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When I was talked into becoming the editor, my goal was to help create a quality magazine, with a cross-section of articles and information that met the needs of our readers – the Canadian Rovers. So far, it's been an ongoing battle with mixed results. I think we've made more headway this past year, but we haven't consistently met your expectations.

In trying to improve our product, I agreed whole-heartedly with the suggestion to do an in-depth reader survey. The magazine is indebted to Albert Fuchigami for creating the survey forms, then taking the completed surveys and tabulating them into usable data. I won't bore you with numbers, but would like to give you an idea where the survey is aiming us.

Generally, the quality and quantity of our articles has been well received, but the content needs work. The kind of articles you want more of include: Rover issues; Scouting news; Networking – event news; Program ideas; Commentary (opinions on Rover issues). Guess what?! I agree!!!! I hope you've noticed the increase in these types of articles even before the survey was completed. ...We're working at it.

On the question of improving your opinion of the magazine, some key points included: Greater diversity of writers; More event information; Links to resources on the net; Selected articles available on the net; Getting delivery on time. Again, I agree. We're still not active on the net, but we have been trying to improve the other areas all along. I hope it shows.

A lot of you were interested in being able to get previous issues, with the majority looking for downloading from a web site. If we can find a webmaster, we can certainly try to do that. I don't know how far back our records go – you'll have to remember that the editors and staff have gone through several changes.

An overwhelming number of people indicated a willingness to pay a higher subscription fee for a larger (more pages) magazine. If the current trend continues, we may have to go that way. The Dec-Jan issue was our largest to date, and it pushed our creativity to get it done within the budget (donations helped).

The biggest thing you liked about the magazine (by far) was the event information and what you didn't like was a lack of "Rover stuff". Bear with us...we're working on this too, and I hope the last few issues show it. If we can find a few more contributors on a consistent basis, we'll be able to cover "Rover stuff" better.

In the comments on where you heard about the magazine, I would like to point out to people that the original "Rover Magazine" went out of existence with the passing of Don Sitler – about six years ago. This magazine, while trying to meet the same demands, has no connection with the old one. So... if you heard about it "way back when", it was in reference to Don's magazine.

It seems that a lot of our readers share their copies with others. That's great!!! A vast majority of the surveys were submitted by people who read either Crew subscriptions, a friend's copy, or a promotion copy. We're happy to see our product gets around, but please remember we do need subscribers to keep going.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to turn in completed surveys. We realize that we're not perfect, but we're trying our best to meet your expectations. Remember... if there's anything you like or dislike about this magazine you don't have to wait for another survey to let us know. The inside front cover has our postal address and our email address. This page has my personal address, phone number and email address. Feel free to contact me or any member of the staff with your comments, gripes, or (and I hope this thought comes to your mind once in a while) to pat us on the back because we did something you liked.

Keep on Rovering,
Stan Kowalski Jr.

MARCH ORC Weekend

Mar. 9-11, 2001

The Stirling Rovers have chosen *Emmanuel United Church* in Foxboro (North of Belleville) located at 458 Ashley St..

- The ORC meeting will be held on Saturday at 4pm.
- Scouts own will be held in the church hall at 8:30 am (Sun.)
- Bring your scouting spirit to **ROCKABOWL** Saturday night, it will be a promising thrill of a lifetime!!!!
- As always: breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. (Bring your dishes, etc.)
- Cost to be announced (but it won't be much)

Directions:

From the West on 401

Highway 401 to Wallbridge Loyalist Rd. After a complete stop at the lights turn **LEFT** and go North.

When you approach the 4-way stop at Vermilyea Rd. turn **RIGHT** (Hint: Piccola Italia Restaurant is on your left.)

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Look for Ashley Street on your right and find #458.

Good luck! See you at Emmanuel.

From the East on 401

Exit at Highway 62 North

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From Highway 7 East

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Turn left of the Foxboro turn.

Turn right on at the 2nd stop sign onto Ashley St. #458 is on your Left.

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THE ROGER AWARDS

The "ROGER AWARDS" are not in any way, shape or form a product of any Scout Headquarters at any level. It is an award that is made by you, the Rovers, Rangers and Advisors, by your nominations and votes sent in to our judges. It gives Rovers and Rangers a chance to honor their own, and show appreciation for the efforts of an individual or Crew(s).

All Rovers, Rangers and Advisors are allowed to nominate and vote once in each category. All we ask is that you only vote for moots you personally attended, and not on hearsay. You may leave a category blank if you so desire.

In items No. 1 and No. 2, list the persons name, affiliation (Crew, Company, District, etc.) and the main reason this person was nominated.

It is important that you list No. 3 in order of preference, as points are awarded, then added to determine the winner. (3A scores 4 points, 3B scores 3 points, 3C scores 2 points, 3D scores 1 point)

To help **you** with your selections, we've compiled a list of articles and some Moots on the next page. To help **us** clarify any questions, please fill out the requested information at the bottom.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. Name a person who you feel has given sincere dedication to Rovers.

2. Name a person who you feel has given sincere dedication to Rangers.

3. Name what you feel were the four best moots in the past year in order of preference.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

4. Name the best continuing article to appear in the Canadian Rover Eh! magazine during the past year.

5. Name the best feature article to appear in the Canadian Rover Eh! magazine during the past year.

SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS AND VOTES BY APRIL 20, 2001, TO:

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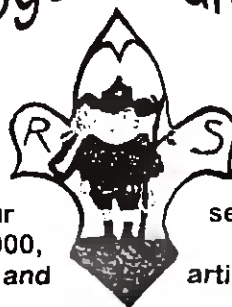
Awards will be presented at the awards dinner Saturday evening
during the ORC Annual Meeting May 12, 2001.

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

the Roger Awards



To help you with your
Awards for the year 2000,
following lists of Moots and

selections for the Roger
we've compiled the
articles from the past year.

MOOTS

Attawanderonk Moot	Halloween Moot	Snow Moot 2000
14th Club Med Moot (Quebec)	Looney Tunes Moot	Dance Moot 2000
BYOM (Bring Your Own Moot)	Oops: the Moot	Sonic Boom Moot
Pride Moot 2000	Beach Party Moot 2000	X-Moot
Moot Moot Y2K	Yow 2 Klue Moot	Jailbreak Moot
World Scout Moot (Mexico)	ReMoot 2000 (Saskatchewan)	E-Vent 2000 (Alberta)
	Pirates of the Caribbean (Nova Scotia)	

Please note that almost all these Moots were held in Ontario. That's simply because those were the Moots we heard about. We probably missed some. All Moots stand nominated for your votes. If you attended a Moot we didn't hear about, let us know so that we can try to include it in our events listing next time.

Best Feature Article

Meet the Crew – the Queen's Rovers	Allison Daley, Mike Logan
Meet the Crew – the Thunderbird Rovers	Mike Logan
A Re"Quest" for Service	Kirby McCuaig
I'm a Rover.....Seldom Sober.....	Ali Gothard
Jamboree on the Trail.....In Alberta	Kat Nielson
Memories: Halloween Moot Remembered	Stan Kowalski Jr.
Moot 2000 Mexico City – In the Middle of Packing.....	Mike Logan
Moot 2000 Mexico City – Through the Eyes of a Canadian Rover	Chris Kosmenko
Rover Networks.....	Albert Fuchigami
Rover Organizations.....	Albert Fuchigami
SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)	Kathy Starr
ORC.... Do We Really Need It?	Kevin Oates
Where Is the Community in ORC?	Mike Logan
Woodbadge	Russ Kelk
Hug-A-Tree and Survive	Kirby McCuaig
ORC2K Meeting Report	Nicky Patterson
Northern Tier.....	Erik White
Camping Out	Bonte Minnema ?
Rovers Lead the Way.....	Ian Mitchell (from "the Leader")
Attawanderonk Moot Report.....	Rae Genereaux
R.S.Dell Award – History and 1999 Nomination	Stan Kowalski Jr.
From the ORC Chair	Kevin Oates
QRRT Minutes	from the Internet

Best Continuing Article

From the Editor's Desktop.....	Stan Kowalski Jr.
Friendly Forest Flora.....	Tammy Squires
Out & About	Kirby McCuaig
Tool Time.....	Stan Kowalski Jr.
Rover Ramblings.....	Anthony Palmer (the Old Rover)
Rovers in Alberta	Kat Nielsen
the Gourmet Rover.....	Stan Kowalski Jr.
the Nova Rover.....	Audrey Dianne Verge
the Funny Bone	Kathy Starr
Announcements.....	Kathy Starr
Fit As a Fiddle.....	Stan Kowalski Jr.

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SATURDAY

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

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

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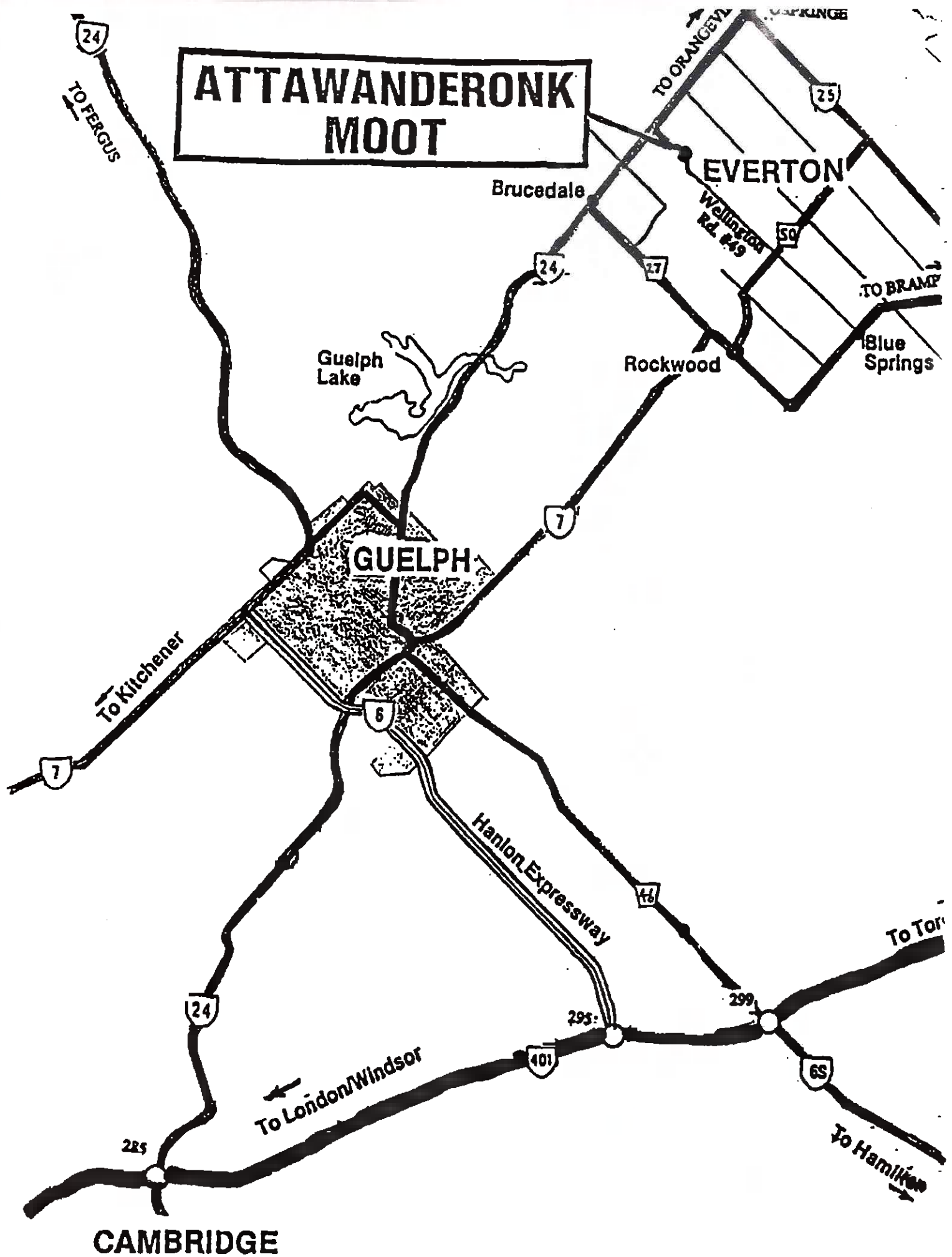
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RULES & REGULATIONS

- 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.
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- VI. CURFEW WILL BE ENFORCED!

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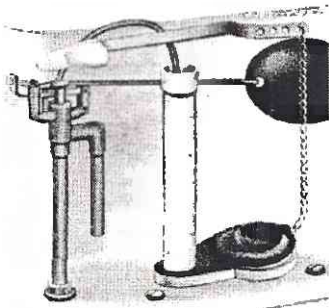
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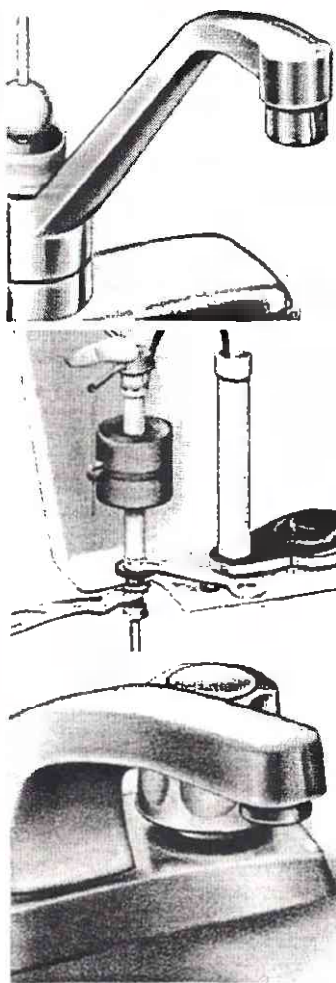


All Rovers, male and female, young or old, get called upon at one time or another to do fix-it jobs. Sometimes as a Crew project, sometimes as a home repair project, and sometimes to help a friend. In this column, we're going to try to bring you tips to make some of these jobs easier.



April 1999
'Today's Homeowner'

STOP DIPPING



the drip

Whether it's the toilet that gurgles or the steady drip, drip, drip of a faucet in the middle of the night, we'll show you how to silence the most common leaks

by John D. Wagner

Water dripping onto a boulder will eventually break down the rock. A little closer to home, water incessantly dripping from a leaky faucet in the wee hours of the night will lead to a breakdown of another kind. The drip, drip, drip has a way of driving you crazy.

Silencing a dripping faucet or a running toilet doesn't require an expensive visit from a plumber. Even if you consider yourself a klutz when it comes to washers and wrenches, you can stop the leaks with a little savvy and a few inexpensive parts. We'll show you how on the following pages.

Leaky Toilet

BEFORE YOU START

- Turn off the water at the shutoff valve near the base of the toilet. If there isn't one, see "Emergency Shutoff," on the next page, which will fill you in on how to locate shutoff valves. Once the water is off, flush the toilet a couple of times. This empties the tank so you can make repairs. If you're replacing the water-supply line or ball cock, sponge up the remaining water in the toilet tank.

Problem: Gurgles, ripples in the bowl or a hissing sound.

Solution: This problem usually indicates the water level is too high in the tank, with the excess pouring into the overflow tube.

In a toilet with a **float-ball ball cock**, the ball at the end of a brass rod rises with the water as the tank refills. At a set water level, the rod-and-ball assembly turns off the diaphragm ball cock, shutting off source water. If the ball isn't set low enough, water will crest and pour into the overflow tube. Stop this by gently bending down the rod by hand to lower the water level in the tank.

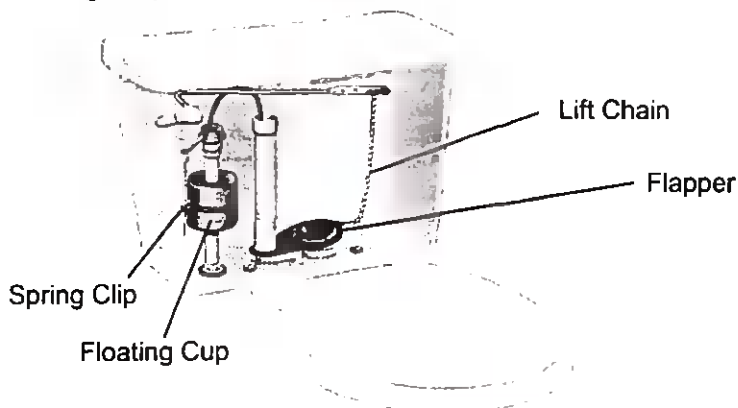
For a **floating-cup ball cock**, a cup slides up the ball-cock shaft as the water level rises and lifts a wire that trips the ball cock off. To lower the water level, pinch the clip holding the floating cup to the wire and slide it down the ball-cock shank.

For a **floatless ball cock**, turn the adjustment screw located at the base of the ball cock counterclockwise. Work the screw in half-turn increments. A new ball cock costs around \$8.

FIND YOUR TOILET

- Check out your toilet-tank mechanism and match it to one shown below before buying parts or reading up on the repairs that we describe here. When buying parts, choose a kit (usually less than \$30) rather than individual items. The kit will contain all of the working parts you need to repair your toilet. Buying a kit will also eliminate unnecessary trips to the hardware store or home center in the middle of the job.

Floating-Cup Ball Cock



Problem: Water to the tank goes on and then off every 20 minutes or so. There may also be a gurgling sound.

Solution: A leaky valve seat, the exit hole at the bottom of the tank, usually causes these problems. Here are the two possible scenarios:

The flapper (or tank ball in some older toilets) should seal the valve. If the valve is caked with mineral deposits, it can leak.

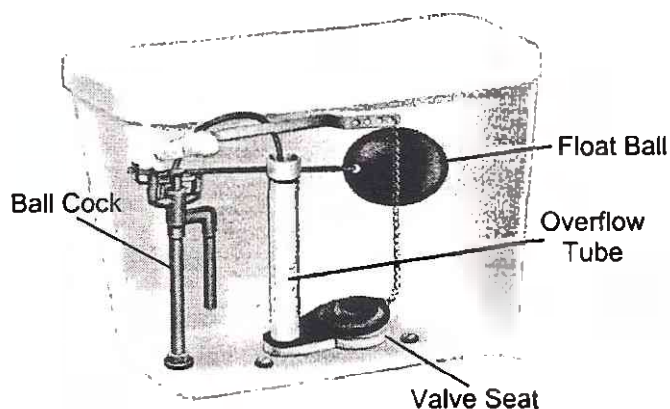
Scrub the valve seal (and tank ball or flapper if necessary) with distilled white vinegar and a

scouring pad.

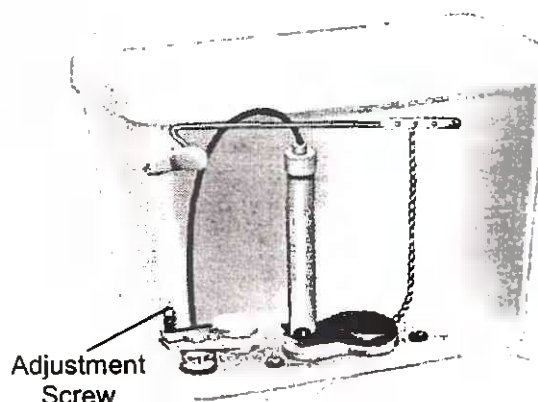
Another possibility is that the flapper or tank ball is misaligned or damaged. Inspect it for cracks, rips or tears, and adjust or replace it if necessary. For a flapper, make sure it's centered and square to the overflow tube. If you need to replace the flapper, simply unhook it and install a new one.

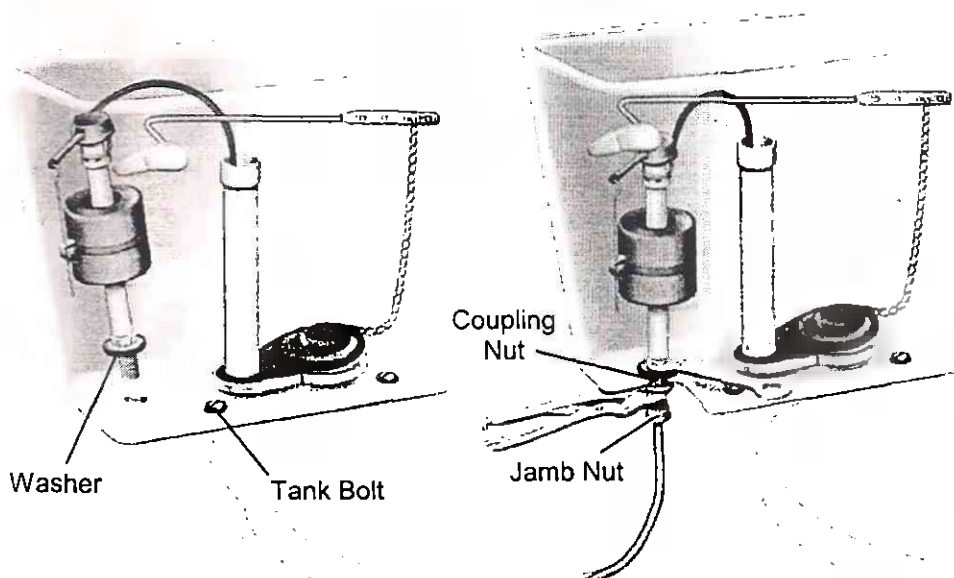
For a misaligned tank ball, adjust the wire until the ball fits snugly. To replace a tank ball, just unscrew it. Older ones often disintegrate when handled, so unscrew the ball mount with pliers.

Float-Ball Ball Cock



Floatless Ball Cock





IF THE BALL-COCK WASHER has hardened or if the ball cock leaks, start by replacing the washer (above left). If the leak persists, replace the entire ball cock. Use an open-end wrench inside the tank and self-locking pliers outside (above right).

Problem: water leaks out of the bottom of the tank.

Solution: There are three possibilities here. The bottom of the ball cock could be leaking, the connection between the external water-supply line and the ball cock could be loose or the tank bolts might have corroded, causing water to seep out.

The water-supply line feeds water into the threaded ball-cock tailpiece that protrudes from the bottom of the tank. It's held in place by a jamb nut that screws up from the bottom outside of the tank. Try tightening the nut as a first step.

If that doesn't work, replace the ball cock (around \$8). Unscrew the supply-line coupling and detach the line. Then unscrew the jamb nut and pull the ball cock out. Fit a new washer over the new ball cock and coat the bottom of this cone-shaped washer with Teflon pipe dope. Thread the jamb nut by hand, then tighten with a wrench. Be sure to buy an antisiphon ball cock, which prevents the backflow of contaminated wastewater.

Another possibility is that there's a leaking connection between the supply line and

tailpiece. To repair the connection, unscrew the supply tube coupling and replace the line with durable braided-stainless-steel line (around \$8). Bring the old one to the store to match coupling sizes and line length. Coupling sizes are 3/8, 1/2 and 7/8 in. Check both ends because many supply lines are 3/8-in. on one end and 1/2-in. on the other. If the shutoff valve is leaking, replace it with a stainless-steel one for around \$8.

In an older toilet, leaky tank bolts are another possible cause of a leak. First, try gently tightening the bolts (overtightening can crack the tank). If the leak persists, replace the rubber washers inside the tank or the bolts themselves if they're corroded.

Problem:

Toilet leaks at floor level.

Solution: If water is oozing from under the toilet or the flooring is damp, the seal made by the wax ring that connects the bottom of the toilet and the top of the waste pipe, called a closet flange, is broken. Try gently tightening (one full turn, maximum) the nuts that hold the toilet to the floor. If the problem persists, replace the wax ring.

Emergency Shutoff

When pipes burst, fixtures leak or appliances cause a flood, stop the deluge by cutting off the water at its source. Take a moment to locate all of the shutoff valves in your home so you'll be prepared for an emergency.

Whole-house shutoff

For a home served by a well, the shutoff will be on the house side of the pressure tank. You should also cut power to the tank so it doesn't detect a phantom pressure loss and burn out trying to compensate. In a home with metered water, look for the shutoff on either side of the water meter. Remember, your meter could be located in the basement, mounted on an exterior wall or even out near the street in a concrete "meter pit" where the household feed line meets the utility main.

Whole-house hot-water shut-off

On your water heater there should be a valve on the hot-water outlet, which controls all of the hot water to the house. If there isn't one on yours, you or your plumber should install one.

Toilet shutoff

Look for this inline shutoff — typically a ribbed oval handle — under the toilet tank.

Sink shutoffs

These inline shutoffs usually sit just beneath the sink or within the cabinet or vanity. The one on the left is usually for the hot water, the one on the right for cold water.

Dishwasher shutoff

Look first under the kitchen sink. Often there's a reducer coupling and shut-off valve leading to the dishwasher on the 1/2-in. hot-water sink-supply line. Not there? If you have a basement, look between the ceiling joists just below the appliance.

Clothes washer

There should be valves where the house-supply lines meet the washer hoses. Washer hoses are notoriously weak, so always close the valve when leaving home for an extended period. —J.D.W

Leaky Faucet

BEFORE YOU START

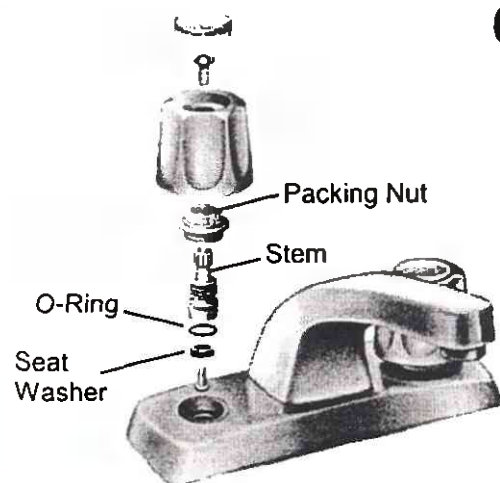
- Shut off the water under the sink.
- Close the sink drain; cover it with a rag to catch dropped parts.
- Tape the jaws of your wrench with a layer of duct tape to avoid scratching the fixture.
- Establish a place to lay out parts in order of removal.
- Use some distilled white vinegar and a soft scouring pad for removing mineral deposits on faucet parts.

FIND YOUR TOILET

- There are four kinds: compression, cartridge (sleeve), ceramic

disk and ball type. Each type is illustrated below or on the next page. Except for the compression faucet, there are two illustrations for each. The less detailed version will identify the kind you have. The more detailed one will help as you make repairs.

A compression faucet relies on rubber washers to seal the valve seat. Rubber washers wear out and must be replaced occasionally. The other types, often called washerless faucets, last longer but they too can develop leaks. When these cartridge, ceramic-disk or ball-type faucets leak, you can either replace the O-ring or neoprene seal that's causing the leak or replace the entire assembly for less than \$28.



Compression Faucet

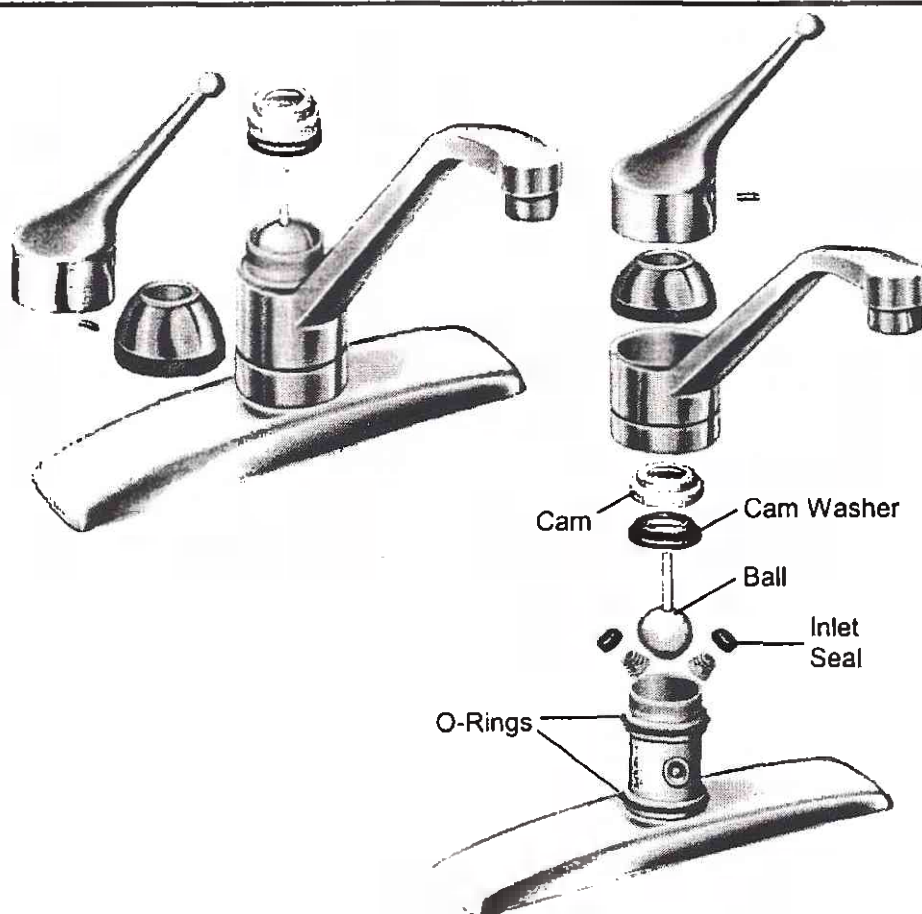
Most leaky compression faucets need new seat washers. Pry off the decorative cap on the handle, remove the handle screw, pull off the handle and use a crescent wrench to unscrew the packing nut. After unscrewing the stem, remove and replace the seat washer held in place by a brass screw. Coat the washers with nontoxic, heat-proof plumber's grease. Pop the stem out of the

packing nut and replace the O-ring, the culprit for leaky handles. O-rings range in size from 3/8 to 5/8-in., so it's crucial to exactly match the size on your faucet. Coat the new O-ring with the plumber's grease. Reassemble the faucet and tighten the packing nut.

If your faucet continues to leak, the seat may be pitted. Remove the stem and grind smooth the valve seat with a valve-seat dresser (S4-5), a tool you temporarily screw down into the faucet.

Ball-Type Faucet

This type of faucet contains a lot of parts, and that often makes it difficult to find the cause of the leak. You can avoid the aggravation by buying a replacement kit (around \$15) and putting in all new parts. First, remove the handle set screw and lift off the handle. Use adjustable pliers to remove the cap and collar. Using the special tool included in the faucet-repair kit, loosen the faucet cam and lift it out along with the cam washer and the rotating ball. Reach into the faucet body with needle-nose pliers and remove the inlet seals and springs. Next, cut off the O-Rings, coat the new ones in nontoxic, heat-proof plumber's grease and roll them on. Install new springs, valve seats and cam washers as you reassemble the faucet. Another more expensive option for an older faucet is to replace the entire fixture. You'll need a basin wrench to do this.

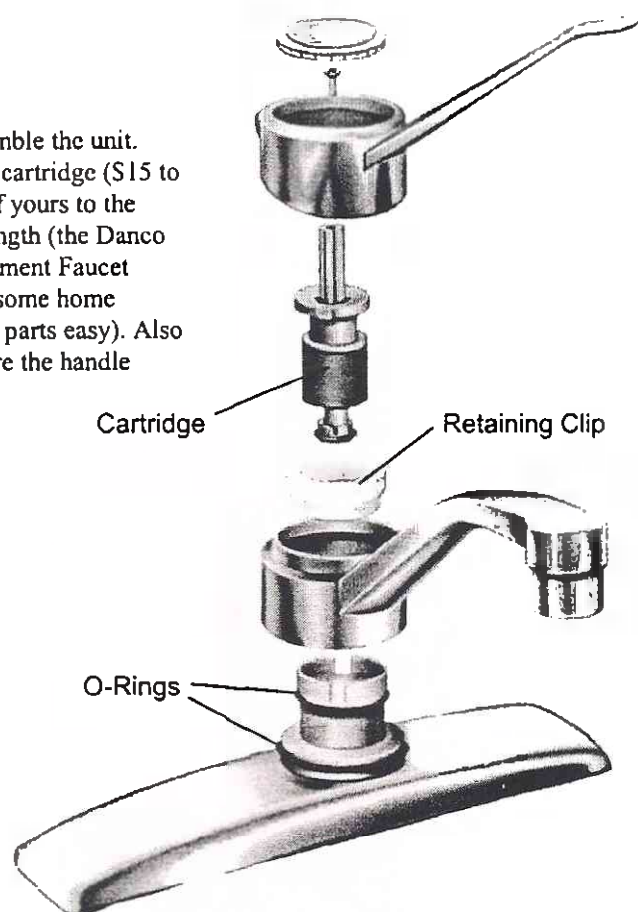
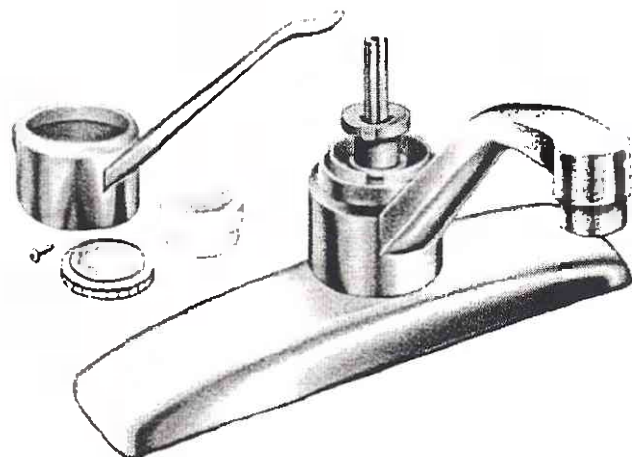


Cartridge Faucet

Pry off the decorative cap on the handle, remove the handle screw, tilt the handle back and pull it off. If there's a threaded retaining clip holding the cartridge in place, use needle-nose pliers to remove it, and then pull the cartridge straight up. Remove the spout and cut off the old O-rings using a utility knife. After coating the new O-rings with nontoxic, heat-proof

plumber's grease, reassemble the unit.

To replace the entire cartridge (\$15 to \$20), match the length of yours to the replacement cartridge length (the Danco "Picture Perfect Replacement Faucet System" book, found at some home centers, makes matching parts easy). Also match the stem end where the handle attaches.

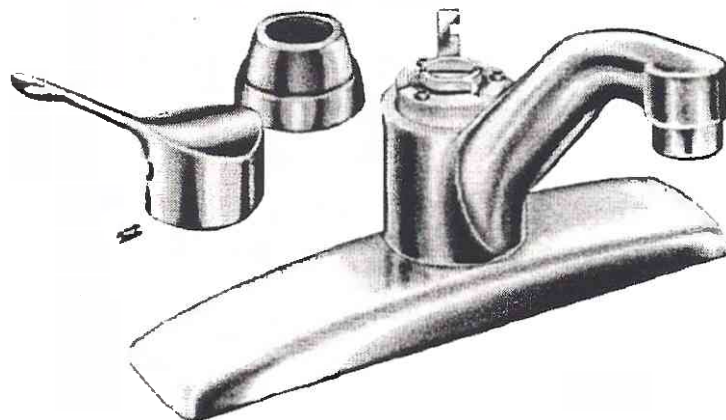
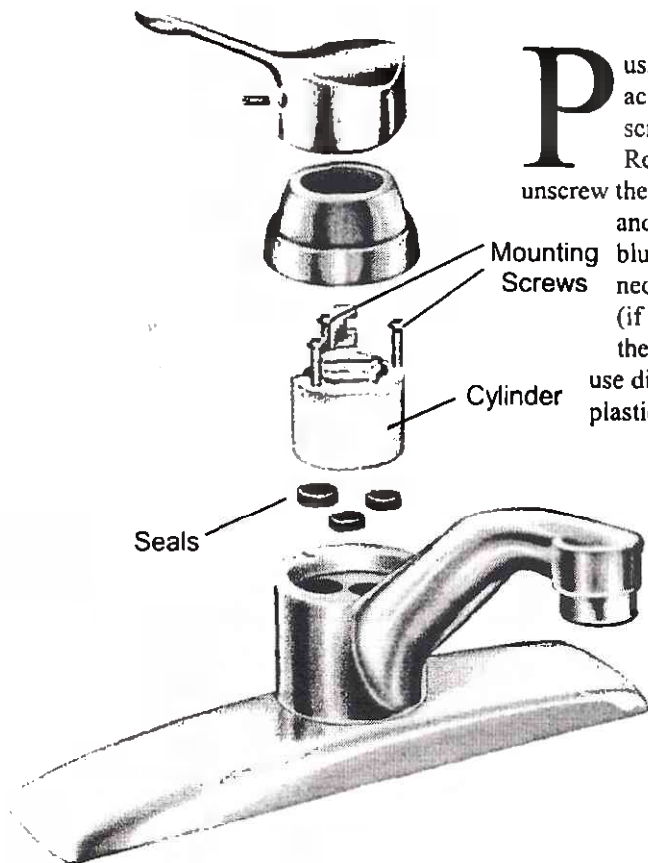


Ceramic-Disk Faucet

Push the faucet handle back to access the set screw. Remove the screw and lift off the handle. Remove the escutcheon cap, unscrew the disk cylinder mounting screws and lift out the cylinder. With a blunt screwdriver, lift out the neoprene seals from the cylinder (if the seals are damaged, replace them; they cost about \$4-5) and use distilled white vinegar and a plastic scouring pad to clean the

cylinder openings. Rinse thoroughly. Then replace the seals and reassemble the faucet. Move the handle to the "on" position and very slowly turn the water back on the force of the returning water can fracture the ceramic disk.

If you're replacing the entire cylinder, which seldom is necessary, merely set it in place and secure it with the new mounting screws. Replacement disks cost \$12 to \$20.



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Rovers in Alberta? Of Course!



There are many crews in Alberta, all doing different things. In this article I will endeavour to introduce some of these crews and their activities. Bear in mind, this is certainly not an exhaustive list. I chose to write about these crews only because I have information about them, I hope that all of that information is still correct. This article is certainly not as extensive as a "Meet the Crew" article, but more diverse. I hope that you enjoy it.

The province of Alberta is divided into two regions, the Northern Lights Region in Northern Alberta and the Chinook Region in Southern Alberta. The web address I provided for the Alberta Rover Round table (ARRT) in the last issue is changing. We have lost that domain, and are in the process of finding a new home for the page.

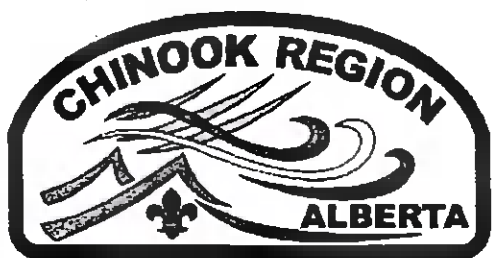


The Northern Lights Region

The 22nd Challengers are a very active crew. They participate in group activities, den weekends, and perform service at the Fort Edmonton Camp and the Spring Thaw in Edmonton. They also participate in E-vent. The Challengers are also leaders in Scouting and are looking forward to the 2001 Australian Moot and CJ'01.

The Knights of the Order of Saint Peter Rover Crew are all full-time Scout leaders, enjoy camping and are currently restoring a community hall to its original condition for use as a Rover Den. They annually host and participate in the Edmonton Rover Moot, held on the May long-weekend.

The Knights of the Crimson Cross (KOTCC) are designing a lightweight backpacking course geared towards other Scouting members. The KOTCC also maintain a Rover ICQ list in Alberta. More info about them can be found at <http://members.nbci.com/SparhawkIII/page1.html>



The Chinook Region

The Knights of the WestWind operate out of Lethbridge, Alberta. They have monthly socials and enjoy going camping, hiking, and canoeing. The WestWinds are active leaders in other sections within Scouts Canada. They annually host a Murder Mystery for Scouting Volunteers. As well, the crews puts on a "Christmas Run," collecting gifts and distributing them to the geriatrics

ward of the local hospital. They also host a Pancake Breakfast every year. More info on the WestWinds can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Gorge/2775/>

The Knights of Amikeco from Calgary are devoted Beaver Leaders who



enjoy the outdoors. They volunteer annually at the K-100 relay race and as Jamboree and event staff throughout the year. They host potluck dinners regularly and the Alberta Rover Moot every year during the September long-weekend. The Amikeco webpage is located at <<http://www.cadvision.com/schreibs/pagetwo.htm>>



The 007 Knights of Chameleon are a very multi-talented crew. As well as enjoying camping and hiking, they put on a Charity Haunted House every Hallowe'en, are leaders with Scouts Canada, and operate the "Bucky the Beaver" mascot in Calgary. They participate in E-vent every year, and host an annual Venturer/Rover Pool Tournament in the spring.



The 193 Edgemont Scout Group sponsors two crews, The Knights of the Unknown and The Knights of Cerberus. Both of these crews are very active in the provincial arena, participating in ARRT meetings, E-vent, moots, as well as hosting their own monthly activities. The group is looking forward to some Venturer/Rover events such as lazertag and camping.

The Knights of Sicarius Dracorum (The KOSD) are a seemingly inactive crew since most of its members are post-secondary students. However, they participate in all ARRT meetings, host socials, go on road-trips around Alberta, and never miss the Wildlights at the Calgary Zoo before Christmas. The crew's patron saint is St. George, and the crew also has St. George's Day celebrations.

The 76th Knights of Logres is based on King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. "Logres" is the name of the forest which surrounded King Arthur's castle. The Logres crew fundraiser is the selling of the R-S hat bar and the R-S fleur-de-lis lapel pin. If you'd like more info on the Knights of Logres, check out <<http://www.cadvision.com/baconj/rovers.htm>>

The Knights of the Rockies are involved with First Aid training and offer a first aid course for Cubs within the Chinook Region. The Rockies major event in their first year was hiking the West Coast Trail of British Columbia. To find out more about them, check out <<http://members.home.net/chrisstephens.index.htm>>. The Calgary 141st Rover Crew also did a west coast backpacking trip and photos are available at <<http://scratchingpost.org/events.htm>>



The Knights of Dionysus from Calgary have as their patron the god Dionysus who is associated with theater, community, and the water. They chose this name because of his association with the community (service) and his association with water, since the crew's members are certified SCUBA divers. More info about this crew can be located at <http://www.geocities.com/k_o_dionysus/index.html>

I've tried to give a diverse sampling of Rovering in Alberta. Hope you enjoyed it. In the next issue, I will return to a concentration on the Alberta Rover Round Table, and its activities the past several months. So if there's anything you'd like me to write about, just drop me a line at <outpost_8@yahoo.com>. Keep checking in to learn more about Rovering in Alberta.

Happy Rambling,
Kat Nielsen
The KOSD

Alberta's Rover Scrapbook

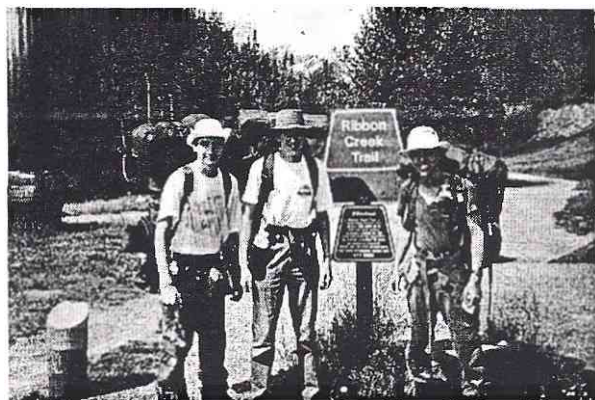


Knights of Amikeco knighting of Kat Nielsen (1998)
l to r: Henry Schreiber, Knights of Amikeco; Mike Wellwood, Knights of the Loch; Will Conners, Knights of the WestWind; Kat Nielsen, the KOSD; Chris Ross, Knights of the WestWind; Sherrie Schreiber, Knights of Amikeco; Wayne Gosche, Knights of Amikeco; Naomi Anton, Knights of Amekico

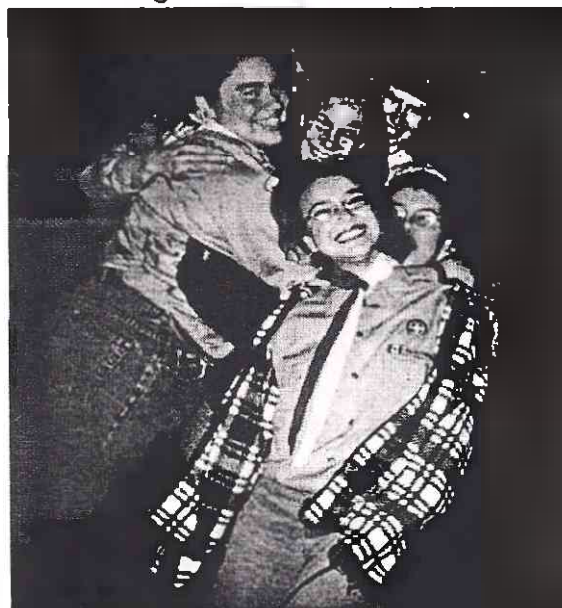
Edgemont Rovers trip to Canmore
l to r: Gorbi, Alisdair Galbraith, John McGhee, Kat Nielsen, Adrienne Clay, Mike Anderson



Knights of Amekico Investiture



Knights of Cerberus on the Ribbon Creek Trail



Staff at E-Vent 99
Knights of Cerberus and Knights of Logres

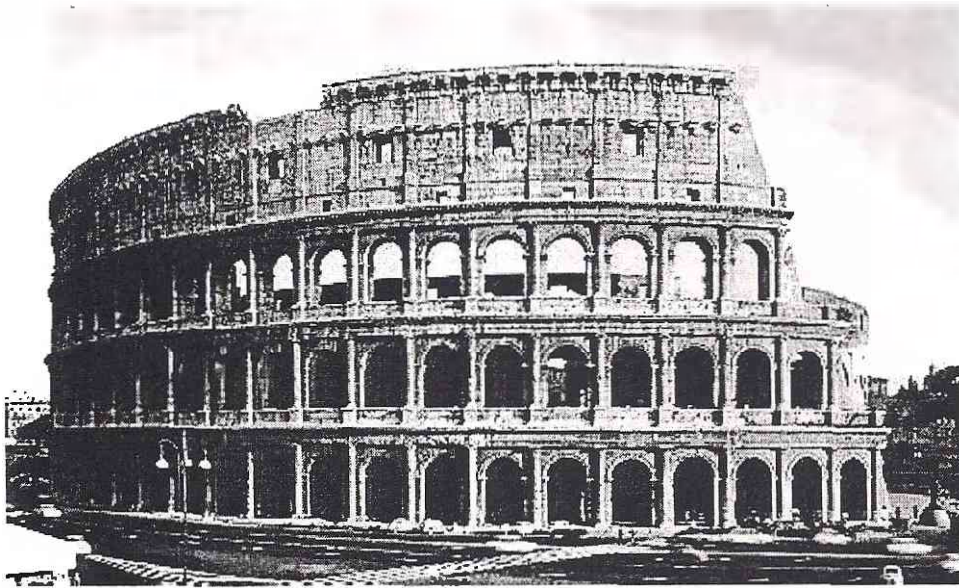


Knights of the WestWind-returning from CJ97
l to r: Bill Kehler, Kris Bosters, Joey, Kat Nielsen, Chriss Ross, Derek Chomiak



The Rover Moot

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2001/2002 ORC Executive Nomination Form

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The Executive is responsible for providing leadership and direction to the body, and looks after the day-to-day operations. The positions available are

- Chair
- Vice-Chair (Program)
- Vice-Chair (Promotion)
- Vice-Chair (Internet)
- Treasurer
- Secretary

We're looking for individuals who are committed to seeing the Rover Program grow and excel throughout the Province. Any registered Rover in Ontario who will also be a registered Rover in the 2001/2002 Scouting year is eligible to run for a position on the Executive.

Any Ontario Rover may be a nominator or seconder. Nominations will be accepted after the close of the November General Meeting. All Nominations must be received in writing by the Nominations Committee no later than midnight, February 22, 2001.

A Rover may be nominated for several positions, but is only allowed to accept one. The Nomination Committee will be calling each nominee before the March General Meeting to confirm the nomination that they are accepting. Members of the Nominations Committee are not eligible to become a member of the 2001/2002 Executive.

Nomination Form

We nominate _____ (Name of the nominee) for the position of _____ on the 2001/2002 ORC Executive..

Nominator

Name _____
Signature _____
Crew _____
Region _____

Seconder

Name _____
Signature _____
Crew _____
Region _____

Nominee's Contact Information

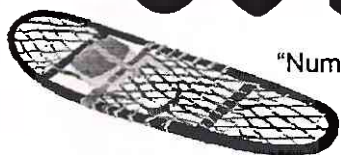
Mailing address _____
Telephone _____ Email address _____
Rover Crew _____ Region _____

The signature of the nominee is optional.

Completed nominations can be submitted to any member of the Nominations Committee, or mailed to: Albert Fuchigami, Nominations Committee Chair; 1609 - 53 Water Street North; Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 5A7 or emailed to: < afuchigami@bigfoot.com >

This form may be downloaded from the ORC Website < www.Cyberus.ca/~rovers >

OUT & ABOUT



"Number 10 ... Wow! Can a Top 10 be far off?"

"A snowshoe trail on a sunny day after a light fall of snow is a lovelier thing than I can describe. I often look back at it streaming from our heels, flowing astern...A darker serpentine ribbon, scallop-edged, filled with tumble blue shadow markings. And every print is a beautiful thing. It is like sculpture and like painting, endless impressions of an Indian craftsman's masterpiece."

Elliott Merrick, TRUE NORTH, 1933



Snowshoeing:

It would seem by number of the articles in Outdoor Magazines and stock on the shelves of Sport/Outdoor Stores that snowshoeing is making a comeback. It does have its advantages over alpine and cross-country skiing. It certainly cheaper: a pair of snowshoes (including bindings) can be had for around \$100, where as \$100 could get you a pair of cross-country skis, but no boots or poles and forget alpine.

Snowshoeing is easier on the body than skiing and doesn't require expensive lessons or years of practice.

You don't need a trail (or trail ticket or lift ticket), but a number of well know hiking trails convert over to snowshoeing for the winter. I would seem that many provincial parks, conservation areas, forest centres, etc. are now welcoming outdoor enthusiasts year round with hiking and mountain biking in the warm months and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter months.

On the downside, its doesn't provide the excitement from racing down hills, that skiing or snowboarding has or have the fancy chalets. But if you're looking for a quiet walk in the woods comparable to hiking then maybe this is your kind of excitement or relaxation.

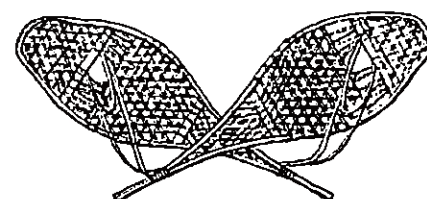
Poles are not just for skiing:

A recent change to snowshoeing is the addition of trekking poles. Just as in hiking, they provide greater stability and additional propulsion. Charles Lindsey, "The Lightweight Backpacker", recommends 3 section adjustable poles. Having adjustable poles not only ensures you have the right length for you but also allows you to have one pole longer and one pole shorter when travelling along the side of a hill to improve your balance. He also recommends oversized snow baskets on the poles to distribute your weight over the snow (approximately 5 inches or 12 centimeters). One further advantage for adjustable poles is that they compact small enough to fit into or attach onto your pack for storage.

Choosing the Right Snowshoe:

When choosing the right size of snowshoe for your next outing Kristin Hostetter of Backpacking Magazine has prepared the following table. His table is based on most snowshoes come in one of three sizes: 8 x 25 inches, 9 x 30 inches and 10 x 36 inches.

Your Weight (including pack)	Snow Encountered	Snowshoe Size
Under 150 lbs.	deep, dry, powdery	8 x 25 in.
Under 150 lbs.	dense, wet, compacted	8 x 25 in.
150 to 175 lbs.	deep, dry, powdery	9 x 30 in.
150 to 175 lbs.	dense, wet, compacted	8 x 25 in.
175 to 200 lbs.	deep, dry, powdery	10 x 36 in.
175 to 200 lbs.	dense, wet, compacted	9 x 30 in.
Over 200 lbs.	deep, dry, powdery	10 x 36 in.
Over 200 lbs.	dense, wet, compacted	10 x 36 in.



"One important note: Bring your hiking or snowshoeing boots when you try on snowshoes to make certain the bindings fit."
Kristin Hostetter, BACKPACKER Equipment Editor, November 2000

The Canadian Ski Marathon: February 10 & 11, 2001

The November/December 2000 issue of Explore: Canada's Outdoor Adventure Magazine has an excellent article on the Canadian Ski Marathon written by Marty McLennan entitled "Now That's a Survivor".

"Americans may prove they're tough by surviving high-school popularity contests on a balmy South Seas island, with a million bills to the last man standing. In the true North frozen and free, however, some Canadians like to define toughness a little differently: A 160-kilometre snow-topped Ottawa Valley parcourse with a subzero think Eastern Canada in mid-February open air sleepout. And tons of cold cash for the winners, you may wonder? Uh-uh. At the Canadian Ski Marathon, the grand prize is a dinky pin, a hot shower and the right to kill yourself doing the same thing next year." pg. 46

The marathon was originally started by Don MacLeod, a member of Canada's Olympic Nordic Ski Team, as part of Canada's 100th birthday celebrations in 1967. The first time the event was held, it began from a parking lot in Montreal with approximately 400 participants. The event has grown to include close to 2000 participants and over 500 volunteers at the 34th edition in February 2000.

For those individuals even willing to try there are several classes and even one class for those who don't have the sense to come in out of the cold. The entry-level skiers are the Randonneurs, those that ski any part of the 10 section-160 kilometre-two day event. For more advanced skiers there are three higher classes. Coureur des Bois Bronze, ski all 160 km, Coureur des Bois Silver, ski all 160 km with a 5 kilogram pack, and Coureur des Bois Gold, ski all 160 km with the 5 kilogram pack on and sleep outside on Saturday night in a designated area. There are maximum time allotments for the Coureur des Bois classes and a 4:00 am bugle for those in the designated sleeping area.

For those wondering about the 5-kilogram pack, it stems back to when Torstein Skjeva and Skjevald Skrukka saved King Hakon's son. They placed the boy (who weighed 5 kilograms) in a pack and skied the heir to the throne of Norway 58 kilometres overnight to keep him safe from rebel forces during the thirteenth century. Those of the King's guard who wore the birch bark gaiters were referred to at the time as Birkebeinerne. Today we pay homage to these two loyal and courageous men during long distance cross-country races, such as the Canadian Birkebeiner held in Alberta, by carrying the same 5-kilogram pack.

Skiers may also enter group classes including: Men's Touring Team (4 men – any age), Women's Touring Team, Mixed Touring, etc., as well as veteran classes with members being over 45 years of age.

This year's event will begin at Lachute, Quebec, stop over in Montebello on Saturday Night, and finish on Sunday Afternoon in Buckingham, Quebec.

If there are any Quebec Rovers or Venturers that are participating or volunteering at the marathon, how about writing an article?

How Much Clothing is Enough for a Winter Outing?

How much is enough clothing for a winter's day is really a personal choice. How many many times have you been in the same room with someone else and they're cold and your not, or visa versa.

In **Out & About** number 9's hiking survey many respondents recommended trying out your equipment before going out on a long trip. While clothing may not seem like equipment at first glance, it may be the most important equipment you will bring on your Winter Outing. It will certainly determine how much you will enjoy the Outing and how long you can stay outdoors.

I would recommend an outing in your local area with all the things you plan on taking with you well before the day of the big event. Take note of the conditions of your pre-event trip. Especially take note of the temperature and wind speed. Did your layering give you enough protection and would it be adequate for more wind or a lower temperature?

Get in the habit of getting a weather forecast for where you are going either through the weather network on television or your local radio station. Begin to equate weather conditions with your wardrobe. You may want to get one of those small thermometers for the zipper of your jacket. Establish your own "rules of thumb", know what makes you comfortable and take along a little extra as a precaution.

One of the major problems with strenuous exercise such as snowshoeing or cross-country skiing is that they make you sweat. OK, OK, I know **animals sweat, gentlemen perspire, and ladies glow**, that aside, being wet in winter is not just inconvenient it can become dangerous.

"Sweating can reduce the insulative value of your clothing to 10 percent of its original value." page 133

Ned Gillette and John Dostal, **Cross-Country Skiing**, published by The Mountaineers, Seattle, Washington, 3rd Edition.

I've seen a scout experiencing the onset of hypothermia at a winter cub weekend. He denied he was cold even though he was shivering uncontrollably, he didn't want to stay inside and miss any of the fun. New types of garments are coming onto the market, such as Polartec, which have the look and feel of soft thin wool, but are made of polyester. These garments are designed to move moisture from your body through the material and further outward for evaporation. In contrast, cotton will retain the moisture and trap it next to your skin. I have heard cotton referred to as "Killer Cotton". Jeans are not recommended for hiking or canoeing because they become heavy when wet and they take forever to dry. They are more deadly on winter outings. I know, because that's what the scout was wearing at the cub weekend.

While your inner layer should keep you from becoming wet from sweat, you should have an outer water-repellent layer to keep you from getting wet from snow. The problem being that most water-repellent clothing isn't breathable. That is the material traps water both ways; outside in and inside out, thus causing a build up of water vapour inside. The expensive solution is garments like those made of Goretex with jackets costing around \$250 or more; the intermediate solution – ventilated jackets like cycling jackets with underarm zippers and back vents costing around \$100; or the least expensive solution – being careful to not get too overheated by knowing yourself and the layering that suits you best.

The middle layer(s) that add insulation should again not be cotton. Excellent garments that are presently in fashion are "fleeces" which are generally made of polyester. It important to remember not to over insulate, what keeps you warm standing still will likely make for sweat when your actively snowshoeing or cross-country skiing.

Both Explore and Backpacker Magazines provide a forum called Trail Talk on their web sites for readers. Simply put, readers leave questions they hope others readers will reply to at a later date.

The major advantage of the Explore web site is that's supported by a Canadian Magazine that specializes in articles on Canadian locations with Canadian contributors. This means the questions come from Canadian readers on Canadian topics (e.g. Cypress Hills Inter-provincial Park, Queen Charlotte Islands, Cape Scott Provincial Park, etc) and responded to by Canadians.

E.g. **Subject: Info Request: Hiking Trails in Nordegg Area?**

I'm looking for information about some good hiking trails around Nordegg and Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

Sheldon Pearson, Edmonton, AB

Replies: I would highly recommend the following book: The David Thomson Highway: A Hiking Guide by Jane Ross and Daniel Kyba. The hikes in this book range from an hour in length, to 2-3 day backpacking trips. One in particular that I enjoy is the Allstone's Lake trail. Only 5km, but quite steep.....great view of Abraham Lake in the valley below. Just one of the MANY trails that are so great in that area. ENJOY!

Erika Wittchen, Edmonton, AB

The disadvantages are the that the replies are from individuals whose background is uncertain (as with Backpacker's), a large number of the questions go unanswered and the magazine doesn't have an expert answering any of the questions that don't get a reply.

The web site address is: www.explore-mag.com

Backpacking Magazine, an American publication, has a better-organized site than Explore's website; largely due to the fact that it receives thousands more reader questions and responses than does Explore's web site and it has to be able to handle the volume of responses. Whereas Explore uses a simple chronologically ordering of questions, Backpacker uses a categorized tree system.

Backpacker's web site also has a staff member officially commenting on the replies received to the questions and who does supply a response to some of the questions that haven't received other reader responses.

Backpacker's web site major disadvantage is that it is almost entirely American. The only Canadian branch on the tree refers to American asking other Americans about Canadian destinations.

Its web site is: www.backpacker.com

In concerning which to use of the two, I would recommend using Explore's site to research information on Canadian destinations and Backpacking Magazine for general knowledge questions on hiking and backpacking.

Final Comments:

I was very glad to have received a response to our hiking survey recommending Camp Impeesa, near Pincher Creek in Alberta by Cory Gazarek of the 15th Lethbridge Knights of the Westwind. Certainly for me it brings back fond memories of the Canadian National Moot held at Camp Impeesa in 1978. I know, I know, another story from before many of you were actually born, listen up or I'll upright my walker and come over there and...

The last time I heard of anyone speak of the 1978 Canadian National Moot was at MoJo Moot in 1999. Mike MacDonald and I had cycled to MoJo, setup our tent and were sitting by another crew's fire, when a discussion of great Moots of the past broke out. To my astonishment a voice from the shadows (not mine) interjected with the 1978 Canadian National Moot at Pincher Creek, Alberta as being the best Moot that Rover Leader had ever been to. I was completely astonished, I never ever expected anyone to mention it, given it was over twenty years ago.

My fondest memory from the 78 Moot was a two day hike up Mount Haig with three members of my crew: Dave Verge, Steve Madeyski, and Marty Lalonde, three member of a Manitoba crew and our Albertan guide. I always remember being the one who had the courage to ask the guide what the bell was for on his pack. He simply replied "To let the Grizzlies know we're coming." This brought on the disconcerting thought: "the Grizzlies need a dinner bell?"

Yours in Rovering,
Kirby McCuaig

Snow Moot

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS:



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

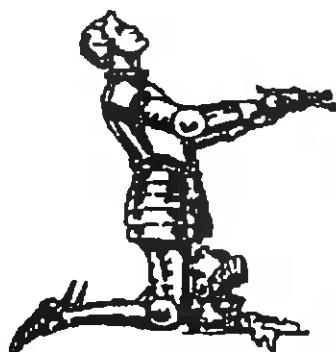
**YES, YOU TOO CAN BE LIKE THAT GUY AND THAT GIRL THAT WON
THOSE MEDALS IN TRAMPOLINE**

(GOLF IS NOT AN OLYMPIC EVENT...SNOW GOLF WON'T BE EITHER!!)

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The Quester Award



When Baden Powell developed Rover Scouting, it was based on the need for older Scouts to carry on "advanced Scouting". The motto of the section became "Service", which was to be administered within and outside of Scouting. Another theme put into effect by B.P. is called "Questing". The Rover handbook defines Questing as the "setting and achieving of certain personal objectives by one or more individuals".

Many Rovers identify quests which may take most of a lifetime to complete to their own satisfaction. This is very much encouraged. However, quests of a shorter term can provide useful service to Scouting as well. This can be done through forming new Scouting sections and recruiting new Rovers from outside Scouting.

The Quester Award is a growth-oriented award and is designed to increase both Scouting and Rovering membership. Only registered Rovers are eligible for this award. Upon completion, Rovers are presented with an Award Pin of a kneeling knight. The Award Pins are Silver or Gold, depending on the level achieved, and may be worn on the flap of the left uniform pocket.

Take up the Challenge, Be A Quester.

More Information is available by contacting:

Quester Award
c/o Ontario Rover Community
Attention: Vice Chair Program
4141 Yonge Street, Suite 102
North York, Ontario
M2P 2A8

Award submissions can be mailed to the above address, or forwarded directly to the Vice Chair Program, or the Chair of the O.R.C.



Silver Quester Award

To be awarded the Silver Quester Award, a Rover must complete a quest to recruit a new member into Rovering. The member must be new to Scouting, and must be accepted into the Crew according to individual Crew requirements.

Application for Silver Quester Award

I wish to start a Quest to recruit a new member into the Brotherhood of Scouting and the Fellowship of Rovering.

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____
Address _____

Phone Number _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Crew Contact _____ Phone _____

New Member (if determined) _____ Phone _____

Gold Quester Award

To be awarded the Gold Quester Award, a Rover must participate in a quest to successfully develop a new Scouting section. As part of the quest the needs and resources of a new section must be discussed with the District/Area Commissioner, Service Team and Group Committee. The new section must be fully operational for one year, and during that time, there must be an article published in any Scouting publication giving details on activities undertaken, events attended, etc. Both individual Rovers and groups of Rovers may apply for the Gold Quester Award.

Application for Gold Quester Award

I / We wish to form a,
____ Beaver Colony ____ Cub Pack ____ Scout Troop ____ Venturer Company ____ Rover Crew

This new group will be known as _____, and will exist in
_____ District/Area, of _____ Region.

Name of Applicant(s) _____

_____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Crew Contact _____ Phone _____

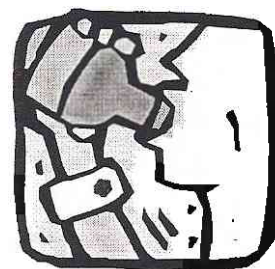
District Commissioner's Signature _____ Date _____

Drinking vs Development

To Drink or Not To Drink, now there's the rub

I would like to take a few moments and discuss this sometimes abstract and complicated issue in terms of my own experience. Consider this a case study of Rovering.

At CJ '97, just after having aged out of Venturers, I encountered an enigmatic group of people, the Rovers. I ran into an old friend who told me that I should introduce myself to Rovers anytime I saw them, and I did. Not only did they make my Jamboree experience memorable, they lead me to the path of Rovering. During the week of the Jamboree we did many things, such as mini-moots, where all the Rovers on-site got together to exchange info and have a good gab-fest. We ordered in pizza, went to the movies, the pub, made new friends, ran into old friends, and performed service during the day, my program was Mission Impossible.



However, through all these experiences the aim was not solely to "have fun" but also to learn. Yes, we did go to the pub one night, but it was not the end-all, be-all of the trip. If we hadn't gone, we still would have had a good time, and it certainly was not our only activity.



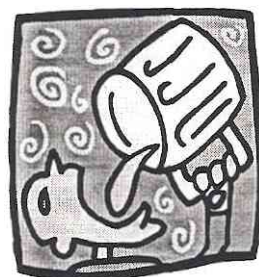
When I came back to Alberta I was energized. I, along with some old friends of mine, founded a Rover Crew, and I squired with a crew that I had met at CJ. As the years have gone on, however, many things have changed. As the crew I founded took on new members, we lost many, including myself, due to a shift of program. This shift was away from the outdoors, learning and service, resulting in regular pub nights as the only crew activity. As I really don't drink much, I did not particularly enjoy the regularity of this activity, and watching my friends get drunk, and so when other things like exams came up, I didn't go. After a couple of "missed" nights, the crew stopped inviting me at all, along with the other members of the crew who didn't drink, and slowly the climate of the crew grew uncomfortable for some of us.

I'm not sure how things are in that crew today though, as the KOSD asked me to join, and they were a little more my speed. Several members from my crew also came with me.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not against drinking in Rovering. However, there is a time and a place. If you only want pub nights out of your Rovering experience, you're not truly experiencing Rovering, and a good set of drinking buddies can give you that same feeling inside.

With a couple of rules in mind, there's no problem with drinking:

- Don't drink in uniform!
- Don't drink when you're a role model, like going to a Venturer/Rover camp.
- Clean up after yourselves at camps.
- Don't let it be your entire program.
- **Take responsibility for your actions.**



Learning to drink responsibly is important. My Venturer Advisor used to take our Company to the pub, feeding us only pop and nachos, so that we could "learn" how to behave in a pub. However, any program with only one activity is not helping the crew members to develop themselves physically, emotionally, spiritually, cognitively, and socially to their full potential. Host crew socials, go to moots, go camping/hiking, perform service. Remember, there are four forms of service: service to self, service to the crew, service to Scouting, and service to others. Don't focus on one at the expense of the others. Don't cheat yourself - learn everything you can!



There's my rant, any others?

Happy Rambling,
Kat Nielsen
The KOSD
(*The Knights of Sicarius Draconum*)

Rover Formal

**The 4th annual Rover Formal will be held
June 16th, 2001 in the community of Moira.**

Yes, that's right the 4th annual Rover FORMAL!!!!

Come out, have a great time and see fellow Rovers dressed in their best!

Just imagine.....no uniforms or camp clothes in sight.

Now for the details:

Dinner will be at 6:00 PM at Kelsey's Restaurant in Belleville (see directions below). The cost of dinner will depend on what you order.

The dance will start at 9:00 PM (or whenever we are done at the restaurant). The dance will be held at the Moira Community Hall north of Belleville (also see directions below). The cost for the dance is \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple.

We MUST receive a response by June 9, 2001 in order to make dinner reservations and purchase refreshments for the dance.

For those coming from out of town over night accommodation can be arranged (this may or may not involve camping depending on numbers).

RSVP to:	Nicky Patterson	or	Jennifer Cowey
	nickyp@home.com		jcowey@flemingc.on.ca
	(905) 954-1801		(705) 292-5566

Directions:

To dinner:

Take Hwy 62 south (this applies to those traveling either the 401 or Hwy 7). Hwy 62 turns into North Front Street once you get into Belleville. Kelsey's is at 170 North Front St. on the right (west) side of the street just after McDonald's.

To the Hall:

From the 401: Take the Hwy 62 North exit. Follow Hwy 62 north for about 20 minutes to County Road 8 (at the cemetery). (Directions continue below)

From Hwy 7: Turn south on Hwy 37. Follow Hwy 37 south through Tweed to County Road 8. (Directions continue below)

From either direction: Turn right onto County Road 8. About half way between highways 37 and 62 there is a grey stone church on the North side of the road. This is our hall. There will be signs up.



From the ORC Chair

January 15, 2001

Hello Friends

This past weekend (Jan 12-14, 2001) the ORC had it's bi-monthly event in the town of Aurora, which is located 30 to 45 minutes north of Toronto. We had a very good turnout, had lots of fun, and ran a very successful service project.

The weekend was hosted by the South Lake Simcoe District Rover Round table, and the Rovers involved did a great job. The weekend started with socialising at the church, playing some fun games to get to know some new friends. Saturday saw a moderately early start (about 8:00 am). Once breakfast was done there were a few opening comments, and then organization for the service project. The plan was to run a food/bottle drive to provide donations for two local charities in addition to the toiletry donations that participants were asked to bring from home. We were divided into groups, each given a small area to cover, and off we went. Everyone involved gave an honest effort, and the end result was much better than expected. We collected approximately 175 lbs. of non-perishable food that will be donated to the local food bank. Two large boxes of toiletry supplies, as well as some bottles that can be exchanged for over ninety dollars will go to a women's shelter just down the street from the church where we stayed. Thanks to everyone, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Everyone was supposed to be on their own for lunch, but we all seemed to end up in the same place and spent free time after lunch exploring the local area. The ORC meeting was at 4:00pm Saturday, which was a change from how things have been in the past. Overall this seemed to be met with a good response, and it seemed to work well because people who were attending just the ORC meeting had the opportunity to stay for dinner and socialise with everyone that had been there the entire weekend, and hopefully had an enjoyable time themselves. The meeting itself was highlighted by a very productive discussion about the direction that the ORC is headed, everyone participated and there were several excellent ideas presented. The overall conclusion seemed to be that the ORC is headed in the right direction, however a few changes in how we approach things would be beneficial. In my last article I spoke of some suggested changes that included a Crew based voting system among other things, the feeling was that this is not the road to follow right now. In fact, it was suggested that a Voting Structure is most important at the Annual Meeting when the Executive is elected and Constitutional issues are voted on, and is less crucial for the rest of the year. Keeping with that theme, the idea of slightly rewording the role of a Regional Representative and shifting the focus of the bi-monthly meetings just a bit, to be more of a communication, information, and social forum for all Rovers to participate fully in, therefore leaving formal issues like quorum, voting members etc. more of an issue exclusively for the Annual Meeting.

Right now the ORC hosts a weekend every two months in varying locations around the province. The idea is to explore the entire province and see Rovering from as many different angles as possible, since how one person or group views Rovers isn't necessarily the way everyone does. The opinion was that the weekend set up is good, however larger scale activities during the weekends will most likely interest more people. It has been suggested by a few Rovers that the

ORC move it's meetings to existing Moots in an attempt to communicate with more Rovers. How can we arbitrarily do this? Do we just announce we are meeting at **** Moot in September and then **** Moot in November? Isn't this pushing our way into something that is already successful, and taking advantage of the good work already done by the Moot Committee? If a committee for any Rover oriented event wants to include the ORC as a body in the program somehow, (everything from hosting a meeting to simply having some award/information flyers on hand) that has always been and will always be no problem at all, please just let someone know!!! Any Rover, Rover Crew or, group of Rovers is welcome to host an ORC meeting, in fact right now we are looking for volunteers to host next years meetings (September, November, January, and March) if anyone is interested please let me know. This year the organizers of Snow Moot have invited the ORC to participate in a presentation that is taking place just before the dance, and have offered to include a couple of flyers in the registration package, their invitation is very much appreciated.

Keep in mind the ORC trying to find it's new niche in the overall scheme of things. We no longer deal directly with Provincial Council but with the Youth Forum on a semi formal basis. We are a self constituted body that is evolving as time goes by. Our support and direction has to come from Rovers, with communication as the key. There is lots of information available about ORC, weekends, contacts, how to get involved, what volunteers are needed for, where we are headed, the many Rover Awards we offer (Quester, Rovering to Success, R.S. Dell) anything you want to know!!!!. If you are having a hard time finding it please call or email. The ORC can be whatever Rovers want it to be, however like everything in this world it takes active participation to make something work, not finger pointing.

So far this year we have had three weekends, the first was camping/outdoor oriented and took place near Peterborough, the second was the annual ORC Conference and was information/learning oriented and took place in Leamington, last weekend was service oriented and took place in Aurora. The next meeting is socially oriented and is taking place in the Belleville area, hosted by the Stirling Dragons. There will be lots of activities, lots of people to meet, and a new place to explore. Come have some fun.

Getting back to this past weekend, after the information meeting we had a spaghetti dinner for everyone and had a great time. Hopefully everyone felt welcome and enjoyed themselves. The evening saw glow in the dark mini-golf, movies, and socializing, everyone had a good night. Sunday morning there was a Rovers Own followed by a breakfast buffet at a local restaurant then, everyone was on their way in good time. For those that were in attendance, please send some feedback on what you thought about the change in schedule (change from what had been done in the past), and for those who are reading this article please send comments and suggestions as well.

Hopefully this article has given some reasonable insight into what has been happening, but only so much can be said in writing or by word of mouth. Coming to the weekends, participating and meeting new friends from around the province is the best way to see for yourself what this portion of the Rover community has to offer.

Thanks please feel free to contact me anytime,
Kev

Kevin Oates
905 954 1801
koates@home.com



International Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

12-16 Isle of Wight Venture 2001
<iow_venture@yahoo.com>

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

13-16 Dragon Skin 2001 (Venturers)
New South Wales, Australia
<registrar@dragonskin.org>

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

MAY

12 Jamboree on the Trail
International Event done locally <www.jott.org>
or Katherine Nielsen
Western Canada Coordinator
<nielsen@calcna.ab.ca>

JUNE '01

23-30 QV 2001
The Queensland State Venture
Queensland, Australia
<www.stjohnqld.asn.au/venturers/qv2001.htm>

DECEMBER '01

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

JUNE '02

9-15 23rd World Conference of International
Scout and Guide Fellowship
U of BC
Vancouver, BC

JANUARY '03

12TH Australian Venture
Extreme Venture Act 2003
Camp Cottermouth
New South Wales, Australia
<allan.dean@webone.com.au>

AUGUST '04

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@exculink.com>

London is also putting on the following Enrichment Courses:

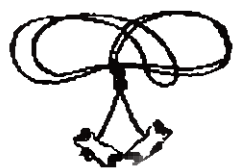
Feb 17, 2001 (Saturday) Focus On Forests - Cost: \$10 plus manuals
Mar 10, 2001 (Saturday) Fishways - Cost: \$10 plus manuals

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

FEBRUARY



- 23-25 Snow Moot 2001
Mount Nemo Scout Camp
Hamilton/Burlington ON
snowmoot@canada.com
<snowmoot.cjb.net>

MARCH

- 17-19 15th Annual Club Med Moot
Quebec
Christina: (450)653-1815
<themissinglinkrc@hotmail.com>
<www.gcociucs.com/Yosemite/Rapids/8544>

APRIL

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

MAY

- 11-13 Dance Moot
Camp Impeesa
contact: Brant Rovers
11 Carolina Dr.
Brantford, ON
N3R 1X6
- 18-20 Camp Skeeter 2001
Camp Caillet
Nanaimo, BC
<campskooter@hotmail.com>
- 25-27 Attawonderonk Moot
Everton Scout Reserve
Guelph, Ont.
<elmiragirls169@o-tay.com>



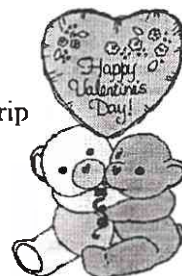
- Nova Scotia**
- March 30-31 Operation: Orange Hill
April 20-22 Rover/Venturer Dance/Camp
Camp Lonecloud
Millar's Lake
October RAVE 2001
<http://boards.eesite.com/board.cgi?
boardset=rovers>

JUNE

- 16 Rover Formal
Moirs, ON
Nicky Patterson: (905) 954-1801
<nicky@home.com>
Jennifer Cowey: (705) 292-5566
<jcowey@flemingc.on.ca>

AUGUST '01

- 13-18 Venturer Northern Canoe Trip
Northern Saskatchewan
<info@servicecorps.cjb.net>
- 18-20 Sonic Boom Moot
Beaverton Fair Grounds
Beaverton, Ont.
<sonicboomoot@hotmail.com>
- ??? GirlSports Canada (Ranger Event)
Brock University
St. Catharines, ON
<info@guidesontario.org>



- 24-26 A Roman Holiday
THE ROVER MOOT
Peterborough, ON
Jen Cowey (705)292-5566
Jeremy Shoup (519)895-2027
<www.cyberus.ca/~rovers/home/moot.html>

AUGUST '02

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

South Lake Simcoe Rover Round Table:

Monthly Meetings:

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

ORC General Meetings:

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

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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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