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These are trying times for Rovers. With the ongoing structural changes to Scouts Canada, things are moving in different directions at a rapid pace. I believe that all the Provinces have now completed their internal changes, eliminating local Districts, turning them into Areas within larger Regions which will be the new Governing Councils. The next step (coming soon) is the consolidation which will eliminate Provincial Councils, creating four Divisions across the country.

While these changes do not affect individual Rovers directly at this point, in the long term they will – indirectly. How much support (and how it's delivered to Rover Crews) will be determined by how things are being restructured at this point. Let me play the part of Devil's Advocate with some thoughts to consider.

My personal relationship with Rovers in Canada goes back officially to the late '70s when Ontario still had an Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers, and one of his responsibilities was to act as the advisor to the Provincial Rover Round Table. The last man to hold this title retired from office after successfully helping guide the 1982 National Rover Moot in St Catharines. His retirement came partly because his term was coming to its normal completion, but also because Ontario at this time restructured. It went to a committee driven format and Assistant Provincial Commissioners were out-of-style and eliminated. I personally feel that this is the point in history when Rovers started losing their national identity. They no longer had a true position and strong voice within the official structure (at least not in Ontario).

The Provincial Rover Round Table went through some changes and became the Ontario Rover Council, still official, but yet not quite the same. The next change happened when Youth Forums were created, and now even the "Rover Council" was deemed unneeded and told to disband. Fortunately, enough Rovers and Rover Crews throughout Ontario felt that this type of direct Rover-to-Rover communication was still necessary and they kept the organization alive, but since it was now unofficial, they could no longer use the name "Council" (which implied official ties to a higher governing body) and it became the "Ontario Rover Community". Their Advisor selected by the "Community" and appointed by the Provincial Executive Officer, was quasi-official in stature. This position was not in the official table of operations, and neither was the ORC.

I'm not sure what's been going on throughout the rest of Canada, because I haven't been directly involved in the various Provinces. I **can** say, based on my correspondences across the country, everyone has had some or all of these problems. Some of the Provincial Rover organizations have still been called Round Tables, some haven't. Many have become inactive or disbanded and others have been struggling to continue.

This has created direct problems for this magazine, because if the Provincial Rover

Round Table doesn't exist or is struggling to exist — **Who speaks for the Rovers in that area????** Who is there to communicate with Rovers across their Province and across the country???

We're now going into another really BIG change with major ramifications. With the Provincial Councils merging into larger Divisions, **who will speak for the Rovers in the individual Provinces?** While Rovers are still basically the same across the country, their needs and problems occur locally first. **Who will be there to help resolve the local interests?**

I've just returned from attending the January ORC activity weekend/forum. Two Provincial Deputy Commissioners from the soon-to-be-merged Ontario Council, who seemed to be directly involved with the coming merger and how that would affect Rovers, spoke glowingly about future plans for Rovers within the new Central Division (some of these plans may be in the works for the other Divisions as well):

The Rover Community (under whatever name they will use after the merger) would become the voice of Rovers to the Youth Forum and would officially speak for Rovers.

An Official National Contingent would be sent to the next Australian National Moot.

National Rover Moots would return on a regular basis.

Official Rover Round Tables would return at the District Council and Area levels.

Developing a plan for Rovers to be a major contributing force in planning, staffing and implementing a Central Division Jamboree in the near future.

These are things Rovers wanted and needed to hear. They are promises that can and should raise expectations for the future. These and other plans are probably similar in nature to what could and should happen in the other new Divisions.

AND YET.....

I don't want to splash cold water on any proposals, but neither do I want expectations to be raised to a point where non-delivery could be worse than where things are now. As a die-hard believer in Rovers and Rovering, I want things to succeed. I want all these new proposals, and more, to happen. I want the future to be bright for Rovers in Canada.

AND YET.....

Most of what will happen is out of the hands of individual Rovers at any stage, whether on a personal, Crew, or Provincial level and some of the things being talked about **will NOT occur** despite what you or other Rovers hope **WILL** happen, but some things **CAN** be influenced by your decisions. If Round Tables will become official again, and the voice of Rovers will be loud enough to speak out through the Youth Forums, good things **CAN** happen.

But they won't – not if Rovers don't support Rovers. Rover Moots (remember some of these definitions: **moot – An assembly of free men to decide community problems; A discussion or argument** ?) are a viable venue for communicating. Round Tables are Moots on a grand scale and at any level are your forum and your voice for getting ideas expressed and developed. If nobody attends, or the attendance is sparse, we come back to one of my original questions – **Who speaks for Rovers in this area?**

The next move is up to you.

Keep on Rovering,

Stan Kowalski Jr.

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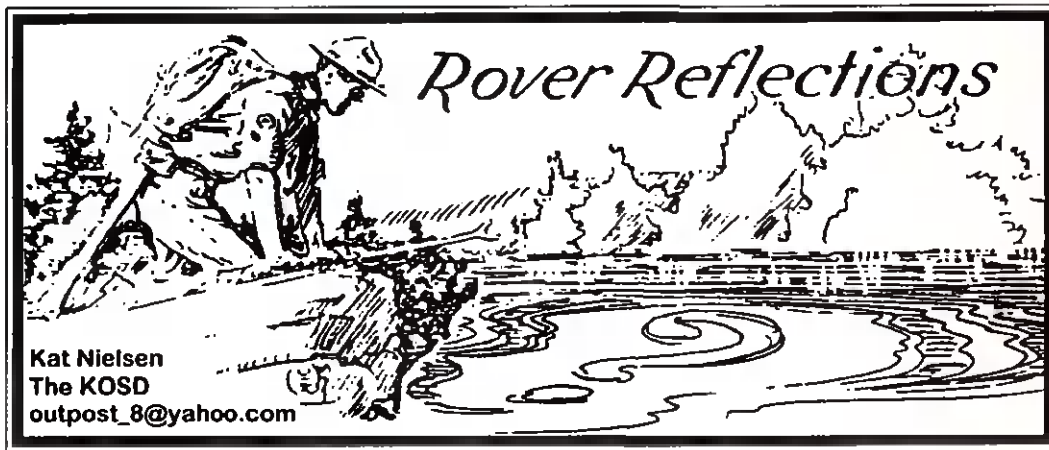
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Have you ever wondered what the secret is to those huge, old crews being so successful for so long? It's the same thing which brings about their downfall, retention.

In many cases entire Venturer Companies age-out together and form their own crews. This is fantastic, but it should be remembered that contact with other crews is important. Otherwise, you will have trouble attracting new members, and the crew will only last as long as those original Venturers have an interest in being members.

The other type of crew people join are those crews who were previously established and have been around for years. Often these crews have "reputations", both good and bad. Maybe an older sibling or friend was a member, or you met this great group of people at a camp. Regardless of how you met them, these crews tend to contain a variety of people at various stages of life. This age-distribution and variety of interests allows for mentoring (sponsorship) and the passing on of crew traditions long after those original members are gone.

Later on down the road, however, trouble can arise. Even though the older members have aged-out, they don't leave. This, in and of itself, is wonderful as it creates a resource-base for the crew. The trouble arises when they scare off new members. In some cases these guys may have been together since they started in Rovers, and in extreme cases, since Beavers. New member may find it difficult to participate with these older members who seem to communicate without words. Normally, there would be crew members at various stages of this camaraderie, and as the new member spends more time with the crew, they get to know the older members better. The trouble arises when the crew hasn't had any recruitment for several years, while retention of older members has remained high.

This situation can be very intimidating for a new Rover. One of the roles of the sponsor is to be an intermediary between the new Rover and the Advisor. So what happens when there are more "Advisors," a.k.a. older members, than youth members? Friction.

Friction between crew members can arise for many reasons. Each member is at a different part of their lives, pursuing different goals. Some will be just starting out on their own while others may be starting families. Some starting school while others having been in the same job for five years. Some may have decades of Scouting experience and know-how, while others none. Some people have very "over-powering" personalities while others may be "shy". Sometimes crews live in the "glory" of the past achievements of the crew and forget to create new memories (to become glories later). Other times we forget to invite the new people. These are certainly not the only ways friction can develop in a crew, but are some of the frequent ones.

This friction can be a negative or a positive, depending on how the crew approaches problems. Friction can be bad when there is a resulting lack of communication. New members and old may feel ostracized by the group and either decide not to participate in particular events, or to leave the crew entirely when they feel excluded.

Friction can be a positive in that we can learn from the experiences of others, try new things, develop new skills, and make new friends (the point of Rovering overall). When positive, the crew will become more active with a variety of projects, and attract new members.

The results of friction (for those who decide to stay) is strong bonds of friendship. This is a definite plus. These strong bonds can, for new members however, be very intimidating.

Why should we care? Sometimes the result of this a period of years without recruitment of new members (and by new I mean young, rather than, for example, older Rovers who are new to the area). At some point there will be no youth members at all and the crew will be retired. Retirement of the crew is not necessarily a bad thing, but keep the endgame in mind.

There are several solutions to this problem.

- ◆ A Venturer Company wants to create a Rover crew. Look into the retired crews in your area and resurrect one of them. There are tones out there if you bother to look, and this opens for you a treasure of Rovering lore and tradition and even some potential Advisors. Rovers from other crews can put you on the path to finding these gone, but not forgotten, crews.
- ◆ At the Service Stage of Rovering, Rovers should already be taking a step back from the daily operations of the crew in order to teach the younger, Development Stage, Rovers how to run the crew. You are there for advice but not to give orders. Let them make their mistakes, and be there when they need help. This attitude can be carried with you as you age out of Rovers if you are still interested in participating with the crew.
- ◆ If there is a group of aged-out Rovers in your crew, develop something akin to a "Service Patrol" within the crew. This allows you to be there for the crew during projects and activities and for advice, but you have your own social activities as well, allowing the younger members to develop their own bonds and traditions.
- ◆ If you want to be more active than just your own crew once you age out, B.P Guilds are an option.

No matter what you decide to do, keep a few things in mind:

- ✓ Crews should grow and change over time as a result of new members and new experiences.
- ✓ When the younger crew members create their own traditions this is not an abandonment of the old ones. Old stories should be shared since they can be an inspiration, but new ones should be created as well.
- ✓ Never forget members of your crew, be they older or younger. Everyone has something to contribute and something to gain. You may not have a close or tight bond with every member of your crew, but I'm sure someone else does, so don't forget anyone. If they want to participate, they should.

Meet the Crew

The 6th Leamington

Rovering is the final program. The main based on the Knights we use the theme of Les

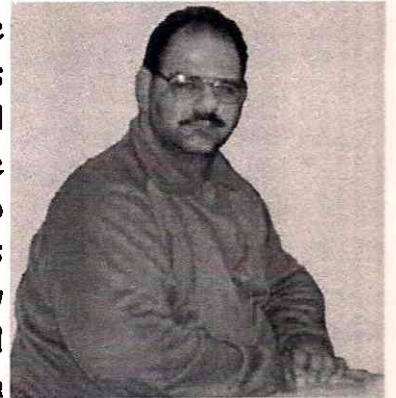


Voyageur Rever Crew

section in the Scouts Canada theme in Rovering is usually of the Round Table. In our case, Voyageurs. Our Crew was

established in September 1997 and was originally part of the 2nd Leamington Scout Group, in Leamington, Ontario. However, in January 2001 we were re-established as the 6th Leamington Voyageur Crew. We currently have 11 members: one Nord-Ouester, a Gouvernail, four Mellieurs, four Engagers, and one associate. Here's an introduction to our Crew:

Le Nord-Ouester is the most seasoned voyageur in the canoe. He has been with the company for years and is highly respected by all his crew. In our Rover Crew, the Nord-ouester is the skip, or advisor, and is the only member of the crew with the ability to veto a vote. The Nord-ouester is also responsible to report back to the group committee. In our crew Abraham Elias is our Nord-ouester and has been with our crew since its creation. If it was not for him our crew would not be in existence today. Abe has been our driving force and we thank him for that. As our crew grows we may need to find a second Nord-Ouester to help Abe, however that will not be for a while. If you are interested in starting your own crew please do not hesitate to contact our Nord-ouester for information. He is currently finishing his Woodbadge Part II for Crew and is a great resource for scouting information.



Le Gouvernail (mate) is a position held by an individual with highly developed management skills. In most cases this individual will be an hivernot. At this point in time the crew does not have an hivernot so the position has been presented to Michael Dodge. Traditionally, le Gouvernail was the crew chief of the canoe and usually very well seasoned. He sat at the stern of the boat and steered with the assistance of l'Avant. These two worked together as do our gouvernail and avant today. Le Gouvernail is the chair of all meetings, he keeps the meeting on a steady course like a canoe running rapids. In most

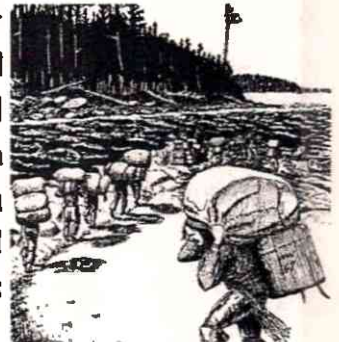
cases his word will sway the group's decisions, thus giving him a great responsibility. Le gouvernail has been referred to as a male individual however in modern times this position can be held by a member of either sex.

L'avant is a position held usually by a senior member of the crew. It is the equivalent to a vice-president's position. The responsibilities of l'avant are simple, help maintain order in the executive meetings and in the absence of Le Gouvernail, chair the meeting. Traditionally, L'avant was an Hivernot who was second in command of the canoe. He rode in the front of the boat, standing watch for upcoming rapids or obstacles in the rivers the Voyageurs traveled. You would hear him yelling, "Droit, Gauche, Droit", from sun up till nearly dusk, travelling up to 70 km's in a day. Currently this position is open however it has been help by Dale Jones Jr. for the past 3 years. Our regulations state that to hold the position of l'avant you must be a youth that is invested into the group. As the crew grows these regulations may change.



Le bourgeois, the company man in the canoe, was usually a highly respected individual. He was the man that took care of all the monetary business for the Voyageurs. As a result of this le bourgeois wasn't expected to work as much physically when it came to the trips. Most of his gear was carried by others and he lived a relatively relaxed life while on the water. This individual had huge amounts of trust thrust upon him since he carried all the money for the crew and made most of the deals for the company.

This position in our crew is given to an individual with excellent mathematical skills and a trustworthy personality. Our Bourgeois would be the equivalent to a treasurer in modern terms. Currently, Paul Sanford holds this position. Paul has held le bourgeois title more than once as a senior member of the crew. It is his responsibility to present a financial report to the crew each meeting, describing all incoming and outgoing transactions, along with balancing the books. As the crew grows so do the tasks of Le Bourgeois.



Le Commis This title is one that is only relevant in the present. Roughly translated "Le Commis" means the scribe or secretary. Les Voyageurs did not have a scribe. Anything that needed to be documented was done by either the Jesuit priests that accompanied them or by the company man, le bourgeois. Even though the canoe did not hold this position, our Crew



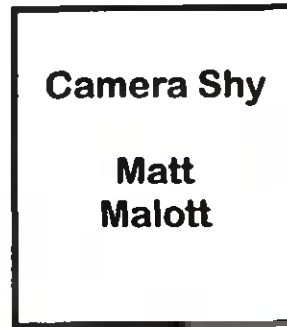
needs a scribe to record the minutes of our meetings for later reference. Currently our Commis is apointed to a different member each meeting but as our crew grows this position will be bestowed upon a senior member. Skills needed for this position are great organization skills and an ability to record information accurately. Le commis works in conjunction with le bourgeois to make sure all legal forms are in order and ready for Le Gouvernails signature. If le gouvernail and l'avant are unavailable to make a meeting le commis will chair the meeting.



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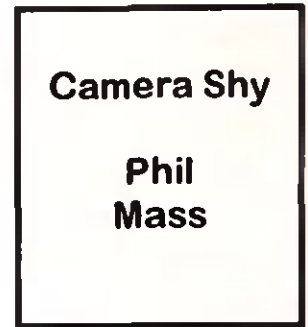


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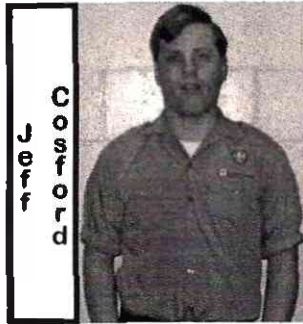
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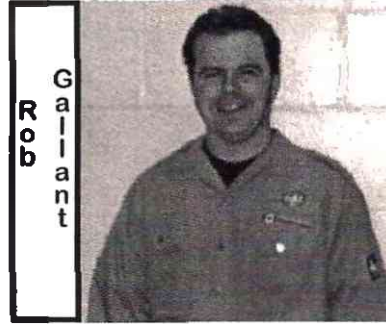


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Les mielleurs are those voyageurs that make up the center of the canoe. In our crew this classification consists of engagers, mangeurs de larde and hivernots. They are the backbone of the canoe and the soul of the crew. Currently in our crew Jack Cosford, Jeff Cosford, Pete Slingerland, Rob Gallant, Matt Malott, Chris Gresser and Phil Mass are the mielleurs. Les Meilleurs also carry other titles such as cook and quartermaster (currently Jack and Jeff). A good crew must have a balance of meilleurs and executive. As our crew grows so will the number of meilleurs where the executive will always stay fixed at gouvernail, avant, bourgeois, and commis. It is also possible to have subcommittees within the meilleurs to plan and run events taking the extra responsibilities away from the executive. Currently our crew forms subcommittees to plan for canoe trips and fund raisers.



Les Hivernots (Invested Rovers/Knights), were those voyageurs that wintered with the canoe. At the beginning of each spring, the voyageurs would assemble together to gather new crew members. Not all of these members would last the season and some even died during the journeys. If a new member made the trip and lasted the winter with the canoe, they were considered seasoned canoeists. These men were known as Hivernots. As a Voyageur Rover Crew, we have adopted a similar tradition in that our Hivernots must complete the tasks set out by the crew and it's Nord-Ouester. This runs in line with the traditional rover quest for knighthood.

There are two ways of becoming an Hivernot, the first of which is to obtain both your Woodbadge Part I and II in the Crew section. These are two leadership courses provided by Scouts Canada to their members. This is generally the manner in which a Nord-Ouester who was not knighted in a previous Crew would go about becoming an Hivernot. The second method, which the majority of the members use is as follows:

Physical Requirements

- Le Grand Portage (8 miles with 90 lbs. on your back)
- Fur Trading Trip (Canoe trip on one of the traditional routes)

Personal Requirements

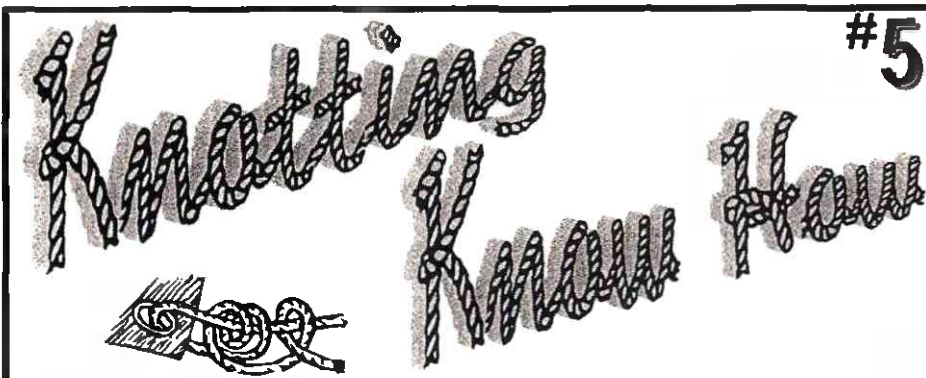
- The Rover Vigil
- Personal Quest
- Service Hours (outside of Scouting)
- Being an Engager



Les Engagers (Squires) At the beginning of each new season, the voyageurs would assemble at their company and recruit new canoe mates. These new mates went by the name of "Engager" until they made their first trade. In our Crew, Les Engagers are those who have yet to be invested into the group. Currently we have four engagers, Matt, Pete, Chris and Rob. These three youth wear a normal Scouting uniform. However, they do not have their group scarf yet. Once they have participated in two meetings and 2 camps we will invest them. The investiture will take place at their last camp, in front of the group campfire. Unfortunately that is all that we wish to tell the public about the ceremony. Once they are invested, they become Mangeurs de Larde (roughly translated that means pork eaters). At this stage they are considered part of the crew and fall into the classification of Meilleurs. Until these youth complete their hivernot, they will not be able to hold the position of Gouvernail or Avant.

BONNE CHANCE LES ENGAGERS





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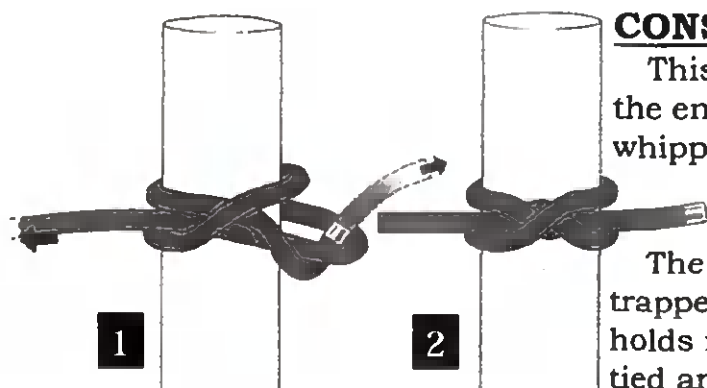
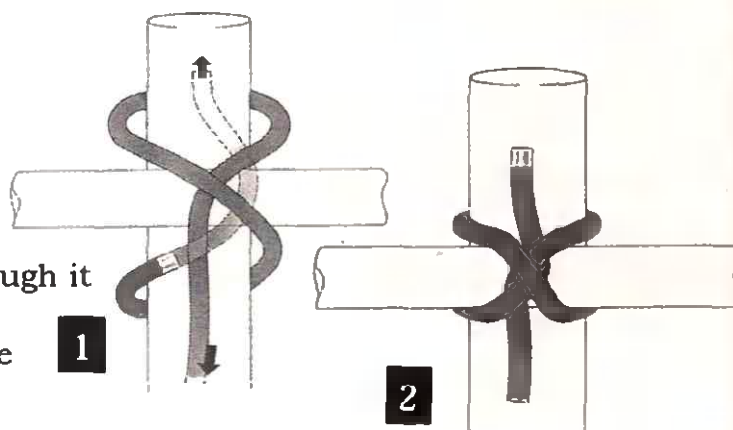
Once upon a time, in the not too distant past, Scouts in Canada were looked on as real craftsmen of outdoor skills. Back then, Scouts looked up to Rovers because they were able to demonstrate the highest level of excellence in all the outdoor crafts. One area in which their expertise really excelled was knotwork. Lately it's become obvious that knowledge of this skill has fallen off. This column of basic, and not so basic knotting know-how is intended to help you all get back to that earlier level of excellence.

TYING ROPES TO OBJECTS—PART II

Knots that are used for attaching ropes to things like poles or rings are called hitches. They are important in camping and all types of pioneering work. These knots are used to secure a rope to a post, hook, ring, spar or rail or to another rope that plays no part in the actual tying. Because they are often used by sailors for mooring and fastening, they must be able to withstand parallel strain. Continuing on from the last issue, here are some more hitches.

TRANSOM KNOT

Gardeners will find the transom knot particularly useful for making trellises or tying up bean poles. It is similar to the constrictor knot and, as with that knot, the ends may be trimmed off for neatness. Although it can be prised undone, it is probably easier simply to cut through the diagonal, when the two halves will fall apart.



CONSTRUCTOR KNOT

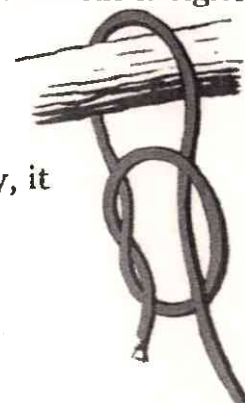
This knot has dozens of uses. It can be used on the ends of ropes as permanent or temporary whipping, it can be used to secure fabric bags; it can be used in woodworking to hold two pieces in position while the glue dries.

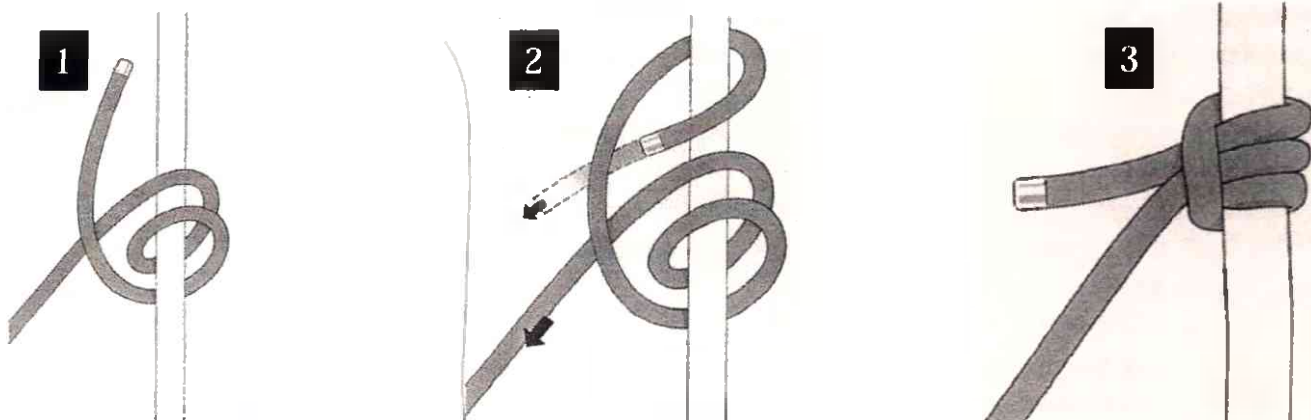
The knot is formed from an overhand knot, trapped beneath a crosswise round turn, which holds it firmly in place. The constrictor knot will stay tied and grip firmly in place. The rope may have to be cut free unless the last tuck is made with a bight to produce a slipped knot.

SLIP KNOT

This knot is not as satisfactory as two half hitches because, unless strain is put on it, it may slide, especially on a vertical object like a post. Basically, it is an overhand knot around the standing part.

It will be more secure if a stopper knot, like a simple overhand or figure eight, is tied in the end of the rope.



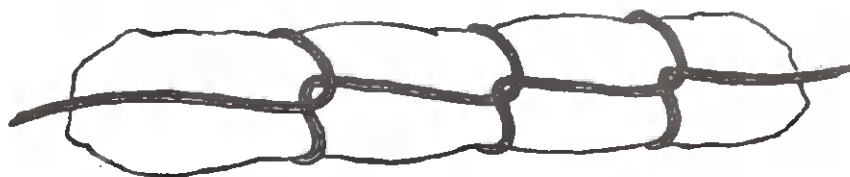
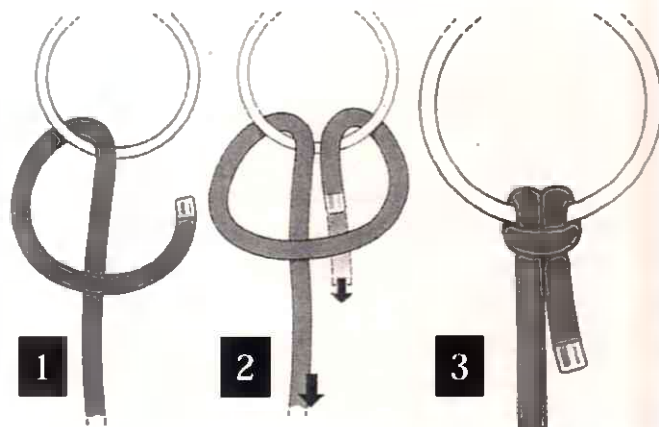


ROLLING HITCH/MAGNER'S HITCH/MAGNUS HITCH

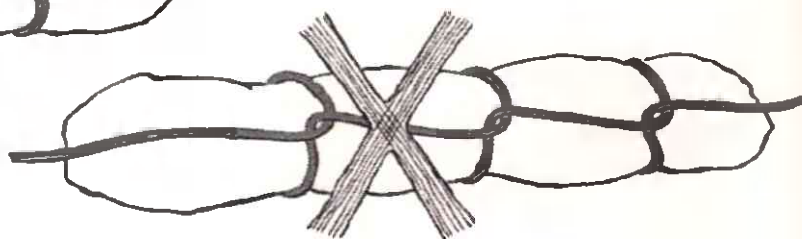
This is basically a clove hitch with the first turn repeated. It is employed by both mariners and mountaineers and is the most effective way of securing a small rope to a larger line that is under strain. As long as the smaller rope is perpendicular to the larger, the knot will slide easily along, - once tension is exerted on the standing part and working end of the smaller rope, the knot locks into position. If you place your hand over the knot and slide it along the thicker line it will slide off the end and uncoil into a straight length of rope.

COW HITCH/LANYARD HITCH

This hitch, composed of two single hitches, is generally made around a ring and is probably the least secure of all the hitches, and it should be regarded as only a temporary fastening. Its name suggests its most common use — as a means of tethering livestock.



1 *Right Way*



Wrong Way

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MARLINE (HAMMOCK) HITCH

Used by sailors for centuries to secure their hammock rolls, this easy hitch is handy for tying a long bedroll, package, or roll of carpeting. Be sure the marling end goes under each wrapping cord as illustrated. The hitch won't hold tension if you make it backwards!

Look carefully. There **IS** a difference in the two illustrations.

POWER-CINCH (TRUCKER'S KNOT)

Scenario: The rutted, muddy road worsens with each yard you travel. "Gotta keep up speed, or we'll never make it," you mutter. Then, it happens – suddenly, you're axle deep in coal black ooze, and despite the determined whining of the front drive wheels, you realize you are going nowhere.

You take stock of the situation. On hand, is a shovel, 50 feet of three-eighths inch diameter nylon rope, and four sets of willing arms. With these, you'll have to free the car.

First, you shovel the "stopper" mud from under the belly of the car. Then you attach your long rope to the auto frame and rig a power-cinch around a smooth-barked birch nearby. Just six inches ahead is firmer ground. If you can just move the car that far.

The four man-power winch line tightens: seconds later, the car pops free, like a cookie from a mold!

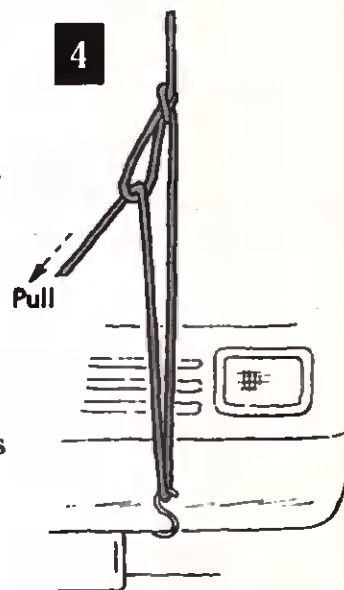
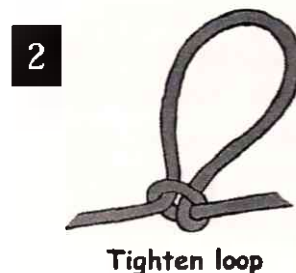
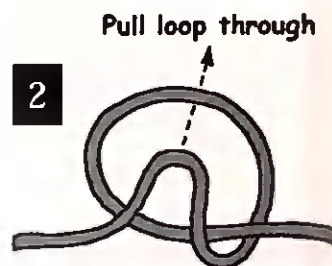
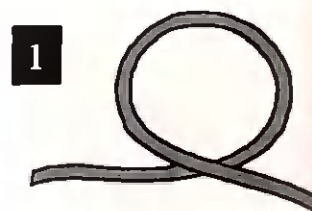
The power-cinch is the most ingenious hitch to come along in recent years. It effectively replaces the tautline hitch and functions as a powerful pulley. Skilled canoeists use this pulley knot almost exclusively for tying canoes on cars, and it remains popular with truckers for securing heavy loads in place. Use it any time you need to tie an object tightly onto a cartop or truck bed.

Begin the hitch by forming the overhand loop shown in step 1. Pull the loop through as in step 2. It is important that you make the loop exactly as shown. It will look okay if you make it backwards, but it won't work!

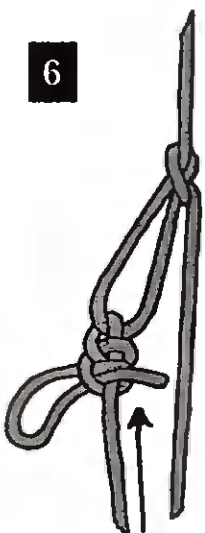
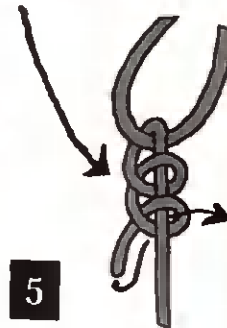
If you're tying something onto a car top, run the bitter (free) end of the hitch through an S-hook attached to the bumper. (Step 4.) Snug the hitch and secure it with a pair of half-hitches around the bight, as illustrated in step 5. Or, for case of removal, end the power-cinch with a quick-release half-hitch, as in step 6.

The power-cinch as a multiple pulley: For additional power, as in the above scenario, form a second loop in the free end of the rope as shown in step 7. This will double the mechanical advantage, albeit increase friction. This rescue technique - commonly set up with aluminum carabiners instead of rope loops - was popularized by the Nantahala Outdoor Center (a whitewater canoe and kayak school) as the "Z-drag," because the rope pattern forms a lazy Z when viewed from overhead.

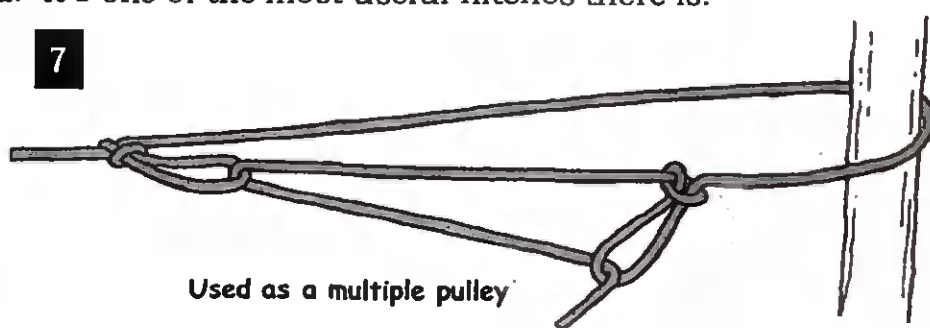
The basic power-cinch however, is probably all you'll ever need. It's one of the most useful hitches there is.



Two half hitches



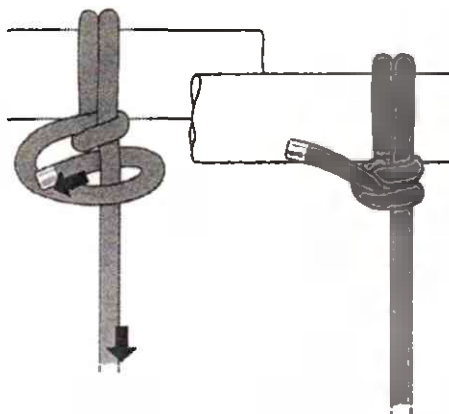
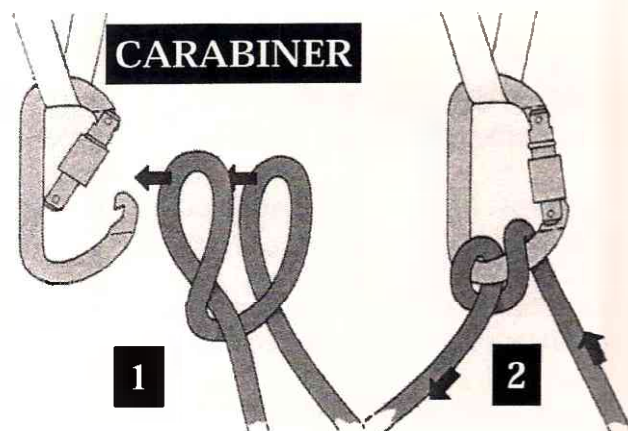
Secure half hitches around one or both lines



Used as a multiple pulley

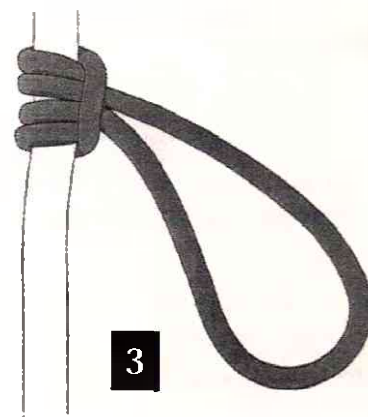
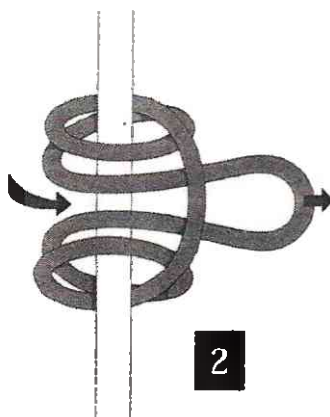
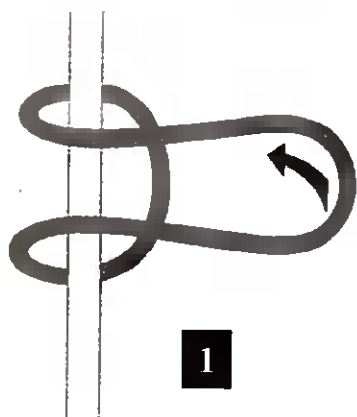
ITALIAN HITCH/MUNTER FRICTION HITCH

This knot was introduced in 1974, and is the official means of belaying (fixing a running rope around a rock or cleat) of the Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme. The rope is passed around and through a carabiner and will check a climber's fall by locking up. The rope can also be pulled in to provide slack or tension as needed. Care must be taken to tie this knot correctly.



ROUND TURN & TWO HALF HITCHES

Use this versatile knot to fasten a line to a ring, hook, handle, pole, rail or beam. It is a strong, dependable knot, which never jams. It has the additional advantage that once one end has been secured with a round turn and two half hitches, the other end can be tied with a second knot.



PRUSIK KNOT

This knot is named after Dr. Carl Prusik, who devised it in 1931. Relatively simple to tie, this knot is used by climbers to attach slings to rope so that they slide smoothly when the knot is loose but hold firm when a sideways load is imposed. This is a useful knot for anyone who must scale awkward heights, such as tree surgeons, and cavers.

The knot must be tied to a rope that is considerably thinner than the line around which it is tied, and it is important to note that it may slip if the rope is wet or icy.

Material for this article has been researched from the following books/pamphlets:

- *Knots and How to Tie Them*; Boy Scouts of America; first printing 1978
- *The Basic Essentials of Knots for the Outdoors* by Cliff Jacobson; ICS Books, Inc.; Merryville, Indiana, USA
- ♦ *Knots, A Pocket Companion*; Strathearn Books LTD; Toronto, Ontario

Available through some Scout Shops ♦ Scouts Canada • Boy Scouts of America

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS. GREATER VICTORIA REGION

The corps. began in 1993 as Scouting's contribution to the organization of the 1994 Commonwealth Games. Since then it has taken on a role in many of the regions annual events including:

- A) Canadian Breast Cancer Foundations—Run for the Cure
- B) The provincial Legislature's Remembrance Day ceremony
- C) Collecting Food Donations during the Santa Claus Parade
- D) St. John Ambulance, Casualty Simulation drill
- E) Postal Worker-Stamp Out Hunger food drive

For more information about volunteering or joining the Corps. Contact Ron Planden at: rplanden@shaw.ca



Announcements, Announcements, Announcements.

Wellington Area Youth Forum Meetings

For info on the ongoing meetings (the third week of every other month), contact Brian Martin at Scout House in Guelph, Ont. Or e-mail him at:

youthrep@wellington.on.scouts.ca

Now it can be told—**Stan Kowalski** and his wife, **Patricia**, celebrated **40 years of marriage** on Nov. 17th with a party for their family and friends.

Yes—Rovers **were** in attendance, from both of Stan's Crews—the Queen City Rover Crew and the 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers, along with many Scouters. Stan and Pat have been involved with Rovers for over 25 years, and both their sons, Mike and Dave, were Rovers. Stan's now waiting for their 1 young granddaughter, 4 young grandsons, and 1 great-granddaughter to get old enough to join the fun.

Congratulations
to Stan and Pat
From the magazine's staff
and Subscribers!!!

**Send in your announcement
and have it appear on this
page in a future edition**

**Send your FREE announcements to:
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844 Fredrick St
Kitchener, Ontario, N2B 2B8**

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A BIG THANKS to **Jim Martynkiewicz** of Martyn Printing, an alumnus of the **Queen City Rovers**, for bailing us out and doing the great print job for the Dec/Jan Edition.

We couldn't find a printer on short notice and Jim pitched in to help out.

Thanks Jim!!!

Great Humber River Canoe Race
Mike Twitchin at 416-742-5232

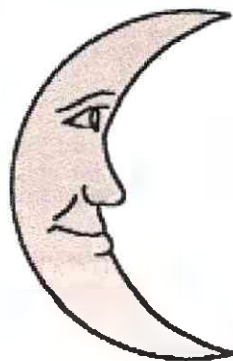
PJ'03 Needs You!

July 5th to 11th, 2003

The BC-Yukon Provincial Scout Jamboree is calling out to Venturers, Rovers and Adults for Offers of Service.

Check out pj03.com for info on registering your offer of service to PJ'03

NIGHT SURVIVOR



**"Can you survive the Night?"
(All Night?)**

**Camp Impeesa
April 11,12 & 13, 2003**

http://www.geocities.com/brant_vent/index.html

**Cheques payable to:
1st Paris Rovers, Brant Area,
50 Amelia St., Paris, Ont., N3L 1Z6**

BRANT AREA VENTURER ASSEMBLY
April 11,12,13, 2003

- Group Registration begins 6pm
- Senior Scouts and Pathfinders/Rangers welcome. No one under 13 years of age.
- No indoor accommodations available.
- An Advisor or Adult must be present and accompany group to attend camp.
- Come self-contained: there will be a canteen on site

CAMP RULES

1. All Scouting/Guiding Rules are in effect.
2. No alcohol or drugs, failure to comply will result in expulsion of entire group.
3. Do not leave camp without signing in and out at the registration office.
4. Absolutely no Mosh Dancing.
5. No cutting of living trees/Raccoons are present, please be aware.
6. No fireworks or firearms.
7. Fires in designated areas only/no unattended fires.
8. If you bring straw to camp, please take it home with you.
9. Garbage is to be bagged and brought to the dumpster (located in the lower parking lot).
10. All events are off limits, except when properly staffed.
11. Picnic tables belong at the sites they are on. Do not remove them.
12. Please leave campsites cleaner than when you found them & equipment intact.
13. Carts are available to move company gear to sites -no tractors

**Bring
Supplies to
build a
stretcher.**

VENTUREE 2003 REGISTRATION FORM

GROUP NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE ADULT ATTENDING:

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING:

POST MARKED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1/2003:

_____XS\$13.00=\$_____ AFTER APRIL 1/03 _____XS\$15.00=\$_____

ROVER/RANGER STAFF \$18.00 (1ST COME 1ST SERVED UP TO 45 PEOPLE)

PEOPLE ATTENDING CAMP

1	5	9
2	6	10
3	7	11
4	8	12

PLEASE NOTE: NEW MAILING ADDRESS

**Make cheques payable to: Scouts Canada-For further information: Deb Frost (519) 752-4544
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Al Stewart (519)**

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The Rover Staff — Part I

Editor's Note: Because of the length of this article, it couldn't be run in a single issue. We'll try to do it justice and run it in three parts.



"The Rover Staff"

Brian Powell, a Rover Adviser, created the "staff" in April – July 2002. It is unique in that, not only is it beautifully carved and detailed, but it also contains much of the information about the Rover Scout Program (ages 18-26). If you happen to see Brian walking along with his staff, stop him and take a closer look at the staff – It is well worth your time. The pictures within this article do not do it justice. Brian is always more than eager to discuss his creation with anyone. *In fact, the Rover Staff has drawn lots of attention and it has been promoting Scouting and Rovers wherever Brian goes.*

The following explains the staff and its carvings in detail.

The Staff is approximately 62 inches long and 1.5 by 2 inches across with every inch carved out of cherry wood. Brian indicates that cherry wood is his *wood of choice due to its beauty, extreme durability and water resistance. It has become his "signature wood" for carving staffs and canes.*

According to Brian, the staff took about 300 painstaking hours to create not including, the measure of research that was involved. *"It sometimes was extremely difficult to come up with appropriate pictograms which represented specific ideas",* declared Brian.

When asked how one goes about making such a staff, all Brian has to say is that, *"it takes a lot of patience to create such a work of art and, many, many, many Band-Aids" - ouch.*



The Sword & Sheath

This carving covers the top part of one side of the staff. The sword is that of St. George – The patron saint of Scouting and Rovers.

In order to become “invested” as a Rover Scout, the candidate must become “knighted”. Within the “knighting ceremony”, the sword is incredibly significant and meaningful.

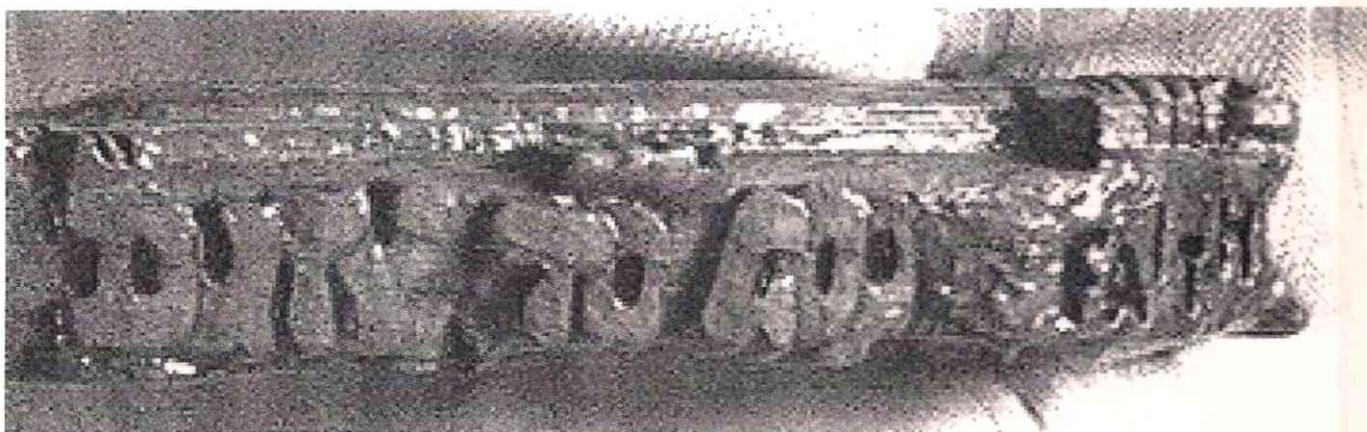
Here, the sword is carved with the sheath (the covering / holder of the blade) barely visible underneath the blade.

The sheath represents the *material make-up or body* of a person while the blade of the sword embodies the *soul or spiritual part of the individual*. Hence, the words “**BODY**” on one side of the blade / sheath and “**SOUL**” on the other.

Note: The words are carved with the letters in an overlapping style called the “Bubble” format – as Brian likes to call it.

The point of the blade represents “**OBEDIENCE**” which is carved in a straight relief style with the letters slightly jumbled and somewhat curved around the point of the sword and end of the sheath.

There is even more symbolism within the sword...



The knighting ceremony is very *Christian* as it dates back to the *Medieval Times in England*.

Hence, one edge of the sword represents **"DUTY TO GOD"**.

The upper photo shows the words again carved in the "Bubble" style along the blades edge – on the right side / edge of the sword.

The "t" represented by the Swords pommel / handle, guard and blade symbolizes the Cross of Christ. Thus, as you can see the word **"FAITH"** deeply engraved in the sword at the top of the staff angling in to the center top.

The other edge of the sword represents duty and respect to others – **"DUTY TO OTHERS"** / neighbours is carved along the left side / edge of the sword as shown in the lower photo.

The pommel or handle of the sword symbolizes **"HUMILITY"** which is necessary to use faith to the best advantage and is deeply engraved at an angle from the top of the staff to the sword's edge.





the Gourmet Rover

When I prepare this meal, I often tell people it's beef Stroganoff. Because of its convincing appearance and taste, they're surprised when I later confide that it's actually chicken.

-Lori Borrowman of Schenectady, New York

Chicken Stroganoff

- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter or stick margarine
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 2-inch strips
- 1/4 cup browning sauce
- 1-1/3 cups reduced-sodium beef broth, divided
- 1 cup white wine or additional reduced-sodium beef broth
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (8 ounces) fat-free sour cream
- 6 cups cooked no-yolk noodles

In a large nonstick skillet, saute mushrooms and onion in butter until tender. Remove and set aside. In the same skillet, cook the chicken with browning sauce until browned. Add 1 cup broth, wine or additional broth, ketchup, garlic and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Combine flour and remaining 1/3 cup broth until smooth; stir into chicken mixture. Add reserved mushroom mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat to low. Stir in sour cream; heat through (do not boil). Serve over noodles. Yield: 6 servings.



These tempting tacos are low in fat but full of zippy flavor. I often modify the recipe to our tastes by adding more tomato and green onion and a bit of cheddar cheese. It's a keeper!

-Lisa Giegel of Spokane, Washington

Lemon Chicken Tacos

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon lemon juice, divided
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons olive or canola oil
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro or parsley
- 8 flour tortillas (8 inches), warmed
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1/2 cup salsa

Place chicken in a large resealable plastic bag; add 2 tablespoons lemon juice. Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate for 1-2 hours.

In a nonstick skillet, saute the onions and garlic in oil until tender. Add the chicken, cumin, salt and pepper. Cook and stir for 4 minutes or until juices run clear. Remove from the heat; stir in the tomatoes, cilantro and remaining lemon juice. Spoon onto tortillas; top with lettuce. Serve with salsa. Yield: 4 servings.



the Gourmet Rover

My husband was fooled with this low-fat recipe and I'm sure your family will be, too. A savory broth, hearty chunks of chicken and thick chewy dumplings provide plenty of comforting flavor.
-Brenda White of Morrison, Illinois

Chicken Dumpling Soup

1 Pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-1/2-inch cubes
3 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) reduced-sodium chicken broth
3 cups water
4 medium carrots, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 celery rib, chopped
1 teaspoon minced fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/4 teaspoon pepper

DUMPLINGS:

3 egg whites
1/2 cup 1% cottage cheese
2 tablespoons water
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup all-purpose flour

In a large nonstick skillet coated with nonstick cooking spray, brown chicken. Add the broth, water, vegetables and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat- simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, for dumplings, beat the egg whites and cottage cheese in a mixing bowl. Add water and salt. Stir in the flour; mix well. Bring soup to a boil. Drop dumplings by tablespoonfuls onto the boiling soup.

Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in dumplings comes out clean (do not lift cover while simmering). Serve immediately. Yield: 4 servings.



My husband didn't think he could eat chicken prepared anyway but fried - until he was coaxed into trying this colorful combination. Chili powder gives this skillet dish a little kick.

-Ruth Ann Toppins of Huntington, West Virginia

Spicy Chicken and Peppers

1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1 -inch strips
1-1/2 cups julienne green peppers
1 cup chopped onion
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon olive or canola oil
1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, drained
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
1-1/2 teaspoons sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons chili powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 cups cooked no-yolk noodles
Fresh parsley

In a nonstick skillet, cook the chicken, green peppers, onion and garlic in oil until chicken juices run clear. Stir in the tomato sauce, tomatoes and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat- cook, uncovered, for 5 minutes or until thickened. Serve over noodles. Garnish with parsley. Yield: 4 servings.

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.

Swing Sets

*Attach a rope to a medicine ball and what do you get?
An intense workout that pays off in practical power*

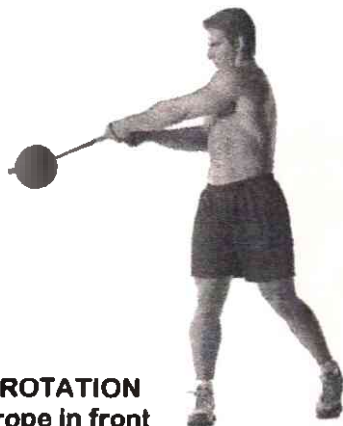
BUILD YOUR CORE ► Show us an unusual training device and we'll show you our skeptical sneer. But sometimes innovation works. Take the Converta-ball (but don't take ours, we like it), which is becoming a popular cross-training tool for ab work. It's basically a medicine ball on a rope, which you can remove so it converts (get it?) back into a medicine ball. You can swing it at high speeds above your head, across your body, or around your waist. (Warning: Don't go between your legs.) These moves help train your core, the muscles that make up your midsection. The core muscles initiate movement, generate power, and help stabilize your spine. That means practical power, the kind that enables you to change directions quicker than ever as you twist to throw, stretch to catch, or dive to dig. You can buy a 6½-pounder for \$75 (www.performbetter.com) and make it part of your workout, starting with the following exercises. One other thing: It's fun.

Try this 15-minute Converta-ball workout from Carlos Santana, C.S.C.S., of the Institute of Human Performance in Boca Raton, Florida. For each exercise, grab the rope with both hands and stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, your knees slightly bent, and your core tight. Do four sets of 20 repetitions of each, resting 60 seconds between sets.



► **OVERHEAD CIRCLE** Keep your arms as straight as possible without locking your elbows throughout the

entire move. Swing the ball above your head in giant circles by rotating your hips, not your shoulders. When you've completed half of your repetitions, reverse the direction you're swinging the ball.



► **SPEED ROTATION** Hold the rope in front of you, upper arms close to your sides, and elbows bent about 90 degrees. Swing the ball from right to left, pivoting on your right foot. Then reverse the motion by swinging the ball all the way back to your right and pivoting on your left foot. Do this quickly. (For an exercise requiring more rhythm, balance, and power, stand 1 foot away from a wall, with your back to the wall. Do the above move while bouncing the ball off the wall.)

► **DIAGONAL CHOP** Stand with your hands above your right shoulder, the ball behind you. Flex your trunk and swing the ball diagonally over your shoulder and down and to the outside of your left knee by rotating your upper body and pivoting on your right foot. Allow your arms to straighten, and when they pass the outside of your left thigh, reverse the motion, pivoting on your left foot. When you've completed 10 repetitions, switch sides.





It's coming!



Snow Moot 2003

(WITH SNOW)



February 21-23, 2003
Mt. Nemo Scout Camp
Burlington, ON



Cost: \$12 before Feb. 1 and \$15 after
The theme this year will be "Lumberjacks"

Snow Moot is open to all registered members in Scouting and Guiding. Participants should be over the age of 16. Please see our website for reasoning.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Everyone's Favourite, **The Polar Bear Dip**
- Snow Golf
- Friday Night Wacky Games
- Obstacle Course
- The Grand Car Tour Extravaganza
- Wide Game
- All Weekend Long Scavenger Hunt
- Full Contact Musical Chairs

Onsite Tuck shop open all weekend to feed your snack cravings!
Firewood will be supplied for those camping outside.

We encourage all us hardy polar bears to camp in the great white outdoors, EH! For those tenderlings, Cabins will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

We are the only Moot in Ontario who still takes our dance right to 2:00am! For more details:



<http://www.snowmoot.cjb.net>
email: snowmoot@canada.com



Brought to you by the Hamilton Rover Round Table: <http://www.hrrt.cjb.net>

Rovers in Alberta? Of Course!

E-Vent 2002



Every year in Alberta a linking camp between Venturers and Rovers called E-Vent occurs in November. Each year a different Rover Crew from the Alberta Rover Round Table (hereafter referred to as ARRT) takes on the challenge of planning, organizing and running this camp. This past year (2002) the 22nd Challenger Crew based out of Edmonton took on this challenge. E-Vent 2002 was run by the Challengers with help running some of the activities from the 187 Knights of Excalibur Rovers (Edmonton) and Jamie Fisher of the Knights of Cerberus (Calgary). This outstanding and fun filled camp took place on November 8th thru 10th (the second weekend in November, as always) at Camp Kasota West. Camp Kasota is located on Half Moon Bay which is just west of the Town of Sylvan Lake. Part of the fun in planning an E-Vent (other than getting the information out province wide to every single Company and Crew) is coming up with a unique, exciting, interesting and stimulating theme such as M.A.S.H. (2001) or Pirates (1999).

E-Vent 2002 proved to throw all who participated through a time warp, back into their childhood as we explored the wonderfully creative and witty works of the man known as Dr. Seuss. With activities such as "Hop on Pop" (obstacle course), "On the Way to Who-Ville" (orienteering), "Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?" (communication without words) and a Who-Ville feast using only weird and wonderful utensils, all 83 participants (Venturers, Rovers and Advisors), the camp staff of 3 and the cooking staff of 4 had a very enjoyable weekend. Saturday evening after the wonderful meal cooked by Pak Rat and her cooking team we sat down to be amazed, dazzled and wowed by the talented and hilarious hypnotist Dr. John Roberts. Roughly 15 people volunteered to let Dr. John perform his magic and take them into the world of hypnosis. Of those Dr. John made some dance, some sing and others speak various different languages including Martian, chicken, cow and even sheep. Through it all the audience laughed and laughed harder! Some of us wondered how, but all of us watched in utter amazement as, for his Grand Finale, Dr. John lay a girl over a bed of nails and then proceeded to break a cinder block on top of her stomach, without injury or pain to his "victim".

As camp wound down on Sunday the mood changed as we began to prepare for the November ARRT meeting at which we would discuss the more serious issues of Rovering in Alberta. These ARRT meetings always happen three times a year: January in Edmonton, May in Calgary, and November right after E-Vent at the camp's location.

The next few ARRT Activities and their sponsoring Crews are as follows:

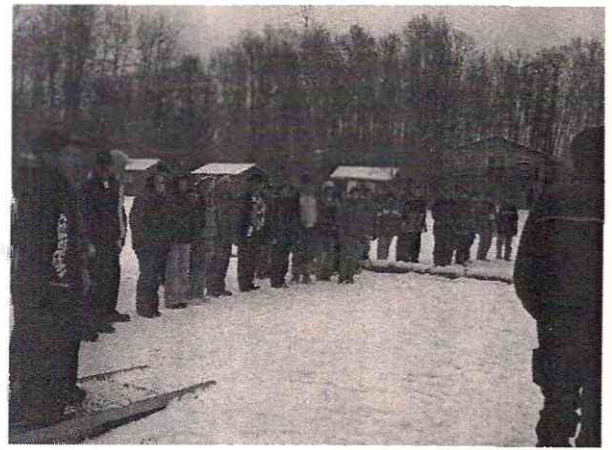
January 25th & 26th – Edmonton Social and Meeting – 1st Edmonton

May 10th & 11th – Calgary Social and Meeting – TBA

November 7th, 8th & 9th – E-Vent 2003 (Camp Kasota) and Meeting – 1st Edmonton

Submitted by: April Keiver – Mate 22nd Challenger Crew
- Secretary ARRT

Photos submitted by: Jamie Fisher





8th Edmonton

Rover Crew

Knights of the Aurora Phoenix

2002 Rover Retreat – A Bonding Experience



Around from left clockwise to the front: Cassie, Jon, Morgan, Rob, and Ryan. We're playing crib :)



And the games are broken out. Starting on the left: Mike, Morgan, Paul, Rob, Jon, Cassie, and Ryan sitting around the table. Four playing scrabble, three playing crib. Spaz and Skip are in the background talking up a storm :)



The master chefs Jon and Paul readying their spatulas to flip pancakes. Don't burn them!



We're such kids. And that's a good thing. Us on the monkey bars, from left to right: Richard, Rob, Cassie, Morgan, Ryan, Jon, and Mike.



And us on the airplane. I don't think I need to do another round of intros here do I?



Beautiful shot of the lake. The ice was about 1.5 - 2 inches thick, so we were able to walk on it - but only near the shore since we could hear the cracks as we stepped. Pretty fun - and if you've never tried, throwing rocks along the ice is a blast.



A FEAST! Steak, potatoes, garlic toast, and salad. All topped off with Cheesecake and Wine. Who can ask for more? I certainly couldn't!

Photos by Morgan Kan

<heraldk@yahoo.com>

from the Crew web site -

<<http://rovers8th.cjb.net/>>

"Sir Herald" is the web master for the Crew site, and is the current keeper of the purse for the Crew.

Car Care



the following article was prepared by the advertising department of the Buffalo News and appeared in their supplement called "Car Finder" on December 26, 2002

When that bump jarred your teeth, what did it do to your car?

Has your car been steering erratically lately? Have you noticed an unfamiliar "clunking" noise coming from under your car? Are your tires wearing unevenly?

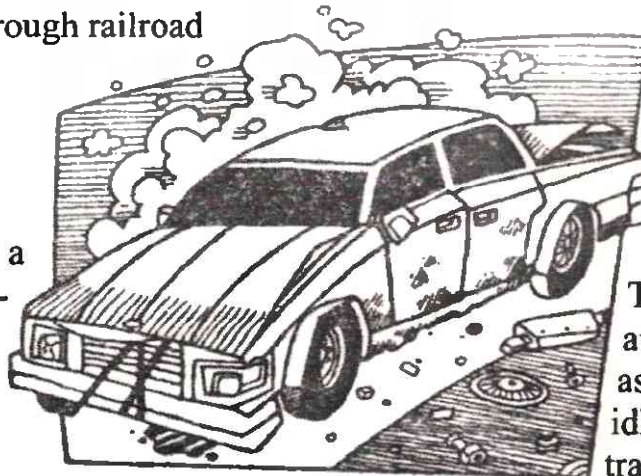
These symptoms can be the after-effects of hitting a pothole, a rough railroad crossing or other obstruction.

This jolt can do more than jar your teeth, it can damage a tire or certain under-car parts. The Car Care Council advises that, if possible, try to minimize the impact by applying the brakes before you reach the rut or hole.

Then release the brake just before hitting the obstruction. If your foot remains on the brake, causing the wheel to slam into the pothole rather than to roll over it, damage may be aggravated.

The council also urges a close inspection underneath the vehicle of tires and other components after a serious altercation with a pothole, curb or other obstruction.

The effects of an impact with a rut, or series of ruts, are amplified when chassis parts are worn. Rubber bushings wear with time and mileage, as do the swivel joints that support and steer the car.



Weak shock absorbers or struts, which help absorb the blow, cause a vehicle to be especially vulnerable to damage.

The life expectancy of steering and suspension components such as ball joints, tie rod ends and idler arms is shortened more by travel over rough roads than by long distance driving.

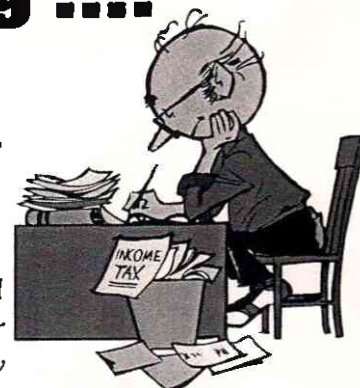
Never underestimate the value of a semi-annual alignment check along with tire rotations and balance, says the council. It can disclose an under-car problem that not only can save tire wear but also can affect driving safety.

Remember, too, that your front wheel drive car may require four wheel alignment.

TAX time is coming !!!!

TAX TIPS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE **FILING YOUR 2002 TAX RETURN**

*by: W. L. (Bill) Bradley CGA
Assistant Advisor for
6th Rideau Lakes Rover Crew*



As a Rover, by now you are filing tax returns and you should be starting to look at tax planning. There are specific rules regarding different types of income such as: employment, business, investment, annuity payments, and capital gains. The Income Tax Act also covers areas of deductions like capital cost allowance, work related deductions and business expenses. It is very important to file a tax return even if you have little or no income in order to obtain GST credits, Ontario property tax credits for your rent paid, Ontario sales tax credits and to build up your RRSP base for future years when you are working full time and can put money away for retirement. There are some other very specific amounts excluded from income for tax purposes examples include First Nations income earned on a specified reserve, inheritances, and lottery winnings.

Another major change over the last few years is the definition of what constitutes a "spouse". Most references in the Income Tax Act now refer to a "spouse or common-law partner". The term spouse means a party to a legal marriage. Common-law partner means a person of either the opposite or the same sex who has been cohabiting with the taxpayer in a conjugal relationship for at least one year, or is the natural or adoptive parent of the taxpayer's child.

Medical and moving expense claims for traveling distances have changed over the last few years. A flat rate of \$11 per meal (maximum \$33 per day) and 42.5 cents per km is allowed. This includes moving to and from university provided you move more than 40 kms. The deduction for moving is limited to the income you earn from the new location. Unused deductions can be carried forward one year. You do not need to keep receipts but a log showing the kms traveled and meals may be required to support your claim to Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA).

If your work requires you to drive your own car or pay your own expenses then be sure to ask your employer for a tax form called T2200 – "Conditions for Employment". This will allow you to deduct things like car expenses or supplies used for work.

There are many other areas that you should be looking at. Talk to an accountant or get your parents to ask theirs. I hope these few items will help you to save some tax dollars.

Here's to a good year in scouting for 2003.

the Roger Awards



To help you with your selections for the Roger following lists of Moots and articles from the past aware of. All moots across Canada feel is deserving, feel free to vote for that Moot. and Venturees is blurring. We will probably

Awards for the year 2002, we've compiled the year. Note: these are the Moots that we were stand nominated. If we missed one that you Also note that the division between Moots have a category for Venturees next year.

MOOTS

Ancient Moot	Attawanderonk Moot	BC-Yukon Provincial Moot
Camp Skeeter 2002 (BC)	Hawaiian Holiday	Jailbreak Moot
Jamboree-On-The-Trail	Kamp Krusty (Quebec)	Looney Tunes Moot
Mardi Gras 2002 (BC)	Moot Moot 2002	RoVent - A Medieval Tourney (ON)
RoVent 2002 (BC)	16th Club Med Moot (Quebec)	Snow Moot 2002
	RAVE Rover And Venture Event (Nova Scotia)	

Please note that a lot of these Moots were held in Ontario. That's simply because those were the Moots we heard about, and NOT because they are the only ones nominated. We probably missed some. All Moots across Canada 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

Attawanderonk Moot Report.....	Amy Walter; pix by Simon Hollick & Stan Kowalski Jr.
Australia's B-P Award	Julie Corrigan
the Birth of Jamboree on the Trail	Kevin Thomson (from the web site)
Cleaning Out Your Aging PC	from USA Today
Food for Thought.....	from the Buffalo News
From the ORC Chair.....	Jeremy Shoup
Hawaiian Holiday Moot Report	Mike Dodge; pix by Ryan "Jynx" Jenkins & Stan Kowalski Jr.
A History of Canoeing	from the Digest Book of Canoeing
Hitchhiker's Guide to Mooting.....	Abe Elias
In Memoriam-Stu Murchie.....	Stan Kowalski Jr.
Jamboree on the Trail - Men in Kilts.....	John Redburn
Jailbreak Moot Report	Terry Konyi
K-Town Konference Report.....	Mike Pembleton; pics by Neil Looby & Ryan "Jynx" Jenkins
Link	Tamara Krebs
Meet the Crew - Pas Philos	Ali Gothard
the ORC January Meeting Report.....	Mike Pembleton; pics by Neil Looby & Ryan "Jynx" Jenkins
the ORC March Meeting Report.....	Jeremy Shoup; pics by Neil, "Jynx" & Stan
the ORC May Annual General Meeting Report	Mike Pembleton; pics by Neil, "Jynx" & Stan
the Rock - Newfoundland	Ali Gothard
RoVent 2002 (BC) - Lord of the Rings.....	Courtney Humphries
A Rover's Haiku.....	Gillian Gothard
Sharing the Road.....	from the Buffalo News supplement "Car Finder"
Side Mirror Adjustment	from the Tonawanda GM-Powertrain newsletter "Excellence"
Snow Moot Pictures - Reminiscing	Stan Kowalski Jr.

Best Continuing Article

Announcements	Kirby McCuaig
BC-Yukon Report	Mindy Holman
Car Care	Stan Kowalski Jr.
Fit As a Fiddle	Stan Kowalski Jr.
From the Editor's Desktop	Stan Kowalski Jr.
the Funny Bone.....	Stan Kowalski Jr.
the Gourmet Rover	Stan Kowalski Jr.
Out & About.....	Kirby McCuaig
Photo Journalist.....	Stan Kowalski Jr.
Re"Quests" for Service	Kirby McCuaig
Rovers in Alberta.....	Pam McMillan
Rover on the Go.....	Julie Corrigan
Rover Reflections.....	Kat Nielsen
Tool Time	Stan Kowalski Jr.
Upcoming Events	Stan Kowalski Jr./Kirby McCuaig

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, Venturers, Rangers and Advisors, by your nominations and votes sent in to our judges. It gives Rovers, Venturers and Rangers a chance to honor their own, and show appreciation for the efforts of an individual or Crew(s) (Companies).

All Rovers, Venturers, 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, No. 2 and No. 3, list the person's name, affiliation (Crew, Company, District, etc.) and the main reason this person was nominated.

It is important that you list No. 4 in order of preference, as points are awarded, then added to determine the winner. (4A scores 4 points, 4B scores 3 points, 4C scores 2 points, 4D 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 note: If you nominate somebody in category 1, 2 or 3, you MUST fill in your name at the bottom so that we can verify who the nominee is and where they're from.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

2. ***NEW THIS YEAR*** Name a person who you feel has given sincere dedication to Venturers.

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

4. Name what you feel were the four best moots in the past year in order of preference.
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____
5. Name the best continuing article to appear in the Canadian Rover Ehl magazine during the past year.

6. Name the best feature article to appear in the Canadian Rover Ehl magazine during the past year.

SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS AND VOTES BY APRIL 20, 2002, TO:

The Roger Awards
c/o 844 Frederick St.
Kitchener, Ontario
N213 2138

OR EMAIL: <canadian_rover@hotmail.com>

Awards will be presented at the awards dinner Saturday evening
during the ORC Annual Meeting May 10, 2003.

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____ Unit: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please note:



ORC March Weekend

Where else can you get a place to sleep and
a couple of meals this close to Niagara Falls for \$12!?

That's right - the March ORC weekend will be held March 7-9 in St. Davids,
Ontario.

St. Davids lies between the tourist city of Niagara Falls and the picturesque
town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Niagara Region has loads of attractions:

- Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory
- Niagara-on-the-Lake (little shops)
- The Flying Saucer restaurant
- Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum
- Lundy's Lane & Clifton Hill
- Winery Tours
- ...and of course the Falls itself!

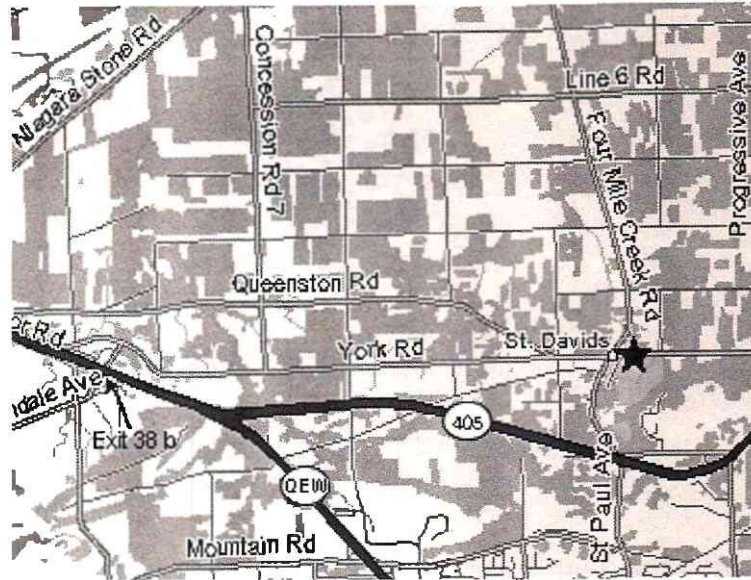
Service Project: Please bring with you hotel soaps and shampoos,
toothbrushes and toothpaste's. All of those will be donated to a local shelter.

Cost: \$12 Pre-reg. before March 1st and \$15 after.

This includes Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner and of course a place
to stay for 2 nights.

Send Pre-registration to :

Erin Slingerland
202 Ninth Avenue
Kitchener, ON
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Church: (from QEW Hamilton)

- Take the QEW south/east to Niagara
- After passing through St. Catherine's, you will cross over the Garden City Skyway. At the base of the skyway, take Exit 38 B (Niagara-on-the-Lake)
- The off-ramp will circle around to the right and cross over the highway
- Turn right on York Road and follow it into St. Davids
- In St. Davids you will come to a 4-way stop. Continue straight through, St. Davids-Queenston United Church is on the right

Church: (From QEW Fort Erie)

- Take the QEW north/west past Niagara Falls
- Just past Mountain Road the highway will descend the escarpment. Take the next exit - Exit 38 B (Niagara-on-the-Lake).
- Turn right at the stop light at the end of the ramp
- Turn right on York Road and follow it into St. Davids
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St. Davids, ON

Further information needed Please call Jeremy or Erin at 519 895 2027.
Assistance through out the weekend please call 519 588 0597.

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.

Silencing Noisy Water Pipes

How to quiet water hammer in four different areas of your home

by Merle Henkenius

from "Today's Homeowner"
June 2000

Ever heard of the plumbing term "water hammer"? Maybe not, but you've probably heard the noise it makes: a loud banging or thumping sound inside a wall or floor.

Water hammer occurs when a faucet or other fixture is abruptly shut off. The sudden stoppage causes the rushing water to produce a shock wave within the plumbing system. And because water doesn't absorb shock very well (remember belly flops?), the recoil continues until it hits a dead end and causes a pipe to bang against a wall stud, floor joist or other framing member.

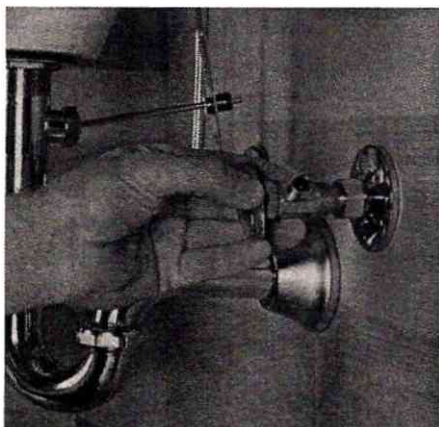
Water hammer occurs in varying degrees in nearly every home, but the irritating noise is only part of the problem. If it isn't eliminated, water

hammer can eventually rupture pipes, wear out faucets and cause water heaters to leak. It will also shorten the life of solenoid valves on dishwashers, washing machines and ice-makers.

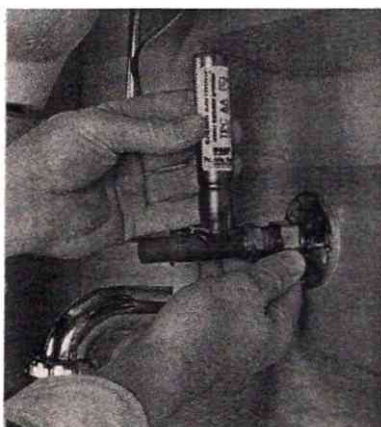
The problem is compounded when pipes aren't securely fastened to the framing and when the water pressure is higher than normal. Homes with static water pressure above 60 psi are especially vulnerable. With extremely high pressure-80 to 120 psi-the best solution is a whole-house pressure-reduction valve.

Still, the majority of wall-banging pipes are in homes with normal, midrange water pressure. In these cases, it's best to attack the problem at the source.

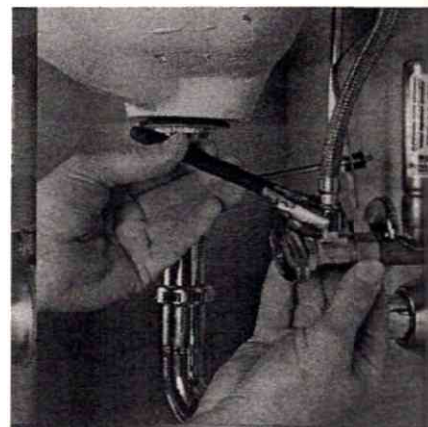
Here, we'll show you how to install a water-hammer arrester at four common trouble spots: bathroom sink, tub/shower valve, toilet and washing machine. At three of these fixtures you simply thread on the arresters; you'll have to do some soldering only when installing the tub/shower arrester.



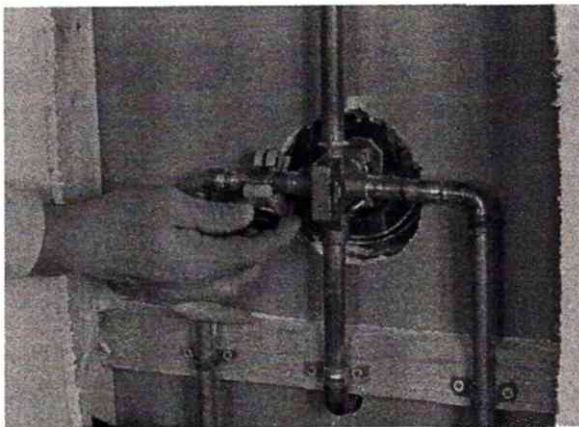
1 AFTER LOOSENING the $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. compression nut, firmly pull the shutoff valve from the water-supply pipe.



2 HOLD THE water-hammer arrester on the pipe and thread on the nut. Then, tighten it with a wrench.



3 ATTACH THE flexible water-supply tube to the shutoff valve that's installed onto the front end of the arrester.



1 AFTER CUTTING a hole in the wall, use a tubing cutter to remove a section of piping from the tub/shower valve.

HOW ARRESTERS WORK

Plumbers have long built air chambers into plumbing systems to stop water hammer. Unfortunately, they only work for a short while. The column of shock-absorbing air trapped inside the chambers eventually is absorbed by the water and leaks out through the valve.

You can buy a whole-house arrester, but these types usually are ineffective because they're located too far from the banging pipe. For best results, the arrester should be placed as close as possible to the troublesome valve or fixture. One should also be placed on both the hot and cold-water lines.

Today, small arresters use either inflatable bladders or sliding pistons to effectively absorb shock waves and prevent noisy pipes. For our repairs, we selected four different Sound Solution waterhammer arresters from Prairie Home Products. These compact devices (\$12 to \$14 each – *editor's note: US prices in 2000*) consist of a sliding piston sealed inside a short copper chamber.

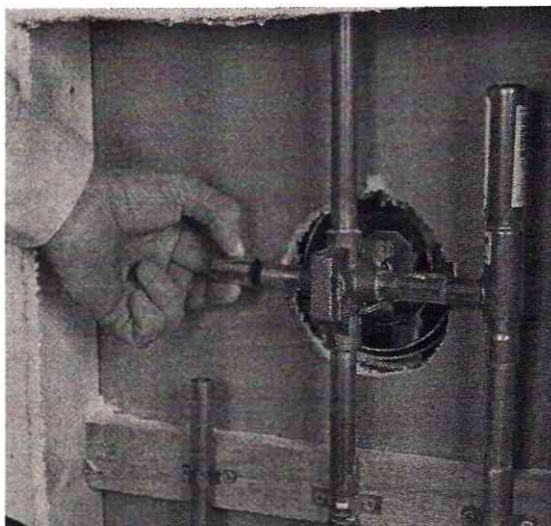
The high-temperature polypropylene piston sits low in the chamber until a shock wave hits. Then, it slides up and presses against a cushion of air trapped behind it, effectively absorbing the shock. A moment later, the piston slides back to the starting position. This type of arrester can be installed vertically, horizontally or

at any angle in between; it will even work upside down.

SILENCING SINK PIPES

Lav faucets in baths are commonly plagued by water hammer, especially single-handle faucets that can be shut off very quickly. We installed the Model 10671 arrester here.

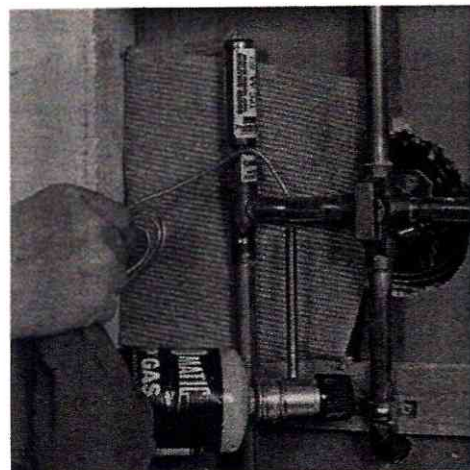
First, shut off the water at the meter and drain the system by opening all the sink and tub faucets in the house. Next, reach underneath the sink and unscrew the $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. supply tube from both the shutoff valve and the faucet. Loosen the $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. compression nut that secures the valve to the water pipe coming out of the wall or floor. Then pull the



2 SLIDE A $\frac{1}{2}$ -IN. sweat coupling onto the horizontal pipe stub protruding from the side of the faucet valve.

valve off the pipe (photo 1, first page).

Slide the arrester onto the pipe and secure it by tightening the existing compression nut (photo 2, first page). Place a new compression ferrule and nut onto the front of the arrester and reinstall the old valve. Finish by installing a new flexible supply tube between the valve and faucet (photo 3, first page). Repeat this procedure for the other supply tube.



3 USE A PROPANE torch to solder the arrester place. Protect the wall with a fireproof flame shield.

TUB/SHOWER PROTECTION

Providing shock relief for a tub-and-shower faucet is a little more involved because you need to cut an access hole into the wall. And, as mentioned earlier, this

installation requires some soldering.

Begin by measuring carefully to determine the faucet location on the backside of the plumbing wall. Then cut out a section of drywall that's about 14x14 in. Shut off the water and drain the system. Hold up the arrester in front of the faucet piping and mark both the vertical and horizontal splice points on the pipe.

Next, cut out the piping between the marks with either a hacksaw or close quarter tubing cutter (photo 1). Buff the cut pipe ends with emery cloth.

The Model 10690 arrester has a female fitting at its lower end and a male fitting on its upper, horizontal end. To accommodate the male fitting, you must solder a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. coupling onto the horizontal pipe stub coming out of the faucet valve. Apply flux to the stub, then slide on the coupling (photo 2). Spread flux onto the end of the vertical riser pipe and install the arrester.

Before proceeding, place a fireproof flame guard behind the arrester. Then, use a propane torch

to solder the fittings with lead-free solder (photo 3). Be careful not to apply the flame directly to the shower valve; excessive heat can damage internal components. Turn the water back on and test your work for leaks before repairing the wall.

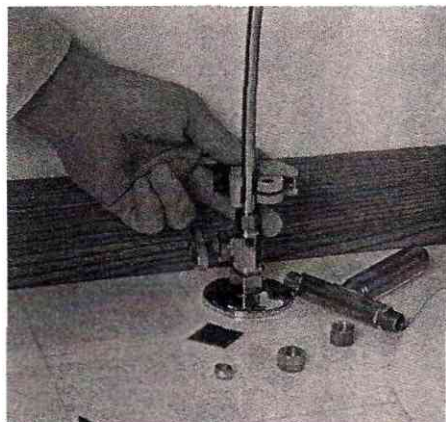
TOILET ARRESTER

A toilet often suffers shock waves from pipes rattling elsewhere down the line. If you hear an abrupt burst of water in the toilet when a nearby faucet or appliance is shut off, correct the problem at its source. If the toilet remains affected, install a Model 10638

arrester in the supply tube behind the toilet.

Close the toilet shutoff valve, then flush the toilet to empty the tank. Use a tubing cutter to make a cut about 1 in. above the shutoff valve (photo 1), and unscrew the supply tube from the underside of the toilet tank. Next, cut a 3-in. section from the end of the supply line.

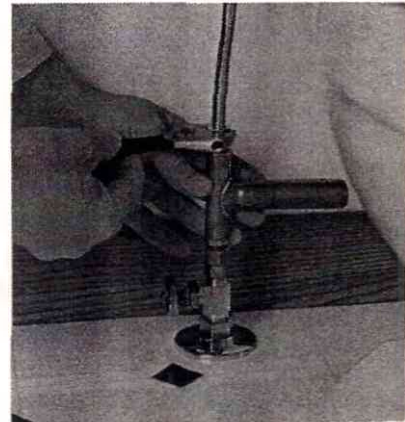
Slide a compression nut and ferrule onto each end of tubing you just cut; lubricate the ferrules with liquid dish soap. Place the arrester onto the short stub of tubing protruding from the shutoff valve (photo 2). Tighten the compression nut with your finger and



1 CUT OUT a small section of the chrome-plated copper supply tube using a mini-tubing cutter.



2 ATTACH THE arrester to the short stub of tubing protruding from the toilet's shutoff valve.



3 TIGHTEN EACH of the compression nuts with a wrench while firmly holding the arrester in place.

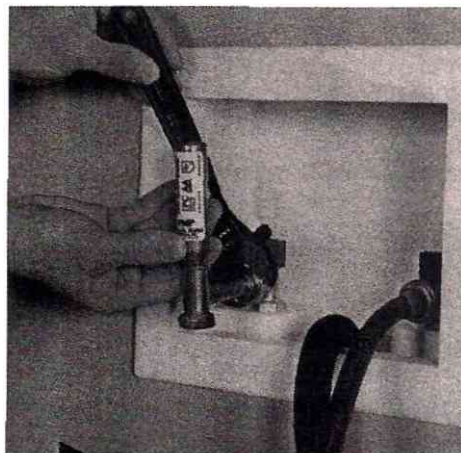
reattach the supply tube to the toilet tank. Then, while firmly holding the arrester, tighten both compression nuts with a small wrench (photo 3).

LAUNDRY CONNECTION

Washing machines handle the most amount of water and, therefore, produce the biggest shock waves. An arrester can absorb the recoil, eliminate the noise and protect the washer's rubber hoses from bursting. These arresters are the easiest of all to install.

The Model 10660 arrester simply threads onto the hose and faucet, just like a garden hose. Shut off the hot- and cold-water faucets, then unscrew the rubber hoses. Thread the arrester's horizontal connection onto the faucet and tighten it with a wrench (photo 1). Then connect the hose to the bottom of the arrester (photo 2).

If the wall-mounted laundry box is too small to accept the arresters, install them directly onto the back of the washing machine.



1 ATTACH THE arrester to the washing machine faucet after you remove the rubber water-supply hose.



2 CONNECT THE hoses to the ends of the arresters. If the hoses are cracked or brittle, replace them.

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OUT & ABOUT

Number 22

Out & About Activity Survey 2002

Overview:

This is the third survey I've conducted over the past three-plus years that I've been writing for the EHI. It was prompted by a lunch discussion that took place at the January ORC conference in Kitchener/Waterloo this past year. No one at the table could ever recall hearing of a Moot in Ontario, which had canoeing as its focus.

I had begun the discussion by asking those present if anyone would be interested attending a moot which would have canoeing as its focus. The basic premise was to take the framework of existing moots; that is have existing events/activities, but do them along the route. Moot attendees would simply either pull into shore to participate in an event or events could be held at portages, then at the end of day everyone would setup camp in one general location.

From the discussion the first question of the survey was born and remains to be answered:

**Is the Venturer, Ranger and Rover community prepared to take
up the challenge of a Moot on the Move?**

Survey Questions and Results:

1. *Would you be in favour of attending a Moot on the move? One where your group would travel during the weekend by canoe, bike, or foot and participate in events along the way?*

93% of those responding to our survey were in favour of attending a "Moot on the Move", while only 7% were opposed to the suggestion.

Of those who responded favourably to the suggestion of a "Moot on the Move", 71% would attend a moot which included canoeing, 39% which included hiking and 18% which include cycling.

Other suggestions were moots on the move by car and by kayak.

2. *What canoe route, bike trail, or hiking trail would you recommend as the best one(s) in your area?*

- Canoe route out of Killarney Provincial Park.
Rhian Erickson, Pink Dragon Puffs, Ontario
- Bruce Trail, MacDonald/Gibson loop, Rideau Trail (Kingston),...,Cape Split (Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia)
Mike Logan, 81st Hamilton, Ontario & 3rd Armdale Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Combo routes? Yep, there are some-hiking and canoe routes. Frontenac Provincial Park near Kingston (Ontario) is accessible by both methods, as is Wakami Provincial Park in Northern Ontario.

Scott Montague, Black Knight Rovers, South Lake Simcoe Area

- Hiking Trail – Three Isle, Kananaskis, Canoeing – Old Man River through Lethbridge.
Kat Nielsen, The KOSD, Calgary, Alberta
- Hiking – Bruce Trail, Canoeing – Grand River, Bike – Dundas-Brantford Rail Trail
David Oliver, 81st Hamilton Thunderbird Rover Crew, Ontario
- There's too many to even start to list – anything in Garibaldi Park is gorgeous.
Christian Behnke, 15th Maquinna (Capilano) Rovers, British Columbia
- A section of the Bruce Trail around Rattlesnake Point would probably make an interesting Moot location with several scout camps and conservation areas located close together.
Ben Noseworthy, 17th Cambridge, Ontario

3. *What was your most memorable canoe trip, bike trip or hike? And why?*

- Canoe trip to Schooner Lake. Very remote, hilly area, very beautiful.
Neil Looby, 6th Rideau Lakes, Ontario
- I suppose that my most memorable bike trip was one from Victoria to Saltspring Island (with a ferry ride in between of course) simply because I actually did it and I never imagined that I would make it (I was 12 and very small for my age).
Jessica Page, 6th Garry Oak Venturers, Victoria, British Columbia
- Gibson-MacDonald canoe route- I got hypothermia.
Erin Slingerland, University of Waterloo Crew, Ontario
- Rideau Canal this past May 2-4 when it snowed while we were on the water.
Katie Robb, Silver Birch Area Link, Ontario
- Saranac Lake, New York – we had to canoe to the site – Pan Island.
Shaun (Gumby) Mongeau, Fallen Angel Rover Crew, Quebec
- I set off on foot in St. John's Newfoundland, and just went wherever my feet would take me.
Ali Gothard, Pas Philos, Newmarket, Ontario
- Three Isle, because it rocks! The view on the way up to it is spectacular.
Kat Nielsen, The KOSD, Calgary, Alberta
- Algonquin Park canoeing because of the change of pace from everyday life.
Valerie Ryder, 38th St. Marks Rovers, Brantford, Ontario
- Canoe/Hike combo trip – a 100-km trip over Warren Pass and Taseko Lakes back in my first Roving year. We had 2 groups of 4 people exchanging keys at a halfway point in the middle of nowhere-BC. It was phenomenal, I just wish I had taken a camera.
Christian Behnke, 15th Maquinna (Capilano) Rovers, British Columbia

4. Do you have a tip(s) for others when it comes to canoeing, cycling or hiking?

- Don't hike more than 20km a day even if you can - not that enjoyable.
Marilyn Major, Donnacona Rangers & 11th Cambridge Rovers, Ontario
- Have some experience; work yourself up to bigger trips.
Janet Kubisewsky, University of Waterloo Rover Crew, Ontario
- If you can avoid it, don't wear a watch when hiking! It's the worst feeling in the world when it seems like you've been going forever and you look at your watch, only to discover that it has only been three minutes since you last checked it. Oh, and you can make good pudding in nalgene bottles. Mmmmm...
Jessica Page, 6th Garry Oak, Victoria Venturers, British Columbia
- Hiking – pack a few days in advance. Go for a test hike; make sure you can carry what you've brought. Don't forget rope to hang your food and smelly stuff (toothpaste, gum. Underarm deodorant, soap, etc.) to keep the bears away!
Scott Montague, Black Knight Rovers, South Lake Simcoe Area, Ontario
- Take things as they come, and you'll enjoy things much better. No need to get stressed out on things.
Adam Pyke, 81st Hamilton Thunderbird Rovers, Ontario

5. Does your crew now or did it in the past require any outdoor activity as part of its investiture requirements?

54% of those responding indicated that their group **did not** include any outdoor activity as part of their investiture requirements, while 46% **did** include some activity.

Of those who had an outdoor activity requirement, **45%** required attending a **Moot or camp**, **27%** required a **hike**, and **18%** required the candidate to **plan an outdoor activity** for them and their sponsor or their crew or company.

One respondent simply responded yes, but the requirement was a secret.

Comments of Survey Results:

Would you be in favour of attending a Moot on the move? One where your group would travel during the weekend by canoe, bike, or foot and participate in events along the way?

Surprisingly the results were an overwhelming YES! I hope a group or Round Table picks up on this result. It would take a lot of planning and possibly setting up training programmes prior to the event to ensure each group was prepared and qualified to attend a "Canoe Moot".

Possibly something like the "Yeoman Hike" could be picked up, dusted off and format updated to suit today's moot attendee. In Europe they have Explorer Belts and in Australia they have the annual Hoadley Hide Hike. Each challenges the participants to put their hiking skills to the test while attending a senior section event.

Cycling received the fewest votes as the preferred mode of travel, which is surprising in an age where everyone seems to have a mountain bike. It seems no one has put Scouting and this recent phenomenon together.

What canoe route, bike trail, or hiking trail would you recommend as the best one(s) in your area?

After recommending the Bruce Trail, Algonquin Park and the Grand River most Ontario respondents didn't have any other suggestions. This was similar to the responses received in the prior two surveys. This may be due to the wording of the question, (i.e. "... best one(s) in your area") or indicate that we need to get "**Out and About**" more.

What was your most memorable canoe trip, bike trip or hike? And why?

Generally the responses to this question didn't come from mega-trips to Europe or weeks in the most secluded regions of Canada or the world. They came from experiences on small weekend trips and the chance to submerge one's self in the outdoors and take the opportunity to leave the rigors of home life behind. I guess this supports the contention that no trip can be too small to be the most memorable of all.

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

The advice given most frequently was not technical but cautionary. In a nutshell it was be prepared and take it easy so that you can enjoy your surroundings. It's not the mileage you put up, but the experience you get that counts.

Does your crew now or did it in the past require any outdoor activity as part of its investiture requirements?

In my past survey on hiking, 59% of crews did not include a hike as part of their investiture requirements. The 54% response that groups don't require any outdoor activity of any kind seems to be inline with the past survey. This may indicate that groups have minimized investiture requirements so as to combat a difference in class status between invested Rovers and Squires (and thus limit any abuse of new members). Or to speed up the process of investiture (i.e. in the busy world we live in finding time to plan extensive outings to fulfill investiture requirements has become impractical).

Final Thoughts:

I'd like to thank those who took the time to respond to my survey whether at a moot or online. And speaking of online, I'd like to thank **Neil Looby** again for setting up my survey on the ORC's website.

If any group decides that a "**Moot on the Move**" might just be the thing they'd like to do next, drop us a line at the Eh!, we'd love to help to promote your event. Like the back cover of the magazine says: "**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... IT'S FREE**"

Kirby McCuaig

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, and directly benefit Rovering 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
Scouts Canada, Provincial Council for Ontario
265 Yorkland Blvd, ON; 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON; M2J 5C7

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.
or on-line at www.orcweb.org/interactive/awards/quester.shtml



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 Troup ____ Venturer Company ____ Rover Crew

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

Name of Applicant(s) _____

_____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Crew Contact _____ Phone _____

Area Commissioner's Signature _____

_____ Date _____



Are YOU the weakest link?

Below are FOUR (4) questions. You have to answer them instantly.
You can't take your time, answer all of them immediately. OK?
Let's find out just how clever you really are.
Ready? GO!!!

First Question: You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Answer:

If you answer that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

Try not to screw up in the next question. To answer the second question, don't take as much time as you took for the first question.

Second Question: If you overtake the last person, then you are...?

Answer:

If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST person?! You're not very good at this are you?

Third Question: Very tricky math! Note: This must be done in your head only. Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it.

Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?

Answer:

Did you get 5000? The correct answer is actually 4100. Don't believe it? Check with your calculator!

Fourth Question: Today is definitely not your day. Can you get the last question right?

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono.
What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Answer: Nunu? NO! Of course not. Her name is Mary. Read the question again.

YOU ARE the WEAKEST LINK!!!!!! Good-bye!!!

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The Funny Bone

On the outskirts of town, there was a big old pecan tree by the cemetery fence. One day two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts.

"One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several were dropped and rolled down toward the fence.



Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." He just knew what it was.



"Oh my," he shuddered, "it's Satan and the Lord dividing the souls at the cemetery."

He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard. Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it, kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted, though, the man hobbled to the cemetery.



Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' the truth. Let's see if we can see the devil himself." Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of Satan.



At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. And one last one for you. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence, and we'll be done."

They say the old guy made it back to town 5 minutes before the boy.

Creative Management !!!

According to a radio report, a middle school in Oregon was faced with a unique problem.



A number of girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put it on, they would press their lips to the mirror, leaving dozens of little lip prints.



Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the custodian. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for him, because he had to clean the mirrors every night.



To demonstrate how difficult it was to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to clean the mirrors. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and proceeded to clean the mirror. Since then there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers, and then there are educators.



LETTERS

to the EDITOR

via e-mail



Editor's note:

The following message showed up in the magazine's e-mailbox on Monday, November 11th. Unfortunately, our Dec/Jan edition was just about done, and the time frame for the requested action would be missed anyway, so I decided to hold this off until now. The point brought up for discussion and requested follow-up is still valid, and your input, wherever you are, should go to your local authority figures (Area or District Commissioners, Chairmen, etc.). This is another decision that should have your input BEFORE it's written in stone, otherwise it will be too late.

Ok everyone, here is the deal. I've been informed that the national head of the Youth Network, Bonita Brick, has decided that the uniform should no longer be a part of Scouting. I know for myself that in my 17 years in this organization, the uniform helps me to feel proud of what I have accomplished, who I have met, and the experiences I have gained. Scouting is a worldwide brotherhood, one where the uniform is recognized by people everywhere. I'm very proud to wear the uniform when representing Scouting, and I am pretty sure that feeling is being shared. How a person who really is not involved in a program, and never really was a part of one, could make a decision like this is absolutely amazing! We need someone who is in the program, who knows the program, and who actually talks to the youths to be at the head of this.

What my Rover Crew has decided to do is to get as many people as possible to respond to this so that our Sask Youth Network president can take a pile of letters to the meeting in Ottawa next weekend. Basically, send an e-mail to the link below, and forward this message to all you know in Scouting. I know that some of you may not have heard from me in a while, like since CJ for some, but this is an issue that demands attention from all of the members that we can get. Thanks for your time.

Trevor Proskie
Regina 49th Frontier Rover Crew
gillianfocht@hotmail.com





ORC January 2003 Weekend Report

Silver, Gold, Platinum, and a Beaver Tail

Well folks as you may or may not know last weekend was ORC January Event weekend. This year the weekend was held in Ottawa and hosted by Derek Bradley's Crew, the 6th Rideau Lakes Rovers. The numbers for this weekend were a tad shy of what was expected, but all that attended had a great time. We started things off Friday night with the showing of Lilo and Stitch, one of my favourite movies. Many of the Rovers trickled in late at the night and well into the morning. I was glad that I came up earlier because, by the time the movie was over, the temperatures in the city had dropped well below zero. It must have been VERY cold for those straggling Rovers like Mike Pembleton, who came in so late at night.

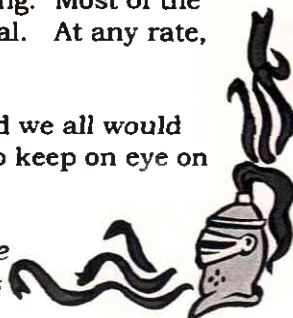
Saturday morning was a beautiful subzero sunny day, which was only accented by the delicious pastries and fruit provided for us at breakfast. The pace was set at an even tempo and soon we were off to visit "the New RO", a Chum television station. We were all happy to just be out of the cold by the time we made it to the station and didn't mind the fact that we had to wait for our tour guide. The tour was very interesting, allowing us to see the inner workings of the TV station, and the affiliated radio stations, on a slow day. If you ever go to "the New RO" to fight a fire, don't try to connect your fire hose to the pipes on the wall — you won't get any water out of them. After taking several pictures in the studios and getting all the interesting facts, we were off to be shown the money. That's right, we went to the Royal Canadian Mint! We soon found out that only commemorate coins are made in Ottawa but everything is made out of silver, gold or platinum, which are three things I would love to have. The tour was fascinating and the chairs in the movie room were awesomely comfortable. Unfortunately, photographing ANYTHING was forbidden. After leaving the mint it was lunch time and free time for all those who were not part of the ORC Executive.

This weekend was a very important one in eyes of the ORC. This was the weekend that the Ontario Youth Forum and Province had representatives visit us stating that it was necessary for our return under their wing for Rovering to succeed under the new restructuring. The details of this forum discussion were very important to all Rovers and if you would like to know more details please do not hesitate to contact your ORC Rep., or one of the ORC Executive via the website www.orcweb.org. The minutes of the meeting that followed on Sunday should be posted there shortly.

Saturday night was filled with fun and excitement. First off there was an excellent dinner prepared by Jen, which was even accessible for our invalid, José. After supper Al and I were surprised with a birthday cake for two. Thank you Jen, Curtis and whoever else thought of that idea — it was great. Once the dishes were done we all headed out. There were two main options for the evening, you could go skating and get a beaver tail, or go cosmic bowling. Most of the crew went bowling but two of us braved the cold and went skating on the canal. At any rate, we all had fun.

Derek and his Crew did an excellent job of running this ORC event and we all would like to thank them. I hope to see you all out at the next weekend in March so keep on eye on the ORC web and in the Rover Ehl for details.

Mike Dodge
ORC Vice Chair Promotions

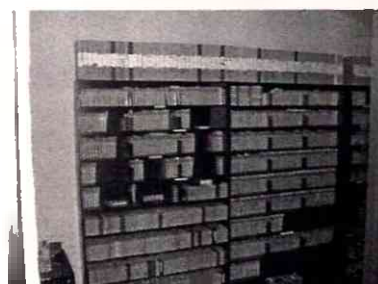


The ORC Picture Album

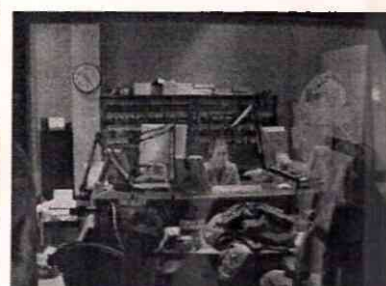
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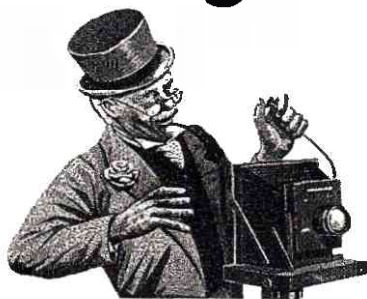
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Radio and TV Center
Downtown Ottawa



photos by Ye Olde Editor



the Photo-Journalist



Like to see your name in print, but you can't write an article? How about sharing the highlights of your Rover experiences with the rest of us by sending in picture(s) with appropriate captions. We'll print them and list your name as the contributor..

Send your works of art to:
the Canadian Rover, EH!
 844 Frederick St.
 Kitchener, ON N2B 2B8
 or via email:

<canadian_rover@hotmail.com>

NOTE: If you mail us the actual photographs and you want them returned, please include a self addressed envelope.



More from the ORC January Weekend

photos by Ye Olde Editor



Toronto EMS Awards Program honours Kelley Wilson

Photos submitted
by Jerry Crawford



Piper and honour guard



Kelly being piped to the podium



Kelly w/Maj.Gen.Rohmer



Kelly w/MedVent Leaders

Conference/Training Dates

ONTARIO GREATER TORONTO REGION

February 21-23

Advanced Company & Advanced Crew
Leatham Centre
Woodland Trails Scout Camp
Crew Woodbadge Part I
Scout House
Greater Toronto Region

November 22-23



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

NOVA SCOTIA

March 23

Basic Outdoor Skills
Halifax Region
Halifax, NS
868-2991



ALBERTA

January 11

Focus - Youth Leadership Training (Venturers)
Chinook Region
Lethbridge, Alberta
me-addison@nucleus.com

British Columbia

PPPP

Focus Training (Youth)
Camp Byng
Sunshine Coast, BC
Jill or Jocelyn at: (604)879-5721
2003 Scouting Skills Weekend
Fraser Valley Region, BC
sskills@lspd.com

April 4-6

International Events

APRIL

18-21 Dragonskin 2003
Belanglo State Forest
Sydney, NSW, Australia
www.dragonskin.org.au
18-21 Hoadley Hide Hike 2003
GOOD vs. EVIL
Location TBA
Victoria, Australia
www.hoadleyhide.com

JULY/AUGUST

26 thru August 2, 2003 Norjam 2003
Royal Norfolk Showground
Norwich, Norfolk, UK
admin@norjam2003.org.uk
July 31 thru August 11 Roverway 2003
Portugal
contact@roverway2003.org
PPP Explorer Belt - Uganda
UK contingent contact:
nick@ugandanetwork.org.uk

AUGUST

1-7 2nd Mongolian Rover Moot
Theme: Rovers Towards Global
Development
scout@mongol.net

2-9

Wings 2003
(Windsor International Guide
& Scout Camp)
Windsor, Berkshire, UK
info@wings2003.org.uk
22-24 '03 Gumbboot Moot 2003
New Zealand
admin@gumbbootmoot.dyndns.org

SEPTEMBER

12-14

Bush Rally 2003
Benalla, Victoria, Australia
www.manibobar.com

OCTOBER

25-29

4th General Assembly of
World Scout Parliamentary Union
Cairo, Egypt

AUGUST '04

1-11

12TH World Moot
Hualien, Taiwan
www.scout.org.tw/wm2004

DECEMBER '04

29 thru January 10, '05 16th Australian Rover Moot
Tasmania, Australia
www.tassiemoot.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

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FEBRUARY

- 14-16** RoVent 2003
Manning Provincial Park, BC
(23 km southeast of Hope, BC)
Jane Ilott: (604)448-0483
Info @rovent.ca
- 15** Hike for Hunger
Greater Victoria Region
Victoria, BC
Islandscouts-office@shaw.ca
- 22** Scouting Family Ski Night - All Sections
Rabbit Hill
Edmonton, AB
Shanna Yankee: (780)454-8561 ext 228
- 21-23** Snow Moot
Camp Nemo
Burlington, ON

MARCH

- 7-9** Camp Slush 2003
Petawawa, ON
upage@nrtco.net
jane_molly@webhart.net
Susie Page: (613)687-5717
Maira: (613)687-4244
- 9** Victoria's 1st Klondike Derby
Scouts/Venturers
Royal Roads University
Victoria, BC
james@legh.ca
- 10** Submission Deadline for:
BC-Yukon Film Festival
Submit your Scouting Promo Video to:
664 W. Broadway
Vancouver, BC
www.bc.scouts.ca



APRIL

- ???** Great Humber Canoe Race
Toronto, ON
Michael Twitchin (416)742-5232
- 11-13** Brant Area Venturer Assembly
Camp Impeesa
Drumbo, ON
astewart@execulink.com
www.geocities.com/brant_vent/index.html
- 25-27** Looney Tunes Moot
Blue Heron Scout Camp (Blue Springs)
Acton, ON
Mike: (905)510-1293
Sarah: (519)721-2166
- 26** Scout Trees

MAY

- 2-3** Grassy Brook
"Spring Breakout 2003"
Scouts/Venturers
Stevensville Conservation Area
Niagara Falls, ON
tydus@mergetel.com



- 9-11** Mystery Moot
Heber Down Conservation Area
Whitby, ON
(905)655-4188
http://beam.to/mysterymoot2003
- 10** Jamboree On The Trail (JOTA)
jota.org
- 24** Annual Grey Wolf
Riding Lawnmower Race
Open to all leaders
Grey Wolf Scout Camp
Thunder Bay, ON
nwor@tbaytel.net



SUMMER of 2003

Impeesa Extreme - Hiking; Caving; Rock Climbing; Etc.
Camp Impeesa
Lethbridge, AB
Venturers/Rovers
scoutsar@telusplanet.net

JUNE

- 20-22** Hillbilly Hoedown
Kingston, ON
Sophia: (613)546-1352
cutesytootsiegirl@yahoo.com

JULY

- 5-10** 9th Newfoundland and Labrador
Scout/Venturer Jamboree
Camp Nor'Wes
St. John's Newfoundland
scoutscanada@nf.sympatico.ca
- 11-13** Dude Ranch Holiday Weekend
ORC Rovers Only Moot
Langley Scout Park
Peterborough, ON
Shaun: (613)533-7217
8sap2@qlink.queensu.ca

AUGUST

- 1-4** Ancient Moot
Lion's Park
Burford, ON
Valerie: (519)245-4932
powwil@execulink.com
tvryder@sympatico.ca
- 16-23** SLS Area Algonquin Canoe Camp
Scouts and Venturers
alan@aslett.ca
(905)853-5041



SEPTEMBER

- 26-28** MOOT MOOT 2003
Snake Island
Toronto, ON
www.mootmoot.ca

OCTOBER

- 10-13** Scared More Stupider
Granby Grunt Rover Crew
Camp Tamaracouta
Mille Isles, PQ
gruntmoot@tcamp.net

<p>Mar 7-9 ORC Events ORC Weekend Details TBA</p> <p>May 9-11 ORC Annual Meeting Greater Toronto Area for details on any of these: orcweb@bigfoot.com web site: www.orcweb.org</p>	<p>Feb 1-2 VRRRT Events February Event held in Petawawa, ON</p> <p>Apr 5-6, VRRRT Annual Meeting held in Kingston, ON for details on any of these: chris@siliconweb.org web site: www.vrrrt.org</p>	<p>May 10-11 Alberta RRT Events Calgary Social & Meeting TBA</p> <p>Nov 7-9 E-Vent 2003 and Meeting Camp Kasota Sylvan Lake, AB for details on any of these: tigress@shaw.ca web site: www.ww.ceberrus.ca/ant</p>
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