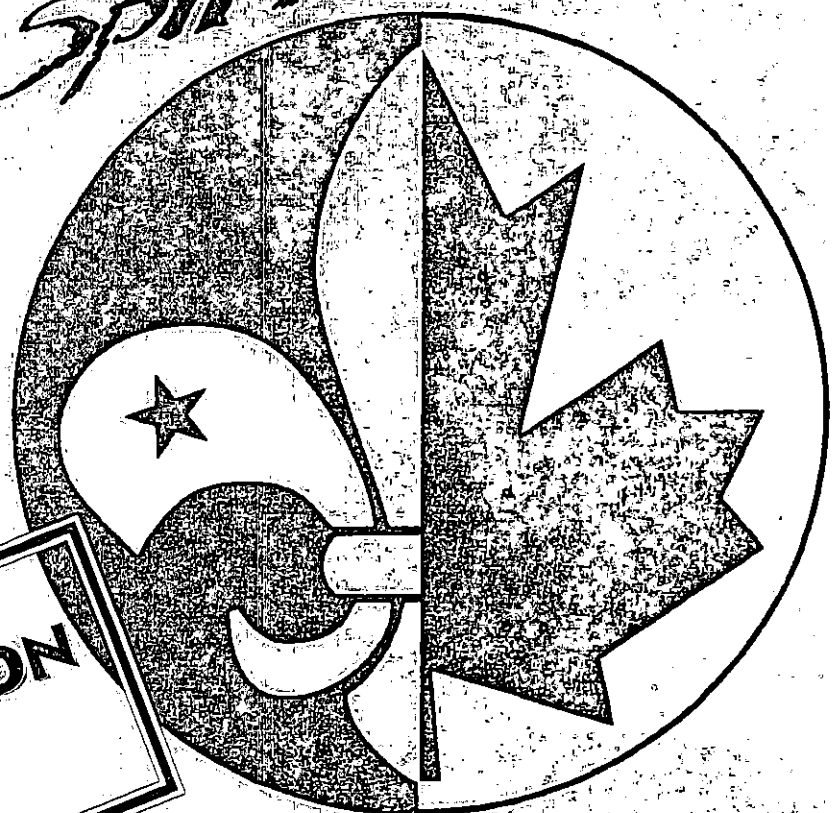


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I've only seen five of the survey results so far, since most of them normally won't come to my attention until the results are compiled. Of the ones I saw, I noticed a few common traits, and I'd like to comment about them to you.

As the editor, my responsibilities include (among other things) the selection of articles, editing and formatting the content of articles submitted by others, trying to keep the "Upcoming Events" pages up-to-date and accurate, writing the editor's comments and, in general, seeing that this magazine has a "look and feel" that is acceptable to our readers. You can see why the section of the reader's survey dealing with reader content is my main concern.

In the surveys I saw, the "life skills" and the "practical skills" articles met with less than public acclaim. The articles with the most support had to do with: Rover issues; Commentary columns on Rover issues; Scouting news; Program issues; Meet the Crew; and coming events. There were also several mentions about more diversity of writers. I must remind you that this was just the opinions from **five** people, but it gave me something to think about and comment about.

Now, let me address some of those points. When I was invited to become the editor, the staff of this magazine had been through some rough times. The staff was losing members, the number of contributors was falling, and the resulting documents showed it, with fewer pages and fewer articles—about anything. Since I couldn't magically create new contributors, I did the next best thing, I created new articles. Although technically not "Rover" material, I felt that the scope of these articles fell within the aims of Rovering—to help young people develop the knowledge and skills they'll need in life.

From my first days as editor, I began talking to people at moots, training courses and any gathering of Rovering people trying to sell the magazine and pick up contributors. We gained some and lost some, but could have put out editions with hundreds of pages if all the promised articles were delivered. We picked up a valuable addition to our staff and a major column, when Kirby McQuaig decided to become a contributor with his "**Out & About**" column—without my persuasion. Kirby's enthusiasm and salesmanship made him our "Promotions" expert, and he's brought in new material and new contributors, scouring the net for Rovers and Rover information, then contacting those people.

If you want more diversity of writer's I think this issue will make you happy. Ditto: more Rover articles; ditto more Commentary columns on Rover issues; ditto more Scouting articles (see the World Moot article "Through the Eyes of a Canadian Rover"). Thanks to Kirby, we also have contributors from Nova Scotia and Alberta, and a report from Quebec off the internet. We **are** trying to meet your needs (and have been even before the survey), but we're only as good as our contributors. If you want to see more "Meet the Crew" articles, how about one on **YOUR** crew?

We've lost two of our semi-permanent columns: "Friendly Forest Flora", whose author, Tammy Squires became a new mom and has a different "deadline" on her schedule right now; and "Rover Ramblings" by 'the Old Rover' (who wanted to stay anonymous), who moved out west and felt he wouldn't have time to continue his column. On the other hand, I'd like to officially welcome Audrey Dianne Verge with "**the Nova Rover**" and Katherine "Kat" Nielsen with "**Rovers in Alberta**". Kat, by the way is also the Western Coordinator for Jamboree on the Trail.

Last month we submitted an ad from the staff looking for more Rovering-minded people to join us. It's being repeated this month. If you compared this issue to the ones that appeared three years ago, you will have to agree that we've made headway in size, style, material and overall "look and feel", but I know we can get better. And **you** can make the job easier if you help. Contribute an article, a picture, an ad, **information** (we can't print what we don't know—after all, we're not politicians.....oops, shouldn't have said that).

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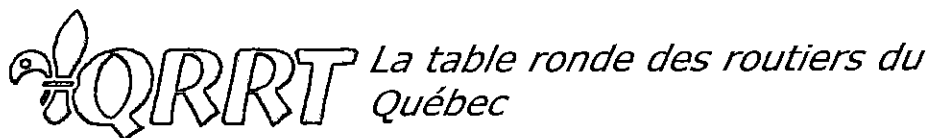
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Editor's Note: The following is the "Reader's Digest" version of the minutes, which were condensed simply for reasons of space. They offer more than the HIGHLIGHTS, but less than the full version. For the complete minutes of the meeting see <www.tcmp.net/qrrt/minutes/2000_11_05_QRRT_En.htm>

Minutes of the Quebec Rover Round Table November 5th, 2000 Scout Centre in Dorval

Chairperson's Opening Remarks:

Paul Beaudet welcomed us all to another year and asked that we introduce ourselves. Paul presented the agenda for the evening and asked if there was any objections or additions. None were made at the time. The agenda approved unanimously. The order of the agenda was re-arranged.

Upcoming QRC/QRRT Meetings: (All dates are Sundays)	
QRC	December 10, 2000
QRC	January 14, 2001
QRC	February 11, 2001
QRC	March 18, 2001
QRC	April 22, 2001
QRC	May 27, 2001
QRC	July 29, 2001
QRRT	June 10, 2001
QRRT	August 19, 2001

All dates were approved by those in attendance.

Service Projects:

- *The Telethon of Stars:* (December 2-3) to be held the first weekend in December. Paul Beaudet is co-ordinating this activity. If you are available to help on as security, at the Claude Robillard Centre, contact Paul Beaudet ASAP beaudetp@sympatico.ca
- *Tri District Canteen:* The Tri District Camporee committee has approached us to take care of the canteen at their camp May 12&13, 2001. We will be allowed to retain the profits from the sales made in the canteen. The event is to be held in Cedar Park. There was a motion put forth to approve our acceptance of this event by Christy Atwood, and seconded by Mary Pauline. After discussion into the logistics of the activity, the motion was withdrawn. It will be tabled to the QRC meeting in December, after further information has been obtained as to exactly what role we will be providing at the camp.
- *Gateways for Camp Jackson Dodds:* Newsflash! Camp Jackson Dodds needs a new gateway. This Rover service project will take place at Jackson Dodds to erect a more recognizable gateway at the camp. It must be large enough to allow the food trucks to pass through, for the summer program. This project is scheduled to begin at May Moot, May 18-21, 2001.
- *Signs for Tamaracouta:* Continuing with our previous project for Tamaracouta: there are still approximately 50 signs needed for the camp. It has been agreed that we are willing to make these signs for the camp. Dan Maurice will provide us with the necessary tools

and information for the required signs.

- *Open House 2001:* (February 18, 2001) Paul Beaudet is this years co-ordinator and he will contact us with further information as to what will be needed, as well as a date for meeting to organize the activities. All Rovers are needed to help make this day a success.

Election Results:

There was no opposition to any of these nominees, so they were all put in place by acclamation:

<u>Chairman</u>	Paul Beaudet, Crusaders
<u>Vice Chair</u>	Krista Jemczhk, Mana Uma
<u>Activity Coordinator</u>	Paul Davidson, Granny Grunts
<u>Secretary</u>	Johnny Tibbo, 1 st Candiac Musketeers
<u>Treasurer</u>	Leona Harari, Merlin's Mages

A vote was required for our advisor. Jeff Smith, the outgoing advisor, expressed a desire to remain as a co-advisor or assistant advisor. Eric Colby was nominated to become our new advisor to the Round Table & Council. A vote was taken and all accepted unanimously. No abstentions. There was also a vote to keep Jeff Smith on as a co-advisor. This also passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Upcoming Activities:

November 18, 2001	Kimberly Richard fund Bowl-a-Thon
December 16, 2000	The Crusaders are hosting a Christmas bonspiel at the St. Lambert Curling Club. The cost is To Be Announced. The Venturers and Senior Branch will also be invited: they would curl in the afternoon. A supper for all would be included in the cost. After Supper, the Rovers will curl. And the Christmas party will be held at the same time. More information to come from Paul Beaudet.
January 27-28, 2001	Old Port event Winter Camp More information to come ASAP
February 3, 2001	Mana Uma Rovers present their Hopping Hooligans Pub Night
February 18	Open House at the Scout Centre.
March 2-4, 2001	Club Med Moot hosted by the Missing Links Rover Crew
March 3, 2001	A food drive in collaboration with the Fédération des Scouts et Guides du Québec.
March 24, 2001	Scout Day with the Canadians. More information to come as it becomes available. Approx. 1500 tickets will be reserved for the Canadians game, at a reduced price.
April 1, 2001	Flying Jags Bowling Madness
April 7 -8, 2001	Rover Woodbadge 1
May 5, 2001	Tentatively a Tamaracouta Work day. Date and time to be confirmed.
May 11-13, 2001	Tri District at Cedar Park.
May 18 - 21, 2001	May Moot at Jackson Dodds being hosted by the Mana Uma
June 16-17, 2001	Easter Seals event
June 16-17, 2001	Lakeshore General Hospital Duck Race
July 6-14, 2001	Canadian Jamboree 2001
September 22, 2001	Old Port Event
October 5-8, 2001	Grunt Moot at Tamaracouta

Goals:

Recruit New Members

- More social style events
- Bring friends to our activities

Fundraising for underprivileged

- Allot funds from specific activities

University Crews

- The Round Table is looking for volunteers to help get this project off the ground

Publicity

- Get out good publicity
- Create a Rover corner in the Scout Centre
- More pictures for calendars, promotions, etc
- If problems develop in your groups, contact Paul Beaudet or Eric Colby
theroverguy@tcmp.net

Resource Crew

- The resource crew is set up to help get new crews start up with the assistance of our advisors and Rover alumni.

Appreciation Night

- A party for Leaders; Group Committee members; volunteers, who give their time to Scouting. Krista Jemczyk, Kim Kasprzyk, and Mary Pauline Vatsis have formed a committee to organize this evening.

Added to the Agenda:

- Translation of Program:

The Rover Program is yet to be translated in French. We decided to send a letter to National requesting that the program be translated immediately. Sarah Anderson put a motion on the table. The motion is as follows:

The QRRT will take all necessary measures to get the Rover program translated into French. Marie Pauline Vatsis seconded the Motion.

Note:

Leader magazine has not included the Rover program in their September issue. The program should be submitted by the QRC, so that the whole gestalt of Scouting is represented in Leader and other publications, in the near future.

2nd Vote on Provincial:

The QRRT and QRC each hold a vote on Provincial and it was decided that a second person is named for the right to have a vote at the Provincial Council. Our secretary, Johnny Tibbo volunteered to accept that vote. As it now stands, the Rovers from the QRRT with the right to vote are Paul Beaudet and Johnny Tibbo.

Translation of Correspondence:

All information for activities must be translated into French. Paul Davidson has volunteered to translate your flyers or other various small documents for Rover events: you can send them to him at pauldavidson@mac.com and he will do the translations for you.

Word from our Advisor:

Eric Colby is in the process of preparing a short article for the Scout About Magazine based on Rovers, to its readers an opportunity to better know our goals and activities. Eric is also planning to visit the various Rover crews, to fulfil his role as APC Rovers. Eric is collecting a census to determine Rover numbers and crew activities. All Rover crews are asked to contact Eric Colby to give the dates of their next meetings. You can contact him at theroverguy@tcmp.net



It's A Girl

Congratulations to Ian Remenda, of the 45th Kitchener Rover Crew, and his wife Dianna, on the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Emily Rose, on September 25th, 2000.

Everyone is doing well.

Alyssa is also a niece for Rachel and Dennis Remenda and Grand daughter for Jim. All of the 45th Kitchener Rover Crew

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements.

Welcome New Subscribers

Tara Neal—Etobicoke, ON

Mark Falls—35th Tecumseh Rovers

David Froud—3rd Aurora Nomads

Matthew Emons—9th Orillia Rovers

Andrew McKenzie—27th Niagara

Mitch & Dee Puchala—London, Ontario

Margaret Montgomery—Tecumseh Rangers

Katrina Angel & Andrew Gough—1st Kannabi Rovers

Janet Kubisewsky—1st University of Waterloo

Michael MacDonald—3rd Newtonbrook Rovers

Elaine Rhys-Jones—21st Mount Hope Rangers

Tom Woodhall—Hamilton

Jerry Pederson—7th Oshawa

Ryan Jenkins—University of Waterloo Rover Crew

Bruce Palanik—1st Dunbarton Knights of Nature

Uncle Jeff!

Congratulations to Jeff "Squid" Gross, Mate of the 3rd Newtonbrook Rover Crew for be coming an Uncle for the first time. His niece, Christina Sky Gross was born on September 7th, and weighted in at 7 lbs.

**It's a terrible death to die,
It's a terrible death to die,
It's a terrible death to be
talked to death,
It's a terrible death to die**

GOING TO YORK?

Are you going to be attending York University next year? Interested in continuing your involvement with Rovers while at school? Why not become an inaugural member of the York University Rovers. Rovers who are registered with a crew at home as well as new members or those returning to Scouting are welcome. If your interested or for more information please email yorku_rovers@bigfoot.com or call

Katrina at 416-626-3991

The Squires Squire

The 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers would like to announce the birth of a new Squire, rather that should be a new Squires, a new Squire Squires, ...whatever.

Congratulations to Bob and Tammy (Author of our *Friendly Forest Fauna* column) Squires on the birth of their son Michael Alexander. Born on October 29th and weighing in at 7 lbs 10oz

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Rover Organizations

They're known by many names - Round Tables, Rover Councils and Rover Communities. Ultimately, they're all about the same thing - Rovers getting together to talk Rovering stuff. Everyone has different ideas about how this should happen, and sometimes Rover bodies are sneered at or dismissed as a waste of time. Hopefully this article will help you understand what Rover bodies are supposed to be.

What is a Rover Body? It can be many things:

- A group of friends. Rovers and Advisors from different Crews and different areas getting together, experiencing the Rover Program and having a great time.
- A Support network. Someplace where Rovers can share ideas, get excited about their program, raise concerns, and build momentum and enthusiasm.
- A learning environment. Learn about being a Rover. Share your experiences. Develop new skills by taking on projects and leadership.
- A Town Hall discussion group. Talk about a new idea or project. Bounce ideas off of each other. Sound out other Rovers' opinions and find out what they think about that last Moot, or what the Youth Forum is doing.
- A bulletin board. A place to share resource information and get information about upcoming events and activities.
- A communication link. One central spot where you can contact Rovers, Advisors and Scouters instead of rooting them out one at a time or missing them completely.
- A celebration. Somewhere you can find out what other Rovers are doing and promote your activities and accomplishments. Make people aware that Rovers aren't just leaders with red epaulets.

Like Rover Networks, different people and groups can taken on the challenge of running a Rover Organization. Usually it starts in one of two ways: A group of Rovers decide they want a Round Table, and start working towards that goal. They grow in numbers, and start working with their local Area, District or Region for support. Or, it can start from another body - a Commissioner, Youth Rep or Service Team may decide that there is a need for a Round Table. They empower some people to start the process. These individuals go out and gain the support of the Rovers and the body starts to grow. No matter how the process is started, the key to success is to gain the support of the local Rovers and accomplish some concrete goals.

Here are some tips on running a strong Rover body:

- When deciding activities and meetings, pick times and locations that are good for the members. If you're covering a large area, think about holding longer events and moving the location around. It's one thing to plan an evening meeting, but if most of the members have to drive more than three hours every time, don't be surprised by a low turnout.
- Advertise meetings, activities and events well in advance and avoid last minute changes. You'll make it easier for new members and out-of-town visitors to attend.
- Help people make it out to your events. Car-pooling is cost effective and a great way to get to know your fellow Rovers - think about the adventures a vanload of Rovers driving down Highway 401 are going to have.
- Develop a strong communication network. Make sure people know what's happening with the group, especially if they weren't at the last meeting. This includes spreading the word about

- upcoming events, current projects and accomplishments.
- It's important that the group does something. Be visible and promote yourself and Rovers. Some of the activities taken on by Round Tables in the past include service projects, senior section recruitment, and holding Rover Basic training courses.

Constitutions and By-laws are some of the hardest things to create; yet they are very important documents. Look how long it takes any major organization to do it, and for the most part, they're still at it. These documents define who you are, how you are organized, and how you do business. It helps put everyone on an even keel, ensuring that meetings are conducted in an orderly manner, and that no single individual or group of individuals can hijack the process. Don't expect to get it perfect the first time because they are 'living' documents. They will evolve over time as your needs change.

If your Round Table is just starting out, don't try to tackle this huge task in one sitting. Break it up over several meetings so you don't get bogged down. Better yet, put together a small group that will create a draft and present it to the body for feedback and input. Marathon sessions can quickly tire out members and hamper the process. Copy from other constitutions and by-laws as a starting point, and then modify them so they work for your group.

Generally speaking, the Constitution is the foundation of the body. It defines who you are and how you operate – including the group's purpose, membership requirements, structure of the Executive and the election process. This document shouldn't be changed very often, and only when everyone has had a chance to participate in the discussion. Bylaws, on the other hand, define the day-to-day operations and could be changed more easily. They generally document things like process, procedures and job descriptions.

Different people will attend the Round Table events. Some like the business aspect with the formal structure. Others attend the social events, and like hanging out with other Rovers. Some people hear that there's free food and come running. Everyone wants to have fun and socialize, but you need to balance this with the group's reason for existing. All business and no fun makes it hard to get fresh members. All fun and no business can result in a lack of support and attendance after a couple of meetings because people don't see the value in coming out. Both are dangerous to a Rover Body.

Rover bodies may not be for everyone – they are but one aspect of the Rover Program. Depending on their needs, Rovers and Advisors may feel differently about it at different points in their Rovering career. However, Round Tables should make every member aware of their existence, and always maintain an open invitation to come out when they're ready. To operate effectively, Round Tables can't be exclusionary, or give such an impression.

Some people have suggested that Round Tables and their like have no purpose in today's Scouting. I would disagree. Many people forget that Rovers are the *Senior Program Section* in Scouts Canada. With lower membership numbers, they don't get as much support compared to the Beavers and Cubs. Rover organizations can help support the Rover program locally, regionally and provincially by bringing together people who are interested in the Rover program and helping it grow.

So after all this, why do people talk badly about Rover bodies? Sometimes a Round Table can get a bad

rep, not because of what they have or haven't done, but because they've been around for a while. Rovering has a longer institutional memory than other Program Section because our members are around for a much longer time span. (8 years compared to the 3-4 years of the Scout and Venturer programs) Today's Rover Council may not be the same one that the older Rovers and Advisors remember from 5 years ago. Time, different people, and new ideas can all have an impact. Please don't discount, or discourage today's Rovers from learning about Round Tables because of bad memories from years ago.

Rover Bodies are a good way to experience Rovering outside of your own Crew. You meet new people, and get a different perspective on the Rover Program. You get access to resources and a Rover Network, and can be a resource to others. These are all intangible items that people sometimes forget about when talking about Rover bodies.

Find out about the Rover Organizations in your area. Are you a member? What are they doing for you? What can you do for them – either by helping out with a leadership role, or by participating in the process? The ability for Rovers to share and help each other – this is what a Round Table, in any form, is all about.

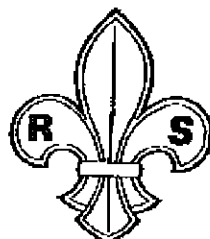
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Voyageur Regional Rover Round Table

Want a real-world example of a successful Round Table? Then take a look at the Voyageur Regional Rover Round Table (VRRRT). They cover a large geographic area (most of Eastern Ontario) and meet once every two months. Their events span two days to make it worth the travel time, and weekend locations are moved around the Region. At least once a year, there's an event that's relatively close to each Crew in the Region, and one event that's on the other side of the Region. This helps share the travel burden amongst all the Rovers. Car pooling, and public transportation help get the Rovers where they're going.

Each event is hosted by a local Crew who looks after sleeping accommodations, meals and planning fun activities. They've done the Haunted Walk of Kingston, inner-tubing in Petawawa, and a camping retreat in Smith Falls. Weekend costs are kept to a minimum because everyone realizes that on top of the weekend fees, the trip itself costs money. (gas, meals, and a forgotten toothbrush) The Round Table has their meeting Sunday morning so that everyone can be on the road by early afternoon.





MEMORIES

Halloween Moot Remembered

Editor's Note:

With the exception of two years where my health prevented me from attending, it's been my pleasure to attend the other 18 Hallowe'en Moots. Since we just closed an era, the magazine staff and I felt that it would be fitting to present our readers with some nostalgia. A Rover Advisor's daughter give me information on a web site where I found over 500 pictures from the moot, along with a bulletin board with some interesting comments about the whole series of Hallowe'en Moots in general. I'd like to share some of this with you. For more pictures, try going to the site: http://members.nbci.com/dancemoot/camp/Hallowee_Moot_2000/ Good luck.....it took me about five days to check out all the pictures there. They also have pictures from other moots (check the parent directory).

Enjoy.



Well, it is just over an hour since I left that magical place called HM. My eyes are still watery (damn allergies..j/k) It was a fond farewell to the undisputed champion of camps and to all my scouting friends who I may not see anytime soon since like many other people this was my last camp as a rover. Who knows, in years to come I may become a leader and hopefully have my children partake in the joys of scouting. For those who I see on a regular basis in and out of the scouting circle I will definitely see you soon. For those scouting brothers and sisters who I do not get to see often I will miss you all very much and please know that I always will hold a special place in my heart (yes, sappy, I know) for all of you. Without you special and unique people my camping days would not have been so merry.

Play safe, hugs and kisses all around,

LOVE

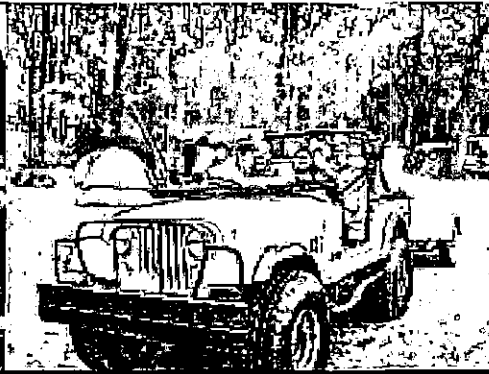
SCOTT MCNICOL aka Pylon



Well, as we packed up the truck in a hurry on Sunday morning and left there was a slight hint of sadness on the face of both Ross and myself. As he remarked, it is the end of an era. The good times had by all the memories and the girls will all be gone. But looking back I don't feel the same sadness that perhaps some others feel. I am more overcome with joy to have been part of a wonderful organization and annual event that has meant so much to so many. The memories created will last a life time and I don't think that they should include sadness or a sense of loss. The people and the events that happened over the years will help bring me joy when I am 35 and in a mid life crisis, overstressed, over worked and wondering the meaning of life. At least for a short time I was a child, and damn I had fun. To everyone I have met and befriended, I think Bon Jovi said it best "Just gotta keep the faith".

ADAM





As I stood crying at the final closing of HM, I realized how lucky we all are to be part of such a wonderful family...

I have been a Rover for 11 years and contrary to Scouts Canada I will always be a Rover. Many people will come and go in my life but every Rover/Ranger that I have met will remain in my heart forever. I hope that I will continue to see all of you at other moots. There is always a way to go to moots even if your over age according to Our Respective Organizations.

I have always said that "Rovering is not an Age, It's an Attitude.....". The same thing can be said about the Ranger section.

But I digress....enough politics and back to the emotional stuff.

Nothing will ever come close to matching the emotional importance of HM to us, but I truly wish that another moot will rise up as the flagship moot in Southwestern Ontario.

In the immortal words of Bob Dylan...."the times they are a changing".....

And with change we must accept the passing of people and events in our lives....

To all of you I say "I love you all" and to those I may never meet again.....

"Live Long and Prosper"

oh crap, here come the tears again.....

KEVIN DUNN

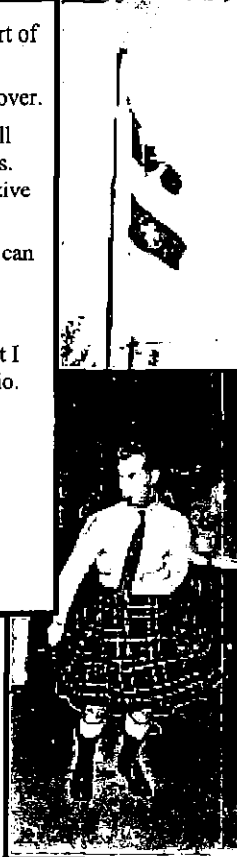
I attended Halloween moot this past weekend, and believe that it was one of the best weekends of my life...not because of the people I met, or the things I did, but because of what I realized. I've been in the guiding/scouting organizations for 13 years now, and have decided this year to pursue Rovers. I admit that in my first years attending moots and Ventures, it was all about looking cool, and impressing those

around me.....I've never really grasped the whole idea of moots until this weekend. I used to think that they were purely a party weekend...starting on a Friday and ending on a Saturday, then returning to my everyday life. This weekend showed me what I've been longing to see since I came to my first moot. It showed me that moots are not just a weekend long....they create bonds that last forever. A moot is a place where you don't have to impress anyone, you can just be yourself, and feel free and confident at the same time. I know people that go to camps to meet members of the opposite sex, and to drink till they can't distinguish left from right, etc. Sure, I enjoy the above too...but deeper than that, and more importantly than that is the friendships that you can create. I met some of the people that write on this board on the weekend, and they finally made me realize what true mooting is about. I wholeheartedly thank everyone of you for showing the new generation of rovers coming through, or at least myself, what the true meaning of mooting is, what the true meaning of Rovering is, and what the true meaning of friendship is. If anything, remember that closing the door on something, just enables another one to open, and new adventures to happen.....

They may not seem like they're as good as the ones had, but on a different level, they'll be amazing unto themselves.

So to all the rovers/rangers leaving the scouting community, I thank-you, and wish you good luck on your paths that life will take you on.

THE NEW GENERATION





Hallowe'en Moot 2000.....what else can I say but WOW. I have been going to this camp ever since I was 15 years old - and now I'm 21. I even celebrated my 18th birthday there with my mum, and 13th Brampton. Every year it has rained on at least ONE of the three amazing days it is held on. Usually the day that my birthday falls on. Hallowe'en Moot, is one of those camps that didn't matter if I was dying from a cold/flu/whatever-I would go. I am glad I was able to participate in it for so many years. My favourite time was shaving Jason's legs so he could be a "proper" lady for Saturday Night. Scouting/Guiding have played a big part in my life over the years I have been involved, and I am sad too see it end, yet happy to have so many memories...good and bad, to reflect on when I squeeze my children into their uniforms, and watch them have as much, and hopefully more memories than I could ever have. Thank you too all of you I have meet over the years. I hope we keep in touch. And thanks again for letting me be a part of this wonderful family....even though I know a lot of you wanted to kill me at times.

SHAREH



Well it's my turn now. For some of us, we chose this camp to be our last. It's funny...I'm sitting here crying already as I write this thinking of all the great friends that I have made here in the past ten years. Of all the people I have been blessed to meet in my life, I hold all of you nearest and dearest to my heart and in my memories.

There are a lot of people that I met for the first time at Hallowe'en Moot. And today there are some that I quite possibly saw for the last time. There are also a few that I know I will continue to cherish as my friends 20 years from now. And yet, surprisingly enough, there are even 1 or 2 of whom I thought would always be there, that probably won't be.

I told two people today, in between my tears, "I love you" (Cherish and Monte). But the best part of it was hearing them try to say it back between their tears. And I think today was the best time I could possibly have told you that from the bottom of my heart.

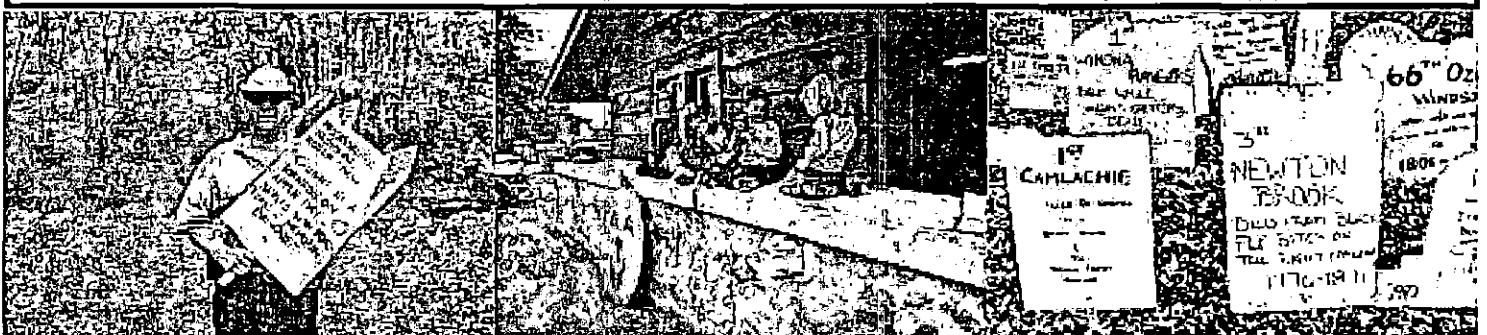
I started this messageboard (AMY'S WASSUP WITH CAMPING) 2 years ago as a way for us to keep in contact in between the camps. And now it is a way for some of us to keep in contact altogether.

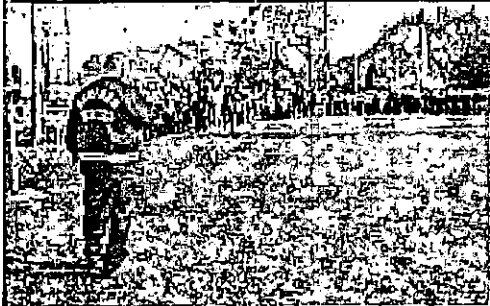
Looking around today and seeing so many people crying, both male and female, made me realize just how much so many of us mean to one another. And right now I need to go and thank my mom for signing me up for Pathfinders ten years ago.

I love each and every one of you that I have been able to get to know and I thank you for letting me have the opportunity to have made such a spectacular group of friends.

All my love now and forever;

AIMS





Damn Stu. "I now declare Halloween Moot Closed Forever" That word "FOREVER" hit me harder than I could ever anticipate. I know a few of us got our hearts shattered. But the happiness comes from knowing that the torch burning with the rover spirit is passing to a younger generation. I hope they felt the "magic" we did and stay with it.

The other hard part in the closing was the award to Jack from Stu. If you do not already know, Jack is very close friends with Rick (Mike's Dad) and Stu. For years they've single-handedly ran Brant District and Jack has been diagnosed with Brain Cancer a few weeks ago. It is the exact same thing that claimed Don Sitler of 9th Kitchener Rovers. Don ran the St. George's Day dinner/dance and Rovering Magazine.

At moot's end we sat around and had a beer... only one. We were too tired to even drink that. Nobody was hungry. Nothing. We shoved over two large boxes of Roger Awards for Best Moot. Some were broken, scratched and banged up over the years. We took 17 of the past 19 years. We decided that each Chairperson shall receive one for the year they ran. I got 1994 "Return to Innocence". Appropriate I was chairperson for that. :) It will now hang with my epaulettes and red rover beret in my room... in Jason's basement. Everyone can have a look when they come to the Halloween party on the 27th.

Good memories and friends I've made shall never be forgotten. Besides, most of you I shall see every few weeks anyhow. I make that a promise! I said it at closing, I'll say it now. I love you all.

ARCHMAGE

Is not how hard you pushed yourself, what you did wrong, or what you did right, it doesn't matter how you did it, who you did it with, where you were, what you saw, it all comes down to the same battle in a sense....

quality vs. quantity.

...I tried not to cry, listening to Stu's daughter....listening to her talk about how she never felt she fit in until she found camp....

I don't know if I could express it quite that way, but I know that at camp I am at the uttermost myself, I am the pinnacle of all I can be while I'm there. I give all, I play hard, I feel with all that I can and love with even more.

I tried not to cry, thinking about how this wonderful moot has come to an end, I stood there and watched a great many of you, smiling through my tears at memories passed and moments that will be treasured forever...

I was scared to breathe for fear I would shatter the magic, I think in a divine way we all united for a moment, our minds all transfixed into the same loss, yet same sense of joy, pride and determination....I thought I was being silly thinking all this....

and then Monte reached from behind me and rested his arm on my shoulder, and that's when I knew.

I knew it's not about the fact that I have such a large group of friends from this movement, it's the quality of those friendships, it's growing up together without taint or shame or fear of being who we all really are.

We made magic.

We made magic at Dirty Sex Fire, at HM's fireside marshmallow fight, at "girl talk", at the thurs night of HM, at a parade of bars and restaurants and parties, at dances, at "WWF", at Grand Bend, at DC, at 7 hour couch sittings....

We made magic in Burford, in Markham, in Brantford, in Paris, in Hamilton, in Burlington, in TO, in Lindsay, in Ajax, in Pickering, in Grand Bend, in Newmarket, in KW,.....

But you know what it doesn't matter at all....

it's not how often or where, it's not quantitative..

Each one is burned into my mind like a blinding light, they scar my memory and haunt my nostalgia because they were each on their own the best. Each moment, each memory, was magic, because we are all simply us, and with each other we've never been afraid to show that and to give all of ourselves to each other.

To Halloween Moot, rest in peace, you have captured hearts, forged friendships, provided paths of opportunity, and enraptured us all, your job is done, you have given us many memories and many good times, it's now time for us to keep them close and keep them coming....

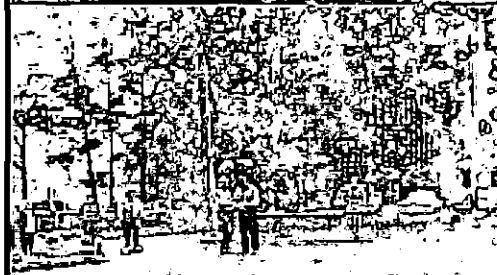
It's not the end of an era, it's merely the beginning of a new one....

much luv

"mom"

CHERISH

FYI - The joke is that Jodie is NOT Stu's daughter (biologically anyway)



THE BEST OF THE EAST

The final winners of the Hallowe'en Moot

Best Costume contest



Best Female: Scarecrow
Margret Ann Montgomery
Company 1 Tecumseh



Best Group: Gilligan's Island
81st Hamilton Rovers

'Skipper': David Oliver; 'Mr. Howell': Neal Pyke;
'Mrs. Howell': Heather Fraser; 'Gilligan': Ryan Bartz;
'Professor': Mike Logan; 'Ginger': Mark Miller;
'Mary Anne': Adam Pyke



Best Male: Knight (on right)
Slaying Evil Creature
Jeff Currey
2nd Dixie "Excalibur" Rovers

Although I have only been a Ranger for just over a year I feel the friendships that all of you are talking about at the few moots I've been to I have met some of the greatest people of my life. This past weekend was only my second Hallowe'en Moot, but I could feel the love and the friendship and the sadness at closing. I am not the crying type of person but you sure made me this weekend. You made me think and I just wanted to say thanks, yup that's right. Although I don't know many of you personally you did teach me lessons. I saw what you guys have and the good memories that you have made and I hope that the new generation will be able to follow in your footsteps because they are good ones and only the best are the ones that you aim for. I know I will be.

DOC (=sarah=)



After reading all of these messages I now feel more teary-eyed then I did at the Moot on Sunday. Over the past 8 years of being involved with Rangers I have grown and learned a lot. I didn't learn these things easily, but no matter what I have had my "moot friends" stand by me. When I became a leader straight after being a Ranger, it was difficult, but many of you were there lending a ear, or shoulder and offering words of encouragement. Although there have been fights, disagreements and hurt feelings over the years, I still think, and always will, of my mooting friends as treasures.

I am not going to stop attending moots, as I have a "new generation" to expose to these wonderful traditions. But next year as the traditional Halloween Moot weekend rolls around I will feel a sense of loss. Although I feel this way now, I'm sure for me at least, reality won't set in until that time.

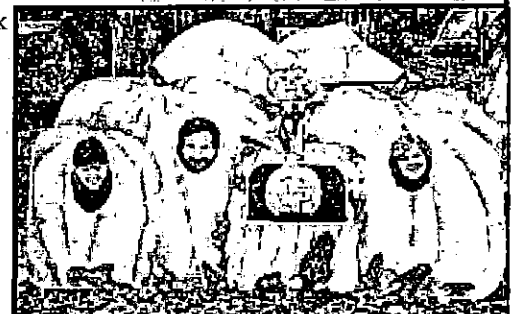
Burford has been a place of many memories for me, and not just during the mooting weekend. I will treasure these thoughts and memories in my mind forever and remember all of the times I shared with friends. Even when I'm old and gray.

My fondest memory of Lions Park in Burford is not of a mooting weekend, but of a trip I took a few years ago for my silver Duke of Edinborough award. Memories from that week include Stu coming and picking the four of us up and taking us for Kool-Aid at his house, and for a drive to an emu farm. Stu also drove by the park every night, just to make sure us four girls were all right by ourselves. He didn't have to, but he did.

Thanks Stu. Thanks Mary.

Thanks Burford.

Julie aka Pokey



ROVERING TO SUCCESS AWARD

The Ontario Rover Community recognizes that each Rover Crew is unique, and that their program reflects the interest and abilities of their members. Not all Rovers are interested in an award scheme, or are able to participate in one that runs during a fixed, consecutive time period.

The Rovering to Success Award is open to every registered Rover in Ontario. It is an individual-oriented award that allows every Rover to participate at their own pace and at their own level. Every possible interest and skill level is accommodated. To earn the award, the Rover sets and completes a goal that is a challenge to them personally. Unlike some awards, a Rover can earn this award more than once. The requirements for each Challenge will be different each time since the Rover has grown since their last application. However, an individual cannot apply for and complete more than one Challenge in a 12-month period, starting the day the application is first received. Only one challenge from each Rover will be honoured at a time. There is no maximum time limit but the award must be completed before the Rover's 27th birthday.

To apply for the award, the Rover submits their challenge to the ORC Awards Committee c/o Provincial Council Office. Rovers will be on their honour to carry out their work as outlined in their application. The application should explain what their goal is, how they will accomplish it, and why it is a challenge for them. The application will also request a reference person who may be contacted if the Awards Committee has any doubts about the extent of the challenge for the individual. This reference may be the Rover's sponsor the Crew, an Advisor, or somebody in the community who knows the Rover. A Challenge may be revised only under extenuating circumstances once it has been submitted, and at the Award Committee's discretion.

As part of the requirement, the Rover must keep and submit a log of their work. The level of detail in the log is left up to the individual, but it should stand on its own to justify why the challenge has been met. The Awards Committee will read the log to determine if the requirements have been satisfied.

When the Rover feels that they have met the challenge that they have set for themselves, they will inform the Awards Committee and submit their log. The Committee will confirm that the requirements have been completed, and will make the formal award presentation at the next earliest opportunity.

Examples of Possible Challenges include:

- Complete a 25 km hike after recovering from a broken leg injury
- Become an accredited trainer with Scouts Canada
- Learn about and experience a different culture

The Award Recognition will consist of two parts. The first time a Rover earns the award, a small pin will be presented that they may wear on the right breast pocket flap of their uniform. As the Rover completes each successful Challenge, they will earn a red ribbon with a gold number on it to indicate the number of completed challenges to date. This ribbon may be worn behind the pin on the uniform, and only the highest-numbered ribbon will be worn. The highest possible numbered ribbon will be 9, since this is the maximum possible Challenges that an individual could complete in their Rovering career.

The Awards Committee will consist of the following people.

- The ORC Vice-Chairperson (Program) - Voting privileges (Elected official)
- The ORC Past Chair - Voting privileges (Elected official)
- One Registered Rover - Voting privileges (Appointed official)

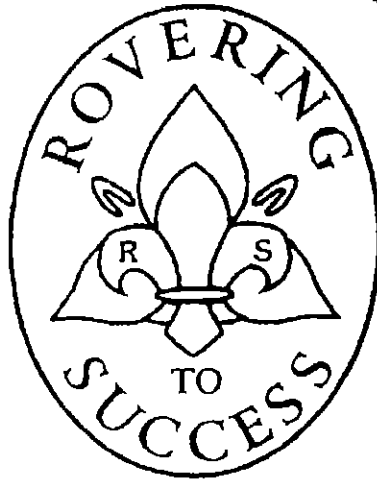
Names of volunteers will be taken at the September ORC Meeting, and the Executive will appoint one of these Rovers who best meet the criteria specified.

- The ORC Advisor - No Voting privileges

The criteria for Committee Members will be

- A firm understanding of the Rover Program, the Award scheme, and Scouting
- Willing to commit the time and effort in reviewing the award applications and logs.
- Be able to quickly respond to Award requests
- Diplomatic and people skills
- Be fair in judging the Award applications

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Fit as a Fiddle



Personal fitness does not mean having a sculpted body and posing for weight lifting magazines. It does mean getting your body into a healthy state with a reasonable weight for your height and body structure, a firm muscle tone and being able to do some physical activity without wheezing. This column is NOT intended to replace your doctor, nutritionist or a certified trainer. It IS intended to give some common sense suggestions concerning exercise, nutrition and keeping fit.

A Real

By Jeff Oliphant
'Personal Fitness Professional' magazine
July 2000

PAIN

in the Hand and Wrist

Recognizing Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

As a computer programmer, you've started to complain that during your weight training workouts your hands are starting to fall asleep. You noticed it a couple of weeks ago, but didn't mention anything. Now, it is getting worse and you have difficulty holding the dumbbells that you're using. You've also been awakened a few times at night because of pain in your wrists and hands. More than likely, you have Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS). You should curtail all activities involving the wrists and hands and see a physician.

The Carpal Tunnel

The carpal tunnel is a narrow passageway at the base of your hand on the palm side. If you stuck your hand out with your palm facing up, the carpal bones of the wrist would make up the floor and walls of the tunnel. The roof of the tunnel is made of the transverse carpal ligament. Inside the tunnel is the median nerve, which helps provide feeling for the palm of the hand, thumb, index, middle and half of the ring finger, as well as controls movement for those same structures. In addition, inside the carpal tunnel are nine flexor tendons for the fingers and thumb and their synovial sheaths.

The Syndrome

CTS is an inflammatory disorder caused by repetitive stress, trauma or other conditions that cause tissues in the carpal tunnel to swell and compress the median nerve. When the median nerve is compressed, the conduction of nerve impulses is decreased beyond that point. This would be analogous to stepping on a garden hose while water is flowing, limiting flow beyond that point. Signs and symptoms a person may complain of when median nerve

compression occurs in CTS include:

- Gradual development of pain, numbness, tingling or burning in the hand, thumb, index, middle and ring fingers. Pain may be first noticed at rest and not during activity.
- Nocturnal pain: waking at night with pain and numbness in the hands that may disappear with shaking of the hands.
- Gradual development of weakness in the hand, thumb, index, middle and ring fingers. Grip and pinch strength starts to diminish.

If you experience these signs or symptoms for an extended period of time, you may also have noticeable atrophy of the thenar (palm side) muscles of the thumb.

Two simple tests could further indicate if you possibly have CTS. The first test involves having you hold the backs of his hands together as in Figure 1. If after approximately one minute he has numbness or tingling in his hand(s), he may have CTS. The same would be true if

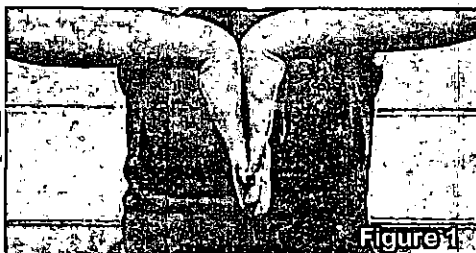


Figure 1



Figure 2

pressure was applied to the carpal tunnel as in Figure 2.

The Causes

Repetitive and continuous flexion and extension of the wrist are the primary causes of CTS. Participating in fitness and exercise activities, such as in tennis and racquetball, can cause this repetitive stress. Most cases of CTS, however, are not caused by fitness and exercise injuries; they are caused by repetitive stress at work. Keyboarding, construction, cutting meat or any other type of repetitive movement of the wrist and hand can cause CTS. These repetitive movements cause the synovial sheaths or linings of the tendons in the carpal tunnel to become inflamed and swell, thus placing pressure on the median nerve.

Women tend to suffer from CTS more than men, primarily because of pregnancy and the hormonal changes of menopause. Other factors that can cause CTS include: blunt trauma or injury to the wrist; anatomical abnormalities of the wrist bones; obesity; smoking and poor nutrition; and medical conditions, such as diabetes, hypothyroidism, rheumatoid arthritis or lupus. Combining fitness exercises that extensively use the wrist and hands with any of the above factors could easily cause CTS in an individual.

The Treatment

If you have any CTS symptoms, you should immediately curtail any aggravating activities and see a physician. Diagnosis by a physician will involve a medical history, physical examination, x-rays and possibly the use of electromyography (EMG). An EMG is an electrodiagnostic test that can be used to determine if nerve impulse conduction is being disrupted or slowed in the median nerve by the pressure created by CTS.

Once CTS is diagnosed, physician care may involve:

- The use of a splint at night or at all times to rest the wrist for three to four weeks.
- Frequent icing of the hand and wrist to reduce swelling and pain.
- Referral to a certified athletic trainer or physical therapist for therapeutic modality treatments.
- The use of NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) to decrease the inflammation.
- The use of diuretics to help decrease swelling.

In most cases, these treatments would relieve the symptoms and cause the CTS to resolve. If this treatment does not work, the physician would consider the use of an anti-inflammatory injection in the carpal tunnel to help decrease the inflammation that is present. If the CTS returns frequently or becomes chronic in nature, surgery may be considered. Surgery for CTS involves releasing the pressure in the carpal tunnel by cutting the transverse carpal ligament. This can be done either by an open release or endoscopy. An open release involves an incision approximately two inches long through the skin and then cutting the ligament. Endoscopy involves the use of a scope, about the size of a pencil, which is inserted into the skin. A small camera and cutting instrument are introduced into the scope, so the transverse carpal ligament can be visualized and released. Once the transverse carpal ligament is released, the signs and symptoms of CTS will dissipate almost immediately. Surgery will resolve CTS in most cases, but not all.

If left untreated, CTS could cause permanent damage to the median nerve. Permanent numbness and weakness could result, which could cause the person to lose the ability to complete everyday tasks involving grasping and holding objects or moving the wrist or hand.

The Prevention

Physically fit individuals are generally not as susceptible to CTS as unfit individuals, but the possibility still exists, especially if they have a lot of stress and strain on their wrists and hands while working. One of the most important parts of preventing CTS is recognizing when it is developing. The sooner it is recognized and treated, the less chance of significant problems.

The use of ergonomic controls in the workplace is one of the best methods for preventing CTS if a person has considerable stress and strain placed on his wrists and hands. Examples of ergonomic controls might be using larger or more comfortable handles on work tools or by using a wrist pad for a computer keyboard or a tracking ball instead of a mouse. In recent years, many companies have spent considerable time and money creating ergonomically friendly environments for their employees, not just to prevent CTS, but for the benefit of the whole body.

Frequent rest from repetitive movements is very important in preventing CTS. Simply stopping the repetitive movements and doing some light stretching exercises frequently throughout the day can make a significant difference. Here are some suggestions:

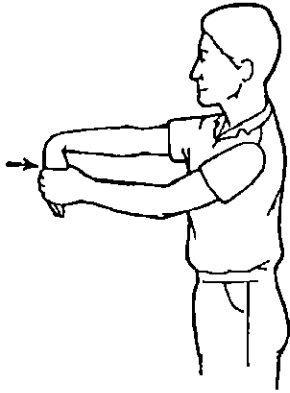
- Hand stretch:** Clench your fist as tight as you can and then release and fan out your fingers as far as you can.
- Finger stretch:** With the fingers of one hand, grab each finger on the other hand and individually and gently pull the fingers back into extension. Do the thumb as well, and hold each stretch for approximately five seconds.
- Thumb stretch:** Stretch your thumb across the palm of your hand towards the base of your little finger as far as you can and hold for five seconds. Then, extend your thumb outward and back as far as you can and hold for five seconds.
- Prayer stretch:** Place the palms of your hands together in front of your chest with your fingers extended upward (as if praying) and then raise your elbows so your wrists are being hyperextended and hold for five to 10 seconds.
- Wrist circles:** Simply rotate your wrists in a clockwise and counterclockwise direction as far as you can.

Each of these stretches should be repeated at least five times. Stretching will give your hands and wrists a great and much needed break from repeated movements.

Maintaining strength in the hands and wrists can also help CTS. For those individuals that perform repetitive hand and wrist movements in their fitness activities, it would behoove them to concentrate on working on their grip, forearm and wrist strength.

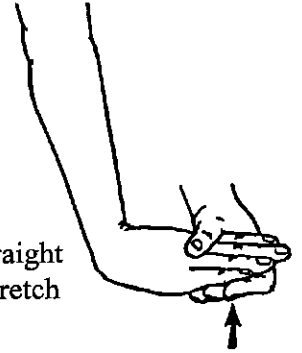
While CTS can range from a very minor nuisance to a very disabling condition, most cases are very mild and with proper care can be quickly resolved. If one of your clients complains of any CTS signs or symptoms, he should be referred to a physician promptly so his road to recovery is short.

Here's some more exercises to help in preventing or overcoming Carpal Tunnel Syndrome



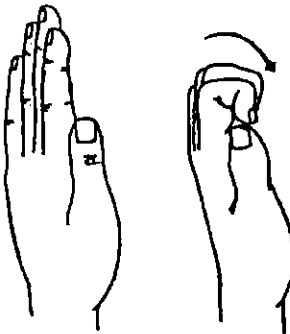
Wrist Flexion Stretch

1. Hold wrist as shown, keeping elbow straight
2. Bend the wrist until you feel a stretch
3. Hold 15 seconds, 3 repetitions



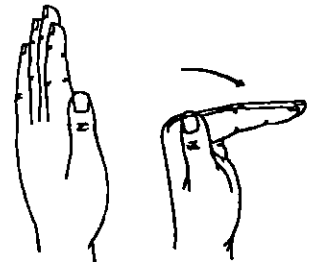
Wrist Extension Stretch

1. Hold wrist as shown, making sure to keep fingers straight
2. Bend the wrist and fingers upward until you feel a stretch
3. Hold 15 seconds, 3 repetitions



Tendon Glides

1. Bend first two joints of fingers down as shown
2. Hold 5 seconds, 10 repetitions



Tendon Glides

1. Bend knuckle joints of fingers down as shown
2. Keep the other joints of your fingers straight
3. Hold 5 seconds, 10 repetitions



Finger Extensions

1. Begin with palm of hand flat on table
2. Keep palm on table but lift fingers up off table
3. Hold 5 seconds, 10 repetitions



Opposition

1. Pinch thumb and first finger together as shown
2. Hold 5 seconds
3. Repeat with other fingers as instructed
4. 10 repetitions





the *Gourmet* Rover

Chowder Power

by Aliza GreenKnight Ridder

Chowder has a diverse history in North America, provoking strong feelings and often contradictory claims. Even the origin of the word "chowder" is disputed.

A popular theory is that the word comes from "chaudiere," French for the large cauldron in which Breton sailors threw their catch to make a communal stew. It's believed that this custom in the 17th and 18th centuries was carried first to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and then down to New England.

If you live in New England, you probably think that chowder with tomatoes, called "Manhattan style," is an abomination. If, on the other hand, you come from New York, with its large Italian population, or Rhode Island, with its Portuguese fishing community, tomatoes and seafood in chowder are a natural.

In another regional difference, Long Islanders and New Yorkers prefer to make clam chowder from small, hard-shell clams such as cherrystones. New Englanders use either the large quahogs or the soft-shelled clams. Each place traditionally makes chowder from its abundant local ingredients.

Nova Scotia is the main base for the Canadian scallop-fishing industry. They use these scallops to make their own simple chowder. In Oregon, wonderful chowder is made with corn and fresh salmon. And in places far from the sea, corn and chicken chowder pops up.

In this recipe, I tried to re-create the rich and creamy oyster chowder served to me years ago during a marvelous oyster festival held in Quebec City featuring oysters of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Serve this chowder with tiny croutons made from firm, white sandwich bread cut into cubes, tossed with melted butter, and oven-toasted till golden.



Oyster Chowder With Herbs

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| 6 cups milk | 1 celery root, pared and diced |
| 1 cup heavy cream | 4 carrots, peeled and diced |
| 1 onion, stuck with 4 cloves | 2 leeks, cut into ½-inch squares and washed |
| 3 bay leaves | 1 white onion, peeled and diced |
| 1 teaspoon mace | 4 tablespoons (¼ stick) sweet butter |
| ½ teaspoon black popper | ¼ cup flour |
| 2 teaspoons dry mustard | 3 dozen shucked small oysters plus oyster liquor |
| 1 teaspoon ground coriander | 2 tablespoons chopped fresh marjoram |
| 1 teaspoon fennel seed | ¼ cup chopped Italian parsley |
| 1 teaspoon celery seed | Kosher salt to taste |

Make an aromatic broth by scalding milk and cream with onion, bay, mace, pepper, mustard, coriander and fennel and celery seed. Let steep for 30 minutes and strain through sieve, discarding solids.

In a large soup pot, cook celery root, carrots, leeks and onion in butter till softened. Stir in flour, and cook 2 to 3 minutes to get rid of raw flour taste. Add shucked oysters, oyster liquor, marjoram, parsley, salt and hot aromatic broth, and bring just to a boil, or until the edges of the oysters curl. Serve immediately. Makes eight servings.

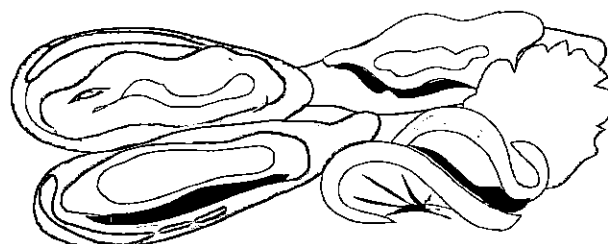
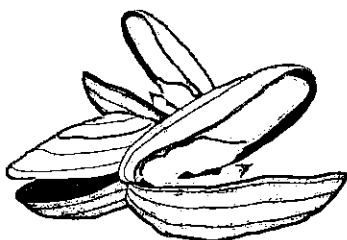
This non-traditional chowder contains white corn kernels, either fresh off the cob or frozen, bay scallops and hot, but not too hot, roasted poblano chilis. I generally use calico bay scallops, always making sure that my scallops haven't been chemically treated for plumpness and preservation. You could also use sea scallops, which have a more pronounced flavor. Just remove the hard adductor muscle sticking to the side of the scallop, and then cut into bite-size pieces. (Add the trimmings to your broth for extra flavor.)

CORN AND SCALLOP CHOWDER WITH POBLANO CHILES

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| <i>1 quart chicken stock (or fish stock)</i> | <i>2 poblano chilis, roasted, peeled and diced</i> |
| <i>Any trimmings from sea scallops</i> | <i>1 white onion, diced</i> |
| <i>¼ cup raw white rice</i> | <i>4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter</i> |
| <i>2 large sprigs thyme</i> | <i>2 pounds naturally packed bay scallops</i> |
| <i>2 bay leaves</i> | <i>1 tablespoon kosher salt</i> |
| <i>1 pound yellow potatoes, peeled and diced</i> | <i>½ teaspoon black pepper</i> |
| <i>1 pound white corn kernels (frozen or fresh)</i> | |

Simmer together stock, sea scallop trimmings, rice, thyme and bay leaves, till rice is quite soft. Puree in blender, and strain.

Simmer potatoes in broth till soft, about 15 minutes. Combine broth with corn kernels and roasted chilis; bring to a boil, and season with salt and pepper. Meanwhile, cook onion in butter until transparent, then add scallops, cook briefly, until scallops turn opaque. Add to broth and serve. Makes 12 servings.



This may or may not be a classic New England-style creamy clam chowder, but it tastes so wonderful that it's hard to argue about. Unfortunately, chowders don't freeze very well, so eat this one up within three days.

CREAMY CLAM CHOWDER

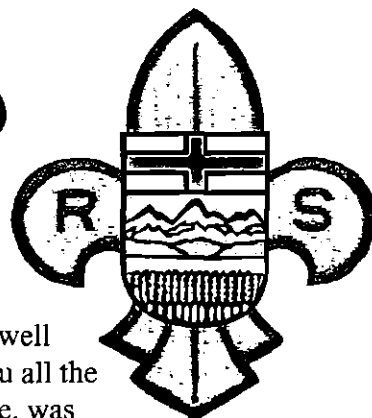
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| <i>6 cups milk</i> | <i>1 white onion, peeled and diced</i> |
| <i>2 cups heavy cream</i> | <i>1 cup sliced celery</i> |
| <i>½ bunch thyme or marjoram</i> | <i>¼ cup flour</i> |
| <i>2 bay leaves</i> | <i>1 pound Idaho potatoes, peeled, and cut into ½-inch dice</i> |
| <i>1 teaspoon ground allspice</i> | <i>Chopped parsley, chervil, thyme, tarragon and/or marjoram, to taste</i> |
| <i><u>Soup:</u></i> | <i>Salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper to taste</i> |
| <i>3 dozen littleneck clams, well-scrubbed</i> | |
| <i>½ pound bacon, cut into small strips</i> | |

Scald milk and cream with thyme, bay leaves and allspice. Let steep 30 minutes, then strain through a sieve and discard solids. Reserve milk broth.

Place clams in a large pot With lid, covering bottom of pot with about 1 inch of water. Over high heat, steam clams until they open, shaking often so they cook evenly. Cool till you can handle clams, then remove them from their shells. Discard shells. Strain clam liquor through paper-towel-lined sieve, reserving strained liquid.

Cook bacon and drain, reserving about half the fat. In large pot, cook onion and celery till transparent in bacon fat. Add flour and stir to combine, cooking 2 to 3 minutes to get rid of raw flour taste. Add milk broth and bring to a boil. Simmer diced potato in broth about 10 minutes or until tender. Add clams with their liquor, bacon, and chopped herbs. Bring to a boil, season with salt, pepper and cayenne, and serve immediately. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Rovers in Alberta? Of Course!



Despite our prolonged absence from the national forum, Rovering is alive and well here in Alberta. On behalf of Rovering in Alberta, it is my pleasure to present to you all the Rovering body in Alberta known as ARRT. ARRT, the Alberta Rover Round Table, was founded in 1984 and is a provincial community of Rovers whose purpose is to promote Rovering and to provide a forum for communication within the province of Alberta. ARRT does this by hosting three provincial meetings a year, in January, May, and November. Although these meetings provide a forum for communication, ARRT also requests that its members host activities with these meetings in order to promote Rovering, and even recruit members.

The 2000-2001 elections were held in November and the new executive is as follows: Mate – Adrienne Clay, The Knights of the Unknown; Vice-Mate – Keith Dickson, 22nd Challengers; Secretary – John McGhee, The Knights of the Unknown/The Knights of Cerberus; Treasurer – Geoff Lobley, The Knights of Cerberus. One of the resources ARRT uses to facilitate communication is their website, currently located at <http://www.acs.ualgary.ca/~akclay/>

Every November, ARRT hosts a provincial camp called E-vent, where the annual general meeting is held. This is a Venturer/Rover event, and is always a lot of fun. The theme of this year's E-vent was "Changes Through Time" and the 174 Knights of Amikeco hosted a time travel camp which highlighted cultural activities ranging from such events as the stone age cave paintings and a medieval feast. Although the weather was favourable Friday, it took a turn for the worse on Saturday with wet snow which froze to everything accompanied by 40-50 km/h winds. There was a scavenger hunt, relays, time machine building, and a good football game, a tradition at E-vent. Overall, a good time was had by all and the food was fantastic. This year E-vent had 50% Rover attendance!

After the closing ceremonies, the ARRT meeting was held, and then three squires were knighted. A great big thanks goes out to Keith Dickson from the 22nd Challengers and Mike Apedaile from the Knights of the Order of St. Peter for making it possible to knight these Squires. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the following Knights to the brotherhood of Rovering:

Sir Wayne Gosche, The Knights of Amikeco, sponsored by Kat Nielsen, KOSD
Lady Jen Wiley, 6th Moose, sponsored by Sherrie Schreiber, Knights of Amikeco
Sir Adam Der, 6th Moose, sponsored by Sherrie Schreiber, Knights of Amikeco

For the past several years dances have been held in conjunction with the other meetings, which alternate between the Northern Lights (Northern) and Chinook (Southern) Regions in Alberta. The January dance is being hosted by the 187 Knights of Excalibur in Edmonton at their Scout Hall. The dance will be held Saturday, January 27th and the ARRT meeting will be held on Sunday morning, the 28th of January 2001. Want more info? Contact Scott McMillan, the Knights of Excalibur at, excalibur@canadainmail.com

Since I am supposed to make this article somewhat of a regular feature I am going to stop my introduction of ARRT here. In the next issue, I will endeavour to introduce some of the many crews in Alberta. So that's all for now. Keep checking in to learn more about Rovering in Alberta.

Happy Rambling,

Kat Nielsen

The Knights of Sicarius Dracorum (The KOSD)

Action at E-vent 2000



Kat Nielson (KOSD) and Wayne Gosche
(Knights of Amikeco) conspiring

Mike Apedaile
Knights of the Order of St. Peter



Closing Ceremonies E-vent 2000
Camp Kasota
Sylvain Lake, Alberta



l to r James Connors, Knights of the West Wind;
Naomi Anton, Knights of Amikeco;
Mike Apedaile, Knight of the Order of St. Peter;
Will Connors, Knights of the West Wind



Just prior to the Knighting Ceremony
l to r Sherrie Schreiber, Knights of Amikeco;
Kat Nielsen, KOSD; Keith Dickson, 22nd Challengers;
Mike Apedaile, Knights of the Order of St. Peter;
Adrienne Clay, Knights of the Unknown - Mate of ARRT



Everyone in attendance at
E-vent 2000



TOOL TIME



All Rovers, male and female, young or old, get called upon at one time or another to do fix-it jobs. Sometimes as a Crew project, sometimes as a home repair project, and sometimes to help a friend. In this column, we're going to try to bring you tips to make some of these jobs easier.

The Physics of Freezing Pipes

BURST WATER pipes are caused by the expansion of freezing ice against the walls of the pipe, right?Wrong.

In a remarkable series of laboratory and field experiments, researchers at the University of Illinois have demonstrated that the actual cause of damage to freezing water pipes isn't the force of the expanding ice on the pipe, but rather an extreme rise in water pressure downstream from the blockage. According to the study, the water pressure can rise in these situations from about 40 pounds psi to more than 4,000 pounds psi.

Typical scenario might go like this: A stretch of copper pipe is exposed to unusually cold temperatures, and ice begins to form on the pipe's inside walls. Since water volume expands by about 8 percent as it turns to ice, the ice formation eventually can completely block the water flow. Water upstream from the blockage is able to flow back to its source, such as the street connection. But the water downstream is trapped because the faucets are closed. As the ice continues to form and expand, pressures downstream, from the blockage skyrocket. Because this entire section of pipe experiences the same elevated pressure, the failure can occur at any point, even within

the heated space of the building.

Now that researchers better understand the problem, they have devised a simple, effective solution: a modified faucet washer that enables the faucet to leak a little under high pressure. This inexpensive device could eliminate much of the \$400 million per year of insurance claims now paid to homeowners for freeze-related plumbing damages.

Ned Nisson

Editors Note: Even if you don't have the new "high-tech" washer, you can help yourself by leaving the water running a bit from faucets on waterlines subject to freezing.

Snow Moot

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS:



The Summer
Olympics



**SINCE THERE'S NEVER ANY SNOW, IT MIGHT AS WELL BE
SUMMER**

**YES, YOU TOO CAN BE LIKE THAT GUY AND THAT GIRL THAT WON
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A RE"QUEST" FOR SERVICE

Initially when I began the "A re"QUEST" for Service" column, it was to be a notice board for individuals or groups to post notices for events or activities that needed volunteers. I would like to now expand its purpose to include reports on service projects completed by crews and companies. I hope that by doing this, that groups will share their achievements with our readers and thus spur on our readership on to carry out the Rover Motto of **Service**. After all, there are service projects that are a pain and some that are a lot of fun. Let's promote those that we took pride in completing and had fun doing.

One of the recommendations I made in "**Out & About**" #8 under the topic: Building your Crew's Resume was to: "Combine your crew with other service groups. Share the limelight on the big-ticket projects in your community rather than attempting everything on your own." Our crew was able to do just that, when we took part in the **Fall Fix-up of Stop 103** on Davenport Road in Toronto on October 21st.

Stop 103 is a non-profit organization that is committed to fighting hunger in the Davenport West community through programmes such as Good Food Box (a food bank), Community Kitchens (cooking lessons), Morning Drop-In (breakfast and morning activities) and Healthy Beginnings and Family Support (nutrition and support for pregnant women). The organization goes beyond just providing food, to addressing the problems that cause the need.



STOP 103 service project crew: Mike MacDonald, Steve Bone, Nicola Dorosh, Nadien Godkewitsch (Stop 103), James Mason, Kirby McQuaig, Balint Koves.

Traditionally the Board of Trade Young Professions (of Toronto) have been sprucing up different hostels in Toronto with a new coat of paint for years. This year was somewhat different as they invited our crew (3rd Newtonbrook) and the Jaycees of Greensboro, North Carolina along for the ride. Approximately 30 people (including 6 from our crew) spent the day painting the walls and doors of the Stop 103 auditorium/meeting centre and removing, painting, and returning the ceiling tiles of their office/food bank area.

The mixing of the three groups made for a lot of laughs, exchanges and memorable moments: one Greensboro Jaycee proudly boasted that she had gotten a Canadian to say "Eh". In fact we... "Y'all"... were invited down to North Carolina to help out with their largest annual project, The Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic, an annual stop

on the PGA (Professional Golf Association) Tour. The golf tournament is their largest fundraiser and this year they raised \$544,392.35 US to fund their usual 150 to 200 projects that their group runs for their membership and community each year.

I can't strongly recommend enough join projects for every crew or company. They improve the size and scope of service projects your group can accomplish. They provide networking for you and your crew and thus produce new contacts, new resources, new projects, new friends and just possibly new members.

The last line of the Jaycee Creed states: "...**And that service to humanity is the best work of life.**" I don't think you would of found anyone that day, from any of the three groups present at Stop 103 disagreeing with that statement; even though it had meant that they had given up their Saturday to paint a hostel none of them probably had every heard of or had seen before they had arrived.

On behalf of **Stop 103**, the Board of Trade Young Professionals, the Greensboro Jaycees, and 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers, I would like to thank: Para Paints for supplying the paint for the project, Lansing Buildall for supplying brushes and paint trays and Druxy's for supplying sandwiches, salads and pop for lunch. Without product donations from companies like these, this service project would not be possible.

Kizby McQuaig



RE"QUESTS" for Service

CJ'01 Needs You!!, The YLT (Youth Leadership Team) Committee is requesting volunteers (14 to 26 years old) to act as staff for CJ 2001 in PEI. Specialized teams with 6-10 members will be formed to coordinate and instruct in activities such as hiking, canoeing, life guarding, computer programming, etc at the camp. Each member is expected to have completed their FOCUS Youth Leadership Training before camp begins. For more information contact: the YTL Committee at: E-mail <ylt2001@scouts.ca>, visit <www.scouts.ca> web site, or call Arnold Smith at (613) 829-1358.

For a year round listing of Service Projects in the Greater Toronto Region contact Harry Bruce at: Telephone (416) 490-6364 or FAX (416) 490-6911. Harry is the Coordinator of Special Services and recruits volunteers for such events as: Scout Booth at the Sportmen's Show, the Ride for Heart with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Walk for the Cure with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the United Way Walk-a-thon, etc.

The Hug-A-Tree and Survive Programme requires volunteers to present the programme at schools, Cub meetings, community clubs, etc. Please contact your local Scout House; or, in Southern Ontario contact Stewart C. Small at 848 Southdale-Road East, London, Ontario, N6E 1R9 or (519) 685-3686.

A RE"QUEST" for Service is a promotional feature for regional, provincial and national programmes and activities that require volunteers. Please submit your request for service with four months of lead-time to allow for publication by this magazine and for response time by our readers.

January ORC Meeting

January 12-14, 2001

Where: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
32 Mosley Street, Aurora Ontario

What's Happening?

Friday: Arrive, set up and socialize.

Saturday: Breakfast, ORC Meeting, Lunch, Outdoor Service Project
(Please be prepared, we are bodies for a bottle drive!!) Dinner,
then Evening Activities.

Sunday: Rise and Shine to be out of the church by 8:30 (sorry!)
Scouts Own, Sunday-Breakfast/Brunch just around the corner
from the church, then have a safe trip home.

There is a woman's shelter close to the church that is in constant need of toiletry supplies (such as soap, shampoo etc.). While you are packing for this weekend, please include any hotel soap/shampoo you may have laying around, or any other toiletry products you are willing to part with. These will be donated to the shelter at some point over the weekend.

The ORC Meeting will take place at 4:00 pm on **SATURDAY**, in order to accommodate the planned Scouts Own/Brunch on Sunday morning.

Contact People:

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armedwithjello@whoopitup.com

Kevin Oates
905 954 1801
koates@home.com

Directions from the EAST Via Hwy 401/404

Follow Hwy 401 to Hwy 404 North (signed to Newmarket)
Follow Hwy 404 North to Aurora Road Exit
Turn LEFT from the exit ramp so you are heading West on the Aurora Road
Follow Aurora Rd. into town, turn LEFT onto Victoria St. (just before the 7th stoplight (including the crosswalk) which is Yonge St.). If you get to Yonge St (there is a TD Bank and a Bank of Montreal on this corner), you have gone too far, turn around and Victoria is the first street east of Yonge.
The church is on the Left side of Victoria right before the 1st stop sign.
(park on the road for now)

Directions from WEST Via Hwy 401/400

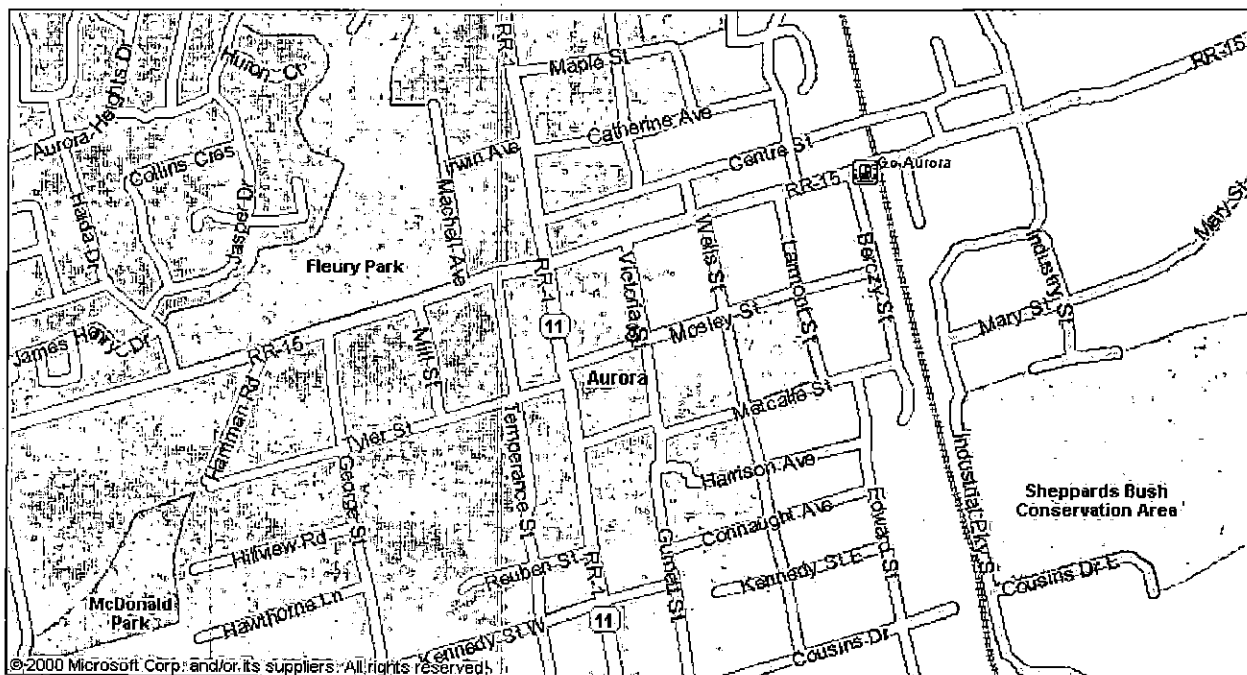
Follow Hwy 401 to Hwy 400 North (signed to Barrie)
Follow Hwy 400 North to King Road Exit
Follow the exit ramp to the right so you are heading east on King Road
Follow King Road into Oak Ridges, King Rd ends at Yonge St. When you reach the T Corner, turn left onto Yonge St. so you are now headed North
Follow Yonge St. into Aurora.
Turn RIGHT onto Wellington St. (there is a Bank of Montreal and a TD on this corner.) If you get to the Sunoco gas station on Yonge St. you have gone too far.
Turn RIGHT onto Victoria St. (1st right east of Yonge St.)
The church is on the Left side of Victoria St. right before the 1st stop sign.
(park on the road for now)

Direction from NORTH via Hwy 400

Follow Hwy 400 South to Aurora Rd exit.
Turn LEFT at the stop light at the end of the exit ramp.
Follow the Aurora Road until the first stop light, (the road takes a number of sharp curves, FOLLOW the curves, don't go straight!!)
When you get to the first stop light you should be in a Hamlet called Snowball (there is a gas station and a donut shop on the North/East corner)
Turn LEFT at the stoplight, and follow this road into Aurora (the road name turned with you so you are still ON the Aurora Road)
Go STRAIGHT across Yonge St (there is a TD Bank and a Bank of Montreal on this corner)
Turn RIGHT onto Victoria St (1st right past Yonge St.). If you get to a Beaver Gas station and a Tim Hortons/Wendy's you have gone too far.
The church is on the Left side of Victoria St. right before the 1st stop sign
(park on the road for now)

For any other route, please call for directions in advance. (Alison or Kevin)

Contact number if you get lost 905 717 7893, (this will be on until approx, 11 pm the church number is 905 727 5011 but we MAY not have access to this phone)



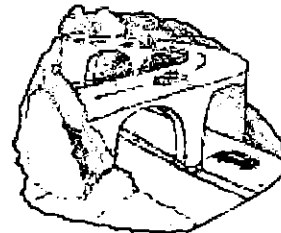


SIGNS THAT YOU MAY BE CANADIAN



The Following was sent to us by a fellow Rover from New Zealand

1. You stand in "line-ups" at the movie, not lines.
2. You're not offended by the term, "Homo Milk"
3. You understand the phrase, "Could you please pass me a serviette, I just spilled my poutine"
4. You eat chocolate bars instead of candy bars.
5. You drink pop, not soda.
6. This doesn't bother you at all.
7. You know what it means to be on pogey.
8. You know that a mickey and 2-4's mean "Party at the camp, eh!!"
9. You can drink legally while still a 'teen.
10. You talk about the weather with strangers and friends alike.
11. You don't care about the fuss with Cuba, it's a cheap place to travel with good cigars and no Americans.
12. You get milk in bags as well as cartons and plastic jugs.
13. Pike is a type of fish, not some part of a highway.
14. You drive on a highway, not a freeway.
15. You know what a Robertson screwdriver is.
16. You have Canadian Tire money in your kitchen drawers.
17. Canadian Tire on any Saturday is busier than the toy stores at Christmas.
18. You know that Thrills are something to chew and "taste like soap".
19. You know that Mounties "don't always look like that"
20. You know that the Friendly Giant isn't a vegetable product line.
21. You know that Casey and Finnegan are not a Celtic musical group.
22. You are excited whenever an American television show mentions Canada.
23. You can do all the hand actions to Sharon, Lois and Bram's "Skin-a-ma-rinky-dinky-doo"
24. You were mad when "The Beachcombers" were taken off the air.
25. You know what a tuque is.
26. You admit Rich Little is Canadian and you're glad Jerry Lewis is not.
27. You know Toronto is not a province.



The Funny Bone

The Funny Bone

28. You never miss "Coaches Corner".
29. You know all the words to "If I Had a Million Dollars".
30. You know who Ernie Coombs is.
31. You remember when Alanis Morissette was "Too Hot To Hold".
32. You have memorised the Heritage Foundation's Heritage Moments, including your favourites, "I smell burnt toast, Doctor", "You all know I canna read a word..." and "Kanata".
33. You spend sleepless nights wondering if Peter Mansbridge and Wendy Mesley will ever find again the blissful love they once knew.
34. You wonder why there isn't a 5 dollar coin yet, because you can really use more change (You are already wearing your pants halfway down your ass and the hair and three layers of skin is worn off the front of your thighs from carrying your pocket money a around). The new coin should have a picture of a musk-ox on it and be the size of a hamburger pattie and have fifteen different kinds of metals in it, including poutine.
35. You know Ashley MacIsaac isn't Celtic enough.
36. Your backpack has only one Canadian flag sew-on.
37. You have been on Speaker's Corner.
38. You use a red pen on your non-Canadian textbooks and fill in the missing 'u's from labor, honor, and color.
39. You remember "Jodie" from "Today's Special" and wonder why she reads news on CBC.
40. You wonder idly if there is some government cover-up of a covert operation behind shifting the shooting location of "X-Files" from British Columbia to California.
41. You know that a "Premier" isn't a baby born a few weeks early.
42. You design your Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
43. You live in a house that has no front step, yet the door is one meter above the ground.
44. The local paper covers national news on 2 pages, but requires 6 pages for hockey.
45. You know 4 seasons: Winter, Still Winter, almost Winter and Construction.
46. You understand the Labatt Blue commercials.
47. You perk up when you hear the theme from "Hockey Night in Canada".
48. You actually get these jokes and forward them to all your Canadian friends.



Moot 2000 Mexico City and Surrounding Area

Through the eyes of a Canadian Rover



Chris Kosmenko
Yellowknife 1st Rover Crew
Yellowknife, NT

The adventure began late afternoon on July 9th, as I waved farewell to Yellowknife, embarking on my first international Scouting event. I met a small part of the Canadian contingent in the Edmonton airport as we boarded the plane bound for Mexico City. Our flight was uneventful and we arrived in Mexico City at 8 PM along with the Swedish contingent. The Mexicans were totally unprepared for the arrival of such a large group of people all at one time. We were forced to wait in the airport for 2 hours until the buses arrived. While the time passed the rumor mill ran rampant with stories of torrential rain at the Moot site and buses being stuck in the mud. When the buses finally did arrive the mud stories disappeared and the waiting continued. We boarded a bus and waited some more, waited and waited and waited. Finally, 4 hours after we had landed, the bus departed for Villa Moot. Villa Moot was what the Mexicans called a three star resort. Our impression of Villa Moot was that perhaps it had been a three star resort in the 30's but that it had been condemned in the 70's. It somewhat resembled a state prison with 20-foot walls all around topped with broken glass bottles formed into the cement. This we jokingly named "Mexican Barbed Wire" as the wall looked more likely to keep us in than everyone else out. We set up Camp Canada in our designated spot and retired for the night.

The real adventure began the next morning as we started to explore Villa Moot in-depth. We found all sorts of dilapidated buildings and the ruins of many other "attractions" the resort used to house. There was everything to be found: a long since forgotten go-kart track, tennis courts, and a biohazard water park. The swimming pool held a murky solution of natural spring water and various biological contaminants. Needless to say I skipped the pool. The time came when we began to get hungry, however we were yet to receive our meal tickets. Our fearless leader Dr. Bill Holden fought tooth and nail to get us food. We finally ate and then regretted it later. The food was a strange array of cold boiled vegetables and various types of cold pasta and unidentifiable mystery meat. Exploration continued as we cruised the other country's areas checking out everyone and everything. The showers were also classified a biohazard due to the piles of used toilet paper and feminine hygiene products lying on the floor. The rest of day was spent waiting around to receive our ever-important Moot Neckers and official identification tags. Both of these were to be worn "at all times", presumably this meant while we slept, ate, showered and so on. We received our Neckers but the id tags were not to be ready until 11:30 the next day. We continued to meet new Canadians throughout the day and worked at team building.

Opening ceremonies were held the next afternoon in the soccer stadium. The stadium looked as if it had seen its fair share of Latin American pre and post game riots. The ceremonies consisted of a lot of mumbling and natives dressed traditionally setting stuff on fire. The director of the Moot did however present his opening speech in English, much to our surprise. The ceremony ended with the stage nearly igniting and everyone cheering and waving the flags of their countries.

Travel to our first off site activities started out with an 8 hour bus ride to the city of Morelia in the state of Michoacan. We were told to expect anything at our sites and we were defiantly surprised when we arrived. After 8 hours on an old tour bus and a full police escort at 80 miles an hour we arrived safely in Morelia. Much to our surprise we arrived right in the

center of town in the main park. It had been fenced off – presumably to keep us in and the public out. The fence consisted of steel poles placed 12 feet apart with black plastic stretched between them. Michoacan just so happened to be the richest state that we were to visit. Aside from the police escort and the many visible fully automatic weapons it became obvious that Michoacan was better off than the rest of the country. One of the first hints was in the mess hall, when we were served a sit down dinner complete with waiters dressed like penguins. We felt that from this point on life at the Moot was not going to be as bad as we had at first thought. The evening consisted of various regional displays and an ongoing dance party. The dance taught us a lot about Mexican pop music and dance. The current pop scene in Mexico is exactly the same as it is in North America, with the exception that it is 10 years behind. The music was all recognizable from my days in junior high, except that the words were in Spanish.

Day two in Michoacan was cultural event day; our day consisted of a tour of the city and it's culturally important sites. Once again we were accompanied by a full complement of police bearing very large firearms. These sites turned out to be a dozen different churches. The day was summed up by the Canadian contingent that evening. "This is a church, there is a lot of gold in this church because it was built during a very rich period. This is another church, it too has a lot of gold in it because it was built during a very rich period. This is another church, there is a lot of gold in this church because it was built during a very rich period. See that pile of rocks over there? It used to be a church, that, yes, was built during a not so rich period because it fell down". In short, cultural day was disappointing to say the least. The evening again consisted of an ongoing dance party, where we learned that there is a Mexican line dance for every song you can think of. Everything from the Spanish version of 'Livin' La Vita Loca' by Ricky Martin to the newest release in Mexico; the Spanish version of 'Achy Breaky Heart'.

Day three was service day. After waiting for the 9 o'clock bus to finally leave, we departed for a small village outside of Morelia at 11 AM. Upon our arrival in the village (that apparently had no name) we were issued paint of various colors and brushes, along with police escorts of our very own that were never further than 10 feet away. My task was to repaint the various light poles and fixtures that surrounded the main square. An easy enough job I thought, but I thought too quickly. The poles were made of cement, as is everything in Mexico, and the light fixtures that adorned them were of extremely old iron. My mission was to clean the fixtures and paint them with a toxic lead-tar based paint that I had been issued. The first pole went easily enough, so I moved on. At the next pole I placed my ladder and began to climb. Suddenly there were screams from others that were around. I had not noticed that the cement pole was cracked around the base. As I climbed, the pole began to lean, and the only thing that kept both the pole and myself from taking a header into the ground was the very small 16 gauge electrical wire running through the center of the pole. Needless to say the refinishing expedition came to a screeching halt as I inspected the remaining poles and declared them unsafe. Service day ended early. Our early arrival back at the campsite gave us the perfect opportunity to escape from captivity and explore the city surrounding our site. The guards at the front gate looked somewhat annoyed that we were hanging around looking for an exit. We thought it best to find a back door. The black plastic fence didn't pose much of a barrier for us resourceful Canadians and a pocketknife. Upon our return the evening dance

had started and we joined the line dance.

Our final day in Michocan was set to be activity day. The day when we were supposed to do the exciting things that Scouts are supposed to do. Our designated activity was white-water rafting. Well, if you can find white-water in Mexico you're a better detective than I. All the water we saw was a scary shade of brown. Alas, the river was said to be too dangerous to raft on that day. So we packed up and headed off to the Water Park. It was a beautiful day in the low thirties, and the pool was warmer than the air. Out came the sunscreen and everyone into the pool! Everyone, that is, except for our private army that took up strategic positions around the park so they had a clear shot at every square inch of it. The day was spent frolicking in the pool and pulling crazy stunts on the diving board and slides. One slide in particular had a great resemblance to the "Sky Screamer" at West Edmonton Mall. This slide had a 200-foot vertical drop with a surprise ending - instead of being shot into the pool there was an upturn at the end of the slide which projected you back into the air. Well, this crazy Canadian just had to show them how it was done - head first. It was a great ride until I was thrown into the air and skipped off the surface of the pool three times before coming to a crashing halt in approximately 4 feet of water. I did manage to get the attention of everyone in the park and receive a round of applause. It was all fun and games. That day ended with a relaxing ride back to camp due to total exhaustion. After a power nap and dinner we were ready to roll again. The dance party got off to a very slow start that evening, so Canada took charge and got the party started. The crazy antics of 6 Canadians on the dance floor brought many others into the room and the party exploded into a full rave. It was meant to end at midnight but somehow the party continued well into the early morning hours.

Our time in Michoacan was over, the police escorts were retired, and the highway patrol rolled out along with our buses. Another 80 mile per hour rollercoaster ride took us to the state of Queretaro, rumored to be the poorest and least organized. The rumor mill had been wrong before so we took no note of it. Our arrival at the activity center that was to be the hub of our operations in Queretaro brought into perspective that the rumors were true. Slowly our billet families picked us all out of the crowd. Out of the 6 Canadians that were on this tour three of us ended up together in the same house. Our host family was particularly nice and very happy to have us. There were two residents in our house. Diana was a 16-year-old who had hopes of attending school in Canada and wanted to know everything about it. And Isabelle, who affectionately became known as 'Mom', she is a veterinarian and a huge Monarch butterfly enthusiast. Much to our surprise and confusion we learned that Monarch butterflies come from Canada. I guess you learn something new every day. After visiting for many hours and taking turns at a real hot shower we were not afraid to catch anything from, we retired for the evening.

Once again culture day arrived, and a tour of the city took us to the downtown area to view the architectural uniqueness of the historical buildings. But how could we forget the churches! Today's bonus was convents. Again there was a summary put together by the Canadian contingent. "This is some dead guys old house, the architecture here is very typical of the time period! Here is another dead guy's old house, the architecture here is also very typical of the period it was built in. Oh look, here's a church, and a Mariachi band. There's

another church, and another Mariachi band. Ok, now my day is complete, look at the church, oops it's not a church, it's a convent, complete with Mariachi band". Once again culture day came and went. The best thing to happen so far was the evening activities on this site. There were no evening activities, so we were cut free for the evenings. Cutting a group of Rovers free in a foreign city could seem like a recipe for disaster but we had fun. Our evening was spent wandering from shop to shop in search of good trinkets to take home but then we focused on the quest for cervesa. The evening had spawned a plan for all the Australians and Canadians to meet downtown and go out together. We met 4 Aussies and found an interesting Bull Fighting bar to rest in for the evening.

After a surprisingly deep sleep, the next day arrived in short order. Service was today's mission, so in great Scout tradition we went off merrily to do a good deed. After waiting once again for our bus which was 2 hours late, we embarked for another unnamed small town, and parked outside a school. Out came the paintbrushes and bright yellow paint. We worked away happily all day. Then went home. That evening we were to meet our newfound Aussie friends downtown again, but we never found each other. We retired to the same bar we had a day earlier, enjoying the atmosphere and good conversation. Throughout the evening a Mexican man kept returning to our table to introduce himself and ask our names. We always politely answered him and he would carry on with what seemed to be a well polished routine. Eventually the small Mexican, Alberto, returned and asked to join us. We agreed and Alberto sat down and told us his life story. A very interesting man, a mechanical engineer who's company is very interested in relations with Canada. After a lengthy conversation and two job offers the time came for us to depart. Alberto insisted on paying the entire bill for the evening - how could we say no! He proclaimed it was a foreign relations gesture of good faith. It was a team effort to communicate with the taxi driver so we could return to our house. We managed to get there and walk slowly into the house. 'Mom' was awake and found it very funny that two Canadians in our particular condition were staying with her. She proceeded to break out more spirits and invite us to sit on the patio with her. Saying no would have been rude so we accepted. Three hours later we required sleep and retired for the night.

Activity day in Queretaro turned out to be rock-climbing. I chose to opt out of this activity because of the previous day's events at the climbing station. There was an accident in which someone fell. Although being arrested by ropes, the anchors pulled out of the rock and the person fell approximately 50 feet. This was enough for me to fear for my safety and get on another bus. I ended up at an old mine site where I learned about the history of the mine and the surrounding area. There I met a biologist who taught us about the surrounding plants and animals. He pointed out the different types of cactus, including the edible ones. This was an opportunity I could not pass up so we ate cactus fruit called tuna by the Mexicans. It was a very good, sweet tasting fruit that was somewhat difficult to eat due to all the little prickly things. We explored an old mineshaft that took us 175 feet underground. Our return to the surface brought us back out into the blazing sun. The biologist we met had a special project for those who were brave enough, rattlesnake catching. He taught us how to safely find, capture and identify two species of local rattlesnake. That night the closing party for Queretaro was held in a local nightclub. This particular experience was quite interesting because being 6'1" and dancing on the floor I could still see over the heads of everyone in the

club. We partied until they closed the club and then returned home.

Some of the farewells the next morning were tearful since we had become very close with our host families, but it was time to return to Villa Moot. Ahead of us awaited a 6-hour bus ride but we were greatly anticipating being reunited with the rest of the Canadian contingent. However, the journey was not as restful as anticipated. There was a great deal of noise on my bus courtesy of the Argentines aboard. They had discovered a new way to disturb as many people as humanly possible. Their means of doing so was called a *matracka*, a Mexican noisemaker device similar to the ones we all saw at birthday parties when we were kids. Except this was the industrial sized version, about 2 feet long and way too loud. The *matracka* noise continued for 2 hours until a very large grumpy Canadian emerged from the back of the bus and very seriously stated "If you don't put that thing away I'm going to make your neck make that sound." The bus suddenly became a very peaceful place. Upon our arrival back at Villa Moot we were pleased to find the washrooms had been cleaned along with the pool. We wasted no time in being the first ones into the pool. The waterslides at the pool quickly became the most interesting and imaginative event for the day. Crazy antics from everyone kept the atmosphere in and around the pool quite electrifying. The rejoicing of having a reunited Canadian contingent continued throughout the evening and well into the night.

Two more days to go and counting. Once the countdown had started everything began to take on a completely different meaning. Suddenly we were not here to experience Mexico, but only to survive it. We all boarded busses once again. At 11 AM we thought it would be a good idea to get the 9 AM bus as it would probably leave soon. The 9 AM bus we caught at 11 took us into Mexico City for a cultural tour. We were all handed "Suggested Tour Route" papers, we saw "suggested" and promptly disposed of the papers. Off we went to manufacture our own tour, stopping at all the good restaurants and liquor stores. Our tour ended in the early afternoon and we returned to Villa Moot. The rest of the day was open for us to explore the Global Development Village. This was informative and interesting, with many different activities to do. The Canadian cultural display was a pick-up street hockey game, Canada vs. the world. The first game we played Mexico for 2 hours. Near the end the game began to get a little rough with Canadians proclaiming to show the Mexicans "the other half of the game". We called the game on account of darkness and high running tempers. Tomorrow is another day.

The last day, we're so close to the end. Today we are to tour the pyramid ruins nearby, a two-mile walk to the ruins in the blazing afternoon sun. Here closing ceremonies were to happen along with an aerial photo of all the Moot participants. We climbed the pyramid of the sun god, which was said to have 365 steps, one for every day of the year. I only counted 278. The Mexican year must be shorter than ours. After battling the masses to get to the top of the pyramid we basked in the sun before starting our descent to proceed to the pyramid of the moon god. This was where the closing and photo were to take place. It never happened so we spent the rest of the day bartering away with the various vendors. The vendors really identified with the Canadians, stating "Today for Canada, almost free!" Closing ceremonies were relocated to the soccer stadium later that night. Fearing they would suffer the same fate

as the opening ceremonies we opted out and remained behind at camp. We also staying behind due to security concerns on the site. Our previous "tour" of Mexico City yielded the entertainment for the evening. The Canadian Contingent was thus given the rowdy award for the evening. The Moot was now officially over.

The next day brought about more interesting adventures. Not trusting the Mexican bus schedule we boarded a bus bound for the airport a day early to ensure that we did not miss our flight. We arrived at the airport at noon that day, the group consensus was to check into a hotel for the night. The Airport Hilton was the choice and we settled into a night of four star service. The next day our aircraft was to depart at 10:30 AM. We boarded safely and were in mid-takeoff when suddenly there was this earth shattering bang. Apparently an engine exploded on our Japan Airlines 747. In the infamous words of wisdom of Yoshi the flight attendant "In worst case scenario, flight is cancelled". We returned to the terminal where they told us to wait and they would fix the plane. Four hours later we were recalled to the counter and told they were going to give us hotel rooms for the night. That was unacceptable for our part of the group - we wanted out of Mexico and wanted out now. They kindly arranged other flights for eight of us to Vancouver via San Francisco. After 7 hours of flight we arrived in Vancouver at 1 AM missing the last flight to Edmonton so we camped out in the airport for the night.

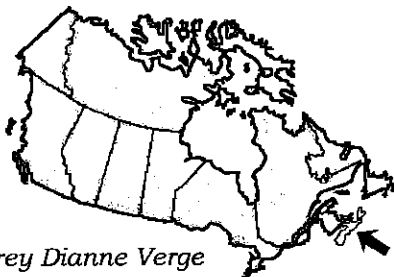
At 6 AM the next morning we boarded a plane bound for Edmonton. At this time we were all so tired that nothing could have bothered us. As I took my seat and pulled out my magazine I turned to the other Scout beside me and said "Do you smell something burning?" We both looked at each other and shrugged our shoulders. "Whatever". Not 5 seconds later a very nervous flight attendant came on the intercom; "Please evacuate the aircraft, we have a major problem. This is not a drill, evacuate now!" So we left. Looking out the windows from the gate we saw that our plane was leaking fuel and on fire. So we waited for the fire department to extinguish the plane and returned to gather our personal belongings. An hour later we boarded the same aircraft having been reassured that it was safe to finally travel to Edmonton. Arriving in Edmonton at this point I was ahead of schedule, my flight to Yellowknife didn't leave for another 10 hours. Determined to get home as soon as possible I boarded the next flight home and arrived 10 hours ahead of schedule. Upon arriving home at 1 PM I showered and went for a nap, waking up in time to go to work the next morning.

So there you have it, my account of the 2000 Mexico Moot. The opinions expressed here are strictly my own. I can say, however, that a similar opinion was shared by most of the Canadian Contingent and a number of others. I must praise the efforts and extreme hard work of our contingent leader, Dr. Bill Holden from Edmonton, Alberta. His work for the group was never-ending and we are all very thankful for that. I know of his continuous fight with the Mexican Moot staff trying to get straight answers and figure out just exactly what was going on. His leadership to us on the adventure home was also invaluable, we owe him so much for getting us out of that country and home without any bodily harm.

Thanks Bill.

the Nova Rover

by Audrey Dianne Verge



This is the third Nova Rover for this magazine and I feel that each progressive attempt improves upon the last. The big news of this column is that I'm now syndicated between the Canadian Eh! and the KYBO. This is very exciting news for me and I hope that the wider readership enjoys them. My last column outlined how the Nova Scotia Rover Development Committee evolved and its goals. This is time I will be telling you about our events, those that have happened over the last couple of months and those planned for the rest of the Scouting year.

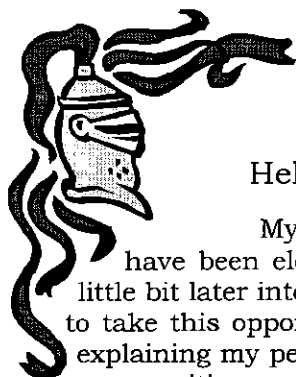
The RDC met on September 10th, 2000 at the Provincial Scout Office in Halifax. Attending were the committee advisor, Mary MacLeod, Kevin Croft, Erin SURNAME, and yours truly. We may not be a large committee compared to other provincial roundtables but the three registered Rovers in attendance comprise of nearly half the total Rover population in Nova Scotia. Naturally, our main goal at present is recruiting new members and crews. We, in fact, axed the goal put forth by the old committee to achieve crews numbering half the number of Venturer companies in the province. With 245 registered Venturers and about a dozen registered Rovers that doesn't seem very realistic. Our new goal is to double our own membership annually through new crews and recruiting members to the existing ones. To do this we have set up various training sessions and group events through the year as well as working to put together a recruiting display we can move around metro Halifax (where most of our membership—for now—reside).

The first event of the year was Operation: Alert on September 14th-17th. Unfortunately due to the fact that I play rugby I was unable to attend. The rest of the RDC did attend, including the intrepid Kevin Croft, who worked on a project with longtime Scouter Peter Brown. For those of you who don't know, Alert is the major event of the Scouting year with most troops and companies focusing their programmes on training for it. Teams of four Venturers or Scouts run a gauntlet of three dozen or more projects intended to test their outdoors and teamwork skills. The Scouts run all day Saturday while the Venturers run overnight as well. Traditionally, Nova Scotian Rovers ran an entire project but due to manpower shortages this year we were unable to put anything together. We do, however, plan to bring back the Rover project next year.

The second event of note was RAVE 2000, held at Miller's Lake Scout Camp from October 13th through 15th. This stands for Rover and Venturer Event 2000. The weekend was planned by Kevin Croft and staffed by various Rovers and advisors. This even was meant to bring Rovers and Venturers together and discuss matters pertaining to Scouting in Nova Scotia as well as how to run good crews and companies. There were several sessions taught, including Leadership, Fundraising, Events, and Imagineering (which I taught). There were about twenty-five people at the event, making it our best-attended event of 2000. Everyone who came had a great time and we covered a lot of issues and learnt a lot, especially about linkage between the two sections.

Future events include Operation: Snowball on January 6th to 7th, 2001. This is a winter fun and games event, attended by leaders, Rovers, and Venturers, styled after Operation: Alert. In March, on the 30th to 31st, we will be having Operation: Orange Hill. This is a wide game held overnight for Venturers. We're going to be holding a Rover and Venturer dance and camp April 20th to 22nd, 2001 at Camp Lonecloud, near Millar's Lake. RAVE 2001 will be held early next Scouting year in October.

I hope that this has helped keep everyone informed about Rovering in Nova Scotia. If you'd like more information please feel free to contact me by email at adverge@attcanada.ca. Also, if you have access to the Internet you may wish to look at the Canadian Rovers Message board, hosted by my crew, 15th Dartmouth Crusader Rovers. The address is: <http://boards.cesite.com/board.cgi?boardset=rovers>.



From the ORC Chair

Hello Friends,

My name is Kevin Oates, I'm a Rover from Aurora Ontario, and this year I have been elected as the chair of the ORC. I realize that this introduction comes a little bit later into the Scouting year than it has perhaps been done before, but I would like to take this opportunity to explain. At the Annual Meeting last May I said a few words explaining my personal position on several issues that seemed to be facing the ORC, some were positive comments, several were not. Since then I have been working on several ideas of my own for change and collecting opinions and feedback. My original idea on how to approach this year was to have a relatively low profile for a while, make some significant changes, and then publicize like crazy. However since then I have realized that there are a few holes in this game plan, and I would like to try to change that now.

First, the folks that are volunteering their time to be on this years executive need to be introduced and recognized for their efforts. Ryan Jenkins of Toronto is Vice Chair Program and has already designed an HTML version of the Quester Award application form to be added to the ORC website so that they can be filled in and sent to the ORC directly on line, and the other awards are soon to follow. Mike Pembleton of London is the Vice Chair Promotion, and so far has done a great deal of work handing out flyers at Moots and talking to people about the ORC, he has plans for a new video promoting ROVERS and for a new design for the portable ORC display. Mike Flynn of Toronto is the Vice Chair Internet, he has made several updates to the ORC website and is continuing to work with Ryan and Mike to get more relevant information easily accessible on the site. Erica Bowman of Oakville is the Treasurer, so far has done exactly what Treasurers do, take care of the money!! Neil Looby of Ottawa is the Secretary, and is playing a support role only as the Past Chair. Albert Fuchigami has agreed to take on the official role as Past Chair, including the Chair of the Nominations Committee, so if you have any ideas for people who may be interested in next year's ORC Executive please contact Albert. Finally I would like to introduce Carl Pitman of Stirling as the new ORC Advisor. Carl has a great deal of experience, expertise and energy and I am sure he will do a fine job. I apologize to these people who should have been recognized far sooner than today.

As for what is happening so far this year with the ORC first I have to refer to a speech/article that was written by me and published in the June/July 2000 issue of the Canadian Rover Eh!. I made several statements and comments on the ORC and where I thought it was going. I made reference to the ORC not being used as a communication link for Rovers, and where I thought the focus of the ORC should be. Since then there has been a response article written and published, which I thought was very well written and made several good comments on my thoughts. First, the comment was made that, communication IS an important function of the ORC and, is in fact one of the most critical functions that we perform; I agree with this. However, what needs to be accomplished in order to fulfill this purpose is, Rovers have to USE the ORC as a link, we can't just claim to be one without any support. This is already starting to happen; simply through promoting the Rover Awards, writing articles etc., and forging a number of good new relationships. As for our organization structure I have been working on a model to introduce a Crew based voting system that would allow one representative from each Rover Crew in attendance at any ORC meeting one vote, thus possibly eliminating the Regional Representative System. However, there are several holes in this set up that need to be filled, but that can't be done without input from all over the province. Perhaps it's not the right way to go, perhaps it is, I am only one Rover I can't make the decision. This is where the comment from the response article by Mike Logan about the word "Community" being a good choice, he is right!! We all have a say and we all have the opportunity to voice opinions, please let me know what you think needs to be changed, if anything. We do have a concern right now, because many Regional Representatives that we

had last year have moved in to bigger and better things, leaving a large shortage. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, or know someone who would be very good in a Regional Representative role, please let me know as soon as possible. One comment I would like to make, with reference to the suggestion in the response article that the ORC meetings all be accessible by some sort of mass transit. We have to remember that we have a large province and in order to be truly representative of the province we can't focus on one geographical area. There is a ride board on the ORC site, and I would think that if someone wants to attend a meeting but feels they may have a transportation problem, please contact someone (either directly or through the board) and let them know your problem, Rovers are amazing people and will bend over backwards for each other, please don't let a bit of distance be a road block.

Now on to some specifics, (I know that stuff can be somewhat hard to follow but, I hope it does serve it's purpose to make some positive progress.) There have been two meetings so far this year, one in Peterborough on Sept 22-24 and the annual Conference was held in Leamington on Nov.10-12.

The first weekend was an outdoor weekend at a Scout Camp near Peterborough. It was actually a test for the site because next year we are planning a Moot called "Rover Moot" for Rovers and senior Venturers (17 +, if they are with the Crew) ONLY. For a few years there have been comments that a Moot for just Rovers seems to be a dying breed, so here you go!!! For information contact Jen Cowey, (705 292 5566) or Jeremy Shoup (519 895 2027), it will take place on Aug 24-26, 2001 and will have a Roman/Toga theme, please watch for details. The Conference in Leamington was fantastic, the 2nd Leamington Crew did a great job to make everyone feel welcome and made sure that we had a good weekend. We all learned about the Voyageurs, how they lived, what they ate (even got a sample), and what sort of values and structures they had in their lives. They 2nd Leamington Crew was particularly good at presenting this topic, since their Crew is based on the Voyageurs not the Knighthood theme, and I must say it is a very interesting set up, and the parallels are quite profound. We had lots of time to explore that beautiful part of the province, and meet some really friendly local people. The 2nd Leamington Rovers would like to thank their staff for the weekend, Shirley and Dave our cooks, 1st Comber Venturers, 2nd Leamington Venturers, 2nd Kingsville Venturers, Rod Quinneley and Jen Cowey, you all did a wonderful job. Mike Dodge one of the Co-chairperson for the event would like to thank Jack, Jeff, DJ, Paul and Abe for all the work they put into this weekend, you did a great job and I am proud to be your Gouvernail. If anyone has an idea for next year's conference or would be interested in being one of the Co Chairs for the event please let me know.

We have a number of projects on the go as well. Like I said earlier in this article Ryan and Mike have been working on promoting the Awards, and making them easier to access. We have been asked to assist in developing an award similar to the Quester for Venturers. This is a fantastic opportunity for a service project for the ORC and will greatly improve the linking process between Venturers and Rovers, watch for this to be available sometime during 2001. We are starting to gather information needed to form an Ontario Rover Crew Contact List. The folks that are running Snow Moot have generously volunteered to help by letting the ORC include a sheet for each Crew to fill out in the registration package, so everyone come out to Snow Moot and give us a hand, and enjoy a great weekend!!! We have also been offered the opportunity to have an information discussion at the Moot, so if you have been unable to attend an ORC and have several questions or comments, that would be a great time. The Crew Contact list will only be used as a resource to the Rovers of Ontario, and will not be published on the internet, or anywhere else. The only possibility that has been discussed is publishing directory similar to a phone book for each Crew in Ontario, to be updated annually, but this will not be done without permission either. If there is anyone interested in helping with these projects, or have ideas for project of your own, please let me know, the sky is the limit.

Last, I would like to speak about our up coming events, the January Meeting is going to take place in the Newmarket/Aurora area on January 12-14/ 2001. As of the day I am writing this article I am still waiting for direct confirmation from the church we are planning to use, that there is no problem with using it, so I won't say the exact location just in case it does change, but please check the ORC website and watch your email for an update. The weekend is being hosted by the South Lake Simcoe District Rover Round Table and will consist of a service project (planned to be a Bottle Drive to raise money for local charities that need it right after the holidays, so please dress warmly to be outside for an hour or two.) The ORC Meeting is planned for 4:00 pm on the Saturday January 13, this is different than what has been done in the past, but the organizers would like to have a Scouts Own and a Sunday brunch, so the meeting will be moved to accommodate that. Please note that time is a change on the flyer that was handed out at the November meeting, also if you happen to have a flyer from that meeting, change Mosley St. in the directions to Victoria St. (sorry about that!). Next is the ORC information/discussion session at Snow Moot February, 23-25, then the March meeting is taking place on the Belleville area on March 9-11, our hosts are the Stirling Dragons Rover Crew. The Annual Meeting will take place on May 11-13 in the Greater Toronto Area, and will include a dinner and dance. If your Crew, Round Table, Group of Rovers etc....are interested in-hosting an ORC meeting next year, please let me know.

I hope this has been an educational article and not too long winded, I don't do this very often. If you would like to get in touch with me please don't hesitate. Thanks for your time.

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Car Care



How to handle the (tire) pressure

by Earle Eldridge

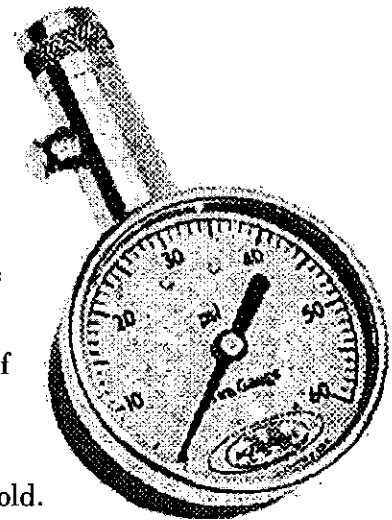
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The recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires has increased tire pressure awareness among consumers. But before you rush out to check the air pressure in your tires, here are a few tips from the Tire Industry Safety Council and Consumer Reports magazine.

- ❖ Determine the proper pressure for your vehicle's tires. That information is found on a white label attached to the doorjamb on the driver's side of most domestic cars and inside the fuel filler cap of some foreign cars.

The label will have a recommended pounds per square inch or PSI. And look at the label closely. It's rare, but some automakers recommend different pressures for rear tires and front tires.

- ❖ Don't rely on the tire gauge at a gas station air pump. It can be damaged. Buy your own gauge. One with a dial reading (like a speedometer) and a small hose is recommended rather than one shaped like an ink pen with a stick that pops out.
- ❖ DO NOT use the maximum PSI recommended on the sidewall of the tires. It is usually greater than what's recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer and may not be applicable to the car.
- ❖ **THIS IS IMPORTANT.** Check the pressure when the tires are cold. The manufacturer's PSI is for cold tires. A hot tire will give a false reading. Owner's manuals disagree on what is an acceptable driving range - some a mile, others 3 miles - before tires become too hot for an accurate check. Best advice: Check before driving.
- ❖ Don't forget to check the pressure in the spare tire.
- ❖ Tire pressure should be checked at least once a month; once a week is better.
- ❖ Rotate tires every 5,000 miles. And make sure that the spare is included in the rotation if it's a full-size tire.



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OUT & ABOUT

"Number 9, Number 9, Number 9,..." White Album, the Beatles



Hiking

When hiking is mentioned most people probably have an image conjured up in their mind of someone with a heavy pack walking down a wilderness path. In reality hiking spans a spectrum from a walk in the park (with no pre-event planning) to backpacking for days or weeks (having trained, planned the route, and assembled all the necessary gear).

As you will see in the survey results that follow, it can be an opportunity to find inner peace or a test of your inner fortitude. It offers both depending on what you need to get from it. It can be enjoyed on your own, with your crew or company, as an inter-crew activity or in competition, whatever suits your need.

Yeoman Hike:

Beginning in 1938 and held continuously until the early 1990's, the Yeoman Hike was a long and honoured tradition as a hiking competition among Toronto Rovers. It was last held in 1994 when it was open to all Ontario Rovers and saw crews from Oshawa, Peterborough, and Dorchester attend as well as from Toronto. It was a two person, self-contained hike in which teams were scored on hiking skills, cooking, campcraft and above all their hiking log. Each team was given a log-book at the beginning of the hike, where they were to include sketches, a hand drawn route map, a diary of the hike, etc. The team was then required to hand in the log when they crossed the finish line.

My aim in writing this column is to promote members of the Rovering Community to explore the outdoors using whatever mode they wish. Whereas I have enjoyed attending Moots since 1976 (including an incredible Canadian National Moot in Pincher Creek, Alberta in 1978) Moots are not the only Rover outdoor activity.

Now that I've got both feet firmly on my soapbox, I'd like to call for support of non-moot activities. Almost any non-long-weekend weekend between March and November in Ontario you can attend a moot, but where are the other activities? Though we have had interest from, as far away as Montreal, there haven't been enough crews committed to having an organized hike in Ontario over the last two years to have the Yeoman Hike. I would like to see that change. If you or your crew/company is interested in getting an organized hike together please e-mail me at yeoman_hike@hotmail.com

An Informal Survey:

I'd to thank those who took the time to answer the following questions of my second survey either on the Magazine's e-mail address: canadian_rover@hotmail.com or at Moot Moot or Hallowe'en Moot. These surveys are far from scientific but do represent your answers. As with our Canoeing Survey, feel free to take these individuals up on their recommendations or send in your own.

Either way get "Out & About"!

What hiking trail would you recommend as the best one(s) in your area?

- Cup and Saucer Trail, Manitoulin Island, Ontario
Denise F., Donnacona Rangers
- LaMauricie National Park, Quebec
Katherine Jacques, Crusader Rovers
- Oliver Lake Trail, Alberta
Mike Apedaile, Knights of the Order of St. Peter
- Bronte Provincial Park, Ontario
Erica Bowman, Northern Tier BSA
- Elora Gorge, Ontario
Bobby Paulovic, 9th Kitchener Rovers
- Lynn Headwaters/Hanes Valley/Grouse Mountain Loop, British Columbia
Marc Ramsay, 30th BP Guild Vancouver

- Grand River Trails, Cambridge/Kitchener or Algonquin Park, Ontario
Kathy Starr, 1st Wilmot Greyhawk Rovers
- Backwoods of Camp Impeesa, Pincer Creek, Alberta
Cory Gazarek, 15th Lethbridge Knights of the Westwind
- Cape Split, Nova Scotia
Ian Langley, The Dragon's Claw (18th Halifax Rovers)
- Bruce Trail or Wilderness section of the Ganaraska Trail, Ontario
Murray Fenner, 73rd Ft. Rouille Rovers
- Three Isle, Peter Loughheed Provincial Park, Alberta
Kat Nielsen, Knights of Sicarius Dracorum
- Pinery Provincial Park (on Lake Huron), Ontario
Paul Smith, 1st Petrolia Rovers
- Spirit Sands, Spruce Woods Provincial Park, Manitoba
Ursula Page, 3rd Petawawa

What was your most memorable hike? And why?

- "A high school hike along the Bruce Trail near Tobermory. Good friends, a fairly difficult hike, just a lot of fun."
Kevin Harron, 8th Toronto Rovers, Ontario
- "Walks around Camp Nemo as a Cub"
Tom Woodhall, 64th Hamilton Rovers, Ontario
- "Popokatiptit in Mexico.....Scenery was amazing. Watched a volcano erupt from the top."
Kirsten Meadows, Knights of the Westwind, Alberta
- "My squire's hike. Two main reasons, one, being my squire's hike I had to plan and execute the hike (and pack most of the gear as I had to provide for my two sponsors) and two, we came across a caving team from the University of Guelph and joined them to do some pretty cool stuff along the Bruce."
Ben Noseworthy, 17th Cambridge Rovers, Ontario
- "60 km perimeter hike around Kejji (Kejimikujik National Park, Nova Scotia), memorable because it took 5 days and was a test of endurance.
Ian Langley, The Dragon's Claw (18th Halifax Rovers), Nova Scotia
- "The Yeoman Hike where my squire got a group of Germans lost (temporarily) on the Bruce Trail.
Mike MacDonald, 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers, Ontario
- "84 km from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Grimsby. For the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the hike was completed along with two Venture-Scouts from England.
Michael Logan, (81st Hamilton) Thunderbirds Rovers, Ontario
- "Nahanni Ridge, Kananaskis Country. We lost a member, but she managed to walk out, no problem."
Kat Nielsen, Knights of Sicarius Dracorum, Alberta
- "Western Uplands Trails – 94 km in 3 days! Gold Duke of Edinburgh project, it was a big goal of mine.
Matthew Street, 1st Uxbridge, Ontario
- "Chilkoot Trail (Alaska/Yukon) – This three to four day hike is a very scenic and historical trail through some of the most breathtaking areas in the northwest. Some prior knowledge of the Gold Rush history of the trail makes the trip so much more unforgettable when you realize what the Gold Rush miners went through in the late 1800's."
Marc Ramsay, 30th BP Guild Vancouver, British Columbia
- "Canol Road from Norman Wells, Northwest Territories to Ross River Yukon Territory. Only recommendable with lots of preparation & good food supply. Very rough 220 miles."
Josje Hebbes, BP Guild 43 (Venture Advisor Crew 620), Cleveland, Ohio

Do you have a tip(s) for others when it comes to hiking?

- "Peanut butter (if you can). It doesn't need to be kept cold, it's good for protein and sugar boost. And it's good for every meal of the day, on toast or just a spoon."
Ryan Jenkins, 1st University of Waterloo Rover Crew, Ontario
- "Have good boots. Anything else doesn't matter."
Matthew Street, 1st Uxbridge, Ontario
- "Prepare yourself beforehand. Know the trail and plan what equipment you need to have with you. Talk to someone who has experience with the trail."
Ian Langley, The Dragon's Claw (18th Halifax Rovers), Nova Scotia
- "Make sure to waterproof!"
Julie Sawyer, Donnacona Rangers, Ontario
- "Make sure all equipment is pre-tested."
Gerald Johnson, 5th Richmond Hill Rovers, Ontario
- "Use a camelbak (cycling water hydration system) easy & insulated."
Tom Woodhall, 64th Hamilton Rovers, Ontario
- "Make sure to wear good shoes! Hiking boots are best but make sure you are comfortable and have good ankle support."
Katherine Jacques, Crusader Rovers, Quebec
- "The more people the BETTER."
Brad Busch, 22nd St. Catherines Rovers, Ontario
- "Bring extra socks, gel heels or inserts, staff, laughter, camera"
Ed Spike, 1st University of Waterloo Rovers, Ontario
- "Keep in shape. Do smaller hikes before major hikes."
Murray Fenner, 73rd Toronto Ft. Rouillee, Ontario
- "Carry extra socks, think light, and carry a water pump or purification tablets."
Ben Noseworthy, 17th Cambridge Rovers, Ontario

Does or did your group require a hike as part of its investiture requirements?

- "Squires have the choice of completing a "First Class Journey" modeled after the former Queen's Scout requirement or lead a service project of their choosing."
Michael Logan, (81st Hamilton) Thunderbirds, Ontario
- "Yes. The Rover-to-be was required to plan and carry out a 2 to 3 day investiture hike with their sponsor or their nominee. The planning had to include food, transport, shelter, safety planning, etc. A trip report was then required."
Marc Ramsay, 30th BP Guild Vancouver, British Columbia
- "Not for investiture, but for Duke of Edinburgh."
Stacy, Karen, Hanna, & Krystal, 50th Hamilton Rangers, Ontario
- Yes, and we still do. A hike or canoe trip is acceptable for requirement towards investiture."
Jerry Pederson, 7th DM Rose Rovers, Ontario
- "We never have. We require service projects and participation in Rovering activities but we do not specify hikes."
Katherine Jacques, Crusader Rovers, Quebec
- "We have a physical component as part of the requirements. It could be a hike or a cycling trip or canoe trip or rock climbing, etc."
Cathy Sumsion, 9th Bramalea Rovers
- "Yes, we used to use the Yeoman Hike."
Mike MacDonald, 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers, Ontario

Comments on Survey Results:

What hiking trail would you recommend as the best one(s) in your area?

While most Ontario respondents recommended the Bruce Trail, only a couple recommended the Ganaraska Trail or Oakridges Trail, and none the Waterfront Trail or the Voyageur Hiking Trail. It seems that either we in Ontario aren't very familiar with these other trails or simply find the Bruce Trail synonymous with hiking here. The most recommended sections of the Bruce Trail were: Rattlesnake Point, Collingwood, Craigeleith, Balls Falls and Tobermory.

Having received hiking trail recommendations from across Canada I hope our readers will be spurred onto to exploring other regions of our Country.

What was your most memorable hike? And why?

It seems that we do equate hiking with fond memories. In a number of people's responses, we have either overcome obstacles that cropped up in our path unexpectedly or we placed them there on purpose to overcome (as indicated by those who challenged themselves with long days on the trail backpacking). I think most of the respondents use old war stories as a badge of honour, I know I do.

Do you have a tip(s) for others when it comes to hiking?

The recommendation by Tom Woodhall of using a camelbak really strikes home to me as a cyclist. This need for carrying water was further driven home at a recent Bruce Trail seminar on Backpacking I went to this month. The speaker Mel Goddard had modified everyone one of his backpacks to include a holster on the waist belt to hold a water bottle. Most packs don't come with a place to carry water built in, this may be a modification to your pack you may want to consider.

Most survey respondents echoed the belief that really testing out your equipment before venturing out on a long hike is extremely important. The best test of oneself and your equipment is to do shorter day hikes and build oneself up to be ready for multi-day backpacking.

Does or did your group require a hike as part of its investiture requirements?

59% of Rover respondents indicated that their crew didn't require a hike specifically for investiture. Some gave the members a choice of a canoe trip, hike or service project. It seems as time goes on fewer crews use a first class journey as part of their investiture requirements. This may explain the lack of support for the Yeoman Hike as fewer need it as a means of completing these requirements.

While none of the Ranger or Venturer respondents indicated that their Company required a hike for investiture, 25% of the Ranger respondents specifically indicated that they were hiking to earn their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Final Comments:

Again I would like to thank all those who took the time to participate in our survey. I would encourage those that didn't get the opportunity to participate to send in your answers to our survey questions and they will be included in a future "Out & About".

While the Yeoman Hike didn't come off in 2000, our crew did have a squire's hike and would like to thank Elliot Biro from 6th Thornhill Rovers for attending. Elliot being one of those Rovers interested in seeing the Yeoman Hike back on its feet. Possibly we need a few more inter-crew hikes on a smaller scale to increase the interest in an Ontario wide hike.

If your area or provincial Scout Office doesn't have training courses on hiking, then I would recommend checking out the local trail associations, they will most likely have courses throughout the year. Oh yeah, and don't forget to look into joint service projects with them. Dare I suggest your crew, the trail association and some of your younger sections do maintenance on your local trail? Then send in a report to the **RE"QUEST"** for Service column!

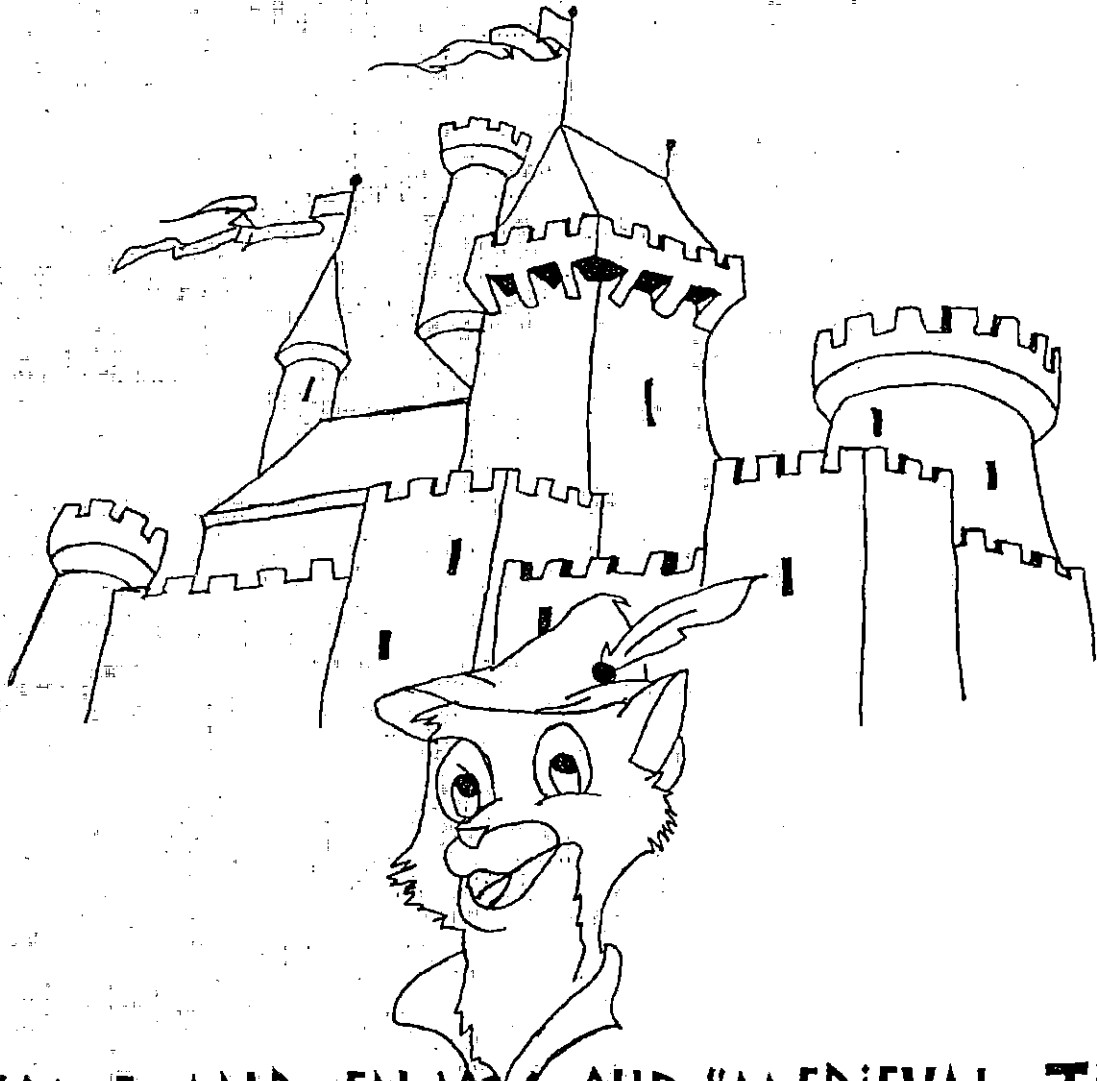
If your company/crew had a memorable experience on a trail (whether good or bad), I invite you to send us a line at : canadian_rover@hotmail.com, we are always interested in your input.

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- ☉ PRE-REGISTRATION (crest included): \$10.00
- ☉ GATE REGISTRATION (crest included): \$16.00
- ☉ SATURDAY-SUNDAY REGISTRATION (crest included) : \$11.00
- ☉ DAY REGISTRATION (crest included): \$8.00
- ☉ DANCE REGISTRATION (no crest): \$6.00
- ☉ IF YOU WISH TO USE A ADIRONDACK THEN YOU MUST RESERVE IT BY CONTACTING HEADQUARTERS
- ☉ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : ATTAWANDERONK MOOT
- ☉ PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE IN BEFORE MAY 3RD, 2001

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

CREW NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE #: () _____

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS

_____	_____
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NO. OF PEOPLE _____ X \$10.00 = _____

FRIDAY

3:00 P.M. - REGISTRATION BEGINS
9:00 P.M. - EVENING GAMES
(IN PAVILION)
1:30 A.M. - CURFEW
2:00 A.M. - ALL QUIET

SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. - WAKE UP CALL
10:00 A.M. - CAMP CLOSING
- ROVER/RANGE OWN
1:00 P.M. - CAMP CLEAR

SATURDAY

8:00 A.M. - WAKE UP CALL
9:00 A.M. - OFFICIAL OPENING
9:30 A.M. - MORNING EVENTS
START
12:00 P.M. - LUNCH
1:00 P.M. - AFTERNOON EVENTS
BEGIN
4:00 P.M. - AFTERNOON EVENTS
END
9:00 P.M. - DANCE
1:30 A.M. - CURFEW
2:00 A.M. - ALL QUIET

INFORMATION

- ✧ THERE ARE NO TRAILERS SITES, UNLESS EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES OR MEDICAL REASONS ARISE. EACH CREW SHOULD COME LIGHT WEIGHT AND SELF CONTAINED
- ✧ A LIST OF FESTIVITIES AND A MAP WILL BE PROVIDED AT REGISTRATION.
- ✧ SWEETS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A SMALL FEE AT CANTEEN.
- ✧ VENTURE COMPANIES ARE WELCOME IF ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADVISOR, OR A ROVER CREW.

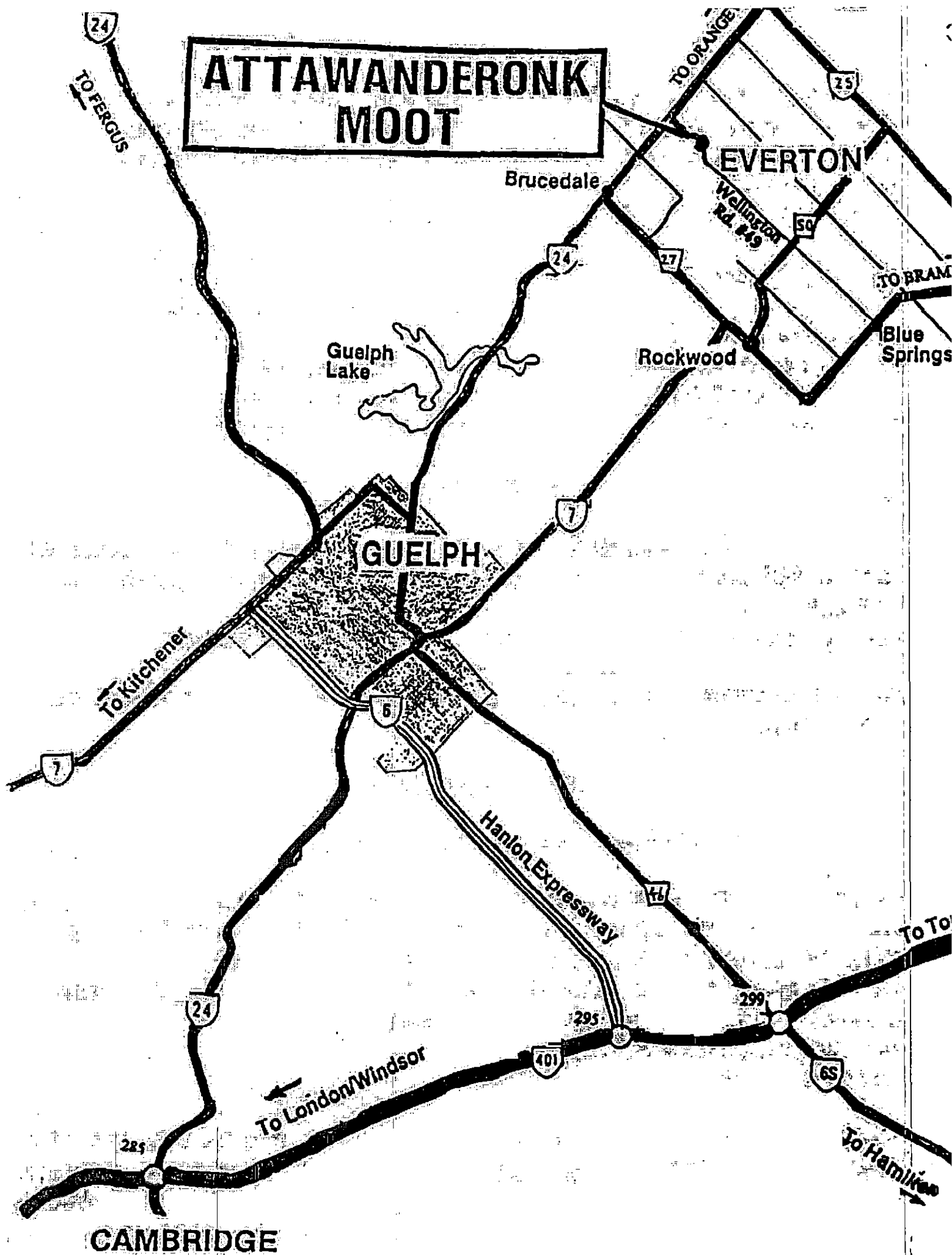
RULES & REGULATIONS

- I. RULES OF THE EVENTS ARE THAT OF THE SCOUTING AND GUIDE ORGANIZATIONS.
- II. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE MEMBERS, IN GOOD STANDING WITH THEIR UNIT.
- III. ALL ACTIONS OF YOU GROUP REFLECT BACK ON SCOUTING AND GUIDING!
- IV. NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, FIREARMS, FIRECRACKERS, OR FIRE WORKS ARE ALLOWED OR TOLERATED. VIOLATION OF THIS EVENT WILL RESULT IN THE DISMISSAL OF YOUR GROUP FROM THIS EVENT.
- V. *NO PETS PERMITTED IN CAMP!!*
- VI. CURFEW WILL BE ENFORCED!

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES & REGULATIONS ARE BROKEN DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AND MAY RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM THE EVENT!

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International Events

DECEMBER '00

27-JAN 6 Third Desert Safari
Sahara Desert of Libya
<worldbureau@world.scout.org>

or Katherine Nielsen
Western Canada Coordinator
<nielsen@calcna.ab.ca>

30-JAN 1 Cross Century Camporee
Chia-Yi City Park, Taiwan
<cybs@dns.cyeb.cy.edu.tw>
<www.cyeb.cy.edu.tw/bs/index.htm>

JUNE '01

23- 30 QV2001

The Queensland State Venture
Queensland, Australia
<www.stjohnqld.asn.au/venturers/qv2001.htm>

JANUARY

2-11 8th New Zealand Venture
Wellington, New Zealand
<venture2001@extra.co.nz>

DECEMBER '01

27-JAN 6 '02/15th Australian Rover Moot
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
<gldmoot2001@gldhq.com.au>

APRIL

12-16 Dam Moot
Christchurch, New Zealand
<dammoot@yahoo.com>

JUNE '02

23rd World Conference of International
Scout and Guide Fellowship
U of BC
Vancouver, BC

13-16 50th Hoadley Hide 2001
Melborne, Victoria, Australia
<peter.datson@rmit.edu.au>

AUGUST '04

MAY

12 Jamboree on the Trail
International Event done locally<www.jott.org>

1-11 12TH World Moot

Hualien, Taiwan
<www.scout.org.tw/wm2004>

Training Dates

LONDON DISTRICT, TRI-SHORES REGION

April 27-29 2001 (Youth Volunteer Training for CJ '01 – Camp Catariqui
<trishore@execulink.com>

London is also putting on the following Enrichment Courses:

Jan 13, 2001	(Saturday)	Project Wild - Cost: \$10 plus manuals
Feb 17, 2001	(Saturday)	Focus On Forests - Cost: \$10 plus manuals
Mar 10, 2001	(Saturday)	Fishways - Cost: \$10 plus manuals

For further information or to register please contact:

London District Office at (519) 432-2646.

GREATER TORONTO REGION

*Here are two separate Part II courses for all
Rover Advisors that haven't had a chance to complete their training
(each is a three week-end course):*



Feb 16-18; Mar 30-Apr 1; Apr 6-8 2001

OR

Feb 22-24; Apr 5-7; Apr 19-21, 2002

Crew Woodbadge Part II
Leatham Center
Woodland Trails Scout Camp
Greater Toronto Region
Ontario



*Contact: GTR Training Department
(416)490-6364 ext 237*

CENTRAL ESCARPMENT REGION

Feb 10, 2001	(Saturday)	Rover Woodbadge Part I
	9am-4pm	Module 3: "Rover/Crew Programming Planning
Regional Office - Mississauga, ON		Module 5: "Rover/Crew Section Programming

*For further information or to register please contact:
Brenda Patterson, ARC - Training and Development
(905)270-9545 email: bpbp@yesic.com*

QUEBEC

April 7-8 Rover Woodbadge Part I

UPCOMING EVENTS

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DECEMBER '00

- 9 1st LaSalle Rangers 4th annual
FREE SKATING PARTY
2 to 5 pm
Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto
Lynda: (905)335-5030
Jamie: (905)681-1028

JANUARY

- 8 3rd Annual P'Jamma Jammy Jam
Newmarket Optimist Hall
Scott: (905)836-4438
- 20 Club Pas Philos Dance
Newmarket Scout Hall, Ont
Diana: (905)853-0100
<www.geocities.com/pasphilos>

FEBRUARY

- 2 Dr. Nick's Dance Party –
The Retro Cat
Toronto
Dr. Nick: (905)690-1831
DJ Cat-In-the-Hat: (905)676-9128
gobigorstathome@bigfoot.com
<www.gobigorstathome.n3.net>
- 23-25 Snow Moot 2001
Mount Nemo Scout Camp
Hamilton/Burlington ON
snowmoot@canada.com
<snowmoot.cjb.net>

MARCH

- TBA 15th Annual Club Med Moot
Quebec
Christina: (450)653-1815
<thelinkinglinkrc@hotmail.com>
<www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Rapids/8544>

Nova Scotia

- January 6 Operation: Snowball
March 30-31 Operation: Orange Hill
April 20-22 Rover/Venturer Dance/Camp
Camp Lonecloud
Millar's Lake
October RAVE 2001
<http://boards.eesite.com/board.cgi?boardset=rovers>
<adverge@attcanada.ca>

Read "the Nova Rover" inside

APRIL

- 6-8 Supernova 2001
Camp Manitou
Milton, Ont.
drinktosupernova@yahoo.com
<http://drink.to/supernova>

- 13 Dr. Nick's Dance Party –
Dance Your Ass Off
Toronto
Dr. Nick: (905)690-1831
DJ Cat-In-the-Hat: (905)676-9128
gobigorstathome@bigfoot.com
<www.gobigorstathome.n3.net>

MAY

- 11-13 Dance Moot
Camp Impeesa
contact: Brant Rovers
11 Carolina Dr. Brantford, ON
N3R 1X6

AUGUST '01

- GirlSports Canada (Ranger Event)
Brock University
St. Catherines, ON
<info@guidesontario.org>
- 24-26 ORC's "Rover Moot"0
Peterborough, ON
Jen Cowey (705)292-5566
Jeremy Shoup (519)895-2027

AUGUST '02

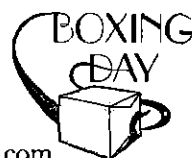
- 17-25 BC Trek
Phone: 1-800-78 TRY IT
<www.bc.scouts.ca/bctrek.html>

ORC General Meetings:

- Jan 12-14 Shining Waters Region
Mar 9-11 White Pine Region
May 11-13 Toronto-Annual General Meeting
koates@home.com
<www.cyberus.ca/~rovers>

South Lake Simcoe Rover Round Table:

- Monthly Meetings:
1st Sunday of the month
Scout Shop, Aurora, Ontario
7 p.m.
Howard: (905)727-8417



MORE INSIDE !!!!

If you have an event that you would like to see announced on these pages, or know of any events that should be, please email us the details and it will appear in the next issue

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