

KOOENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 1977

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SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- January 30 - Toad Mtn., A, X-C Jack Steed 352-2196
- February 6 - Plewman, Berry Mtns., A, X-C Sue Port 365-5716
- 13 - Pontiac Pk. A Bert Port 365-5716
- 20 - Ski Social - Whitewater Peggy LePage 352-6867
After a day of skiing at Whitewater
come to Dave Whiting's for a cup or
two of Glühwein (Hot wine). The
address is 509 Observatory and all are
welcome. A small collection will be
made to cover costs. Think snow!!
- 26, 27 - Kokanee, A, X-C John Carter 825-9351
Fly in and ski out.

GRADING: A = Alpine touring X-C = Cross-country

For trip details contact the leaders. Please note that if in the leader's judgement a person is not properly prepared for a trip, he will be asked to stay behind.

Please send your 1977 Membership Fees NOW (\$7.00 single - \$10.00 family) by cheque or money order to:

Bob Dean
Crescent Valley, B.C.
VOG IHO

The February Newsletter will be the last one sent to lapsed members!!

Have you moved? Please send your change of address to:

Annelies Anderson
300 Willow Drive
Trail, B.C.

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Spend a day or a weekend at the WAKUSP HOT SPRINGS skiing and then soaking in the hot pool. Rob Mill has a complete line of waxless skiis, boots and poles and would be glad to guide parties on half or full day trips. Miles of trails and old logging roads with lots of snow. Open every day -- call 265-4451 for further information

For those of you who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, this is to let you know that the Geographical Names Committee is alive and raring to go! If you are interested in the names that have been accepted during the past year, or have suggestions for names that should be submitted now, please do not hesitate to contact either Pat Ridge, Helen Butling, or Ian Hamilton. And watch for information about the committee's activities in the Newsletter!

K.M.C. EXECUTIVE 1976 - 1977

Interim President	John Carter	825-9351
Secretary	P. McIver	362-7674
Treasurer	B. Dean	359-7759
Social	P. LePage	352-6867
Karabiner	K. Kratky	352-3895
Newsletter	D. Whiting	352-2649
Mountain Rescue	J. Carter	825-9351
Summer Camps	J. Brennan	362-7670
Cabins & Trails	J. Kienholz	352-2590
Trips	E. Norton	362-5317
Rock School	P. Wood	359-7107
Conservation	D. Willans	368-3772

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

The Newsletter Editor, Dave Whiting has taken over from Gunther Offerman because Gunther has become very involved in other activities. We thank him for his past work on the Newsletter. The position as Newsletter Editor has become very frustrating due to club members refusal to give out information. We hope all the K.M.C. members will try and support Dave. The Newsletter is a very important part of the club and is the key to an informed membership.

The Cabins and Trails Chairman, Jim Kienholz, has taken over from Craig Pettitt/Guy Woods because of increased work load on Guy at work and Craigs movement around the Kootenays. Craig will continue

to assist Jim whenever he can. Jim will be looking for increased involvement from you, the membership, for trail improvement (Project 1976) and your thoughts and suggestions on cabins maintenance and improvements.

Your President, John Carter, was elected (rail-roaded, forced, etc.) into taking the position until our April dinner when Dave Adams will have managed to persuade two or three members from the general membership to let their names stand for President. Because of increased workloads both in the club and out of it, present executive members feel that a member elected from the membership as a whole would be equitable. Anyone wishing to know more about the duties of a president should contact past presidents, such as; Bert Port, Helen Butling or John Carter.

The Club has eight "PIEPS" avalanche beacons available for rent to club members for \$2.00 a day. Four "PIEPS" are located at Bert Port's in Castlegar and four at Helen Butling's/John Carter's in Nelson.

Those members wishing to purchase a "PIEPS" for their personal equipment should contact John Carter in Nelson, Phone 825-9351. "PIEPS" are again available from Alberta for \$45.00 each. Please remit your money with your order as soon as possible.

Speaking of avalanche beacons, mention should be made of the avalanche hazard that does exist in the mountains right now. Although little snow exists (2½ to 3½ feet) hoar frost is prevalent near the ground surface and very little cohesion exists between the two. Persons should be extremely careful on steep slopes and convex slopes. If a snowfall of two to three feet finally falls there will be an extreme danger in the mountains.

The Executive of Kootenay Mountaineering Club wishes all of you a very Happy New Year. What ever you do, pray for snow!

The Karabiner Editor wishes to announce that because of printing difficulties the 1976 Karabiner will be slightly delayed in making its appearance. Readers can look forward to perusing 76 pages of text and 10 pages of black-and-white photos when our publication does become available.



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SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR MARCH

Mar. 6	Head of Sheep Creek	A, X-C	Dave Adams	365-6430
Mar. 12, 13	Mulvey	A	Jim Brennan	362-7670
Mar. 19, 20	Huckleberry Hut	A, X-C	Dean Houghton	365-8028
Mar. 26, 27	Top of the World Park,		Arist Bruemmer	427-3910
	Rockies		or	
			Eric Norton	362-5317
Mar. 27	Mt. Peters	A, X-C	Norm Thyer	352-5265

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For trip details contact the leaders. Due to unpredictable snow conditions this year some trips may be changed or cancelled upon short notice.

EASTER AT KOKANEE

Those club members planning on going on the annual Kokanee Easter Trip should inform Knut Langballe as soon as possible as space is limited. Phone: 442-2485.

ATTENTION BACKPACKING TYPES!!!!

Anyone interested in a week or so of hiking in the Rockies this summer contact Stan Baker at 359-7346 (evenings) so we can arrange a place, a time, etc.

KARABINERS....

are here....

If you live in Nelson, pick yours up at Dave Whiting's, 509 Observatory Street, 352-2649. Those who reside in the Trail-Rossland metroplex, can find their journals at the Andersons, 300 Willow Drive, Trail, 368-5970. Finally, Ian and Roberta Hamilton, 995 Fifth Avenue, 365-6749, are holding Karabiners for those who live in greater Castlegar.

POTLUCK DINNER AND FILMS AT THE NORDIC HALL IN CASTLEGAR

Friday, March 18.

Films will be: Roraima--The Lost World, the story of a British expedition including Joe Brown, Don Whillans and Hamish MacInnis, which climbed to the summit of Roraima in 1973. A unique climbing film, which includes the approach through the jungles of Guyana --slime forest, torrential rain, snakes, scorpions, spiders--as well as the ascent of a sheer rock face leading to the 9,000 foot plateau from which waters drain into the Amazon River. As Brown records, the expedition was "the ultimate in masochism".

Also: Break On Through, music, muscles and chalk from Colorado, depicting young, modern hardmen on an ascent of "The Naked Edge", a well-known climb in Eldorado Canyon.

Possibly there will be two more short films on climbing, but the availability of these has not been confirmed yet.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favourite casserole, salad, dessert, refreshment, whatever. We'll supply tea and coffee. Hope to see everybody there!

A FEW NOTES FROM HELEN.....

The club has for rent four pairs of stick on skins, length 150 cms.

2 pairs at Peter M^CIver's 362-7074
2 pairs at Helen Butling's 825-4384

Several bushwacking grandmothers (and guests) have been skiing mid-week and week-ends, exploring the back roads and sometimes finding good snow and sunshine.

The Six Mile Road is ploughed six miles and gives access to a great number of logging roads.

As of February 7, the Kokanee Road is ploughed to the three bridges. Good snow up by Gibson Lake.

The Sranton Mine Road is open. Excellent snow up the road to the North East and bright sunshine.

Come with us sometime. It's fun. Phone Helen Butling: 825-4384

FROM THE KMC KITCHEN.....

Try these for size, a very sustaining delicious cookie. Courtesy of the Vancouver Sun and Helen Butling.

OLYMPIC RAISIN CARROT COOKIES

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or marg.	1 tp. nutmeg
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup salad oil	$\frac{1}{2}$ tp. salt
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup whole wheat flour
2 eggs	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups raisins
2 Tbl. water	2 cups granola cereal
1 tp. vanilla	3 cups coarsely grated raw carrot (5 medium carrots)
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sunflower seeds
1 tp. baking soda	

In large mixing bowl beat butter, oil and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs, water and vanilla. Stir together flour, soda, nutmeg and salt. Add to bowl along with whole wheat flour. Mix just until blended. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Make large drop cookies well apart on greased baking sheet, using about $\frac{1}{3}$ cup batter for each. Bake in moderate oven, 350° F. for 12 to 15 minutes. Cool on racks.

Makes about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen 4-inch cookies.

1977 SUMMER CAMPS

HIKING CAMP:

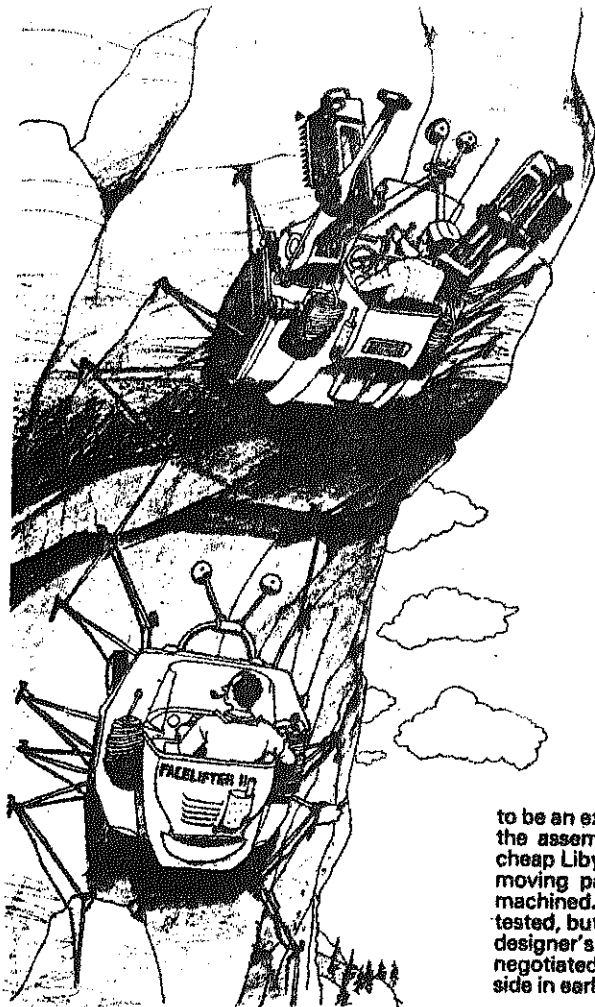
Those with location ideas (and interest) for the summer camp, please contact Jim Brennan (362-7670) as soon as possible.

CLIMBING CAMP:

Those locations discussed at the first organizational meeting were as follows:

- a) Mount Waddington - 2 weeks required - not suitable this year.
- b) Adamants - would be a repeat of 1971.
- c) Kannanoskis (Southern Rockies) - no enthusiasm shown.
- d) Nemo Group - area too small for one week.
- e) Clomonceau (Northern Rockies) - favoured by majority.

Those interested in attending the climbing camp should contact Jim Brennan as soon as possible.



THE FACELIFTER

The basic power plant of the Facelifter is the Mercedes-Benz 70 hp fuel-injection engine. Thirteen individual 3-7 hp electric motors power various climbing components (including the environmentally important piton-removal apparatus). Climb capability includes major chimneys, shallow crack systems, fist jams, chickenheads, belay ledges, tension traverse, and overhangs. Range—5.6 to 5.11+.

A stunning triumph of West German Alpine technology, the "Facelifter" could revolutionize the mountain climbing business, expected by some to be the largest-outdoor industry by 1984. Potential investors and customers should be warned that the Facelifter is going to be an expensive proposition even if most of the assembly work, as planned, is done by cheap Libyan labor. Each of the vehicle's 4,576 moving parts will at present be individually machined. A full scale model has not yet been tested, but a small prototype, operated by the designer's six year old son, successfully negotiated the Matterhorn from the Italian side in early summer.

— Steve Holman
T.H. Watkins, Roger Olmsted

NEWS FLASH! - The KMC - through the determined efforts of Peter McIver and Ian Hamilton - has just acquired a prototype model of the "Facelifter." This climbing aid should truly expand the mountaineering potential of our club and it can be seen in Helen Butling's garage. Because of the long-term financial commitment involved in purchasing a "Facelifter," President Carter and Executive Committee have found it expedient to discontinue publication of the Karabiner until 1983. The E.C. are confident that the general membership will support them in this endeavor.

"Facelifter" Rental Rates

	Day	Weekend
General	\$75.00*	\$125.00
Students and seniors on the supplement	37.50	62.50

*Rental rates are exclusive of gas and insurance.

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JUNE

NEWSLETTER

"KNOWLEDGE COMES FROM TAKING THINGS APART
WISDOM COMES FROM PUTTING THINGS BACK
TOGETHER"

Please do send me your news early with clear instructions
no later than the 20th of each proceeding month.

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