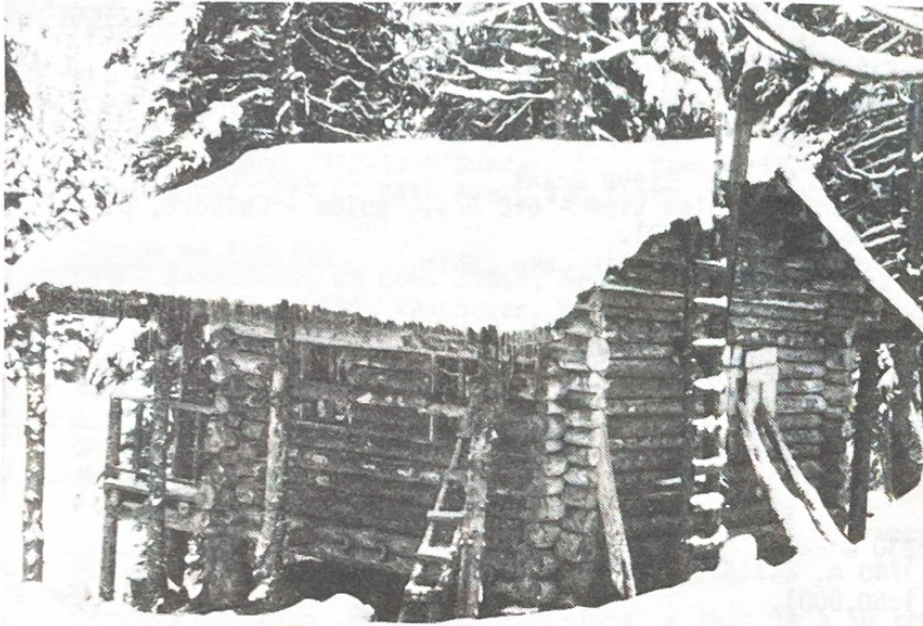




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SCHEDULED TRIPS

LEADER

December 4
Table Mtn. (ski) B2/1750 m Peter Parrotta 438-9416
Distance - 10 km, elevation gain - 500 m, estimated time - 6 hrs., guide - 101 Hikes in
North Cascades, map - Green Trails No. 14 - Mt. Shuksan.
Approach from Mt. Baker Ski area via Austin Pass.

December 11
Singing Pass (ski) B2/1900 m Donna (Goy) Sorenson 271-4316
Distance - 14-20 km, elevation gain - 800 m, estimated time - 8 hrs., guide - 103 Hikes, p.
120-123, map - Alta. Lake 92J/2 (1:50,000).
A moderate day trip. Access will depend on snow conditions.

December 18
Bear Mtn. B1/1000 m Maria Heller 988-6031
Distance - 18 km, elevation gain - 950 m, estimated time - 7 hrs., guide - 103 Hikes, p.
146, map - Harrison Lake 92H/5 (1:50,000).
A moderate day trip to this peak situated directly above Harrison Hot Springs.

December 24 - January 1
North Ck. ski camp (ski) B2-4 Harold Rydell 254-7052
Tenting with warming stoves in North Ck. north of Pemberton. Access via helicopter or
skis, depending on snow conditions. Cost of helicopter will be about \$240.00 per person
for flights in and out. Dates of the camp are flexible, depending on the party. Contact
Harold Rydell or Peter Parrotta (438-9416) for further details.

January 7-8
Skagit Valley area (ski) B2 Bernard DeMacedo 876-4769
Estimated time - 7+7 hrs., guide - Culbert, p. 121-147, map - Skagit River 92H/3 (1:50,000).
Final destination will depend on access and snow conditions. Contact leader for further
details.

January 7-8
Ben Lomond B3/1615 m Steve Grant 732-7098
Distance - 20 km, elevation gain - 1600 m, estimated time - 6+8 hrs., guide - Culbert, p.
65, 103 Hikes, p. 46, map - Squamish 92G/11 (1:50,000).
Approach from Britannia Beach to the seldom-used Mountain Lake cabin.

January 14-15
Birkenhead Lake area B2-3 Mark Force 521-1375
Elevation gain - up to 1800 m, estimated time - 8+8 hrs., guide - Culbert, p. 189, map -
Birkenhead 92J/10 (1:50,000).
Many ski possibilities exist in the Birkenhead valley. Final destination will depend on
the party and conditions.

January 14-15
Brandywine Mtn. B3/2230 m Brian Wood 263-9407
Distance - 24 km, elevation gain - 1740 m, estimated time - 6+8 hrs., guide - Culbert, p.
219, map - Brandywine Falls 92J/3 (1:50,000).

January 15
Rainbow Mtn. B2/2330 m Peter Parrotta 438-9416
Distance - 24 km, elevation gain - 1650 m, estimated time - 8 hrs., guide - Culbert, p.
222, 103 Hikes, p. 110, map - Brandywine Falls 92J/3 and Alta Lake 92J/2 (1:50,000).
Approach from Whistler via 21 Mile Creek and Rainbow Lake.

SOCIALS/SLIDE NIGHTS

Tuesday, 13th December at 8 p.m. in the Vancouver Energy Centre, 2150 Maple (near 6th
Avenue). This has been declared a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING to determine whether or not the
club should commit funds to build a cabin, and to consider a proposed membership fee
increase (see below). This will be followed by an EQUIPMENT SWAP.

At the October meeting of the executive, the following motion was passed:

"The BCMC should spend up to \$9,000.00 from the Literary Fund to construct a club cabin, as
designed by Ed Zenger and Fips Broda, at the optimum site in North Creek, to be completed
within two years of club approval."

The purpose of the December Special General Meeting is to consider and debate this motion,
and also to consider and debate the following motion which was passed at a special
executive meeting held on 15 October to discuss the club's financial status. "Club
membership fees be increased by an amount to be determined at the December monthly meeting."

Details of the club's financial status, as given in the treasurer's report at the 1983
Annual General Meeting (8 November) are given below.

The December meeting will also be an EQUIPMENT SWAP. If you have any mountaineering (ski or foot) gear you wish to sell, put your name and price on it and bring it along to the meeting. You may be able to sell things.

MEMBERSHIP

The club welcomes the following new member and subscribers:

New Member

Gary Johansson, 1210 S. Dyke Rd., New Westminster, B.C. 524-5144

New Subscribers

Dean Ferguson, 1692 Centenary Ave., Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5K1 754-5809

Robert Groockewit, 6235 Nelson Ave., West Vancouver, B.C. 921-7780

Patrick Hannon, 322-1330 Burrard St., Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2B8 687-4138

John Knight, 271 E. 24th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., V5V 1Z7 879-2678

Change of Address

Cathy Baxendale, 28 Lees Close, Maidenhead, Berks, England, SL6 4NU

Ben Guyer, Box 5230, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 4B3 687-3248

Subscribers have traditionally paid for 12 months of newsletters, etc., commencing from the month in which they first paid. This has resulted in many complications and bookkeeping difficulties. The executive, at the November meeting, decided to place subscribers' dues on the same basis as those of all club members. Henceforth, subscribers will pay up to the end of the current fiscal year (30 September, 1984) and thereafter will pay for the same fiscal year as all club members.

SPECIAL SKI TRIPS

Cariboo Marathon (4-5 February, 1984) - This is a 50 km cross country skiing race for the hordes, held near 100 Mile House. It is hoped that we can organize a B.C.M.C. trip to the coming marathon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Klaus Streckman at 437-6679 by DECEMBER 15 - to facilitate making arrangements for accommodation and transport.

Skiing in the Kootenays (mid March, 1984) - Anyone interested in doing some downhill skiing and ski touring in this area next March should contact Peter Waddington (266-4709) or Frank or Sonia Ward (929-3059).

1984 BC MC EXPEDITION

A climbing expedition is being organized to Kluane National Park in the Yukon.

Objectives

Lucania (5225 m), Steel (5075 m), Walsh (4505 m) Peak X (3885 m), Peak Y (3885 m).

Map Reference

St. Elias, NTS No. 115 SW + 115 SE.

Dates

Mid May - mid June 1984, 3-4 weeks.

Cost

Approximately \$1,000.00 Vancouver-Vancouver.

Equipment Required

Expedition tent, warm (to -20°C) sleeping bag, climbing equipment for alpine style ascents, ski mountaineering gear.

Participants

Must be physically fit and have had sufficient mountaineering experience to be able to look after oneself.

Plans

A number of 4 person climbing teams will be organized. Groups will be independent but travel and equipment will be coordinated to reduce costs.

Apply By

1 March, 1984, to

Wayne Saunders - 4126 Gilpin Cr., Burnaby, B.C., V5G 2K2 (434-5125)

or

Peter Parrotta - 5389 SE Marine Dr., Burnaby, B.C., V5J 3G7 (438-9416)

or

Albert Souza - 251-1679

USED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

If anyone has any equipment suitable for an expedition that they wish to sell, such as tents, down suits, sleeping bags, stoves, boots, hardware, etc., please contact Wayne Saunders by 15 February, 1984.

APOLOGIES TO ANDERS OUROM

In the last Newsletter (October 1983) was an article entitled "Squamish Rescue" about the rescue of an injured climber on the Squamish Chief. This article was written by Anders but his name was inadvertently left off the article.

NOTES FROM THE 1983 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on 8 October with about 40 people present. Highlights of the reports were:

Hiking - Of 47 scheduled hiking trips, 23 were successful. These had an average of 7 people per trip and trips reports were written for 87% of them.

Climbing - Of 74 scheduled trips, 43 were successful. An additional 6 trips left town but were unsuccessful. These had an average of 8 people per trip and trips reports were written, or extracted from the leaders, for 95% of them.

Socials - Since moving from the church hall to our current venue in the Vancouver Energy Centre, attendance at socials appears to have increased, perhaps by about 10 people per meeting.

Camps - The club organized 2 successful spring ski camps, one to Fairy Meadows (5 participants), and one to Columbia Ice Fields (9 participants), as well as a major summer camp to the Monarch Ice Fields area (42 participants). Mt. Monarch and 7 other peaks were climbed during the summer camp, despite the generally bad weather.

Conservation - This was a very active year of writing letters, participating at meetings, and generally trying to influence land use decision makers. The Conservation Committee organized a very successful petition calling for the abolition of air access to certain parts of Garibaldi Park and was actively involved with the following issues: Chilko Lake deferred planning area, 4 Rocky Mountain Parks planning programme, Valhallas, heli-skiing, and general "education" of club members. Three victories occurred during the year - 1) declaration of the Valhallas as a class A park, 2) exclusion of commercial heli-skiing from the Fitzimmons drainage in Garibaldi Park, and 3) exclusion of most of the Chilko Lake deferred planning area from provincial forest, keeping open a provincial park option.

Membership - As of the A.G.M., the club had 317 members with 31 new members since the last A.G.M. Most new members join as a result of their participating on club trips through personal contacts. Most of those requesting information about the club never join - of 316 pieces of information sent out last year, only 4 new members resulted. Mountainfest was

also a waste of time and money as far as new members or increased participation in club activities was concerned. The 100+ sets of information distributed apparently attracted only 1 person to participate on a club trip.

Club membership for the last 5 years has been -

Year	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
No. of Members	336	333	322	359	317

The membership list was finally computerized and copies reside with the Outdoor Recreation Council and with Bill Maurer. This has allowed us to produce labels for newsletter mailouts, greatly decreasing the amount of work involved in posting out newsletters.

New membership forms, introductory letters, and information brochures were produced.

Secretary - reported that the club is now reinstated as a society thanks to Jim Craig who devoted some of his professional time to getting this done.

Editor - The total number of pages in newsletters has increased from 36 (6 issues) in 1980/81 to 124 (10 issues) in 1981/82, to 135 (10 issues) in 1982/83. These are composed of:

	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES (%)		
	1980/81	1982/83	1982/83
Trip - Ads	9.5 (26)	18 (15)	26.5 (20)
Trip - Reports	10 (28)	14 (11)	32.5 (24)
Club News	9.5 (26)	20 (16)	27 (20)
Other News	5 (14)	26.5 (21)	23.5 (17)
Features	0 (0)	14 (11)	12 (9)
Letters/Reports	1 (3)	31.5 (25)	12.5 (9)
Book Reviews	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
ACC Trip Schedule	1 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total No. Pages	36	124	135

The editor thanked Theo Mosterman for his efficient organizing of all newsletter mailouts. He should also have thanked the word processing and printing staff at Sport B.C., who have done an excellent job of actually producing the newsletters.

A mountaineer was not produced this year in order to save money. It is hoped to produce one next year, subject to sufficient money being available.

Treasurer - Albert produced another excellent report, which is summarized below:

	1982/3	1981/2
Revenue:		
Membership Dues	\$2,541.00	\$2,965.00
Interest Income	55.00	1,042.00
Interest from Literary Fund	2,523.00	-
Cabin Rental and Other	35.00	30.00
Total	\$5,154.00	\$4,037.00

Expenses:

Mountaineer	-	\$1,323.00
Bluesheet & General Information	303.00	383.00
Newsletter	1,447.00	1,069.00
Monthly Socials	292.00	524.00
Cecil Green Park	203.00	117.00
Postage & Stationary	1,464.00	1,253.00
Depreciation	330.00	818.00
Insurance	177.00	228.00
F.M.C.B.C. Dues and Other	647.00	669.00
Miscellaneous	147.00	343.00
Summer Camp	(+155)	281.00
Total	4,855.00	7,008.00
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	299.00	(2,971.00)
Members' Equity, Beginning of Year		
-General Fund	2,450.00	5,421.00
Members' Equity, End of Year		
-General Fund	2,749.00	2,450.00
-Life Membership Fund	3,695.00	3,295.00
-Literary and Reserve Fund	27,600.00	24,979.00

Proposed Budget for 1983/84 - The executive had proposed a budget for the coming year, which involved expenditures of around \$5,900.00. This would include the publication of a Mountaineer, reduction in the size of the Newsletter to 120 pages total, and no purchases of any equipment. It was a little more than a "bare bones" budget. The expected revenue for the year was around \$5,000.00, leaving a shortfall of around \$900.00. Considerable discussion was devoted to how revenue and expenses could be balanced.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING INSTRUCTOR'S COURSES

The Canadian Association of Nordic ski instructors of B.C. (C.A.N.S.I.) are offering a series of courses for potential cross country skiing instructors this winter as previously. The courses are held at various places in B.C. If you want to teach someone to toothpick around in circles contact C.A.N.S.I. B.C. at 1200 Hornby Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2E2, for further information.

WARNING - CARS IN WASHINGTON ARE PRONE TO THEFT

This last summer has seen a huge increase in theft from cars left in parking lots or logging roads in Washington. This has occurred near Cascade Pass, Mt. Stuart, and Leavenworth, and we have heard stories of it happening elsewhere. Do not leave any valuables behind in your car when going off on a trip in Washington. You may even want to leave a door unlocked to prevent damage to your vehicle!

NEW BOOK - WILDERNESS AND LOGGING

An excellent little book entitled "Wilderness and Logging" written by Trevor Jones and published by the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. has recently been released. The book analyzes the economics of logging in the Stein Valley and the "Cascades wilderness area" in a competent and readable fashion and concludes that taxpayers subsidies would be required, particularly in the case of the Stein.

If our government is genuinely concerned with restraint then the Stein and parts of the "Cascade wilderness area" should clearly not be logged. The book provides good ammunition against the case to log the Stein. If you want to be fully informed about this vital issue you should obtain the book and read it. It costs only \$5.00 through the F.M.C.B.C., or \$7.00 in stores.

Available from - Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C., 1200 Hornby Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2E2.

AVALANCHE TRANSCEIVERS - HOW THEY COMPARE

During February 1983, the wardens of Parks Canada at Lake Louise conducted a series of tests on six different types of avalanche rescue transceivers - SKADI, PIEPS 1, PIEPS 2, ORTOVOX, RAMER ECHO II, and AUTOPHON. The results of these tests were reported in the October 1983 issue of "Avalanche News", and are summarized below.

1. Wearing a radio close to the receiving unit will cut receive performance by more than 50%.
2. Burial in one metre of hard dense snow had no significant effect on transit distances.
3. No significant difference was found between warm (worn inside a jacket) or cold (left outside on transmit for 24 hours prior to testing) receive units.
4. The PIEPS 2 was the best all round performer, followed by probably the ORTOVOX.
5. In terms of time required to locate a transceiver, PIEPS 2 was best, locating the transceiver in the least time, followed by ORTOVOX, with SKADI the worst.
6. PIEPS 2 units generally had the greatest receive distances of about 30-45 m, with PIEPS 1 and RAMER the least (about 20-30 m).
7. Using transmitters and receivers of the same brand, ORTOVOX had the greatest transmit (and receive) distance of about 43 m, followed by SKADI (40 m), PIEPS 2 (37 m), then RAMER (27 m) and PIEPS 1 (17 m).

Why does the club still have PIEPS 1 units?

ACCESS

Mt. Evans

A route has been marked up this peak in Golden Ears Park. From the West Canyon Parking Lot, take the trail to "Lookout". From the high point of this trail pick up the markers leading through forest towards Mt. Evans. The markers go straight up to a ridge across from Blanshard. They then traverse the side of the mountain and disappear into a creek, reappearing higher up on the other side of the creek, from where they can be followed to the summit of Mt. Evans. Route is mainly in forest with only one view of Blanshard and one of Allouette Mtn., about 6-7 hours return. (Note from Howard Moore.)

Deeks Lake - Brunswick Mtn. - Lions Area

The recent extension of the Howe Sound Crest trail (HSC trail) provides two new approach variations to Brunswick Mtn. The trail cuts across the Brunswick Mtn. trail (103 Hikes, p. 40) at about 1450 m. North from this junction, the HSC trail goes between Brunswick and "Hat", then down (east) and past the three Deeks lakes, coming to the standard Deeks Lake trail (103 Hikes, p. 42). The Brunswick Mtn. trail - Deeks Lake round trip takes about eight hours and requires cars at each end. There is a new shelter with bunks at upper Deeks Lake.

South from the 1450 m junction the HSC trail contours around the flank of Brunswick heading east to the headwall between Brunswick and Harvey. Here there is another new shelter hut. From here the HSC trail goes over the headwall and then down to the logging roads east of Harvey and on to the standard approach to the Lions.

From the headwall shelter one can follow the ridge toward Harvey ascending the 250 m to the peak along a well marked route. One can traverse over the summit and down to the standard approach to Harvey. (Note from Frank Foster.)

TRIP REPORTS

Cancelled Trips

Mt. Evans, 30 October

Meslilloet Mtn, 1-3 July

This trip had been prevented the previous two years either by weather or the Deep Cove water taxi being booked up. This year I booked it well in advance and for eight people. Only one other went. The bicycle ride to Deep Cove was uneventful, and the boat trip up Indian Arm was great - so nice to see spectacular new scenery so close to home. We cycled up the good gravel road beside Indian River, then took the Meslilloet Creek branch road. The bicycles were locked in what's left of the woods, and we did a short bushwalk to the lower of the two lakes in the west valley of Meslilloet. This route involves some choice adventuring. It began raining as we set up camp on snow, and supper was a cold one since Robin had left the white gas at the bicycles. Rain continued Saturday, but stopped to allow an evening excursion to the upper lake. A rising barometer prompted us to go for it Sunday morning. It was far more difficult and dangerous than we'd expected - with everything wet and in fog. The long west ridge led to the top, but we couldn't see much. The descent contributed a good dose of fear, and we got back to camp seven hours after leaving. We packed, bushwalked back to the bikes, and pushed them up over the pass to the Stawamus road. This also took far longer than expected, and we got to Squamish at 10:00. Having missed the train, we phoned for the Dogcar to come get us. No, we didn't use mountain bikes.

Party - Robin Tivy and Steve Grant (Leader and Reporter)

Mt. Spickard, 6-7 August

"I think," said Winnie-the-Pooh to Christopher Robin, "that we should eat all our provisions so that we don't have so much to carry."

And now a few utterances from my temperamental nature in response to a request for a list of occurrences one weekend in August while climbing Mt. Spickard ...

It thus came to pass that Brian Vezina, Julian Lash and me set out one morning for the north face of the said mountain. Actually, we were expecting more troupe members, yet having waited at least 3.5 minutes at the rendezvous spot - time enough to swallow some raisin cookies and time enough to make Brian anxious to get moving, the three of us were on our way.

Moods were voiced by occasional mutterings as we crash through the undergrowth, over and under logs that are determined to block our passage to the inner kingdom. Brian fades into the distance, his serrated presence barely visible on this bizarre terra firma in a woodland. The erratic spray of a waterfall beside the trail washes all sweat away. Julian groans under his sisyphian load. Winnie-the-Pooh has good advice for that.

Suddenly, the forest ends. High above beyond the mosquito marsh that opens up before us I see a great phalanx of mountain ridges like the spears on an army filling the late afternoon sky. The north face of Mt. Redoubt leers at me.

We make camp. The night is delicious. The mountains silhouette the starry night like a huge alter penetrating the life of the flowers. Philosophical utterances as I gorge on raisin cookies. I wonder where in this cosmos we are, what forces are possessing us and the subtle meaning of mastery. And why Julian brought a week's worth of food on a two-day trip.

Away at dawn next morning, skirting the boulder field and the crevasses. The remaining 250 metres is easy class 3 rock, yet is delightfully exposed. I look down towards Brian, who stems between the lichen-covered rock, perhaps contemplating a fall, extending towards the obscurity. I soon become embroiled on the mountain, awed by the views as my horizon is broken down the higher I climb - and pained by the rock aberration that shreds my knees and hands. Several short hours after leaving camp we are on the summit. Our world is momentarily filled with euphoria and that all-conquering glow that makes the moment all right - allowing us for that instant to be invincible - as surely we are.

We lingered. Raisin cookie stop. Then a memorable boot-ski down the crevassed standard route and we boulder-hop back to camp. Back to the mosquitoes and flies. Back to a civilization that was hardly missed.

Such were the occurrences of that August weekend - memories that begin at the intersection of some wild mountain flower and which end in a vision of those distant vigorous aretes that forever spring up towards a bulging moon. Such moments as this when time coalesces to add counterpoint to existence.

Undoubtedly, climbing is a drug ... I need a fix.

Party - Brian Vezina (Leader), Julian Lash, and me - Jan Weller (Reporter)

Mt. Job, 13-14 August

The Lillooet Valley road now extends above the canyons west of Meager Creek, though it won't remain drivable unless it is maintained. We were able to get the Dogcar to a slide path north of Plinth Peak. From there it was a 2 km walk up the road as it curved to the south. The road ends practically a few steps from the toe of the glacier flowing north from Mount Job and Capricorn Mt. This glacier was followed, climbing up to the south, then west. There were no good camping spots until the nunatak at 2350 m one km NW of Mt. Job. Two herds of goats were up there - they studied with considerable interest our techniques for travelling on glaciers, and were seen the next week buying ropes, etc. at the coop. The wind picked up as we had supper, and at about midnight it blew my tent flat. Our efforts to move it to a sheltered spot on the ice were illuminated by lightning that soon prompted the others to move off the top of the nunatak. Sunday was a nice day - great views as the clouds drifted away. We failed to do the Job - it consists of crumbly volcanic crap so unstable that it has no right to also be so steep. There is a gendarme west of the summit that is easier than the summit, and we couldn't even get up or around the gendarme. Unemployed, we packed and headed back down Recession Glacier. This approach could be used for Mt. Meager, Plinth Peak and Capricorn Mt. also. But given the "rock" in the area, it is probably best used as a way of reaching the Manatee Glacier area. The incredible tower on Mt. Meager is also available.

Party - Brian Waddington, Robin Tivy, Anita Miettunen and Steve Grant (conscripted Leader and Reporter)

Tenquille Lake, 17-18 September

Using the new trail to Tenquille Lake, we arrived there after 2 1/2 hours hiking. After setting up camp, Tony, Steve, and I attempted Goat Mtn. At about 2100 m the clouds moved in and it snowed moderately. We retreated back to camp slipping and sliding down the snow-covered talus and heather.

Sunday was sunny but very windy and cold. Colin, Jitka, Tony and I made a second try at Goat and summited after about two hours and 12 noon. After returning to camp we collected the rest of the group and sauntered back down the trail. Everyone but Tony and Sue piled into my truck and drove to Meager Cr. hot springs. It was a fine ending to a fine weekend.

Party - Jitka Rasouska, Colin Cartwright, David McPherson, Tony Ross, Sue Clark, Steve Ritchie, Sylvia Krainer, and Paul Krainer (Leader and Reporter).

Mt. McGuire, 24 September

An adequate recce was thwarted by a locked gate on Slesse Creek just off the Chilliwack River Road. A key was obtained for the day of the climb but we ended up on the wrong spur, in the creek east of Borden Creek. From there we bushwacked (easily) to the ridge dividing the two creeks and traversed it southwards, climbing Spencer Peak, with the idea of continuing along the ridge to climb McGuire. We got as far as the big drop-off halfway along this ridge, ran out of time and turned back. We returned past two small lakes higher in our creek, instead of along the dividing ridge. The day was flawless, with all the clouds below us, clogging the valleys, and clear blue above. Maggie Piranian and Robert Coupe participated on this day.

Having missed the objective, we tried again the next weekend on October 2, 1983. This time we found the right road, which goes up Borden Creek to almost 1500 metres. From the road-end a well marked trail leads up the southeast ridge to the summit, one hour twenty minutes up, reached at 11:25 a.m. On this second trip there were in addition, John Berryman, Rosemary, Iain and Malcolm Coupe and Chris Cossalter.

Robert Coupe (Reporter).

Pinecone Lake, 24 September

We met at the junction of Hwy. 99 and the M and B logging road just past the Chief at 8:20 a.m., then had an eventful trip up the mainline as logging trucks were barreling down the road. This kept the drivers wide awake!

We parked at the locked gate just before Crawford Ck. and began to hike up the spur road toward its end. We then followed the flagged route through the trees (sometimes a little difficult to find) up to the meadows. The mist played peek-a-boo with the surrounding peaks and we had an occasional glimpse of Mt. Garibaldi, Habrich, and Sky Pilot. We then traversed a minor summit west of Knothole Lake. The leader got off-route and the party had to do a little scrambling. However, we all arrived safely at Knothole Lake and had lunch on the south side overlooking a still partly ice-covered lake. On our way back we had some rest stops in the meadows and enjoyed the then unclouded peaks.

Party - Kit Tse, Mary Prothro, Jeanette Mah, Susan Choulat, and Hugo Stead (Leader and Reporter).

Copper Ridge (8-10 October)

The Copper Ridge trip was rescheduled as a one-day trip. The sky was overcast when we began hiking, around 10 a.m., and the weather remained unsettled the whole day. We hiked up to Hannegan Pass, had lunch and continued on towards Egg Lake. This is truly a

magnificent area. Due to poor visibility, we decided to turn back before we had reached Egg Lake. Later we discovered that Egg Lake was just around the next bend. Halfway back it started to rain and by the time we reached the car (around 6 o'clock) we were soaked. We ended the trip with dinner at Kendall.

Party - Sev Heiberg, Ginny Weisse (Leader and Reporter).

Prussik Peak, 8-10 October

On Friday after work, before our long drive down to Leavenworth, Washington, Peter surprised me with a great spaghetti dinner. After the five hour drive, however, we were agin hungry, so we stopped at Leavenworth's Edleweiss Restaurant for a beer and tasty wienerschnitzel dinner. Fat and happy, we drove to the Bridge creek campground and slept under the stars beside Icicle creek.

The next morning we had a warm sweaty 2 1/2 hours hike up the Snow Creek trail that ended with the sight of Nada Lake. There we spent an hour in the warm sun eating lunch and trying to dry out our sweaty clothes. The afternoon hike was more interesting, with many views as we walked along the shore of Snow Lake and up to Viviane Lake and then to Leprechaun Lake, where we camped.

The next morning, we hiked up a rocky rib just behind camp to the start of the climb. Although it was warm and sunny, most of the climb was in the shade on the chilly north side. Switching leads, Peter seemed to luck out, getting all the good leads, which he climbed in good style despite the extra rope in his pack. We reached the top about noon and spent an hour in the warm sun before heading down. Three double rope rappells brought us to the base of the north face (a single rope would have been adequate - Beckey's guide book misled us into believing there was a 45 m rappell off the top).

We leisurely walked back to camp passing by picturesque Gnome Tarn and Rune Lake. The whole area was quite pretty with all the Larch trees a golden yellow.

We arrived back in camp at 3 p.m., where we spent the rest of the evening relaxing and eating dinner.

Over the night thieves were busy breaking into cars. When we arrived back at the Snow creek trail parking lot, we saw three cars with smashed passenger windows (supposedly a common occurrence now, so beware!). Other parking lots in the Icicle creek area experienced the same problem. We were lucky that our little pickup truck was left untouched.

Party - Peter Ravensbergen and Len Soet (Leader and Reporter).

Cathedral Lakes, 8-10 October

A club party travelled up Wall Creek to the base of Grimface then climbed up to the main ridge to Stone City, then followed the trail back down to the Ashnola. Ascents were made of Grimface (NW Ridge), the Deacon, Stone City Mtn., Devil's Woodpile, Quiniscoe Mtn., and Red Mtn.

Party - Irene Goldstone, Ester and Martin Kafer, Jenny Smith, Mark Force, Mark Spagnut, Robert Crilckellot, and Wayne Saunders (Leader and Reporter).

Cutthroat Pk., 15-16 October

The party climbed a variation of the NW Ridge route. From the base of the ridge walk to the face of the ridge about 100 m south. Follow a diagonal line from left to right to reach the ridge crest. Rock is rotten, no place for protection, lots of exposure,

terrifying leads. Then along crest of NW ridge to good 5.7 route up summit block. With three on a rope ten hours return from car. Headlamps needed for fall climbing.

Party - Jane Weller, Harry Kettman, and Wayne Saunders (Leader and Reporter).

Mt. Brunswick, 16 October

A club party of eight anonymous people ascended Mt. Brunswick on a trip led by Frank Foster.

East Lion, 23 October

I was awakened sharply by the phone ringing at 6:30 a.m. After another late Saturday night I had slept right through the alarm. After a hectic 15 minutes pack we were on the road by 7:45. Evelyn and Dean were waiting for us at the Lions Bay store.

We hiked up to the base of the West Lion in about three hours. Tim caught up to us about half way up after also getting a late start. (He must be training for the "do it in a day" club!) There is a worn path that drops down to the bottom of the valley between the two Lions. We reached this trail by dropping down from the rocky knoll at the base of the West Lion.

We climbed the East Lion via the south face on a ramp going from the SW side onto the face. The climbing was 3rd class up to the gully and then two pitches of 4th class. We arrived at the summit at 3 p.m. then rappelled back down reaching the base at 5:30. Tim, Dean, and Evelyn went on ahead. Gary and I coiled up ropes and I started up to the ridge. Gary was about 10 minutes behind.

It started getting dark as I got over the ridge. I continued down the trail (a mistake) since Gary had assured me that he had a flashlight. At about 8 p.m. I caught up to the others at the trailhead. After half an hour Gary had not appeared and no light was visible up the trail. I went back for him and found him up on the ridge getting ready for a cold bivouac. Although he had a flashlight it didn't work. We got back down to the trailhead around 12:30 a.m., none the worse for wear except for Dean who had a large blister on one foot. This caused him to wear sandals with his three piece suit next week at work!

There are two important lessons to be (re) learned from this trip.

1. Equipment should be checked regularly, before each trip to ensure that it is working properly.
2. Never leave one person behind. Always travel at least in groups of two, even if a party gets spread out. This ensures that there is always a backup if one person gets hurt or has equipment problems.

Party - Evelyn Feller, Tim Shannon, Gary McKenna, Dean Ferguson, and Bill Maurer (Leader and Reporter).