



THE B.C. MOUNTAINEER



NEW SLETTER

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SCHEDULED TRIPS::

LEADER:

Jul 4/5

Trail Clearing -- Lions Trail. Contact Gabriel Mazoret 299 - 8633 or Sally Tatlow 733 - 9048, as Paul will not be back until around the 3rd.

Jul 11/12

Mt. Matier area -- Training Climb B2-5/2500m Ed Zenger 434 - 3095
Excellent opportunities to improve general mountaineering skills. Rock & Ice gear required.

Jul 11/12

Joffre Lakes -- Training Trip A1-3 Paul Hannig 435 - 6042
Primarily a training trip for hikers on glacier travel.

Jul 11/12

Redoubt -- NE Ridge C5/2680m Phil Kubik 922 - 3407
(Change from Forbidden Pk) Ice-axes and crampons. Limited to 6 people.

Jul 18/19

Cloudcap C5/2151m Paul Starr 112-856 - 3000
Fine climb from Nooksack Cirque.

Jul 18/19

Van Horlick Creek area B2-3 Rick Sheppard 669 - 4051
Near Pemberton. Peak near 21-22 Creek will be attempted.

Jul 25/26

Three Brothers -- Manning Park A1/2164m Bernard DeMacedo 876 - 4769
Easy hiking in blossoming meadows.

Jul 25/26			
Twin Sisters	B4/2113m	Manfred Putz	941 - 3253
W. Ridge. (South of Mt. Baker.) Possible to climb both peaks from car camp.			
Aug 1/3			
Manning Park to Harts Pass Crossover		Mavis Hayter	688 - 4376
Long trek, Allison to Harts.			
Aug 1/3 & 1/5			
Bendor Range Traverse	C2/2832m	Rick Sheppard	669 - 4051
People with only three days off can climb Mt. Bobb. Those with five days - the traverse has good camps, lakes and climbable mountains in Cl 3-4 range. (Carpenter Lake to Bralorne.)			
Aug 1/3			
Dome Pk. E of Derrington	B4/2719m	Tony Clayton	988 - 3787
Approach 10 km to camp on trail. Great scenery.			
Aug 8/9			
Forbidden Peak	B5/2680	Brian Vezina	669 - 2004
(Change from Slesse) One of 50 classic climbs in N. America.			
Aug 9			
Mt. Matier	C3/2767m	Guenter Hoernig	688 - 9301
Strenuous day trip, Joffre area.			
Aug 15/16			
Mt. Lydia	B4/2042	Jack Bryceland	112- 858 - 6601
In the always-pleasant Lake Lovelywater area.			
Aug 16			
Desolation Flats	B1/1650m	Barb Durant	669 - 4051
Easy day trip N of Black Tusk. Possible side trip to Helm Glacier Ice Caves.			
Aug 22/23			
Mt. Tremor	B3/2652m	Ehleen Bohn	874 - 8923
Spearhead Range. Long day to camp. Bring Iceaxe.			
Aug 22/23			
Wilmans Peak	B4/2097m	Wayne Saunders	434 - 5125
Fine rock climb near Monte Cristo.			
Aug 22/23			
Mt. Laughington	A1/1770m	Paul Binkert	263 - 4360
Easy weekend trip in Chilliwack valley. Excellent high ridge walk.			
Aug 29/30			
Kwoiek Pk.	C4/2713m	Ross Wyborn	462 - 9204
Good bushwhack. 6 hours to camp. Snow and ice climb.			
Aug 30			
Pinecone Lake area		Esther Kafer	733 - 0462
East of Mamquam R. area.			
Sep 5/7			
Prussik Pk.	B5/2438m	Gerard Clement	321 - 4296
Approach from Leavenworth down Snow Creek to N side of pk. Solid rock, best climb in area.			
Sep 5/7	ANNUAL MT. TATLOW EXPEDITION -- NO. 3.		
Third time lucky?? This year's Labour Day Weekend will again see Sally Tatlow and her brave band pitted against the wily, and resourceful Mt. Tatlow, which has eluded capture these past two years. Sign up now if you want to be part of this epic, annual struggle in the Chilcotin.			
	(After end July: 278 - 1690)	Sally Tatlow	278 - 0682

SOCIALS::

Next Social evening will be Tuesday, September 9th.

AGM::

The Annual General Meeting will be held prior to the Fall Wine and Cheese Party, to be held at Cecil Green Park, in November. Anyone wishing to volunteer themselves, or nominate someone else for the Executive, please communicate (in writing - no phone calls) with Glenn Woodsworth: 3435 Mayfair Avenue, Vancouver. B.C. V6N 2Z1. [If this presents a problem, have somebody write the letter for you, and make your mark at the bottom.....we'll take anyone.]

MEMBERSHIP::

The Club welcomes the following new members:

Jim Haberl	1578 W. 26th. Avenue, Vancouver.	V6J 2W9	733 - 3755
Pat Haberl	1578 W. 26th. Avenue, Vancouver.	V6J 2W9	733 - 3755
Matt MacEachern	76 E. 45th. Avenue, Vancouver.	V5W 1W7	321 - 8243
Frank Savage	816 Montroyal Blvd., North Vancouver.	V7R 2G6	980 - 0649
Harold Rydell	1818 Grant Street, Vancouver.	V5L 2Y8	254 - 7052

Re-instated:

Gabriel Mazoret	3630 Turner Street, Vancouver.	V5K 2J3	299 - 8633
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[Return to the fold of the well-known avalanche (Mt. Seymour) expert. Nice to have him back.]

Left off the Greensheet:

Peter Waddington	3855 W. 36th. Avenue, Vancouver.	V6N 2S5	266 - 4709
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Change of Address:

Evelyn and Mike Feller	8840 Moore Road, Richmond.	V6Y 2J1	277 - 1444
Brian Gagnon	4620 Scott Avenue, Terrace. B.C.	V8G 2B2	638 - 1657
Trish Hobley	No. 711, 1045 Haro Street, Vancouver.	V6E 3Z8	682 - 1970
Susan Leslie	4444 W. 7th. Avenue, Vancouver.	V6R 1X1	228 - 8517
Sally Tatlow	2051 Anson Avenue, Richmond.	V7B 1H9	278 - 0682

after end of July: 278 - 1690

THE RUCKSACK::

Arnold and Sue Shives have been spending some time in the Yukon. They hiked the Chilcoot Pass and Trail, and also were collecting mosquitoes -- for money!! This is rather annoying to all those of us who have spent much of our life in the woods and mountains collecting them for nothing. One wonders just how much one can get for the damned things . . . so much per pound, per gram, or by the dozen??

Tom Heah is spending the summer cycling across Canada...no doubt he is looking for some sunshine. Hope he doesn't get his ice-axe caught in the spokes.

Paul Krainer and Sylvia are tying the knot at the end of August. We wish them many happy years of Trips and Trailwork together. [Mark said he thought it was because Paul wanted to get a reduced rate of membership. That sort of thing must be discouraged if it leads to a significant drop in revenues!]

Congratulations to Kevin Haberl and his brothers who climbed the E. Ridge of Mt. Logan -- Alpine style -- last month.

Louis Semproni is in Italy . . . too bad he couldn't have gone in a Club T-shirt.

Rick Sheppard and Barb Durant are forsaking Van Horlick Creek, McGillvary Pass, etc., for the California wine country. There should be a good deal of mulled wine available there after the major brush fire they had just recently in the Napa Valley.

MISCELLANEOUS::

1st. Annual BCMC Barbecue.

The first of what is hoped to become an annual event - The Annual BCMC Barbecue - will be held September 26/27 at Gage Lake, near Anderson Lake, courtesy of Gage Lake property-owner Ian Arnot, who will probably come to his senses on the 28th. There is much scope for fishing, canoeing, and hiking. I am assured that this is definitely NOT a work party! [However, if I arrive to see Paul B. sitting on top of a heap of tools, I shall be off in a cloud of dust!] Further details in the next Newsletter.

Anyone interested in beating their brains out on the West Coast Trail sometime in the first ten days of August, contact JDR at 224 - 1503. Trip could probably be subsidized by the collection of mosquitoes, etc.

Anyone interested in travelling/camping (camper-truck), sharing expenses, in September-October object: Hiking. Location: Idaho or? Contact Maria Heller 988 - 6031.

Misc. Trails & FMCBC News::

The FMCBC Trip-leader Workshop was held May 25 & 28, 35 people attending - 8 from the Club. The workshop was a great success, and should be held next year; if you missed it this time around, you'll have another chance.

Most member-clubs (including all the major ones) have indicated their support for the \$2 levy. (and have, incl. BCMC, formally confirmed on this matter). Now is the time to determine the duties of the (paid) FMCBC Co-ordinator. If you have strong feelings in this area, please get in touch with Sally Tatlow 278 - 0682 (after end Jul: 278 - 1690).

Trail Report Forms are now available at sports and outdoor stores, MEC, etc. (also at that good old NO 1. gathering place, Klahanie. Someone was really thinking on that one!). The information received from these will be used to keep trails maintenance updated. The form is in the form (!) of a pre-paid postcard. Just fill it out and drop it in the mail. No sweat.

Area No. 2 -- Windermere, Recreation Map is now available at outdoor stores, MEC, etc. and Whistler Map should be ready soon. These maps, issued by the Provincial Government, include just about anything you ever wondered about, but didn't know who to ask. Hiking, Skiing, Picknicking, Fishing, Hotels, Beach and Lake Access etc.

Stein River Valley News.

This bulletin, issued by the Stein Co-alition (this is No. 1.) runs to 7 pages, and if you want a copy, contact Sally Tatlow. The bulletin outlines plans being made for logging roads to be put in in the next two years, and logging from these roads thereafter. The Stein is the last major valley within 100 miles of Vancouver that has not been logged and/or flooded. Also, the bulletin describes the functions of the Public Liaison Commission, describes mining and logging interests, and suggests what we can do to save the area.

The Land Use Liaison Commission has put out consensus statistics on 1) management of recreational trails in active logging areas, and 2) management of forest access roads during and after periods of active logging.

The Mountain Rescue Group is in trouble. At the last meeting a motion was put forward to the effect that the group will be disbanded if sufficient funds to operate for 1 year, are not received by December 31st. 1981. Note: The PEP originates rescues to 'Cliff Level' only. No rescues beyond that difficulty. Without the MRG you're in trouble if you're stuck anywhere other than the Mt. Seymour type of thing. Something to think about.

Sally Tatlow, Trails Chairman.

THE STIKINE -- ISKUT HYDROELECTRIC PROPOSAL

The Stikine River lies in northwestern B.C. and has its headwaters in the Spatsizi Wilderness Park in the eastern portion of the watershed. The small town of Iskut is situated in the centre of this huge area, connected by the Stewart -- Cassiar Highway to Dease Lake in the north. The river stretches out over a total length of more than 500 km from its source, flowing through the 80 km long Grand Canyon of the Stikine (over 500 m deep in places), past Telegraph Creek, the only settlement, and eventually emptying into the Pacific near Wrangell, Alaska. Its major tributary, the Iskut River, joins the Stikine just east of the B.C. -- Alaska border.

The area is rich in wildlife, the most noteworthy being the Osborn caribou and the population of over 300 mountain goat which inhabit the Grand Canyon. Moose, wolves, Stone sheep and other mammals are also abundant in the region. Five species of Pacific salmon and steelhead use the rivers for spawning and rearing. The Tahltan and Tlingit native people still rely on these resources for their livelihood.

The B. C. Hydro proposal involves the construction of a total of five dams, two on the Stikine and three within the Iskut watershed. Both Stikine sites are located within the Grand Canyon of the Stikine. The Tanzilla or Site C Project is situated 5 km upstream of the Stikine -- Tanzilla confluence, while the Site Z Project lies another 20 km beyond. The lowest Iskut or "Canyon" site is within the Forrest Kerr Canyon, 80 km from the Stikine junction, while the remaining two sites are within the More and Forrest Kerr Creek drainages. The Forrest Kerr dam is a diversion designed to increase the More Creek capacity. The table shows the reservoir areas, and lengths and power capacities.

	STIKINE		ISKUT	
	Tanzanilla	Site Z	Canyon	More Crk.
Reservoir area (ha.)	900	12700	3800	4100
Reservoir length (km)	30	103	25	30
Power Capacity (MW)	915	915	780	155

ha. = hectare = 2.5 ac. MW = megawatts

The maximum gross head of each of the Stikine dams would be about 255 m. The project would also require construction of two powerhouses, several access roads, plus transmission lines to link-up with the present Provincial grid.

Hydro's justification for the Stikine project is based on their projections for B.C.'s energy requirements, found in the document 'Energy Blueprint 1980 and 1981', and is the subject of some dispute.

The development could have significant effects in both B.C. and Alaska on the physical and biological environments, and on the socio-economic condition of the region.

Within the Stikine reservoir, the river will be transformed into a nearly stationary or slow-moving lake. As a result, the average temperature may be increased, the water quality (espec. dissolved oxygen) altered, and river-adapted fish populations virtually eliminated. Inundation of wildlife habitat, especially moose and caribou winter range and browse, and mountain goat habitat, will occur; scenic and recreational values of the Grand Canyon may be significantly altered. Flooding of the Iskut would likely cause similar effects with only minor differences.

Downstream of the reservoir, abnormal fluctuations in river flow, changes in water quality and temperature, and increased sedimentation could have detrimental effects on spawning and rearing Pacific salmon. The potential also exists in the Stikine delta for loss of streamside habitat including the marshes and meadow which support wildfowl and wildlife.

While regional economic development could be increased due to construction and subsequent unrelated industrial development (e.g. mines), unsettling social impacts in the small communities could result from the influx of workers. Furthermore, the increased access for hunting and recreation could lead to higher pressures on fish and wildlife.

Feasibility studies are still in progress. Hydro recently applied for permission from Lands, Parks and Housing to construct an access trail for heavy equipment to a drillsite on the grounds that air transport was not feasible. Their application was denied, and the ministry indicated that they must hold public hearings in the region to present their case. More recently, the State of Alaska has apparently been seeking a two year delay on any approvals for construction to allow time to conduct additional studies.

More detailed information regarding the status of the Hydro proposal may be obtained from the following:

1. Friends of the Stikine Tel: 224 - 5119.
2. B.C. Hydro Public Affairs Office Tel: 663 - 2419.
 - Dec. 1980 Progress Report on Feasibility Studies,
 - Energy Blueprint 1980 &/or 1981.
3. SPEC - June 80 Comparison of Hydro & Min. of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources Energy Forecasts. Tel: 669 - 4554.
4. Alaska Geographic, Vol. 6, No. 4, The Stikine River. (Available from MEC or Alaska Northwest Publishing Co., see Alaska Magazine.)

B.C.M.C. Conservation Committee.

ACC SCHEDULE::

Jul	4/5	Blanshard Needle	B3	Chris Cooper	463 - 8923
	4/5	Mt. Sloan (Cascades)	B4	Ross Wyborn	462 - 9204
	5	Joffre Lakes	A1	Dave Molson	263 - 9257
	11/12	Mt. Matier via Cerise Creek	B4	Doug Fox	932 - 3292
	11/12	Welch & Foley	B4	Klaus Haring	682 - 3551
	18/19	Cloudburst Mtn.	B2	Irene Goldstone	987 - 8631
	18/19	Sahale (Cascades)	B4	Howard Norfolk	980 - 3265
	25/26	Mt. Tomyhoi	B3	Bob Paul	263 - 4246
	25/26	McKenzie (Vancouver Island)	B4	Bill Godolphin	879 - 8751
Aug	1/3	Mt. Clarke - N. Face	C5	Don Serl	872 - 4774
	1/3	Mt. Athabasca - N. Face	C5	Doug Dean	263 - 4441
	8/9	Chehalis Range	B4/5	Jay MacArthur	277 - 9305
	15/16	Singing Pass	A1	Bridget Martin	733 - 8782
	22/23	Mt. Shuksan - Fisher Chimneys	B3	Randy Atkinson	987 - 2733
	29/30	Mt. Habrich	B5	Paul Kubik	298 - 4725
Sep	1/7	Southern Chilcotin Backpacking	B2	Mike Down	926 - 3949
	5/7	Mt. Sir Donald - NW Arete	C5	Doug Dean	263 - 4441
	5/7	Devil's Tongue	B3	John Manuel	688 - 5168

[Just a reminder to the Die-hard, 'lets-go-the-old-way' hikers: The old Burma Bridge on Gold Creek in Golden Ears Park has been dismantled. Since it was not put up by the Parks people in the first place, they have no plans to replace it. Pity . . . I was rather fond of the monster. I well remember once coming back over it in total darkness, my trusty flash safe in the bottom of my pack. An interesting experience.

In case of slow mail-delivery, or the usual last-minute performance of the Editorial Staff, here is the second weekend in September, 'Trip-wise':

Sep 12/13

Williams Peak (Radium Lake)	B1-2/2760m	Joyce Davies	988 - 8079
Mt. Robie Reid	C3/2087m	Bill Maurer	888 - 2336

Anyone interested in going to Meslilloet Mtn (Indian Chief) this year? Have been wanting to go for years, but something always comes up at the last moment. Contact the Editor: 224 - 1503]

TRIP REPORTS::

Climbs at Vaseaux Lake and Hedley -- 11/13 October, 1980.

These trips were led by Gunter Hoernig and, for the second time this year (80), are being written up by the undersigned party member, Raymond. (The term "party member" will be expanded upon later in this piece). Guenter, as usual, expended great energy on these climbs and on his weight-lifting exercises thereafter (12 oz loads); so that he may have weakened the muscles used for grasping pens.

We left Vancouver Friday evening and arrived late at the Vaseaux Lake campground in the Okanagan. We, at that point, were Bini from North Van., Raymond and Guenter from Vancouver, and Julian from White Rock. At the camp we were joined by Pam, Brian and Wendy from Vernon; and Ann from Armstrong.

Saturday we set out, including two canines, to follow McIntyre Creek up through its canyon. We endeavoured to reach it directly from the road but were met by a person who dashed out from a nearby yard and cursed and trembled with rage at our Valiant Leader. VL stood his ground most politely while person called him such things as 'b--st--rd.' We did not agree with her assessment -- until a jocular discussion of political philosophy arose on the return trip to Vancouver. We made a detour through other Crown Land and found our target canyon again.

The streambed was mostly dry and we were able to rock-hop and scramble up waterfalls with ease. Except for the canines. They had to be lifted from time to time. (Owners discovered the wisdom of the usual rule of not taking pets on climbs.)

Canyon walls rose vertically above for some of the way and we could see many interesting boulders perched precariously over us. All was well, however, except for one tight spot which would have required us to wade and then climb up through a waterfall -- if possible. We made a detour up onto a treed shoulder slope which, for a few meters, required crossing unstable scree hanging some twelve meters above the canyon bottom. At that point, given my normal state of chicken caution (confirmed a few years ago during a 330 meter unplanned slide down the northernmost couloir of the Cascades Twin Sisters), I would have liked ten meters of rope attached to a tree. Anyone else so inclined kept discreet silence, and we all tippy-toed across and back down to stream base.

Emerging from the canyon into what would be classified as a steep valley, we ascended to make a long detour over rangeland and back down to the vehicles. We arrived back at camp in mid-afternoon, whereupon your reporter took his usual daily run. Said run became an excuse not to take part in the early evening program. The early evening program was a brief but hairy saunter up a thing Guenter calls "Snake Gulch." This "Gulch" is not a gulch at all, but rather a glorified crack running up and across the face of a nearby cliff. Although not requiring much hand-grasping, there are nevertheless some places where a stumble should be accompanied by a convenient hang glider strapped to one's back. For some reason, only the females accompanied Guenter on this one; possible the (other) males thought it too trivial for the effort.

That evening we repaired to a nearby pub, on road to Osoyoos. Very 'Old Country.' With the aid of one other rambunctious table, and hand-out song sheets from the management, we got everybody in the place singing and doing lots of weight lifting. This was some party, and included such sexy scenes as the lifting of jean hems to reveal -- gasp -- longjohns worn thereunder! Next morning, however, we set off on a day hike up and down Inkaneep Heights (some 2000 meters above the lake), and any hint of a hangover was quickly lost in the up-grind and the scenery. This time the canines had great fun, skipping ahead of us. The top had nothing much to distinguish itself except one lone larch amongst the scattered ponderosa. We had become accustomed to the view on the way up. Sunday evening was quiet around the campfire.

Monday our Interior members went home and the Coast members set off for Hedley and Nickleplate Mtn. We ascended the old track of the onetime inclined cable car (gravity tram) up to a ridge and from there along the top and somewhat down the other side to the Giant Mascot Mine. The only employee at the mine property had some difficulty realizing we had come up directly from Hedley, rather than from the road to the locked gate nearby. "Nobody does that," he said, while telling us we were trespassing! However, realizing that we were rare visitors indeed, he relented and told us something of the history of the mines thereabout, whilst generously plying us with coffee and doughnuts -- which we gratefully acknowledge.

Guenter remembered, from a previous trip, the existence of massive deserted working structures of the old Nickel Plate Mine; and a trail descending therefrom down again to Hedley. We followed old roads down to about 400 meters but missed the target mine by a long shot. We did finally find the trail descending the mountain face, at about the half-way-down point. It was an interesting experience . . . the trail was covered in some spots with green moss, and obviously undisturbed by either boots or mules for many a year. At gullies the trail was completely washed-out, requiring a couple of scrambles. (These did not exceed the writer's margin-of-safety rule of "no unroped vertical drop exceeding four meters, nor sliding-fall over eight meters." No gritted teeth. Relief).

The trail skirted the cliffs hanging above Hedley and indistinctly connected back to the cable-car track. For those who want to use it on a trip up, it starts at the third hydro pole above the topmost concrete foundation of the old mill. Look for it on the left, (West) when ascending. About 200 meters up the track from bottom. It is overgrown with brush at the starting point.

As mentioned before, we had a seminar of sorts from Hedley to Vancouver. The climbs were greatly enjoyed. Despite the fact that Guenter considers the writer somewhat "radical" in politics, he is going to nominate him for "most conservative mountaineer," (probably other suffering trip leaders will second that). I survive.

Raymond S. Rodgers.

PS: For not recording other full names, blame Guenter's weak pen-hand.

Stein River Valley -- April 17/20

Seven people enjoyed the fine Easter weather in the Stein River valley. It was a unique experience to hike in a wilderness area on good trails. Three nights were spent in the lower valley going as far upstream as the vicinity of Burnt Cabin Creek, and climbing to the upper levels near Ponderosa Creek.

::Dale Mosterman, Bryan Wagman, Julien Lash, Pam Mellows, Reed Clarke, Phil Vallee, and Dennis Sims L & R.

Note: It is recommended that maintenance work be done on the cable crossing (upstream from Earl Creek) before further trips are scheduled to this area. [see item re Trail Report Forms in Trails Section, this issue. Ed.]

NOCTURNE

The time is Saturday night after it has become Sunday morning. The place is a patch of wilderness on the side of a tilted piece of the Coast Range, and the Dramatis Personae are B.C. Mountaineers enjoying a week-end outing.

Utter darkness fills the scene, except where a few stars twinkle between the black spires of the tree tops. Contented snores arise from unlikely places in the gloom, and the occasional rattle of gravel or the crackle of breaking branches tell where some mountaineer is snuggling down in his cosy resting place. It is a scene of happy sloth and relaxation, amid the soothing hum of feasting mosquitoes.

Suddenly a raucous bellow rives the darkness.

"Rise and shine! Roll up and roll out!" roars the leader. "It is three o'clock and we have mountains to climb, Wake up, wake up, we gotta get going!"

There is a flash, the sharp report of a pistol, a shrill scream and then silence. But only for a moment. Almost at once, there again arise the snores, the rattle of gravel and the snapping of twigs, and over it all is the soothing hum of feasting mosquitoes..

R. A. Pilkington. B.C. Mountaineer 1953.