



# Kootenay Mountaineering Club

*The Newsletter for people with year-round pursuits.*

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## Beta! For skiing in BC

"Have you ever noticed how little good info there is on the web regarding ski touring in BC's Interior Mountains - and BC in general? We want to change all that and are calling on our backcountry skiing brothers and sisters (yup, that's you) to share your stories and glories. With your input and sharing, the site can reach its potential and be a one-stop-shop for skiers seeking timely, on-the-money information." Find out more and purchase the new "West Kootenay Touring Guide" at <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/1948-70169-15-02>



## January Powder in November!

### Annual KMC Avalanche Practice, November 21 & 22, 2009

This year there was a big group of people interested in the annual KMC avalanche transceiver practice session that is run both around Nelson and around Rossland. In particular, there were so many people interested in the Nelson area, that we ran two days of practice from the Whitewater Ski Hill Road. It's really gratifying to see so many people prepared to come out and practice a few truly life-saving skills, particularly when the skiing has been nothing short of spectacular.

Our sessions on Saturday and Sunday were fairly similar. We reviewed the three stages of transceiver searching (primary, secondary and tertiary), and then went straight into a series of single searches working in small groups. With a nice deep snowpack this year, we were able to bury our "victims" between 60 and 100 cm deep, which provides a much more realistic search scenario, given that the average burial depth in Canada is near 80 cm. In fact, people found these more realistic searches much more challenging than anticipated.

We also did a group rescue scenario with a buried backpack (and transceiver), where organizing the group and efficient shoveling became much more important than any fancy transceiver techniques. In previous years we have spent some time on multiple burials, but recent data indicates that true multiple burials remain relatively rare in Canada (at least among recreational groups), and live recovery depends more on your companions knowing an efficient and systematic method of shoveling than upon specialized search techniques. Accordingly, both groups had an opportunity to practice one of the newer methods of shoveling, which proved to be very efficient and expeditious.

After all that hard work, we went off for a short tour, and enjoyed a great run down some west facing open glades on snow that you'd expect in mid-January, but are happy to discover in mid-November.

My thanks to everyone who came out and got stuck into it.

Participants: Matt Walton, Joanne Stinson, Chris Lalonde, Guy Lupien, Annie Taiatini, Eva Boehringer, Aaron Barrie, Mike Brewster, David Hall, Linda Johannson, David Cunningham, Joan Harvey, Julie Castonguay, Selena Davis, Coordinator: Sandra McGuinness

## Access PanAm: climbing's first international access group.

"Access PanAm, an international organization dedicated to protecting climbing access throughout the Western hemisphere, held their inaugural meeting August 12-16 in Canada at the Squamish Mountain Festival. Access PanAm hopes to improve climber relations and the general climbing environment in countries throughout Central and South America, particularly Brazil, Cuba and Mexico. Access activists in Latin America often face a dizzying web of mining and energy companies, disputed ownership and even gang activity." Read more at <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/1899-70169-96-02>

## For Flower Aficionados.

To follow is a link to photographs of wildflowers of the Canadian Rockies and nearby foothills, prairies, and the Waterton-Glacier area. The plants are indexed according to scientific, common, and family names. Visit the website at <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/1633-70169-15-02>



## Pacific Northwest climbs

"The mountains between Seattle, Spokane, and Vancouver have seen prodigious activity in the last few years, and many of the new routes are amazing. The question is: will anyone climb them, or will they fade into obscurity?" Blake Herrington of Bellingham, Washington is trying to prevent the latter from taking place by publishing a list of the routes on his blog. Check them out at <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/1632-70169-15-02>

## ACC takes over Glacier Park Huts

"After years of backcountry hut users in B.C.'s Glacier National Park assuming the Alpine Club of Canada was responsible for the running of Asulkan Hut in Rogers Pass, the ACC has formally taken over operation of the high mountain cabin. The ACC and Parks Canada finalized a licence of occupation agreement formally designating the ACC as being responsible for the operational needs of Asulkan and Glacier Circle huts and the basic four- to six-person high alpine Sapphire Col shelter." Read Lynn Martel's full article at <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/167870169-15-02>

**"The Question is: will anyone climb them, or will they fade into obscurity?"**

## Changes made to winter permit system in Glacier National Park

"If you plan to tour in Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park this winter, you need to be aware that many areas of the park have restricted and prohibited access in winter," and that many of the rules have changed for the 2009/2010 season. To see an overview of the Winter Permit System and to find out when and where information sessions will be held, go to <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/1916-70169-15-02>

## Common Adventure or Club Trip: Facts, *Fantasy* and Fiction.

Sandra McGuinness

Our KMC email list is a great way to get information about your trip out there whether it can be an officially sanctioned club trip or a "common adventure". And while, at first pass, these trips may appear identical, there are some important differences.

Firstly, all KMC club trips and KMC members on club trips are covered by our extensive liability insurance. In other words, if something or everything goes horribly wrong, you will have coverage in the event of a lawsuit.

Secondly, the KMC has a bunch of published guidelines that can help you organize and run your trip so that nothing does go horribly wrong (view

them on the KMC webpage at <http://www.kootenaymountaineerings.bc.ca/forms.html>).

Thirdly, the Executive will back up any reasonable decision by the coordinator to do such things as limit group numbers, take only participants with a certain skill level, or turn the entire trip around.

Common adventures, however, are run entirely at the responsibility of the organizer. There is no insurance coverage, no executive backup, and any rules you make for your trip are entirely your own.

It's clear that there are numerous advantages to running your next trip as a club trip, rather than a common adventure. And, it's easy to get your trip on the club schedule, even at short notice. All you have to do is email or call either the summer or winter trip chairperson - contact details below - and tell them the date and the nature of your trip.

As long as you choose a trip that is within your ability (and the overwhelming majority of people do), there will be no problem getting your trip on the schedule. So, as they say on the infomercials, "Call now! Our operators are standing by."

Here is the tentative list of programs run by the KMC this winter. Note that all programs are coordinated by volunteer leaders - not professional guides. They are open to all members of the KMC. There may be a small charge for some programs to cover costs, and a minimum number of participants are required for some programs. Dates are approximate. Contact the Mountain School director, Sandra McGuinness at [school@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca](mailto:school@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca) for more information.

Everyone recreating in the backcountry in winter is encouraged to take an avalanche course offered by a professional member of the Canadian Avalanche Association. Visit <http://www.avalanche.ca/cac/training/overview> to find a course near you.

## LIBRARY 2009/2010 STAYING ALIVE!

Not the Bee Gees *Staying Alive*; staying alive in avalanche terrain. Winter is off to a wicked start with the best snow in years, so it's time to brush up on those winter travel skills by reviewing a few of the best avalanche books. The KMC library has a wide selection, including:

- **Avalanche Safety for Skiers and Climbers**
- **Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain**
- **The Avalanche Handbook**
- **The Avalanche News**

It's also even more critical in winter that your navigation skills be spot on. Check out:

- **Staying Found: The Complete Map and Compass Handbook**
- **Be Expert With Map and Compass**
- **Technical Handbook for Professional Mountain Guides.**

Go to the webpage for a full list of our library holdings.

will have a specific learning component such as winter navigation and route-finding, managing your group, skills for skiing powder snow, how to plan a winter trip, making full use of the avalanche bulletin, etc. Open to all KMC members, but you **must** have an AST Level 1 course.

Various dates throughout the 2009/ 2010 ski season

Approximately \$20

## Winter Navigation

Winter travel poses its own unique set of navigational challenges from whiteouts to obscured trails and avalanche hazard. This two day workshop will include one day in the classroom learning some navigational techniques specific to winter travel followed by a full day tour practicing your skills in the backcountry. Open to skiers, snowshoers and snowboarders.

Late January 2010, TBA  
\$20

Approximately

## Introduction to Backcountry Ski Touring Series

Throughout the 2009/ 2010 ski season there will be a series of tours aimed at people who are just getting into backcountry ski touring or people who have been ski touring for a few years but would like to improve their skill set in a particular area.

The series will start with an evening session at Reiseker Hall in Robson where you will learn about the basics of backcountry travel including what to carry in your pack (first aid and repair kits, etc.). A series of one day tours will follow, each tour



# Trips Report

## Nogalski Peak 2277m, 7470 ft July 25th, 2009

in this  
area,  
which  
dates to  
1868.

recent mine scratchings at 7,100' at the base of Nogalski. From this point, it was an easy scramble to the summit via the southeast ridge (582-736, large cairn, no record). We were somewhat surprised to meet another human on top, a German-like Wycliffe-ite who had come up from Richmond

Nogalski Peak, not a gazetted name, is at the hydrographic apex of the north fork of Kama Creek, Hellroaring Creek, and Perry Creek. Well, maybe that doesn't help. Let's say that it is southwest of Kimberley and can be most easily reached from Cranbrook by turning north onto King Street NW at the stoplight and driving north. Follow this street, which eventually becomes Wycliffe Road, for 12 km. and turn left onto a gravel road signed "Wycliffe Park." This becomes Perry Creek FSR, a veritable highway for most of its length. Janice and I drove this 2WD route on the afternoon of July 24<sup>th</sup>, stopping along the way to visit Perry Creek Falls and "the giant steam shovel," and passing the Richmond Lake trailhead, before stopping to car camp at a ford at the Goldrun Lake trailhead at 5680' (km. 34.8, 601-640, good campsites by running water). See Janice Strong's excellent *Mountain Footsteps* for more detailed driving instructions, hiking data, and some history of the gold rush

Saturday morning, the 25<sup>th</sup>, we embarked at 0745, our goal more or less Mt. Flett in the next valley to the west. After reaching Goldrun Lake via the good, signed trail in 50 min., we foolishly bushwhacked up to the northwest, discovering en route that a road led right to our immediate destination, Perry Pass (6548', 585-744). We think this new road is a continuation of the road we camped on but are not sure.

Anyway, having reached the pass, we decided to follow "historic Perry Pass Trail" west and down into the headwaters of Hellroaring Creek. By the time we reached a rockslide 700' below Nolgaski, we decided against continuing: we had lost the trail, the guidebook advised of many deadfalls ahead, it was hot, we were be-deviled by bugs, and Mt. Flett looked to be tiresomely distant.

Instead, we returned to Perry Pass and then followed a road and rudimentary trail southwest over sub-alpine terrain to

Map: Grassy Mountain 82F/8 NAD 27

Lake and was making a clockwise circuit.

After a brief 25 min. stay (views of Mt. Evans, Snowcrest Mtn., and Grassy Mtn.—no, not *that* Grassy Mtn.), we meandered down the easy west ridge toward Kama Pass, strode down south slopes to a col west of Richmond Lake, and plunged down and east, enjoying moderate bushwhacking before picking up the Richmond Lake trail on the north side of Richmond Lake. This descended east 400' to the Perry Creek FSR, whence a ten-minute uphill walk led back to our campsite and truck. In all, it was a moderate and pleasant counter-clockwise circuit, a 6-hour day (counting detour) among the gentle peaks of the southernmost Purcells.

Kim Kratky

**"We were somewhat surprised to meet another human on top"**

# MT. BEGBIE

AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2009  
8963 ft

Forest fires on the way up

to Revelstoke and temperatures in the mid 30's set the tone for the first leg of the trip up Mt Begbie. After meeting at the Slocan Valley junction at 6:45 a.m., we drove up past Nakusp and waited in line for the 9:30 a.m. ferry at Galena Bay, as a 200-hectare fire smoldered just above the ferry lineup. The smoke was starting to thin a little when we arrived at the trailhead, approximately 10 km south of Revelstoke. The trailhead elevation is 2100 ft and there was then a 4200 ft ascent to the campsite at 6300 ft. The trail though steep in places was well maintained and provided a reasonable 4-hour climb to the campsite, making for an arrival time of around 3:00 p.m. There are three wooden tent platforms, a large creek and a maintained covered pit toilet at the campsite, as well as great views of the Mt McKenzie ski hill.

A quick recce of the mountain that evening, showed that the traditional route up the glacier, along the predominant ledge on the east side and up the north ridge, was feasible under the present snow conditions.

The following morning we got a 6:45 a.m. start, roping up to cross the glacier. The lower section was medium density ice, providing good purchase for the crampons. Further up

there were depths of snow covering the crevasses, so we probed a route up to the ledge. The moat between the rock and glacier had not yet melted, so it was an easy scramble onto the ledge. The ledge soon got very tight and with a rope available we belayed each other over the next 80 feet. Ledge width for the first 100 ft ranged from 6 inches to 3 feet and there were very few good hand holds, drop-offs on the lower side ranged from 25-ft at the start to over 100-ft further along. Four or five permanent rock anchors are set along the ledge, making excellent belay points and allowing us to set up a fixed rope. Once across this crux the weather changed and it started to rain. The rock would have become extremely slippery if it continued, and we considered returning back the way we came before the ledge became too slippery. The rain however stopped after 2 minutes and we continued on.

the corner and provides access to the north ridge, which is made up of large blocky rock covered in black lichen. The ascent to the top was straightforward through large blocky ledges and narrow chutes. We summited at 10:15 a.m. then headed straight down as rain clouds were gathering to the west. By 12:30 p.m. we were again on the glacier and heading down to camp, where we rested up and spent the night before heading home the following morning.

We were Vicki Hart, Caroline Laface, Gene Van Dyck and Dave Grant.



## GIMLI PEAK

August 9<sup>th</sup> 2009

The trip to Gimli Peak started with all 14 participants meeting at 7:20 a.m. at the Slocan Valley Park and Ride. After driving up the highway and then onto the Little Slocan and Bannock Burn Forestry Roads, we started hiking at 9:00 a.m. under overcast skies.

The arrival at the meadows above tree line, led to the discovery that the entire ridge was obscured by low-lying cloud. After a little trial and error, we made it to the correct col in the ridge and then onto the east ridge of Gimli. There, with a little moral support and a belay or two, we got everyone to the top of Gimli by 1:30 p.m., where we tried to see through the cloud and make out the other Valhalla monoliths. After a brief break for lunch, the group headed down to the meadows below the mountain, where we turned around to see the mountain bathed in sunshine from top to bottom.

Another beautiful day in the mountains!

We were Jennie Baillie, Geoff Carter, Laura Fuller, Kevin Forsyth, Bob McQueen, Jan Micklethwaite, Diane Paolini, Delia Roberts, Marlies Roeder, Caroline Shimek, Jim Simpson, Terry Simpson, Jill Watson and Dave Grant; coordinator.

# MT FAITH

2279M

SEPTEMBER 30th 2009

Our option for a high elevation hike was narrowed down to Mt Faith by an unusually very cool last week of September that left several inches of snow on the mountaintops. Mt Faith is in the slightly drier Granby area and has a southern approach. The forecast was for clear with possible clouding over in the afternoon. For the eastern access to Mt Faith we turned right on the Hwy #3 Blueberry Paulson Bridge Bypass Road (just before reaching the Paulson Bridge). We followed the road down to the Kettle Valley Railed and went north along the rail bed for approx 6 km to the abandoned rail stop of Farron (a maintained camp spot for the KVR). Along the rail bed we interrupted a forestry crew building a footbridge across the creek at the Mt Gladstone Trailhead. At the north end of Farron we left the rail bed by turning left onto Dog Rd. This road is actually in very good condition and is marked by red and white km markers. Start km counting from here. stay on Dog Road until you turn right onto the signed Faith Road at km. 22.4. Keep straight on the mainline at

km. 26.2; t 26.5 and immediately cross the South Faith Creek bridge (signed) (At this point you are just below and east of Mt Faith. You cannot see Mt. Faith from here, but the adjoining peak, Mt Hope, which is located to the southeast of Mt Faith). Ignore the Faith 300 spur on the right; and finish up at a landing in the bottom of a clear cut at km 28.2. The turnaround/parking area at the end of the road.

From the parking area we hiked in a westerly direction. After a few hundred meters we were at the top of the clear-cut where we entered the "not too bushy forest". We continued our western direction through alternating patches of light snow and wet ground. Our route was to parallel the right (northern side) of "South Faith Creek" while at the same time trying not to go in the drainages to the left or right. Peter flagged the route through the forest and up onto the ridge. Once on the ridge we had minor traces of soft hail intermingled with blue patches of sky. It was windy and fairly cold when the sun ducked behind clouds. We followed the open ridge westward and had a snack before beginning the slight descent to the small "Cowpaddy Lake". Just before the lake we found the well-worn horse trail that was discernable in less than 3

southeast face of Mt Faith. We gained the summit of Mt Faith with an easy but slippery scramble. The summit had a couple of inches of snow but the wind had died down and the sun was out. We had a pleasant lunch at 2pm with nice views in all directions. Some of the highlights from here are the Seven Summits towards Rossland, Mounts Stanley, Spiers and Airy. We could see all the way up the Arrow Lake to Fauquier and we weren't that far off from Sangrida Peak. We followed the southerly ridge down off the summit and regained our footprints near Cowpaddy Lake below. From here we followed the relatively brush-free ridge on the northern side of the creek. The ridge slowly petered out and we continued down its treed shoulder to a clearcut. We spent approximately 4 hours going up and 2 back down.

Thanks to our fellow hikers: Hazel and Ed Beynon, Ted Ibrahim and Peter Oostlander. Eliane and Steven Mirois.

I would like to thank all the leaders that organized trips for the hiking schedule this year. I am looking forward to another fantastic year in the mountains in 2010.

Vicki, Summer Trips Coordinator

## UIAA safety labels and product recalls.

The UIAA has two new services on its website. You can find a list of climbing product recalls dating back to 1998, or search for a specific recall. You can also find out whether your gear has earned the official UIAA safety label. Both services are found at <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/1946-70169-15-02>. To get the complete list of climbing product recalls, simply press the "search" button without requesting any specific information.



## Winter Trips 2009 - 2010



December 2009 ski touring in the White water basin. KMC members Chris Hillary Lilly Bogoev. Unaware of other KMC members lines in the background.

Coordinators should post a trip detail note to KMC members at [members@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca](mailto:members@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca) a few days prior to your trip.

For changes or additions please contact:  
Dave Watson 250-362-5660  
[jdwatson01@shaw.ca](mailto:jdwatson01@shaw.ca)

Avalanche Terrain Exposure  
Scale (ATS) = Simple,  
Challenging or Complex

### Trip Ratings

A=Easy, B=Fairly Easy,  
C=Average, D=Strenuous,  
E=Strenuous/Multi-Day

1=Track Skiing, 2=Off Track,  
3=Moderate Backcountry  
Touring, 4=Advanced  
Backcountry Touring.

### Notice to KMC Members!



A volunteer appreciation dinner will be held in the spring for winter trip coordinators and in the fall for summer trip coordinators. Part of the evenings will be dedicated to a discussion regarding past trip experiences and future opportunities for improvement. As regular club volunteers and to gain from the discussion the KMC Executive will be invited to attend. At the end of the evening a gift certificate draw will be held for trip coordinators. It is our intention to purchase gift certificates from those businesses currently giving a discount to KMC members. A trip leader will have their name entered in the draw for every trip lead.

The Executive also felt that it may help new, prospective trip coordinators feel more comfortable if they partnered with an experienced leader for their first trip. In effect, the experienced leader would be acting as a mentor. As scheduler of winter trips I could try to link up a new coordinator with an experienced leader or the new coordinator could ask someone they already know. I'll leave it up to the new coordinator to first pick a destination they are familiar with, then contact me if they would like me to find an experienced leader to help with the trip. Often experienced people will sign up for the posted trip anyway.

Presented for the Executive by,  
Dave Watson  
Director, Winter Trips

## **Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> AGM of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club** **November 20, 2009**

Annual general meeting and dinner held at Selkirk College in Castlegar. Meeting called to order by President Doug Brown at 7:45 pm with 30 people in attendance

The Secretary being absent, Sue Port agreed to take the minutes.

Call for new business resulted in no additions to agenda.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2008 AGM: Eric Ackerman/Don Lyon. Carried

Motion to approve the agenda: Dave Grant/Carol Potasnyk.

Doug Brown gave the **President's Report**. Club outings are the lifeblood of the club, but the club is chronically short of trip coordinators. In the past the club has tackled this problem by 1) offering education for aspiring trip coordinators, 2) providing liability insurance so coordinators need not worry about litigation, 3) establishing policies aimed at easing the trip coordination job, and 4) supporting coordinators with any troubles that arise on club trips. In 2010 the club plans to establish, on a trial basis, a volunteer appreciation/recognition/reward program. Full details to come.

### **Committee Reports:**

Alison Roy gave the **Treasurer's Report**. The profit & loss statement and balance sheet were presented (club is in good financial health).



### **...AGM continued**

Motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report: Bobbie Maras/Laurie Charlton. Carried.

Alison Roy noted the major changes in the 2010 budget: 1) Huts & trails were separated, 2) Addition of a volunteer incentive program, 3) Reduction in the Newsletter budget with many receiving theirs via e-mail.

Motion to adopt the 2010 Budget: Graham Jamin/Bert Port. Carried There was some discussion about whether volunteer incentives would help.

Motion to keep membership fees the same as in 2009: Mary Baker/Peter Oostlander. Carried.

Dave Grant gave the **Vice President's Report**. The issue of having minor's (people under the age of 19) on KMC trips was brought up in the most recent Executive meeting (September 10, 2009).

Following lengthy discussion, it was originally recommended that minors no longer be included on club trips.

Concerns were:

- i) the fact that neither a minor nor a minor's guardian/parent can legally sign away a minor's right to sue.
- ii) the lack of an appropriate waiver
- iii) the need for a higher standard of care associated with having minor's on club trips
- iv) the increased workload on the trip leader to monitor and supervise minors on club trips

Upon further review, the recommendation has been reversed and minors will be allowed on club trips at the discretion of the trip coordinator. Reasons for the decision are as follows.

- i) Discussions with the insurer changed the perception of the risk.
- ii) The executive is working on developing a proper waiver. The insurer has stated that a waiver for a minor, who is a club member, must be signed annually by the minor and the parent/guardian at the start of the year or the minor cannot participate in club trips. For non member minors, a waiver must be signed by the minor and parent/guardian before every trip or the minor cannot participate.
- iii) The standard of care is recommended that either a parent or an adult approved by the parent accompany the minor on any KMC trip to provide a proper standard of care.
- iv) The trip coordinator may accept minors, but has the discretion to accept or refuse any member based on his personal level of comfort with their skills, strength and overall abilities. Based on this, Hiking Camp, Climbing Camp and the Ski week at Kokanee, have indicated that they will continue the exclusion of minors from these trips.
- v) Overall the executive wants to include families and younger people in the club, as they are our future. It is a matter of balancing the risks to the club versus the benefits of introducing young people and families to the back country. We will continue to monitor this situation and attempt to provide trips compatible with all levels of skill and experience in the club.

There was no **Secretary's Report** as Kay Medland was unable to attend the meeting. The chair noted that after several attempts, Kay was able to get last year's special resolutions accepted by the registrar of companies.

## ...AGM continued

Graham Jamin gave the **Cabins Report**. Thanks to work party volunteers. All the cabins are clean and well stocked with firewood. The main repairs made were new brick and gaskets for the stove at Steed and some broken steps at Grassy were replaced. Due to government cutbacks, MoTSA was unable to assist in maintenance of the cabins. Cabin use seems to be very steady over the winter months. Thank you to Sandra M. who still maintains the electronic responsibilities for the cabins.

Doug Brown read the **Climbing Camp** report prepared by Steve Langley: Cancelled due to lack of interest. Probably due to location, economy and the fact that there were a number of "private" club trips organized this year. A second more local location only produced 2 responses.

Kim Kratky gave the **Conservation Report**. Kim has focused energy on two local issues: Jumbo Glacier Resort and Glacier-Howser Power Project.

On Aug. 7th RDEK voted 8-7 to ask provincial government to take over the re-zoning of JGR and ask government to designate the area as a Resort-Municipality. The government has not acted on the RDEK's request. There is no Master Development Agreement in place. On-going negotiations with the Ktunaxa First Nations Council must be finalized before project can proceed. Kim was interviewed twice by Mountain FM Radio with regard to vote by RDEK. Kim encourages members to write letters to the RDEK and the Hon. Bill Bennett, and to join the Jumbo Creek Conservation Society, PO Box 2645, Invermere, BC V0A 1K0. On Nov. 20th Wildsight and guide Arnor Larson report that JGR's developmental road, built without permit to access the Farnham Glacier area, has caused environmental damage, such as diesel spill and wash of material into Farnham Creek.

Kim:

- attended and spoke at public open house in Kaslo as representative of KMC.
- wrote a letter on behalf of club to Gary Alexander of EAO detailing our objections to the project. No reply received, even though I requested one.
- wrote several letters to Nelson Daily News criticizing the province's stance on hydro-electric power production and on Independent Power Projects
- was interviewed by Mountain FM with regard to Glacier-Howser power project
- attended and spoke at public forum hosted by MLA Michelle Mungall in Nelson concerning Glacier-Howser
- liaised with the MLA's office sharing data about Axor Corporation and provincial government's energy policy
- wrote the Hon. Blair Lekstrom, Min. of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources urging the government to abide by the BCUC's ruling of July 2009 that IPP development was "not in the public interest."

On Sept. 11, the EAO suspended Axor's application, citing lack of data on fisheries and habitat impact (no fish impact report; no fish habitat compensation plan)

- 90% of over 1000 letters received oppose Axor's plan
- RDEK and F & O Canada deem potential impacts to be unacceptable

Hanspeter Korn gave the **Equipment and Trails Report**. Nothing to report.

## ...AGM continued

Mike Brewster gave the **Hiking Camp Report**. 2009 was the 36th annual KMC Hiking camp. Location: Headwaters North White River Southern Rocky Mts. East boundary of Height of The Rockies Provincial Park. Three week camp was fully subscribed although not all campers showed up. Helicopter costs were \$3000 less than estimated. Air Span Helicopters of Abbotsford BC supplied a Bell 206 L3 five passenger machine flown by Mr John Christiansen out of Invermere BC. This was one of the best operations hiking camp has had. Hiking Camp purchased 2 new tents which improved the experience. These tents are made in BC and are self supporting on aluminum frames. The camp committee is in the process of analyzing the helicopter expenses to determine how much farther camp can fly using the present fee of \$450. No decision has been made on a rebate until helicopter review is complete.

Sandra McGuinness gave the **Library Report**. Six new books/journals purchased this year, including two local rock climbing guidebooks. There is slow but steady use, mostly of technical "how to" books.

Sandra McGuinness gave the **Mountaineering School Report**. Summary of programs this year:

- Gravity climbing nights - very low attendance this year. Ran on average every second Friday.
- Winter leaders workshop - 17 in attendance with guest instructor, Howie Ridge. Garnered one new trip leader who requested a mentor or co-trip leader (there was one available) and ran two club trips.
- Crevasse rescue workshop - 8 members attended.
- Rock review, ran over two days, covered techniques for alpine climbing to class 4 and crag climbing. Six members attended the alpine climbing day, and eight, including two non-members attended the crag climbing day at Slocan.

Winter 2009/2010 schedule of programs is on the web at <http://www.kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca/school.html>

Programs offered in the upcoming season:

1. Avalanche transceiver practice in Nelson and Rossland.
2. Winter trip leaders weekend
3. Winter navigation course
4. Introduction to backcountry touring series
5. Gravity climbing nights

Bobbie Maras gave the **Membership Report**. Here are the 2009 membership numbers and the comparison with 2008:

- In 2009 we have 280 members in 206 memberships: 71 families (=145 members), 132 individuals and 3 non residents.
- In 2008 there were 303 members in 214 memberships: 83 families (=171 members), 123 individuals and 8 non-res (=9 members).
- This is a decrease of 23 members and 8 memberships.
- We have 46 new members in 36 memberships: 9 families (=19 members) & 27 individuals.

**Entertainment (Social) Report**. This board position has been vacant this year.

Vicki Hart gave the **Summer Trips Report**. The 2008 KMC hiking schedule had 38 day trips. The 2009 schedule had 48 day trips with:



### ...AGM Continued

- 2 backpacking trips
- 4 cancelled trips (due to weather)
- 2 Rock & Snow Review workshops
- 2 Hut maintenance

Doug Brown read the **Website** report prepared by Norm Truant: Trips forms and policy is now on the web, and the newsletter can be accessed with the password which is emailed out on the club listserv as soon as the newsletter is finished. The club's Web site receives 2400-2600 visits per month, or about 30,000 visitors per year. Norm will be refreshing the photos on the site, and will be requesting submissions once he is ready.

Dave Watson gave the **Winter Trips Report**. Last winter we had 38 trips with 16 different leaders. One leader lead 10 trips. Thanks Sandra. The bulk of the trips were in January and February. Also scheduled were 9 training days either organized or run by Sandra. The Kokanee trip scheduled from Jan.30, 2010 to Feb.6th was easily filled by lottery and we have 12 on the waiting list.

This winter is getting off to another slow start with only 4 ski trips scheduled to the end of the year. 5 trips were scheduled during the same period last year. In addition 4 training days are scheduled to year end. Early submissions for the rest of the season have resulted in 7 trips scheduled. I'll be asking for leaders again before my schedule update in mid December. I hope many more leaders will step up. We need trip coordinators for all levels of ski and snowshoe trips. You will have noticed a winter trip leaders workshop scheduled for Dec. 5th and 6th. If you're shy about running a trip this will get novice leaders started and provide an update for those with more experience.

In an effort to encourage more members to coordinate trips the executive has been discussing an incentive program. Many options have been submitted from appreciation dinners to gift certificates to KMC cabin stays to variations of all. I expect we'll end up with some blend that will be acceptable to most. Also this could, or perhaps should be, expanded to include all volunteers that are not already recognized in some other way. I would like to know if anyone in this meeting has ideas or comments.

### Elections

Nine executive positions were up for election and were filled by acclamation:

|                                  |                   |
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| President                        | Dave Grant        |
| Vice-President                   | Peter Oostlander  |
| Director, Climbing camp          | Doug Brown        |
| Director, Entertainment (1 year) | P'nina Shames     |
| Director, Equipment & Trails     | Hanspeter Korn    |
| Director, Hiking Camp            | Nancy Selwood     |
| Director, Membership             | Linda Johansson   |
| Director, Mountaineering School  | Sandra McGuinness |
| Director, Newsletter             | Ken Roy           |

There was a round of applause for outgoing directors: Doug Brown as President, Bobbie Maras as Membership, and Eliane & Steve Miroso from many years of producing the Newsletter.

Motion of adjournment at 9:30 p.m. Bert Port

## **Important Club Information**

### ***Membership Annual Dues:***

Single (19 yrs and older) \$41

Family (including child under 19) 2 people \$52; 3 people \$58; add \$6 for each additional person

Junior (age under 19) \$31

Send complete membership/waiver form to KMC Membership:

717 Hall St.

Nelson BC

V1L1Z5

To receive membership information by e-mail or to give us your address/e-mail/phone changes please contact: [membership@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca](mailto:membership@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca)

***Want to Include something in the  
email update?***

**members-  
owner@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca**

***Sending an email to KMC  
members?***

**members@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca**

***Want to get a hold of the KMC  
President?***

**president@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca**

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# KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB – 2010

## Membership is for the Calendar

To join/renew your membership with the Kootenay Mountaineering Club:

1. Print and complete the following application
2. Sign and date the waiver below, and
3. Send the completed form/liability waiver together with correct dues to:

**KMC Membership**  
**717 Hall Street,**  
**Nelson, BC V1L 1Z5**

Annual Dues (**insurance included**): Please check appropriate box below:

- ☐ Single (19 years & older) **\$41**  
☐ Family (including children under 19) 2 people **\$52**; 3 people **\$58**; add **\$6** for each additional person  
☐ Junior (age under 19) **\$31**

Note: Membership fee includes \$15 for membership in the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. as well as liability insurance premiums of \$6 per person. Members who have FMCBC memberships through other clubs can apply to the FMCBC for a refund of the \$15 paid through KMC.

### Adults (19 years and older):

### Children under 19:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Address:

- ☐ Same as last year, or complete address below:

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Privacy Information Act

Traditionally the KMC occasionally published the names and addresses for its members in the newsletter. The B.C. Privacy Act requires that we ask your permission. **Please circle No** for each item below that you do not wish published:

**Name(s):** No      **City:** No      **Phone:** No      **E-Mail:** No

## Newsletters

Each paid KMC membership is entitled to receive a paper copy of the KMC Newsletter (“The Mountaineer”) , and a copy of the newsletter of the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (The “Cloudburst”). In order to save trees and costs, you may receive your newsletters electronically. Please indicate how you would like to receive your newsletters by circling your choices below:

**KMC Newsletter:**      Electronically      Paper copy      Not at all

**FMCBC Newsletter:**      Electronically      Paper copy      Not at all

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The KMC runs an email listserver for club related topics including

- Upcoming club activities: meetings, socials, trips, courses and changes to the trip schedule.
- Upcoming non-club trip notices.
- Access (road or trail) notifications.
- Local conservation, environmental, or outdoor recreation notices.
- Used outdoor equipment offered for sale.

The email list is for KMC members only. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. Your email address will not be distributed or shared, but it will appear on any messages you send to the list.

If you want to be subscribed to the list, please provide/confirm the email address(es) you want to be used for the email update system (It can be from your work, home or both).

Please print email address(es) **clearly**:

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To send an email to all KMC members who have registered for the KMC Email List, simply send an email to:

members@kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca

If you have comments or requests, please use this space: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail this completed application form together with payment to:

KMC Membership, 717 Hall Street, Nelson, BC V1L 1Z5

Thank you, and see you in the hills.

**The waiver on pages 3-4 must be signed by all persons listed on this application.  
A parent must sign for all juniors under the age of 19.**

New Members,  
how did you hear ☐ Friend ☐ Website ☐ Publication/Newspaper ☐ Brochure ☐ Other: Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
about us?

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| <i>For internal use:</i> | <i>Date received:</i> | <i>Amount: \$</i> | <i>Deposit#:</i> |
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DISCLOSURE OF RISK, AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY, RELEASE & WAIVER FORM

## DISCLOSURE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Mountaineering is a potentially dangerous activity with hazards including, but not limited to, rock and ice fall, danger from avalanches, hidden or exposed rocks, stumps, tree wells, hidden or visible crevasses, ice bridges, bergschrunds, cornices and cornice falls, cliffs, variations in snow or ice conditions, exposed or concealed holes or depressions in the snow pack, still and moving water, sudden changes in weather, hypothermia or frost bite, encounters with wildlife, collisions with others, becoming lost in remote locations with no reliable method of communications and inability to get rescue or medical assistance quickly, airplane and helicopter travel, falls on steep terrain, failure of climbing or safety equipment, as well as all other hazards associated with hiking, wilderness travel, climbing, skiing, rock climbing and other pursuits of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club.

I assume these risks even though they may involve negligence, gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, its directors, officers, agents, members, organizers, coordinators, assistants, representatives, instructors and all persons acting directly or indirectly under its authority or in collaboration with the Kootenay Mountaineering Club (collectively the "KMC"), including the failure on the part of the KMC to take reasonable, or any, steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of club activities.

## DISCLOSURE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The organizer for a club activity is not a professional mountaineer, guide, instructor, or trained first aid attendant. The function of the organizer is only to organize the activity, ensure that it gets under way, know the access to the area, and have some knowledge of the planned activity.

It is expected that each person on a club trip has the necessary skills, experience, fitness, and equipment to participate in a club trip. Each person is responsible for his or her own safety, having suitable first aid supplies and for confirming that his or her equipment is in good working order.

## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY

IN CONSIDERATION of my being permitted to participate in the activities arranged by the Kootenay Mountaineering Club and for other good and valuable consideration the sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, and anyone else who may claim on my behalf or through me HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY AND DAMAGES I may now or in the future have against the KMC, arising from any personal injury, death, property damage or loss sustained by me arising from or in connection with my participation in the activities of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club however caused. I FURTHER HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE the KMC from and against all demands, claims, actions, damages, costs, and expenses arising from or with respect to death, injury, damages or loss to my person or property of any kind whatsoever, no matter how caused, in connection with my participation in Kootenay Mountaineering Club activities though the same may have been contributed to or been caused by the NEGLIGENCE or GROSS NEGLIGENCE or WILLFUL MISCONDUCT of the KMC. I FURTHER AGREE to hold harmless and indemnify the KMC from any and all liability for any damage or injury to the property or persons of any third party resulting from my involvement in or presence during any of the activities of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club.

I ACKNOWLEDGE that the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, in obtaining this waiver from me is doing so for the KMC, including its directors, officers, agents, members, activity and trip organizers, coordinators, assistants, representatives, instructors and all persons acting directly or indirectly under its authority or in collaboration with the Kootenay Mountaineering Club.

In the event that I act in any capacity for the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, I appoint the Kootenay Mountaineering Club as my agent for the purpose of obtaining an indemnity and release of liability from other members of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club or persons participating in its activities.

This agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdictions; and any litigation involving the parties of this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

All adult applicants must initial here



Initials:

\_\_\_\_\_

In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representation by the KMC, and I am aware that the safety of any club activities or club cabins, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I have read and understand the Agreement and I am aware that by signing this Agreement I am waiving certain legal rights, which I or my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives may have against the KMC.

I CONFIRM THAT I AM THE FULL AGE OF NINETEEN YEARS AND THAT I HAVE READ THIS INDEMNITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ACCEPT ITS TERMS, AND IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand,

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| _____<br>Signature of PARTICIPANT | _____<br>Signature of WITNESS (anyone 19 or over) | _____<br>Date |
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**!!!! BE AWARE THAT SIGNING THIS FORM MEANS THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT ALL THE HAZARDS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES AND THAT YOU ARE GIVING UP ALL RIGHT TO SUE THE KMC WHICH INCLUDES ANY OF ITS MEMBERS !!!!!**

### Note for Minors:

For any person under the age of 19 years this document must be signed by a parent or legal guardian on behalf of that person.

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| Name of the minor on whose behalf<br>this document is signed: | _____<br>Birthdate of minor<br>(dd/mm/yyyy) | _____<br>Signature of parent or legal guardian: | _____<br>Signature of Witness: |
| Name of parent or legal guardian:                             | _____<br>Name of Witness:                   | _____<br>Relationship:                          | _____<br>Relationship:         |

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| Name of the minor on whose behalf<br>this document is signed: | _____<br>Birthdate of minor<br>(dd/mm/yyyy): | _____<br>Signature of parent or legal guardian: | _____<br>Signature of Witness: |
| Name of parent or legal guardian:                             | _____<br>Name of Witness:                    | _____<br>Relationship:                          | _____<br>Relationship:         |