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TREASURED DAYS WITH RANDY STOLTMANN

By John Clarke

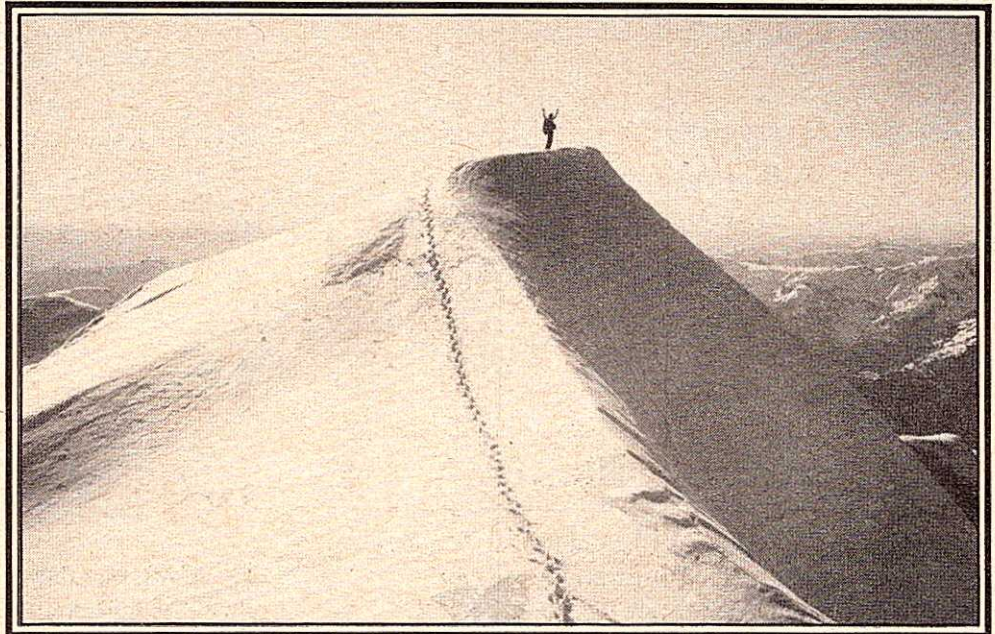
It has been ten days since Randy died in an avalanche while descending a peak in the Kitimat Range and it happened so suddenly that I still can't understand it or even get that terrible fact to sink in. One minute we were building a cairn, joking around, enjoying the peak, and then in a few minutes the young man who had kept us laughing during the whole traverse was gone. We were most of the way along a ski traverse that had started in Mussel Inlet, following the snowy ridges west of the Kowesas River. The trip was to end with a boat pickup in Gardner Canal. Besides Randy and myself were Bryan Evans, Jessica Shintani and Dave Lammers.

Widely known in B.C. as a writer, climber and a powerful voice for wilderness protection, Randy had been excited about this trip all winter, as it would take him into his favorite kind of wilderness - the gentle snow laden summits of the outer coast. What made this trip appeal to him even more were the pristine coastal valleys that lined our ski route on both sides.

While tent-bound for five days early in the traverse, we joked about the fact that we were seven days from Mussel Inlet and had only moved nine kilometers. We talked about giant trees, (where they can still be found), our years in the Coast Range and dreamed about future trips we would do together.

Always ahead of us, we would ski up to a rocky perch to find Randy gazing down into the sandbars, forests and waterfalls of a pristine coastal valley, so overwhelmed by the wonder of it all that he appeared to be part of the magic of the place.

On May 18th, he wrote in his diary, "great views of Kowesas River Valley and mountains all around, distant roar of rivers, two ravens soaring, playing on the air currents." Later that day he wrote about the view from the summit of Mt. Marmor, the highest peak in the range. "View dominated by the East



Randy nearing the summit of Mt. Marmor

Photo Credit: John Clarke

Khutze Valley. Sandbar over a vertical mile below, and the great roar of falling water rising out of the depths of the rainforest. To the west, range follows range, snow peaks fading to soft dark ridges and the final golden glimmer of the open Pacific Ocean. Mountains on the edge of the continent, nurtured by the sea. A very happy day!"

Everything Randy said, did, and wrote all pointed to one thing - his powerful affection for wild landscapes. It saturated his writing, guided his actions and was the main reason for the effectiveness of his environmental work. His biggest impact was communicating this affection for wilderness through his research and his books. Through his example he showed us the way and the best tribute we can pay him now is to maintain his vision of preserving wild places as a celebration of his life.

I will never forget breaking camp on the morning of the accident. I walked up onto a knoll to get a photograph and remember looking back at Randy, giddy with excitement at the prospects of the day, having the time of his life, like a kid on his first day at the beach. I'll always remember him the way he was that morning.

To his family - you have a lot to be proud of and have our deepest sympathies. We miss him terribly.

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Articles: We welcome articles which inform our readers about mountain conservation /recreation issues or activities in B.C. We request regular coverage of current issues from our clubs for each region: Kootenays, Vancouver Island, and Northern BC.

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Membership

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia (FMCBC) is the official sport-governing body for mountaineering in BC, representing the interests of hiking, climbing and outdoor clubs in the province. The FMCBC is a non-profit organization addressing mountain conservation and access issues, promoting safety and education through courses of instruction, and constructing and maintaining hiking trails throughout BC.

Membership in the FMCBC is open to any individual or group interested in non-mechanized outdoor activities and conservation concerns. Those interested in joining this non-profit organization have two options:

Club membership: Please contact the office to receive a free list of clubs that belong to the FMCBC.

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FMCBC Meetings

Recreation and Conservation Committee:

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14

Safety and Education Committee:

September 14

Trails Committee:

September 12

Board of Directors: (tentative)

June 22, July 20, August 17

Usual Meeting Locations (check with office)

*** Safety and Education and Trails Committees meet in Room 201, Board of Directors meet in Room 106 at the Sports B.C. Building, 1367 W. Broadway, Vancouver. For more information about Recreation and Conservation meetings, contact the FMCBC office at 737-3053.

IN APPRECIATION

By Jay Macarthur, on behalf of the FMCBC

Randy Stoltmann loved the outdoors. He loved to bushwack in old growth forests and to hike, ski and climb in the mountains. He had an unquenchable thirst for exploring, photographing and working to protect the wilderness areas of the west coast. Combining his technical background with his love for wilderness, Randy measured, mapped and documented record-sized trees and old growth forests since high school.

His first book Hiking Guide to the Big Trees of Southwestern British Columbia has descriptions of the few places where big trees are still left. Randy urged that "wildlife habitat for certain species and wilderness can only be protected through the preservation of undisturbed areas. Thus, preservation becomes the management technique that ensures the presence of these nonrenewable resources in perpetuity." ...

"Given the vast increases of the past thirty years, what will be the future demand for the primitive and unconfined types of recreation and solitude, and how much land should be set aside to meet those demands? Embodied within the principles of conservation, these unknowns must govern the way in which we use and protect both material resources and samples of our land in its original condition, where forests stand tall and rivers run free: where wildlife roams unmolested and mountains are levelled only by the cutting edges of ice, wind and water."

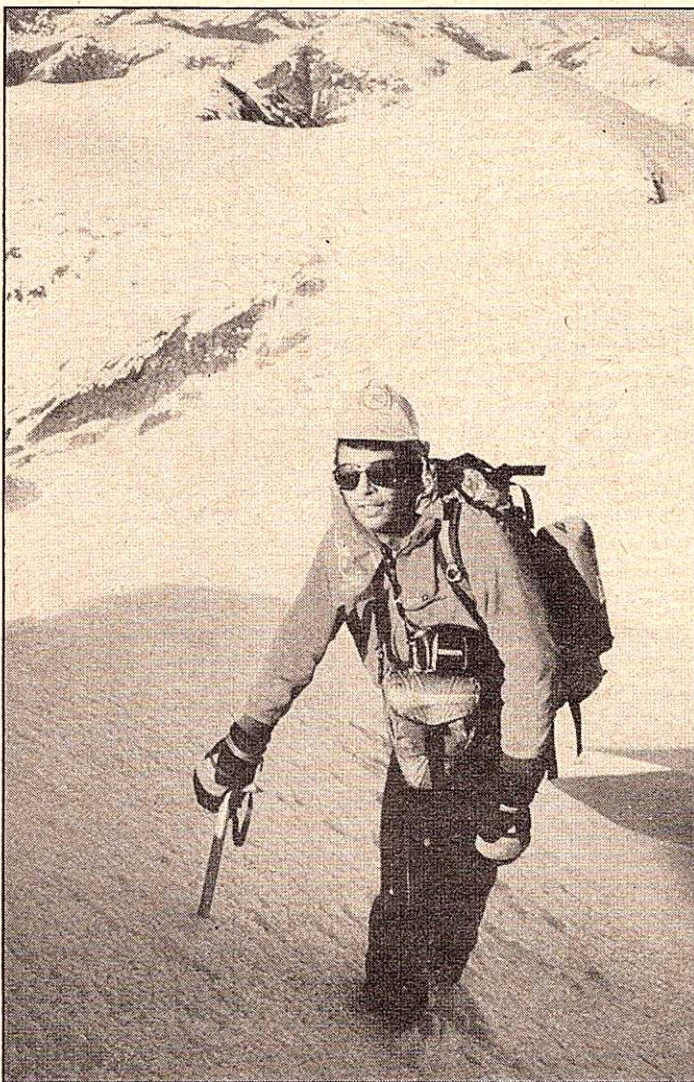
Randy was instrumental in getting the Carmanah Valley protected as a provincial park. He was one of the first to find the Carmanah giants. When he and Clint Webb from the Western Canada Wilderness Committee found new logging roads in the area they were able to stop logging roads from entering the centre of the valley. He started to work for WCWC, helped build trails into the Carmanah and promote the area.

Randy had a few favorite places that he was working to protect. His book Written by the Wind gives personal accounts of trips to: Garibaldi, Megin, Stein, Kyuquot and the Southern Chilcotins.

Randy loved Garibaldi Provincial Park. He and his brother Greg had many adventures bushwacking through the wilderness. Randy was very interested in protecting old-growth on the east side of the park.

Last year Randy worked on contract for the FMCBC to prepare a list of areas in the southern Coast Mountains that should be studied for protection. We submitted this report to the government earlier this year. I'm hoping that Randy's passion for protecting wilderness will inspire our members to become more involved.

...Where forests stand tall and rivers run free: where wildlife roams unmolested and mountains are levelled only by the cutting edges of ice, wind and water...



Randy nearing the summit of Mt. Marmour

Bryan Evans, photo

Randy finished Written by the Wind by saying: "I cannot expect of others any more than my own modest contribution. Simply leave time to get to know the land and its wonders for yourself. Care for it as you would a loved one. Share the joy of discovery and the thrill of exploration, have fun and laugh. Hike the forests, climb the peaks, ski the icefields, walk the beaches, canoe and kayak the rivers, lakes and seashore."

HIKE BC DAYS

By Ina Hupponen

A success, the 2nd year running!!

Hundreds of people laced up their hiking boots and strapped on their packs, on May 14 and 15, to join one of over 30 hikes organized throughout the province for Hike B.C. Days. Thanks to their participation this event was declared a success for the second year running!

The goal of Hike B.C. Days is to promote hiking for fun and fitness, safety on the trails and hiking clubs. With the media coverage we received for this event—we achieved those goals.

Promoting hiking for fun and fitness is great, but safety is always a concern when people take to the trails. With the help of U. TV we were able to get some common sense safety tips across to a potentially large audience. U. TV came out to the Norvan Falls hike, on Saturday May 14, with hike leader Christine Alexander of the North Shore Hikers. The TV crew did a great segment on hiking safety tips which aired that night.

While, on average, 20 people came out per hike, the hikes organized by the Burke Mountain Naturalists had a total of 108 participants. Their hikes, on the Coquitlam Lake trail and the Woodland Walk, were so popular the club had to turn away upwards of 60 people due to space limitations. The Burke Mountain Naturalists did a great job promoting their hikes with coverage from several community papers.

With hikes organized throughout B.C., hikers had an array of trails from which to choose. Hikes were organized as close to Vancouver as Norvan Falls, Hollyburn Mountain (North Shore), and as far away as the Clearwater River Trail. Hikes on the islands included the San Juan Ridge (Vancouver Island) and Mt. Hallowell (Pender Island).

Along with our media sponsor, the Province, we would like to thank **Taiga Works Wilderness Equipment** for their continued support of this event. The financial contribution received from Taiga covered all costs associated with Hike B.C. Days.

1994 AGM REPORT

By Beth Wark

1994 Annual General Meeting was held in Nanaimo on June 18. This was the first time our AGM has been held out side of the Vancouver area and the turnout was excellent. Guest speaker John Clarke showed slides of his recent trip to the Kitlope with a group including Randy Stoltmann. This presentation was appreciated by all, especially those who had been friends of Randy.

The BCMC presented a special resolution to allow only persons elected as representatives of member clubs and appointed as delegates to represent each unit of 1000 individual members to be eligible to become directors. This resolution failed to receive a 75% supporting vote and did not pass. The failure of this resolution in no way indicates that these people are not eligible to become directors. Several delegates indicated that better communication between the Board and the clubs is necessary. The new Board is aware of this and will be working, with input from the delegates, towards a solution.

A motion to allow proxy voting at AGMs passed.

Jay MacArthur was elected as a new director. Jay is a former president of the FMCBC and long-time co-chair of the Recreation and Conservation Committee. Lesley Bohm, Taylor Jackson and Doug Perkins (NE B.C.) were re-elected to the Board after completing two year terms. Beth Wark assumes the position of Past President. Directors elected in 1993 and continuing in their two terms are Jim Craig, Pat Harrison, Tony Webb, Suzanne Mazoret, Thom Ward (Van. Island Reg. Dir.), David Mitchell (Kootenays Reg. Dir.), Cheryl Leskiw (LM Reg. Dir.).

New Executive are: President: Thom Ward, Vice President: Pat Harrison, Secretary: Jim Craig. We still need a Treasurer, preferably someone who has an accounting certificate and is an active member of member club.

It was established that more discussion time at future AGMs is needed to allow time for all topics to be discussed thoroughly. The Caledonia Ramblers issued an invitation to hold the 1996 AGM in Prince George and suggested a program that would involve several days of meeting and workshops to the formal AGM.

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WRITERS FOR THE WILDERNESS

By Jay MacArthur

Southern Chilcotin Park Proposal

The Southern Chilcotin Mountains are the single most outstanding area of wilderness not presently protected in the southern interior of British Columbia. The area has exceptional scenery and unparalleled wilderness recreation potential, particularly for hiking. The area would be one of the most valued protected areas in the province.

The Southern Chilcotin wilderness, located 200 km north of Vancouver, is the transition zone between the Coast Mountains and the Chilcotin Plateau. It encompasses a myriad of alpine meadows, creeks, forests, lakes, mountains, rounded ridges and valleys. The area offers a special type of wilderness experience. Existing loop trails allow fairly gentle hiking and horseback tours, which almost anyone can enjoy. Since 1980, the FMCBC has been working with the Southern Chilcotin Mountains Wilderness Society to protect the Southern Chilcotin Mountains.

Protected Area Study Areas

The Southern Chilcotin has been split into two study areas by the provincial government:

- the South Chilcotin study area in the Cariboo Forest Region
- the Spruce Lake study area in the Kamloops Forest Region

The South Chilcotin study area has been studied as part of the Cariboo - Chilcotin CORE process for the past year. A report is due soon.

Nothing much has happened with the Spruce Lake study area. The Kamloops regional protected area team (RPAT) has decided on a study area boundary that excludes a major chunk of the existing wilderness. However, the Forest Service has decided not to issue any cutting permits in Tyaughton Creek or Leckie Creek until a decision is made on the protected area.

Ainsworth Lumber submitted a five-year development plan to the Ministry of Forest's Lillooet District which includes a proposal to start logging in Bonanza Basin, south of Tyaughton Creek. The proposed cut blocks would be very visible from an important trail which follows the north side of the valley towards Spruce Lake, Castle Peak and Lorna Lake. This is the logging that the forest service has put on hold until a decision is made.

We need your help to convince the provincial government to protect the Spruce Lake area. The government does not need to do another expensive study. They know enough about the area. They need your letters to force some action! Please mail or fax a copy of your letter to the FMCBC and we will put you on our Southern Chilcotin mailing list for updates. For further information contact Jay MacArthur at 987-1232. Jay also has information about hiking in the area.

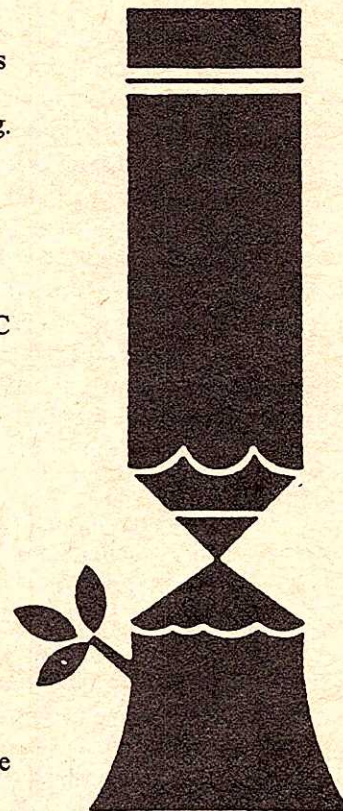
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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

By Jay MacArthur

Our members can be pleased that the FMC had a part in the provincial government's decisions to designate the Tatsenshini and Ts'yl-os (Chilko Lake) as provincial parks in the past year. The government should be applauded for these major decisions.

I am proud that I had a small part in having Chilko Lake designated as Ts'yl-os Park. The Federation first got involved in the Chilko Lake planning process in 1981. We produced brochures, two tabloids and a park proposal. I would like to thank the FMCBC for paying for my expenses so that I could participate in the planning process in 1991, 1992 and 1993. All the work seems worthwhile after the positive result.

Some of the other projects the FMCBC has been involved in this year:

- Mike Feller has participated in the Pinecone Lake
- Burke Mountain protected area planning process. The plan should be completed in 1994.
- Anders Ourom participated in the Stawamus Chief planning process. The designation of a provincial park has been recommended to cabinet by this study team.
- Les Carter and Thom Ward participated in the Vancouver Island CORE process.
- Jay MacArthur worked with Bill Sangster in Williams Lake on the Cariboo CORE process.
- We hired Randy Stoltmann to do an inventory of mountain wilderness in the Coast Range that should be studied by the Vancouver RPAT.
- Our members participated in the Kootenay CORE process.

I know that we could accomplish much more if we had more volunteers! There are so many things that we need to get involved in:

- promoting protection for wilderness
- Protected Area Strategy
- regional protected area teams
- CORE regional processes
- CORE policies
- park management plans
- local resource use plans
- timber supply area plans

Last year we tried with little success to get people to adopt areas that are being proposed as protected areas. We know that people are interested in these areas but are they willing to do a little or a lot of work to see that they are protected for future generations.

Ts'yl-os Park

You may have seen an article in the last Cloudburst announcing the designation of Ts'yl-os Park. I am proud that I had a small part in having Chilko Lake designated as Ts'yl-os Park.

I am now participating in a management planning process for the park and the Taseko Management Zone. I would appreciate our members input. Please give me a call at 987-1232.

TRAILS COMMITTEE

By John Otava

Stein River Trail Clearing Report

On April 22, 23, and 24, 1994, a work party of ten people from five FMCBC clubs brushed and bucked their way through the first 10 miles of the Stein River Trail. In addition to normal backpacking gear, the crew carried brush shears, axes, bow saws, bent shovels, Pulaskis and a cut saw all the way to Earls Creek camp.

The first day consisted of cutting and removing windfalls and brush on route to camp. On the second day the priority was to repair the north side landing of the cable crossing over the Stein River. A new platform (original position) was built, and firmly rocked to protect it from the rising river. Hikers should now be able to rely on the cable crossing for a few more years - unless the Stein should go on a rampage! Additionally, the trail was brushed and the windfall cut and removed for another two miles above the cable crossing. If ambitious volunteers want to clear the trail all the way to Stein Lake they should consider leaving their chainsaws at home. It would be easy to buck windfalls with a cross cut saw and reduce the hazard of working in remote areas.

On the third day there were still a few windfalls to cut and remove on the return hike out. Two windfalls were left on the trail - one is too dangerous for amateurs to tackle and the other is too large for the 5 1/2' cross cut saw. Perhaps we will take on the large windfall with the newly acquired 7' cross cut saw another time. This three day trail clearing expedition proved to be very enjoyable. There was good companionship while working and hiking on the trail, and new skills were learned.

The discussions around camp proved to be stimulating and meaningful. It was truly a FMCBC effort with representation from 5 member clubs. The weather was perfect and best of all, everyone came back with the same number of digits as they went out with! **Thanks to all who participated.**

BULLETIN

PETGILL LAKE LOGGING

Roger Freeman

Dave Albert of North Shore Hikers informed me about logging near the NE end of Petgill Lake (above Howe Sound). Contacts with the Squamish Forest District indicated that recent logging was mostly to salvage logs blown down in storms in 1990 and since. There are blow-downs on the Lake Circuit in that area, but not from logging. Problems that will be investigated include: (a) trail-bike access opened up by the road; (b) area slated for 1998 logging above the Lake, on the north side of Goat Ridge (will be an eyesore); (c) question of whether the Forest Service knew about the visibility of the present logging from the look-out. Note: thanks to Halvor Lunden for his leadership in building the side-trail to the new look-out NW of the lake.

NEW TRAILS IN POWELL RIVER

Dear People

I wrote to you in Fall of 1992 re trailbuilding in Powell River. You sent me a helpful booklet and other information. Since then, lots of positive stuff has happened:

-Over 70 km continuous trail built/connected (volunteers mainly with help from paid Ministry of Social Services crew using grant money).

-PRPAWS formed and actively working with Forestry and Parks to save and develop local areas. The hiking population of Powell River growing rapidly, with lots of people out enjoying trails.

I just wanted you to know that good things are going on up here in Powell River (and that there are some good places to hike up here). Thanks for your encouragement. We plan to expand to some 160 km of continuous trail.

Sincerely, Scott Gaspey
Powell River

PROVINCE OF BC ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to Ric Careless, Randy Stoltmann, and Jay MacArthur for receiving recognition by the province for their outstanding contributions!

HIKING TRAILS - VICTORIA AND AREA

Trails Information Society has a new edition of Hiking Trails I, Victoria and Vicinity. Please contact Susan Lawrence for a copy, or for more information. 474-3445

THANK YOU, JAY MACARTHUR!

The FMCBC joins the Outdoor Recreation Council in applauding the extraordinary commitment shown by Jay MacArthur in pursuing his dream of protecting Chilko Lake from development. Congratulations for your part in the creation of a new park, Jay.

NEW TOOLS CACHE FOR TRAILS

A new tool cache is now in place for Adopt-A-Trail volunteers who want to do trail work in the Fraser Valley. It is located at the horticulture business of Theo Mosterman

43233 Lumsden Road, Yarrow, B.C. 823-4713

Please phone in advance to pick up.

FMCBC REQUIRES ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

The Federation has received a grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op to study proposed protected areas in the northern Coast Mountains and the northern Interior Ranges. The project would involve visiting regional protected area teams and member clubs to gather information, and preparing a report.

Consultants with suitable experience please send your resume to Jay MacArthur, Co-Chair, Recreation and Conservation Committee, 336-1367 West Broadway, Vancouver, V6H 4A9.

FREE POSTER - You can receive a free poster from the provincial government with a nice photo of Chilko Lake. Call 668-2800 or 800-775-2800 to order.

THANKS!

Theo Mosterman for managing the tool cache for AAT.

Mountain Equipment Coop for their pledge of \$15,000 for the following projects:

- Yew Lake Trail
- Protected Areas Strategy Report
- Little Smoke Bluffs
- Skaha bluffs - trails and signs

Ethel Freeman for baking cakes for Rec. and Con. Mtgs.

Stein River Trail work Party

Boudi Van Oldenburg and John Otava for organizing TBAM

**TAIGA WILDERNESS EQUIPMENT
FOR SPONSORING HIKE BC**

SAFETY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

By Simon Austen

SQUAMISH CHAIN ANCHOR SURVEY

The Safety and Education Committee is looking for chain anchors in need of replacement. If you are aware of any, please leave a message for the S&E Committee Chain Anchor Survey at FMCBC the office at 737-3053.

The purpose of this project is twofold: To study the effects of corrosion, especially electrolytic action, on various chain anchor materials; and in the process to replace any suspect chain anchors. For this we are establishing when each anchor was set up (age), where the materials were sourced and what the original material specs were. The results will be published as they become available.

SUNSCREEN

It's that time of year again, when particular attention is needed for protection from the sun. To protect your skin from sunburn, wrinkling due to overexposure, and the possibility of skin cancer, remember that clothing is the best protection from the sun. For skin not protected by clothing here are some helpful tips for sunscreen use:

- A sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or more is recommended.
- Make sure the label says that the sunscreen protects you from UVA and UVB.
- Most sunscreens contain p-amino benzoic acid (PABA), but if your skin is sensitive to PABA, sunscreens with other active ingredients are available.
- Cover all exposed skin, even if they are shaded, because reflected light can burn the underside of your chin or ears.
- waterproof sunscreens will protect you longer than regular products if you are perspiring heavily.
- Regardless of the sunscreen used, reapply it occasion-

ally if you are perspiring.

The area around the lips should be protected with a total-blocking cream that resists washing, sweating and licking. Reapply lip protection frequently.

- For glacier and higher elevation travel, use extra precautions, as the ultraviolet rays and reflected light are stronger.

Following these guide lines should help ensure that you outdoor adventure is a safe and enjoyable experience.

SUN GLASSES

Both visible light and invisible ultraviolet rays can cause damage to your eyes and skin before any discomfort is felt. Ultraviolet light can penetrate clouds and the glare of reflected light off the last of winter snow can give you headaches.

To protect your eyes wear a good quality pair of sunglasses:

- sunglasses should filter 95% - 100% ultraviolet.
- for general outdoor use, sunglasses should be tinted so that approximately 20% of visible light is transmitted through to your eyes.

Eyes need proper protection too, so consider your sunglasses the next time you go outside.

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CANADA WEST MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

By Brian Jones

Many people ask "How is Canada West Mountain School connected to the FMCBC?" A bit of background may help to answer this question.

In the 1970's, instruction for mountaineers, climbers and hikers was undertaken by experienced members of clubs. This was coordinated by the FMCBC as the "Traditional Mountaineering" course, and was offered once a year for club members.

In 1982, increased demand for courses justified a year round program. Volunteers could not support a program of this size, so in addition to the 'Trad Course', professional, paid instructors were hired to conduct a full range of mountain safety courses.

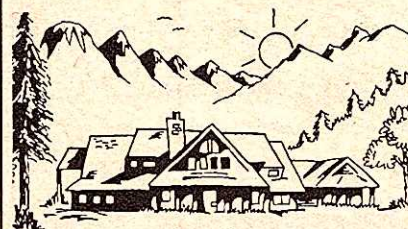
By 1989 this program paid for a part time manager, and taught approximately 800 students per year. The FMCBC had created the largest mountain skills program in B.C.! To help clarify the distinction between the Trails and Recreation/Conservation work of the FMCBC and that of the school, a name was given to the program, Canada West Mountain School. Since then the school has continued to refine the program and curriculum, pursue areas such as Guides Training, open courses to the public and expand beyond Southwest B.C.

The current connection with the FMCBC?

CWMS is first and foremost committed to bringing quality education in safety and mountain travel to all members of the hiking, climbing and skiing community, part of the FMCBC mandate. CWMS conducts courses for members, provides advice to clubs on issues of instruction, and produces manuals. The school generates a modest revenue that is directed to the FMCBC for non-school expenses, so CWMS also provides much needed financial support. And last, but not least, the school is instrumental in developing awareness of our mountain clubs and the issues facing all mountain users.

CWMS is a school for those who love the mountains. As long as the FMCBC continues to represent people such as us, CWMS and the FMCBC will remain inextricably linked. The direction of the school may vary slightly, as the climate of the outdoor instruction industry shifts, yet the FMCBC's instructional program will always be geared towards creating a safer, more reliable and self sufficient mountain traveller, to the advantage of all who visit the mountains.

Brian Jones is the Manager for CWMS, and may be reached at 737-3056 for any questions or comments.



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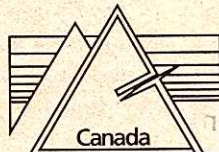
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NORTHERN PERSPECTIVE

By Mike Nash

The Federation stands at a crossroad. By the time you read this, the AGM should have considered the special resolution proposed by the BC Mountaineering Club. In times of strife, I think it's important that we look hard at the opportunities that are opened for us. Nothing remains static in this world—not even our mountains. Change brings new life, ideas, new vitality.

We have an opportunity to re-focus our efforts on being more of a province-wide organization through recruiting new clubs and encouraging more interaction between members around the province. I like the suggestion that we become leaner, with more direct club

involvement; and that we concentrate on critical issues like access and conservation. The support that the Federation has given to those of us involved in land use processes has been valuable, and is showing returns. The Land and Resource Management Plans tabled in our Forest Region have recently been told by the Inter-Agency Management Committee that they will be the bodies recommending protected areas. Yet, how many of the LRMP's outside of the Prince George District are represented by member clubs?

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CLUB FEATURE

The Fraser Valley Hikers

By Merna Richter

The Fraser Valley Hikers Club was started in 1979, by a very enthusiastic hiker named Jutta Holota. She had learned to enjoy the great outdoors from her grandfather and wished to pass on the wonder of the mountains and wilderness to a new generation. We are grateful to Jutta and the first 11 members of the club who established the tone and direction of the club. We come from all ages, backgrounds and abilities to participate in the many activities. We do most of our activities on the weekend, but since many of our members are shift workers and some are retired there is always a lot of phone calls back and forth regarding who is going where and when. We all love to climb the highest mountain we are capable of, for some hikers that's Mt. Baker, Outram or Frosty, for others it is some of the lesser peaks but that's all right too because the idea is to enjoy ourselves. We often split into smaller groups on a hike, each group going at their own pace. We like to put meaning into the words "stop and smell the flowers". In summer we generally hike as much as possible, rain or shine, though we also enjoy canoeing and many of our club members meet to cycle together at least once or twice a week. Several times a year we camp out for up to a week at places like Manning Park, Baker Lake or the North Cascades and hike the mountains we can't reach so easily in one day.

In winter we hike the lower mountains, cross country ski, downhill ski and snowshoe. We also stay over in cross country ski lodges for several days at a time so we can ski all day and play games in the evening. We join the Abbotsford Ski Club on their annual trip to Silver Star to either downhill ski or cross country ski whichever we prefer. Each year we hold a 'learn to ski' day at Hannigan Pass in the Mt. Baker area. This is always a well attended event. More of our members cross country ski every year.

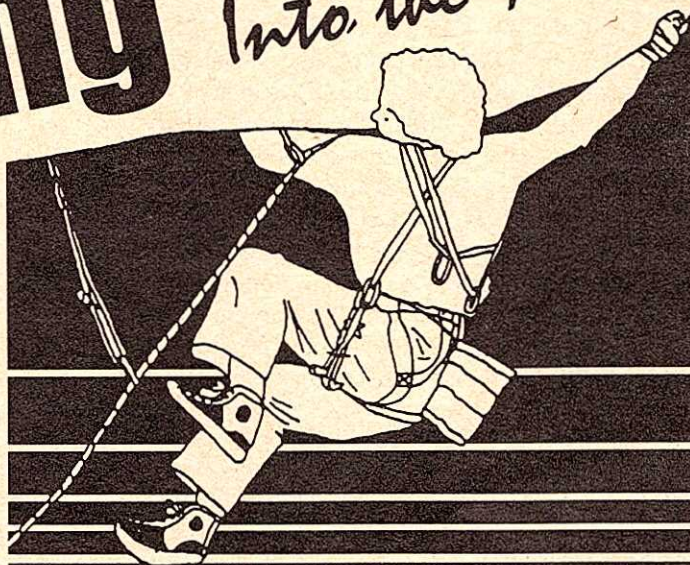
We also socialize with games nights, Christmas parties and summer picnics. Our regular meetings are every third Wednesday of the month at the Matsqui Recreation Centre on Clearbrook Road in Clearbrook at which time we go over the activities we have done the previous weeks and discuss the up and coming events, also we often have a guest speaker. We put out a schedule of events for three months at a time. We have an average of 60 members, with 8 to 20 people coming out to our weekend activities. Our club is varied in its many activities but a good time is always had by all.

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ISLAND INSIGHTS

By Chris Barner

We all mourn the loss of Randy Stoltmann - both those of you who knew him well, and those of us that never met him. All the world misses men and women who are so committed to their ideals. Think of him as one of civilization's ambassadors to nature. I envy him because he died in a beautiful place with a friend nearby, and a surprised look on his face.

I'd like to take this opportunity to commend those responsible for holding the annual General Meeting in Nanaimo this year. Decentralizing the activities of the FMCBC as much as practical will strengthen the fibre of the organization and help to generate a feeling of 'oneness'. Within our organization it may be wise, as it is in the mountains, to choose the open-minded approach.

Remember those volunteers I was whining about last time? Well, they're still not at work, but this time it's the workmen's Compensation Board that's the problem. It seems that even Parks' employees aren't qualified to run chainsaws now! On Heathens' workcrews there are always two or three professional chain saw operators who W.C.B. seem happy to cover while they are at their jobs, but not on weekends while they're doing public service work. Go figure!

Well, I've read that CORE report inside out and backwards, and aside from a few glaring errors (Do we really have to move Campbell River ten miles to the north?) I can't see what all the fuss is about. We have to do it. We have to support this plan because we don't have five years (or 1 minute) to wait for a better version. If we'd developed a land use plan back in the 40's or 50's (when Syd, Ruth and co. said we should) it would have been a piece of cake. Similarly, we have to deal with it now because the longer we leave it, the more complicated it's going to get.

Like anything else we do, if we do it right - it'll work; if we do it half-assed - it won't. If we do an unusually good job of it, rich eco-tourists from all over the globe might come to check out the 'great new approach'. It's just a matter of everyone biting the bullet...Industry, Government, Recreation - everyone. One Question. What part does the automobile play in the ecologically balanced Vancouver Island of the future? Why so much emphasis on the Inland Highway and no discussion of other more environmentally friendly transportation options?

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FMCBC LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

By Cheryl Leskiw

The FMCBC held a 3 hour Leadership Seminar for club trip leaders on the evening of Thursday, April 14, 1994. 19 people, from the North Shore Hikers, Fraser Valley Hikers, North Shore Recreation Centre Outdoor Club and the B.C. Mountaineering Club participated. The free workshop was presented by Sheila Sovereign, a graduate of the Guides Training program and a CWMS instructor. The seminar was a valuable learning experience on the subject of leadership as it relates to club trips. Starting with an informal brainstorming session on 'what qualities make up a good leader,' Sheila took these qualities and enlarged upon them, going into detail on the various parts of leading a trip. The focus of the seminar was on the 'soft skills' of leadership. We covered pre-screening, preparation, liability, route cards, moral and various other aspects of

leadership.

This seminar was a trial-run, one which I felt was well worth attending, and worthwhile to offer a repeat of. One unexpected bonus was that, if a participant had a question on how to solve a problem their club had about trip leadership, someone from one of the other clubs had experience in dealing with a similar situation in their club. This information-sharing, together with Sheila's in-depth knowledge of the topic, provided us with the 'tools' we need to lead successful club trips.

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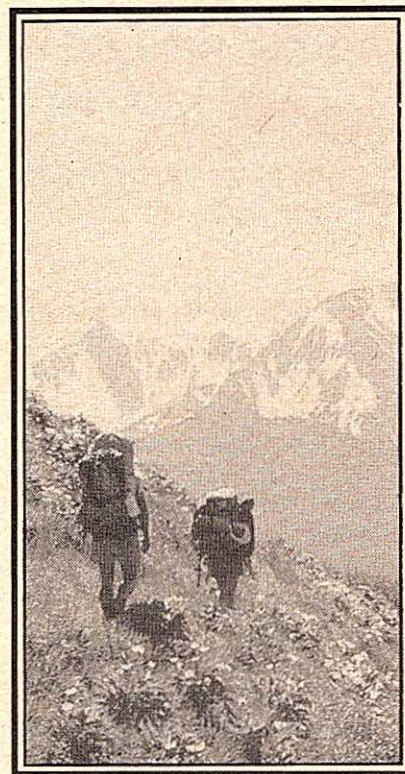
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