quest for the seven summits. Camden East, Ont., Camden House Publishing, 1986.
also more issues of Harvard Mountaineering.

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FROM BOX 3195

Banff Festival of Mountain Films - brochure and order form for the 12th annual, Nov. 6-8, 1987.
(Banff Centre, Box 1021, Banff, Alberta, TOL OCO)

NO MORE GUARANTEED FREE RIDES

From the ACC "Newsletter" we learn of a rescue in Kananaskis/Bow Valley Prov. Park where climbers were charged part of the cost of a rescue (apparently a first). They attempted a route on Mt. Yamnuska in February; it was more difficult than expected and they had to bivouac halfway up. When they were overdue, Park rangers made contact from the base of the climb; the two indicated that they were uninjured but needed assistance and they were slung off the mountain by helicopter. The charge was a small portion of the total, based on ability to pay (students) and the fact that they should have turned back earlier and could have done more to get themselves off in the morning.

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We have been browsing through early editions of the Kootenay Karabiner, enjoying the articles, drawings and the "Icicles", quotations on mountaineering subjects gleaned from all over. Some of the latter from vol. 1 seemed just as relevant to-day, 26 years later.

"We regarded the natural environment as indestructible - and proceeded vigorously to destroy it...the race between education and erosion, between wisdom and waste, has not run its course. Each generation must deal anew with the "raiders", with the scramble to use public resources for private profit, and with the tendency to prefer short-run profits to long-run necessities. Our economic standard of living rises, but our environmental standard of living - our access to nature and respect for it - deteriorates." John F. Kennedy, in his introduction to "The Quiet Crisis" by Stewart Udall.

"Because of the nature of our Province, vast areas will remain wilderness forever....." - The Hon. W.K. Kiernan, B.C. Minister of Recreation and Conservation.

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*M. Warden
0500 Summit St. Moran
overnight camp.*

*1/2 hour drive
to have hike (McKen Lake)*

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Access via Sitkum Crk. See article in
trip reports. | Rod Beauprie
362-5579 |
| Sep. 5-7 | SWISS PEAKS (C4)
Beautiful mountains above Hermit Glacier,
Roger's Pass area. | Peter McIver
362-9513 |
| Sep. 5-7 | MONTEZUMA BASIN (B2)
See article next page | Jeff Ross
825-9546 |
| Sep. 12-13 | MT. ETHELBERT (B3)
Interesting climbing on a peak W of Spilli-
macheen. If there are access problems, Mt.
Nelson is the alternative. | Paul Allen
362-5832 |
| NEW !!
Sep. 13 | FROG MT. (A2)
Striking cone-shaped peak visible S of Vallican. | Bob Dean
359-7759 |
| Sep. 19 | COPPER MT. HUT
Work party. | John Carter
825-4306 |
| NEW!!
Sep. 20 | BOOMERANG MT. (B2)
Access from Enterprise Cr. Sketchy trail to
lake, scramble to the summit. | Peter Tchir
359-7440 |

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CLUB EXECUTIVE, or PERHAPS IT'S YOUR TURN?

This fall a number of Club executive members will have served their 2-year terms. The offices are: President, Camps, Mountaineering School, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Equipment, Trails & Cabins. If you would like to serve in any of these roles, or know of someone who might be persuaded, please advise Fred Thiessen (352-6140)

SIMILARITY - RAZOR's EDGE OUTING, August 22-23 Fred Thiessen

Since Fred may be difficult to get hold of the week before, here are the goods on the trip:

We will camp at the provincial park at the east end of Trout L. Friday night and leave for Similarity very early Saturday morning (0500). The Healy Crk. road is 25 km of rough 4x4 low-range driving. If you are interested in hiking rather than climbing, the area is suitable for hiking & sight-seeing as well. See you Friday night at Trout Lake.

MONTEZUMA BASIN HELI-CAMP Sept. 5, 6, 7.

Advance trip detail: A pleasurable holiday camp in an isolated, pristine pocket of wilderness north of Glen on the Keen creek, Kokanee Glacier Park access road, (see Kokanee topo). Numerous tarns, a herd of goats, interesting geology, and an old miners cabin. Camp in a fine basin beneath the meadowed southwestern flank of Mt. Holmes. Easy walking to moderate scrambling suffices to traverse most of the meadows, open Larch forest, and ridges throughout the locale. Round trip helicopter transport: approx. \$100.00. (Bring your own food and backpacking stove, etc.). A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit secures your spot. Phone Jeff Ross now at 825-9546 for a reservation or for further details.

TRIP REPORTS

VALHALLA LAKE, Mulvey Range, June 27-28

Paul Allen

Ten people car camped at the end of the Drinnon L. road Friday night - 9 KMC'ers and one eastern visitor who had never before seen appreciable mountains. A 4½ hour hike on the alpine route to Mulvey took us to a campsite on the side of Valhalla Lake - beautiful alpine meadows and slopes with Mt. Prestley at the head of the lake. Esther and the Lidstones went up a pinnacle at the S. end of Prestley; the rest hiked to the col between Middle and S. Prestley on Saturday p.m.

On Sunday, in good weather, Steve & Paul did a new route up S. Prestley's north ridge: easy 5.4-5.5 on good rock - a nice start to a climbing season. On the summit they met Esther & Robin, who had ascended the regular route. Five others followed the alpine route towards Mulvey to the col and then scrambled a ridge-line peak. Back in camp in early afternoon a sasquatch, disguised as Peter McIver, was spotted approaching camp; it spent the afternoon and walked out to the cars with us. Supper at the "Duck Stop" culminated a very enjoyable weekend. On the trip: P. Allen, Robyn Laytham, Robin & Tim Lidstone, Rod "Bearpaw", Liz Stanich, Steve Horvath, Ian Beauprie, Esther Neufeld, Hazel Arnot.

TOAD & COPPER MTS., June 28

Earl Jorgensen

The road up 49 Crk. is good. About 1 km before the saddle into Hall Crk. the road makes a sharp right turn, but straight ahead over a washout is a side road that leads up between Red and Toad Mts., navigable by a 4x4. We parked at a switch back and walked to the top of Toad in 30 minutes (what a hike!). We then drove down and over to the new cabin for lunch. The log reports only two sets of visitors since I was there February 15th (one was a snowmobile). We probably should have another work party in there to do some more clean up. (See you Sept. 19! Ed.)

We then drove to the ridge and walked to the top of Copper, then drove to inspect the "Bill Rozan (sp?)" mine. It all added up to easy scrambling, nice views and a great day in the sun.

ALPINE MINE & MT. CORNFIELD, July 1.

Earl Jorgensen

We (Earl & son Carl) left the truck on Sitkum Crk. at 9 a.m. and the walk to the mill site (4 miles?) took 2 hours. After a brief inspection we went up to the mine site, then climbed to the top of the mountain above the mine and inspected the caved-in portals on the way. From the top Mt. Cornfield appeared close at hand and so why not! We stayed on the ridge and discovered that sucker was a fair distance. We arrived at 2:30 and had a quick look around, then returned in a straight line to the mill site - a much shorter route. We reached the truck at 6 p.m. The flowers were in great array, with large fields of glacier lilies and only small patches of snow anywhere.

PLAID LAKE & "MT. CAMBONZIE", July 11.

Janet Cameron

The originally planned trip to this area was cancelled but three of us decided to make a weekend of it. The road to trail head is in good shape, with the last mile not having lost its steepness. We headed up the Plad Lake trail about 10:30 a.m. & climbed a 7300' neighbour of Bluebell and Crawford. Great weather - great views - rich alpine meadows. We camped overnight at Crawford Bay and climbed Sphinx on Sunday. Highly recommend the Heidelberg Inn south of Gray Creek for dinner. On the trip: Shirley Bonney, Joan McKenzie and Janet Cameron.

MT. MARION, July 11-12.

Eighteen adults and 3 children stayed at the Forest Service campsite on Meadow Mt. Friday & Saturday nights, enjoying incredible views of the full moon rising over the Purcells. The party set out at 7 a.m. Saturday and found the ridge leading towards Marion presented a "serious side-hilling adventure", with steep, loose gullies. Mike Brewster, Myron Riese & Peter McIver followed the ridge over a 8000+ ft. bump and across a small glacier into the valley at the head of the E. fork of Cascade Creek (where there is a good campsite by the upper tarn). They tried to traverse the next bump on the ridge but found it steep and slabby, and turned back before quite getting to the ridge of Marion itself.

However, Mike is sure that the trip can be done in one day if one drives to the very end of the road on Meadow Mt. (no turnaround unless you are Fred in a government vehicle with power steering). Follow the trail to the ridge, proceed as above to the tarn, then over the top of the next bump on the ridge and so the ridge of Marion.

Sunday was spent on various trails and ridges "looking for goats" and enjoying the flora.

MT. BEAVER (10,640'), Melville Group, head of Duncan R. Kim Kratky

On Saturday, July 19, a party of 6 KMC'ers climbed this seldom-visited peak north of Butters Creek. After a car camp Friday night we overcame snow squalls, wind, wet bush, and a whiteout to climb the mountain by a pleasant mixed route of snow, rock and ice. All participants summited out in a rather tiring 12½ to 14 hour day. On the trip: Robyn Laytham, Paul Allen, Ken Holmes, Peter McIver, Fred Thiessen, Kim Kratky.

Next year's trip will be to nearby Mt. Sugarloaf - a longer trek but probably easier.

SUMMER CAMPS

CLIMBING CAMP was well on its way to being a total success when bad weather cancelled all climbs the last three days. However, several first ascents were made, both from high camps and the main one, and the surrounding peaks were almost all climbed at least once. The alpine meadows were as rich as any we have encountered. Camp was flown in early Saturday morning just before a 4-hour storm struck, and was flown out a day early (Aug.2).

HIKING CAMP, WEEK 1 was not so fortunate in its travel arrangements; members were a day late in getting in, and again a day late making the switchover (which sounds to have been frustratingly complicated). But we hear that the scenery was wonderful and we hope that subsequent camps went smoothly.

LOGGING IN THE WEST ARM

From John Biller, a copy of a letter sent to the Editor of the Nelson Daily News, June 26, 1987, re logging in the Redfish Crk. watershed.

I live at Harrop, which is on the south side of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake. I have just returned from an operation on my right eye for cataract, which has restored and improved my vision. But "all is not joy" as my clearer sight reveals more fully to me what existed before I left home, but which I could not then see clearly. From my front windows, which face the North, I now see what was indistinct to me before, new roads snaking across great clearcut logged areas, and my heart sinks.

In addition, since my absence a large area has been burned, and any seed trees or natural seedlings will have been destroyed. This makes an added eyesore and if new seedlings are planted regrowth is a very long process, it seems, as some logged areas which existed five years ago have still no new growth. Therefore there is no prospect of a new forest restoring the mountainside and my enjoyment of it. All the assurances of the B.C. Forestry people that any logging allowed would be "tastefully out of sight" do not comfort me as this is obviously not true.

With the situation I have just described and many other examples of desecration of our beautiful Kootenay scenery - I am told that the drive to Molly Gibson Lake in Kokanee Glacier Park is no longer a thing of beauty - I should like you and your readers to make strong protests to our elected members of the B.C. Legislature.

WANTED

Large backpack, preferably internal frame
Canoe - 14 to 16 ft.

Call David Potkins
352-7750

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Friday, October 2
Nordic Hall* 7:30 p.m.

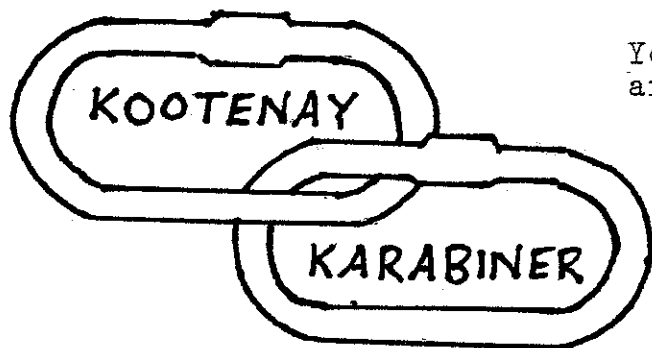
The annual Summer Camps Slide Show, with lots of time to brag about your summer's exploits, complain about the weather, plan the last few outings before the snow etc.

Someone from Climbing & Hiking Camps will organize the slides. If you have some good ones that might be included, call Dave Adams (399-4256) for more information.

The Fall Dinner/Annual General Meeting will be in late October. Please call Dave Adams if you have any strong feelings about the location/format of the dinner, and Fred Thiessen (352-6140) if there are topics you think should be discussed at the A.G.M.

SCHEDULED TRIPS

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|------------|--|-------------------------|
| SEPT. 19 | COPPER MT. HUT
Work party. Come and help prepare the new hut for those winter ski trips. | John Carter
825-4306 |
| SEPT. 20 | BOOMERANG MT. (B2)
Hike from Enterprise Crk. to Boomerang L., rock hop & scramble to the summit. | Peter Tchir
359-7440 |
| OCT. 4 | TRAIL CLEARING
Place not yet decided. If you know of a good candidate (NOT in a park), please give John a call. | John Carter
825-4306 |
| OCT. 10-12 | LAKE O'HARA
Great range of hiking/climbing available. Glorious scenery + afternoon tea at the lodge. | Dave Adams
399-4256 |



You have of course been writing those articles and taking those photos, and now all you have to do is sign your name and send them to:

Kim Kratky, Editor,
414 Innes St., Nelson, V1L 5E7

BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER!!!



-SHIRTS



-SHIRTS

K2 T-shirts: Jacques Olek (who showed slides of his Cho Oyu climb a couple of years ago) has sent some T-shirts to promote his next venture, the Canadian/Polish/British first winter attempt on K2. These are available in four colours and three sizes (M,L,XL) for \$16 from: Naomi Earthy-Mousseau at 362-9549. She will also have them available at the Camps Slide Show October 2.

KMC T-shirts: Naomi needs a few more orders before she runs off another batch (\$11 + \$1 postage etc.) For those who have ordered long-sleeved shirts: unfortunately these are not available. She will assume that you want a short-sleeved one substituted unless she hears from you. 362-9549, or Box 753, Rossland, V0G 1Y0

TRIP REPORTS

SADDLE MT., July 19. Four turned up to hike to Saddle Mt. We drove up the forestry road in showers of rain to get out in cloud draping itself about us and the hills and peaks. We could see nothing and got thoroughly soaked. Prospects were better at St. Leon where we were wet but warm for an hour or two. Then we were off again to pick big fat huckleberries, a pail full each when the rain let up for a bit. With a visit to the interesting museum at Nakusp and supper at the Mexican style restaurant at Roseberry it turned out to be a fairly satisfying and rewarding day. On the trip: Yvonne Tremblay, Mary & Norman Bradshaw, Megan Moorcroft (Leader/reporter).

MONICA MEADOWS, August 1-3. The ten enthusiasts on the trip were only partially successful in reaching the hoped-for destinations. We ascended to the meadows in mixed and deteriorating weather. By the time camp was set up steady rain set in, permitting only short forays or an activity Robin Lidstone called "blanket pressing".

Sunday we awoke to find that either the barometer had dropped a half inch or camp had risen 600 ft. in the night. Since the cloud layer that was well above us the day before was now surrounding us, the latter was thought to be most likely. Undeterred by changing geography and continuing rain, we were halted nonetheless by poor visibility and withdrew to the vehicles a day early. An attempt will be made to re-schedule this trip for a later date. Leader & reporter: Chris Overton.

MT. TEMPLEMAN & SIMILARITY, August 22. The improved road access up Healy Creek (now 2-wheel drive) has made access into the Badshot Mountains much easier. We car camped at Trout Lake Friday night, arose early Saturday and drove up Healy Crk., eventually parking at 7300 ft. just south of Similarity Mt. Leaving the Cruiser at 0700 we headed up to the Similarity-Razor's Edge col where we split into two groups. Robyn, Janice and the boys went up the eastern slopes of Similarity while Paul & I headed for Templeman. The Similarity group were on top by 9 a.m. and waited patiently for Paul and I to return. After climbing Templeman we ascended Similarity by the north ridge, rejoining the others at 3 p.m.

Highly recommended and an enjoyable day outing. Contrary to what we had been told, Mt. Templeman was an enjoyable, exposed scramble (we roped up) on O.K. rock. It's probably the easiest 10,000 ft. peak in the Selkirks. Although we parked at 7300 ft. we could have driven to 7700 ft. It's almost cheating!

On the trip: Janice Isaac, Robyn Laytham, Paul Allen, Jason Wenschlag, his friend Karem ?, & Fred Thiessen (leader/reporter).

SNOWY TOP, Idaho, 7560', August 23. This was originally designated as a two-day trip but Fred & I reconnoitered it from Stag Leap Park and found that logging roads took us up to the U.S. border, which left less than 3 km of hiking and only 1600 ft. of vertical. Thus the trip was changed to an easy one-day outing. The view from the top was very broad: we could see two U.S. fire towers to the south plus Priest Lake, and on the Canadian side the entire Monk Creek/Boundary Creek system was visible, plus Boundary Lake.

This is an ideal small project and most worthy of inclusion in our list of hikes. The roads are good but the water bars are deep - hence suitable for high clearance vehicles only. On the trip: Luke & Jean Chandler, Earl Jorgensen (Leader/reporter).

BERRY MT. This minor peak north of Mt. Plewman is a pleasant short hike for those in the southern half of the territory. The road (starts just west of Strawberry Pass) is good for the 1 km. to the bottom of the old logging cut. We then walked on old roads to the top of the cut where we found game trails onto and right up the north ridge. About 1800' vertical - 3 hours return trip. Pleasant views on a clear fall day. Andrew & Sue Port.

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FOUND in the Steed's basement: two items left in last year's (1986) hiking camp equipment. Two white plastic food containers: 8" x 5½", rounded, with lid; and 10" x 7", square, with lid. Call (352-2196) to reclaim them.

FOR SALE

One pair Fischer vacuum skis with Marker bindings - \$500. Order soon and we will get the length you require. Delivery approx. 60 days on these brand new skis. (1987 retail on this equipment will be \$800 - \$1,000).

Call Chris Overton at 362-7178

NEW IN THE KMC LIBRARY: Canadian Alpine Journal, vol. 70, 1987.

The Ministry of Forests has developed plans to log the Wragge Creek recreation area, including the Islands Beach area, which lies immediately north of the Valhalla Prov. Park. Society Directors...have provided input to the Ministry in an attempt to minimize the visual impact of the logging.

The Ministry of Forests is planning to develop a small campground near Wragge Beach. The Society has requested that the Ministry keep this campground well away from the beach area and has encouraged the Ministry to join with the Provincial Parks Branch to construct a trail from Wragge Beach along Slocan Lake to the Wee Sandy Creek campsite and trailhead. The combination...would provide much needed trail access to the north end of the park.

BOOK REVIEW

Jane Steed

I recently found myself at the Stanley Mitchell hut on a filthy afternoon so I decided to see what reading material had been left behind. I found the usual trashy paperbacks and one unopened hard cover with a title that recalled the Expo film "The colour wars". I was curious, crawled into the loft and leapt into The yellow paint war. The serious dull cover proved to be misleading for it was one extended cartoon, a farcical adventure with all the ingredients, set in a thinly disguised Lake O'Hara. The ingredients included satire, accurate history, a critical rescue, a mind-boggled weirdo, redoubtable female biologist, devoted academics, hassled wardens, grizzly, gelicopter drama - the lot! It was a fun tale, well told by U. of Alberta pediatrician, teacher & researcher Wm. C. Taylor, and can be obtained from him at:

12608 63rd Avenue, Edmonton, T6H 1R6
Vantage Press, 1977 (then \$8.00)

"I'd climb the highest mountain" Another item sent in by Jane, "a propos of nothing in particular".

In a pleasant little eatery near Fairmont, I found a song that might do in a pinch until the definitive KMC song is composed. Mountain Village Dining Lounge is the sort of place where all the old, rusted, broken down farm and mining junk IS the decor, thus obviating the need to dust or repair anything at all. Lew Brown's words and music were originally done by the Inkspots. I will spare you the song in its entirety - enough that the chorus goes:

"I'd climb the highest mountain
If I knew that when I'd climbed that mountain,
I'd find you!"

Altogether now!

Hut graffiti (also thanks to Jane): "If dropped, omelettes will be for all six meals."

LOST: Last day of Climbing Camp - a Swiss Army knife on a nylon cord, with a small key attached. If found, call Kim Kratky.

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KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

• OCTOBER 1987

FALL DINNER/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

FIRESIDE PLACE, CASTLEGAR

6:30 p.m. for dinner at 7:30

COST: \$14 (includes tip)

**** R.S.V.P.**** Nelson - Kim Kratky/Janice Isaac 352-3895

BY OCTOBER 25 Castlegar - Sue/Bert Port 365-6056

AT THE LATEST Trail/Rossland - Rita/Ken Holmes 362-7723

Dave Adams MUST know how many are coming. Please call early. Any last-week changes: call Dave (or his answering machine) at 399-4256.

GRIZZLY POSTERS or, Have you helped a bear today?

The Club has a number of "KHUTZEYMATEEN; SAVE THIS GRIZZLY SANCTUARY" posters for sale at \$4.00 each. They feature a superb photo of a grizzly sow and cub, with much interesting information on the reverse. They will be available at the Fall Dinner, or call Sue Port, 365-6056.

SCHEDULED TRIP CHANGE

OCT. 10-12 Dave Adams has decided that Thanksgiving is too late in the year to chance going all the way to L. O'Hara. If you are interested in something closer to home call him at: 399-4256.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Each year one-half of the Executive positions come up for election. Those terms ending this year are:

Chairman	- Fred Thiessen
Secretary	- Mari Earthy
Mountaineering School	- Paul Allen
Camps	- Jeff Ross
Equipment/Trails/Cabins	- John Carter
Newsletter	- Sue Port

The Nominating "Committee", John Carter, is looking for candidates. Call him (825-4306) if you are willing to stand; call the incumbent if you want more information on the job.

Some topics for discussion at the A.G.M.:

- 1) Insurance/waivers/liability: should members be required to sign a waiver when they join the KMC? (as recommended by the Federation of Mountain Clubs and practised by an increasing number of clubs).
- 2) Commercial recreational development in the local backcountry: what are members views on this? What input to government policy and decision-making should the Club try to make? (more below)

NOTES FROM AN EXECUTIVE MEETING, September 22, 1987.

- 1) Woodbury Creek bridge: after an avalanche of letters & phone calls to the Ministries of Forests & of Parks, we have a new bridge. Thanks to all who took the time to write and phone.
- 2) Summer trips: While they are still fresh in your minds, consider which of the trips you made this summer might go on next year's schedule and CALL ROD BEAUPRIE (362-5579) or see him at the Fall dinner. If you are willing to lead it, so much the better. Attendance on trips really dropped in the wonderful weather of late August and September. Why?
- 3) Drinnon/Gwillim Lakes area: With access now so easy, the toll of heavy use is being seen. The need for toilet facilities and some control over camping sites was noted. Stan Baker and Kim Kratky will study the Valhalla Park draft plan and will then make their concerns known to Parks (Gwillim) and Forests (Drinnon).
- 4) There is increasing pressure for commercial recreational facilities in the backcountry. Licences for these are issued by the Lands portion of the Ministry of Lands & Forests, but Fish & Wildlife and Forests are becoming concerned about the impact, and policies are being formulated. How do Club members feel about such developments, especially if they occur in areas often visited by hikers/skiers? Applications for permits do appear in local newspapers, but one has to know how to translate the legal land description into a "real" place which may be of concern. This topic will be discussed at the A.G.M.
- 5) Kootenay Karabiner: A goodly number of articles and a few photos have been submitted. Unfortunately, Selkirk College cannot produce it for us this year, so Kim has been working hard to find an affordable alternative.

Hiking Camp, Jeff Ross

Nearly 60 members enjoyed the incomparable scenery at Limestone Lakes in the new Height of the Rockies Park adjacent to the Continental Divide. The three weeks of camp, July 26-Aug 15th, saw the usual range of weather conditions ranging from uncomfortably hot the first week to snowstorms the third. Unforeseen pilot deficiencies plagued the week one to two transfer date on August 2nd. Without going into detail, suffice to say that my negotiations with Frontier Helicopters' head office resulted in a downward adjustment of \$1,172.64 to the bill for the date in question, (roughly the excess we otherwise would have had to pay for that date had the service deficiencies remained unchallenged), plus a write off of an additional \$446.72 for what I consider "pain and suffering". Total write down was \$1,619.36. A most satisfactory replacement pilot was used following the disputed transfer date.

So, despite a heavy investment in much needed new equipment this year, (and even a slightly lower camp fee), we were left with a small surplus which will be retained for equipment maintenance. Re: equipment, the new cook tent served us well, (same one climbing camp has). So well that I feel we can now declare the old cook tent surplus, freeing it up for use by a joint seniors/family camp? It would be nice to see such a third camp. Are there any experienced members who would be willing to make it happen? Monica Meadows, Purcells, comes readily to mind as a locale where everyone from climbing parents to toddlers and grandparents could realize their own aspirations. Also, most adults could hike in and out to help keep costs down. For the record, this family would probably be interested in such a camp.

As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, we have now relocated to scenic Ladner by the sea in Delta. We wish to say thanks to those in the club whose friendship so enriched our experiences here in the Kootenays. We'll miss you. Look us up when you visit the big city. Sincerely, Jeff and Anne

TRIP REPORTS

MT. BEGBIE, August 29-30. It was worth waiting for! After having Mt. Begbie assigned to me in 1985 and 1986, both being called on account of weather etc., and add one non-Club trip on skis which failed, we finally climbed Mt. Begbie in perfect weather.

On the Saturday we hiked up a good Forest Service trail and made camp just below Begbie, out of the tree line and with the lights of Revelstoke visible at night. On Sunday we climbed the main peak of Begbie via the glacier, slanting ledge and ridge to the summit. The weather was perfect both days, with incredible views in all directions. Enjoyed by: Hal Harrison, Chris Overton, Carol Potaznyk and Ken Holmes (Leader/Reporter).

BOOMERANG MT., September 20. The road into the Park from the Enterprise Creek road requires a very high clearance vehicle for the first few hundred metres. We walked the extra 25 min. to the footbridge and then, since Peter & Bob had already done several routes up the mountain, set out on a new one. Well along the trail to Tanal Lake we ascended mainly rock slides onto the West ridge. However, the three bumps between us and the summit didn't appeal, so we descended about 500' to the south and eventually up the south face. This took almost 6 hours.

Descent was by the recommended route: down the north ridge to where we could get off it to the east, then down meadows, rock slides & easy bush beside the creek which enters Enterprise Crk. just south of Boot Lake. 3 hours to the car. The "trail" to Heather Lake, marked by a cairn on the main trail, looked very indistinct and unused. Peter Tchir (leader), Bob Dean, Sue Port (reporter)

MT. LOKI, August 8-9

An impulsive decision Friday night led three KMC'ers to attempt Mt. Loki August 8/9 after the trip had been cancelled because of Armin's untimely injury.

After a missed ferry and some anxious route-finding brightened only by a tour of lovely, scenic Riondell we arrived at the camp site below Loki. Packs were loaded, burdens shouldered, loins girded and eventually watches checked. Discretion prevailed and we saved the slide alder for Sunday.

The next morning, long before the sun was on its way, we were searching for a way through the logged-over area and the steep bush beyond it. Scree can be used to avoid some of the mess, but a really good route, if it exists, must be well hidden. A gem of a lake lies below Loki, and from it a ramp of white rock leads to the NE ridge. The climbing on this ridge is good, with an abundance of holds and lots of shaky dead trees for belay points.

We were on top for a late lunch, during which we absorbed the sun and the view of Kaslo. Memories (some older than others) failed us on the return route, a long swing around the mountain. Some zig-zagging, some rock-dodging and some anxious scrambling was required to lead us back to the lake. We used a different route on the descent to exploit a very long scree path, but the tourist route eluded us.

Ascent and descent made for a very long day and ferry routes combined to send us home to Rossland via Creston. Weary hikers were Rod Beauprie, Peter McIver (driving force) and Liz Stanich.

MT. CORNFIELD? August 30

The Alpine Mine Road from Nine Mile is an easy FWD road, or a disposable two-wheel drive can be used to get within about two miles of the end of the road. Road improvement is underway, apparently for new mining works.

About two hours of pleasant, shady walking led us to the old mill. The aerial tramway is mostly intact, and one car still hangs ready (for skiers?). We followed the old road to the Alpine Mine, where we had lunch. An abundance of old relics lie amid the wreckage, as does old equipment. Fred Thiessen reports that his grandfather Wilf salvaged from the wreck of a greek freighter near Kaslo.

After deliberating over Earl's trip report, and being eager to avoid excess effort, we went around the mountain the mine is on and saw three potential Mt. Cornfields on a long ridge ahead of us. A long hot walk over the accumulated rubble took us to what had seemed the tallest peak. Alas, by this time all the other peaks had grown and we seemed to be on the smallest bump. If the map is to be trusted, Mt. Cornfield is the northern-most bump on the ridge, but the tallest and most peak-like peak is the one above the Alpine Mine. After much debate we returned the way we had come.

Judging by the number of fresh mining claims and the related activity, the trips chairman may be able to find the real Mt. Cornfield more simply next year!

Participants were: Laurie Charlton, Liz Stanich, Garth Thompson, Yvonne Tremblay and Rod Beauprie (leader/narrator).

FROG MT., Sept. 13. Nine members set out from the Airy Creek road north of Frog Mt. at 9 a.m. A short distance of old clearcut and reasonable bush led to rock slides and a delightful basin of slabs and grass. There was easy access to the west ridge and the summit was reached at noon. This route seems to be the only reasonable one at present - Yvonne, Megan & Bob had previously battled alder-choked roads trying to find the "old" easy route from the south. Leader: Bob Dean.

MONTEZUMA BASIN and SWISS PEAKS, Sept. 5-7: Both cancelled due to lack of participants.

COPPER MT. HUT WORK PARTY, Sept. 19: Only three turned out. Fortunately George Apel did considerable work on the cabin during the summer.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Jeff Ross, who has worked so hard for the Club as Karabiner editor and Camps Chairman, has moved to Ladner. We wish him and Anne good luck, and expect to see them back in the local mountains before too long. New address:

Jeff and Anne Ross, 5500 48B Ave., Suite 7, Delta, B.C. V4K 4G7
Phone: 946-0175

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HOW TO START LOVING YOUR GORE-TEX AGAIN

Some notes from an article in Backpacker, September 1987:
"An ounce of cure; bringing your rainwear back to life".

Apparently all waterproof/breathable garments (Gore-Tex, Ultrex, Entrant etc.) are finished with a water repellent surface treatment - which in time wears off, allowing raindrops to soak into the outer fabric. "The waterproof/breathable stuff still breathes and keeps rain and snow from penetrating your inner clothing. But increased moisture soaked into the outside surface lowers the temperature of the outer shell, and that makes it easier for vaporous body moisture to condense on the inside surface. You're wet, the garment's wet, but the waterproof/breathable stuff is still working."

The solution: replace the water-repellent finish. Wash and thoroughly rinse the garment, hang it up somewhere airy and dry and soak it with a water-repellent spray - three times in as many days. The article recommends a fluorochemical spray such as ScotchGuard rather than a silicone based one. The author doesn't like the stiffness and odour imparted by the latter, and once used it will forever repel a fluorochemical spray. (But should we worry about the ozone layer? Another dilemma. Ed)

The article also reminds users that waterproof/breathables can't remove even one-half the body's moisture output during high-energy activities. Liquid sweat won't pass out through it; not until you slow down and stop sweating can your body heat evaporate the sweat from your inner clothes. The vapour can then pass through.

K.M.C. BENEFACTORS - THE CANADIAN ALPINE JOURNAL COLLECTION

Recently several members have asked about the source of the complete set of the Canadian Alpine Journal and I was very vague about the details. However, early issues of the Karabiner revealed the following:

The bulk of the collection, from 1917 to 1958, plus 1960 and 1961, was donated by Dr. Anne Norrington at the time of the formation of the Kootenay Section of the A.C.C. (Spring 1964). In recognition she was awarded the first Honourary Membership in the K.M.C. From an article by Helen Butling in volume 1 of the Karabiner, we learn that she was born in Devon, England in 1876 and attended the University of London before coming to Canada and graduating with a BSc from the University of Manitoba. She taught at the University of Alberta, and did graduate work there and at the University of Washington, eventually receiving a PhD from Columbia University. She joined the A.C.C. in 1914 and was in the Kootenays in the 1920's (her name appears on the board listing members of the Kokanee Mountaineering Club at the Slocan Chief Cabin). She had a great interest in alpine flora and made a study of the flowers in Kokanee Glacier Park; an illustrated article appeared in the National Geographic Magazine.

As reported in the Kootenay Karabiner vol. 3, Dr. Norrington died October 31, 1965, at the age of 90. The obituary in the Canadian Alpine Journal mentions that on her retirement she lived in her summer home at Crescent Bay near Nelson and wintered in Victoria (eventually moving there permanently). "Up to her last year she was very interested in the activities of the newly formed Kootenay Section of the Alpine Club."

The early volumes, 1910 to 1916, plus 1959, 1962 & 1963, were donated by Helen Butling, who needs no biographical sketch! Since 1964, the Club has subscribed to the CAJ.

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With many thanks to John Carter and Jeff Ross, who have "retired", and to those who agreed to stay on for another two years, or to switch jobs. Welcome to Esther Neufeld and the Camp triumvirate.

Are you often lost, confused, not knowing which way is up? Plan to attend the:

MAP READING WORKSHOP on NOVEMBER 23 - details on next page

WINTER TRIPS SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED. Additions, changes etc. will be made in coming Newsletters. Rod found that members were reluctant to commit themselves to lead early season trips; OF COURSE it will snow soon - we hope.

NON-NEWS: There will not be a Christmas party next month, as was suggested at the annual dinner. It just didn't "come together". Watch for news of a January social event in the next Newsletter. (I'm telling you all this because I left a big space on this page for details of the December event!)

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE!!!!

SINGLE \$20 FAMILY \$24 JUNIOR (14-18) \$10

Send to: Garth Thomson, Box 221, Rossland, B.C. V0G 1Y0

Please pay promptly and save us having to send threatening notices in your next Newsletters.

MAP READING WORKSHOP

For KMC'ers wishing to upgrade or renew
their map-reading skills

The workshop will cover grid references, measuring distances, measuring compass directions, measuring altitude and visualizing topography from contours.

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to plan and assess mountaineering routes. A follow-up trip to practice map-reading skills in the great outdoors will be held at a time determined by the participants.

DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Selkirk College, Room M 20

Please bring compass, ruler, altimeter if you have one. Maps will be provided.

Call: Lesley Anderton (365-7424) or Wendy Hurst (399-4157)

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SUMMER CAMPS

Time to think about possible locations for next year.

HIKING CAMP: The committee is looking for:

- 1) Site suggestions, with some details as to access, terrain
- 2) People who are interested in helping out in specific areas.

Please contact SOON:

Ron Cameron, 2054 7th Ave., Trail, V1R 3C5 (364-1487)
Joan Harvey, R.R.#2, Nelson, V1L 5P5 (352-5666)
Jim Kienholz, 68 Douglas Rd., Nelson, V1L 2T6 (352-3590)

There will be a planning meeting in the New Year.

CLIMBING CAMP: Also a meeting after Christmas to choose a location etc.

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NEWSLETTER

I have agreed to "edit" (i.e. browbeat contributors to, type, copy, mail) the Newsletter for another two years. This is an enjoyable task if members send/phone in announcements, trip reports, news items, want ads etc. etc.

The usual deadline is the 20th of the preceding month (with a few days grace allowed, especially if I know the material is coming) for publication at the beginning of the month. This has not been adhered to very closely in recent months, due to duplicating problems, holidays, and the timing of Club events. Please note:

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send/phone in items for the January issue by December 20.
I'll try to get back on schedule in the New Year.

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 30

1) Report on CABINS: George Apel has been working with a Job Track crew this summer and fall. Among other efforts, they spent time at:

Huckleberry Hut - new roof, with extended overhangs
Copper Mt. Hut - chinked, new outhouse, firewood cut
Grassy Hut - walls caulked, foundation built

He also reported that a good cabin has been located at Trout Lake by the Forest Service, and that it could possibly be moved to the Siwash Mt. area next summer. This would complete the Bonnington Range *Haute Route*.

The question of snowmobilers using the cabins and surrounding ski areas was raised. The local snowmobile clubs and then the Forest Service will be approached to see what can be worked out.

2) Commercial use of the backcountry: the KMC will send a letter to the Lands Branch indicating that the Club would like to have input into decisions to grant leases for commercial operations. The concern is that such operations not impact on traditional day-trip access areas. Also, speculation in such leases has apparently been noted in other parts of the province.

3) CONSERVATION: The Club has received several copies of the Valhalla Park draft master plan. Response was to have been sent to Parks by last month, but if anyone is interested in reading/responding to it, contact Stan Baker (359-7346) or Sue Port.

Copies of a questionnaire relating to the development/management of the new Height-of-the-Rockies Wilderness Area were distributed. For those who attended Hiking Camp but not the A.G.M., you can send for a questionnaire to:

B.C. Forest Service, Box 189, Invermere, B.C. VOA 1K0
Attn. Russ Hendry, District Planning Officer

4) LIABILITY/WAIVERS: It was moved and passed that the KMC adopt a waiver form for indemnity and release of liability similar to that recommended by the FMCBC, which members will be required to sign when they join the Club (and renew each year).

5) Unnamed mountain features: for those who attended Climbing Camp - start thinking about the names that should be given to Peaks "a", "e", "Boy George" etc. There will be a meeting called in the New Year to decide on submissions to the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names.

TRIP REPORTS

Annual Trail Clearing, October 4

John Carter

Our group of enthusiastic K.M.C. volunteer trail clearers were very successful in their objective. Not only did we clear approximately 2.5 km of the Enterprise Creek trail of thick bush and wonderful juicy huckleberries but we were fortunate to see three mountain goats. Although some of the participants expected to see *Ursus horribilis* around every corner, none were seen. We all* agreed that we would like to see this activity as an annual item and next year hope to clear the remainder of the trail with the rest of you! We even have plans for the Lemon Creek/Nilsik Creek loop trail, and a letter writing campaign to B.C. Parks to improve access in Kokanee Glacier Park. See you next year!

* (Almost 2% of the Club membership! Ed.)

The Labour Day trip to the Swiss Peaks did in fact take place. (The editor noted it "cancelled due to lack of participants" in the last Newsletter - apologies). Ken Holmes and I enjoyed the incredible weather, and on Saturday, after setting up camp on a grassy ledge above a rock bound lake below the Tupper Glacier, we walked part way up Tupper's ridge (not enough time for an ascent).

The next day we crossed the icy glacier to the ridge below Truda and followed the broken, steep crest to the summit - great scrambling - where we lunched. More of the same, up and down, led over the jagged skyline of Swiss, Fleming and Grant. In spite of the impending nightfall we decided to complete the trip to Rogers (which Ken had not previously climbed) - 30 more minutes of cramponing.

The descent of the slope between Rogers and the Swiss Peaks was slow as it was hard ice, so dusk had fallen by the time we reached Tupper glacier. The moon was so bright, however, that crossing the glacier was pure delight - dark labyrinths of crevasses, sparkling, glinting pools and later, over the slabs, fairy light on the cascading brooks. An evening to remember; we could barely persuade ourselves to go into the tent as the moon changed perspectives and painted new tracings on the mountain walls around us.

We finished the weekend with a jaunt up Sifton - uninspiring looking from below, it turned out to be a really aesthetic climb. After typically interesting Selkirk ridge scrambling, the route becomes bounded by a wall of the Sifton Glacier - 15 to 20 m. of ice towering above you and clean cracked slabs to climb below. These memories more than compensated for the long, late trip home (Rossland at 1:15 am.)

You should have joined us.

Paradise Valley to Lake O'Hara October 10-12th

Rod Beauprie

A group of KMC'ers, tempted by the glorious fall weather, impulsively decided at the summer slide show to revive the Lake O'Hara trip. The ACC hut was booked by then and an alternative route (Paradise Valley to O'Hara) was suggested by S. G. McIver.

After a Friday night spent in varying degrees of comfort near Radium, we drove to Lake Louise in brilliant sunshine. After a brief policy debate with a rangerette there, we headed for the Paradise valley trail. The trail up the Paradise valley is suited for small Winnebagos only, and affords spectacular views of the back side of Temple, decorated with fragments of old and new climbing ropes. We camped near the "Giant's steps" after a none-to-strenuous day.

Sunday we climbed up and down three passes, the last of which, the Opabin, is crowned by a small glacier. Cairns can be found over much of the route, which leads from Wastach pass to the Valley of Ten peaks to Opabin pass. Of interest to birders are the "Eagle's Eyries" - two columns of hard rock rising out of the scree below the Wastach pass. Once the Lake O'Hara valley is entered, trails are of near expressway quality. Lake O'Hara was reached at sunset, and the campsites soon after.

Monday the adventurous hiked the O'Hara area, while the decadent soaked in the Radium hot pools. The weather continued to hold for the return trip to turkey dinners!

Present: P.J. (Senior Goat) McIver, R. M. (Junior Goat) Beauprie, Ester Neufeld, Liz Stanich, Doris Corbeil, Chris Overton and Carol Potasnyk.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Best wishes to Liz Stanich and Rod Beauprie, who will be married November 28 in Huntly, New Zealand (in Liz's parents garden, elev. 15', attended by sheep, says Rod). Since N.Z. is somewhat ahead of B.C., in time at any rate, you can toast them at 5:30 p.m. on November 27.

Theresa Lowe is now Theresa Southam, as in Theresa & John -
Congratulations.

Bon voyage to Peter & Ann Wood, off to Thailand, Tasmania, mainland Australia and other warm places from Nov. 16 to Feb. 8.

We have no forwarding address for the following:

Kevin Giles
Doug & Theresa Swallow
Paul Read & Ann Little

If anyone has an address, please contact Garth Thomson or Sue Port so we can at least send out their Karabiner.

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WANT ADS: No charge! Just phone or write the Editor.

FOR SALE

Forrest Serac Sabre ice axe with adze head, 45 cm., \$40
S.M.C. rigid crampons, chromed, with straps - used twice, \$80
4 Chouinard ice screws: 2@ 17 cm., 2@ 28 cm., \$17.50 or 4 for \$60
2 Salewa drive-in ice screws, \$5 each
8 Bonatti "D" Karabiners, 3250 kg. (great for lifting pianos or towing cars) \$1 each
Villom 3-pin bindings, 75 mm, new, \$5
San Marco ski mountaineering boots, used once, size 11, \$40
We found these prices by comparing to the Mountain Equipment Co-op; if you don't think they are fair, make us an offer.
Theresa and John Southam, 352-3047

FROM BOX 3195

Lemon Creek Lodge, Box 68, Slokan, VOG 2C0 (355-2403) - brochure outlining their winter offerings:

Ski packages - from one day of x-c instruction to 2 and 5 day sessions of instruction, guiding, meals, accommodation (\$30-325)

Winter group rates for accommodation - lodge sleeps 22, plus 3 cabins for 4 to 8. Meals, instruction, guiding available.

Discovered while
browsing through old
copies of the British
journal Mountain
(no. 27, May 1973)
in the Club library.

SNOW JOB Comment by Ian McNaught-Davis

Some years ago, when the Alpine Climbing Group had a separate identity and had not been absorbed into that geriatric eccentricity of the climbing world, the Alpine Club, the committee argued about qualifications for membership over pints of beer in the Gwryd. If all you had was three seasons in the Alps and a dozen routes of TD sup. and above, you were condemned to the role of 'aspirant' until you had acquired some snow and ice experience. The evening would gracefully degenerate, under the leadership of a well-known Lancastrian noted for his Himalayan exploits and his morbid dread of dehydration, until a motion that members who missed a single weekend's climbing should be downgraded to the 'inactive' list would be put to the vote and narrowly defeated. We felt really self-righteous - keeping up with the Winthrop Young/Spirit of the Hills/kicking-steps-in-the-virgin-snow tradition.

Of course, anyone who has climbed snow and ice routes knows how crushingly boring they are. I am not talking about climbs with a thin layer of snow or ice, which are really rock climbs out of condition and can offer the ultimate challenge, but about the gully, couloir, face and ridge, where each move is an exact repetition of the last. Such climbs can be dangerous, not in the individual technically hard move, but in the grinding, tedious routine that saps the mind of concentration and invites the long slide.

The high regard in which snow and ice climbing has been held, at least verbally, stems from the belief that to be a rock gymnast is BAD, but to be a mountaineer is GOOD; the difference being that the mountaineer has climbed on snow and ice. The same school once suffered from the 'nailed boots are GOOD, rubbers are BAD' syndrome. Fundamentally, it goes back to the traditions of climbing, firmly rooted in the British Public School ethos. If it is tedious, uncomfortable, and extremely hard work, it must be good for you in some way or other, particularly if there is an heroic element, with an illusion of high risk thrown in. "Rock climbing simply isn't on, old boy - too easily enjoyed by the plebeian element. And anyway, you won't get to the top of a real mountain without learning snow and ice technique."

So we learn to appreciate the pleasure and satisfaction that come from cutting the perfect step with maximum economy; we learn also to kick the crampons in just so far, to stab with the ice dagger, and to hammer in ice pegs and dead-men with our North Wall hammers. But learning to play with the hardware won't keep the boredom at bay for long.

You will see the beautiful line up the North Face, the flawless couloir and the sunlit knife-edge arête. You will set out before dawn, your equipment checked, your guts drawn tight with anticipation. Then you'll arrive at the foot of the climb and find a line of bucket steps made by sixty-three parties over the previous three weeks. Your route will have been defaced as thoroughly as Maestri can deface a rock route with his pneumatic drill. You can, as one famous English purist is reputed to do, climb alongside the steps, ignoring them. But that no more reduces the tedium than it counts as a new route.

Why is it, then, that so many people pretend to be interested in this blind alley of mountaineering? Maybe the mountains themselves are playing the ultimate confidence trick. They stand, proudly flaunting perfect icy crests, symmetric, elegant and, perhaps above all, *virginal*. They seem as untouchable as a white-clad novice in a nunnery. At once we are filled with a surging passion. Suffused with lust, our emotions swelling, we rush to the assault. To find what? A disfigured, raddled harlot, with a vicious, dangerous streak. As the ennui overcomes us, we console ourselves by looking at the pictures on the wall and labour our way to the summit.

On the way down, to justify our gross error of judgement, we expunge the awful memory, telescope the time element, and end up by showing our friends colourful Kodachromes of the mountain, but never of the climb. North faces, bad light, camera iced-up, too cold - the excuses need little invention. And so the myth is perpetuated. Each climber keeps to himself the secret of his discovery. You cannot be a real mountaineer until you have climbed on the Brenva Face, in the Himalaya, in Alaska, or in some other area equally famous for the phenomenal monotony of its routes. But I've discovered the secret: I'm saving them all for my old age.