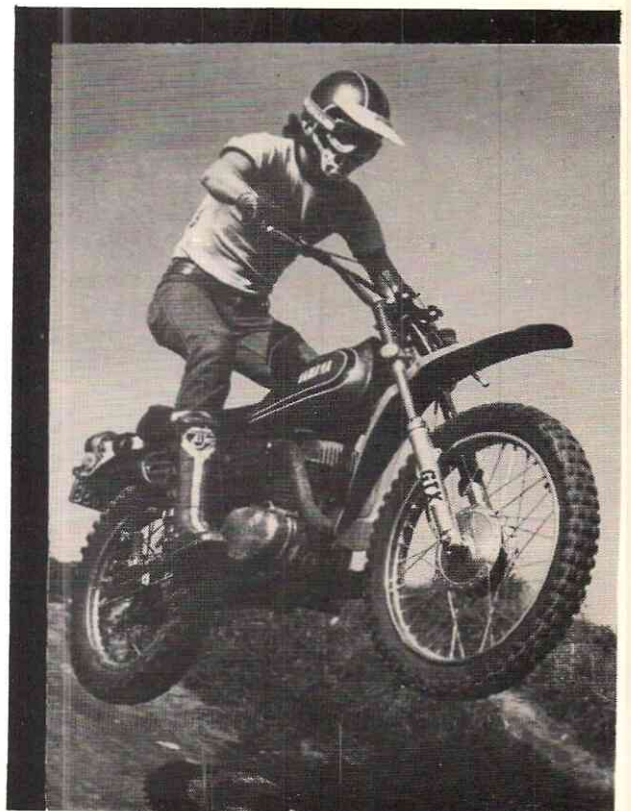
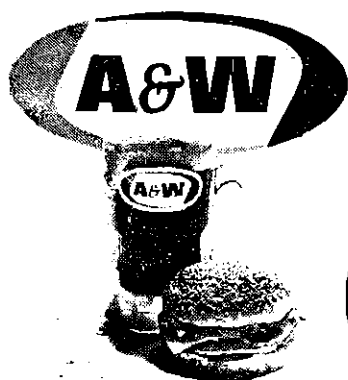


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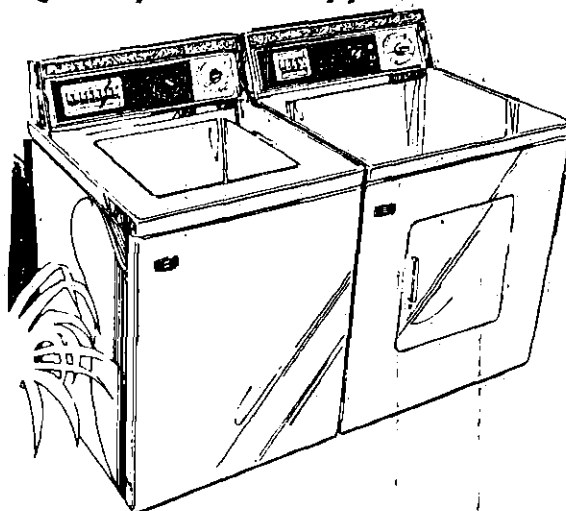
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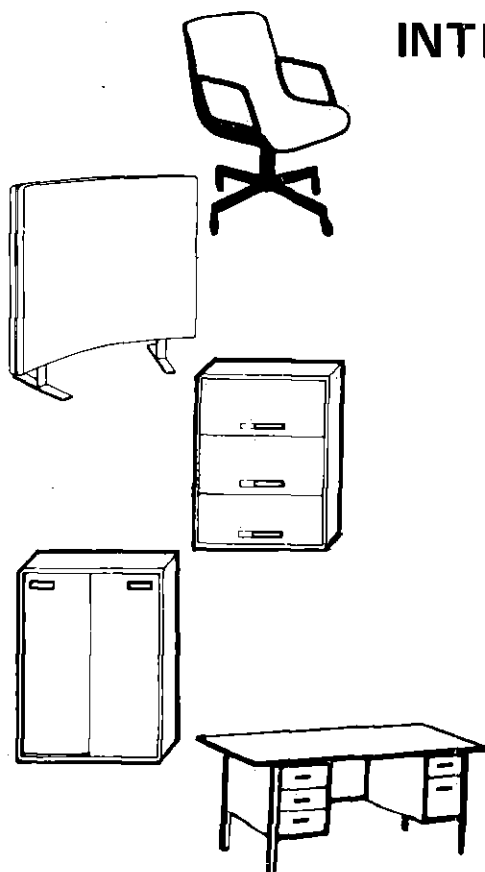
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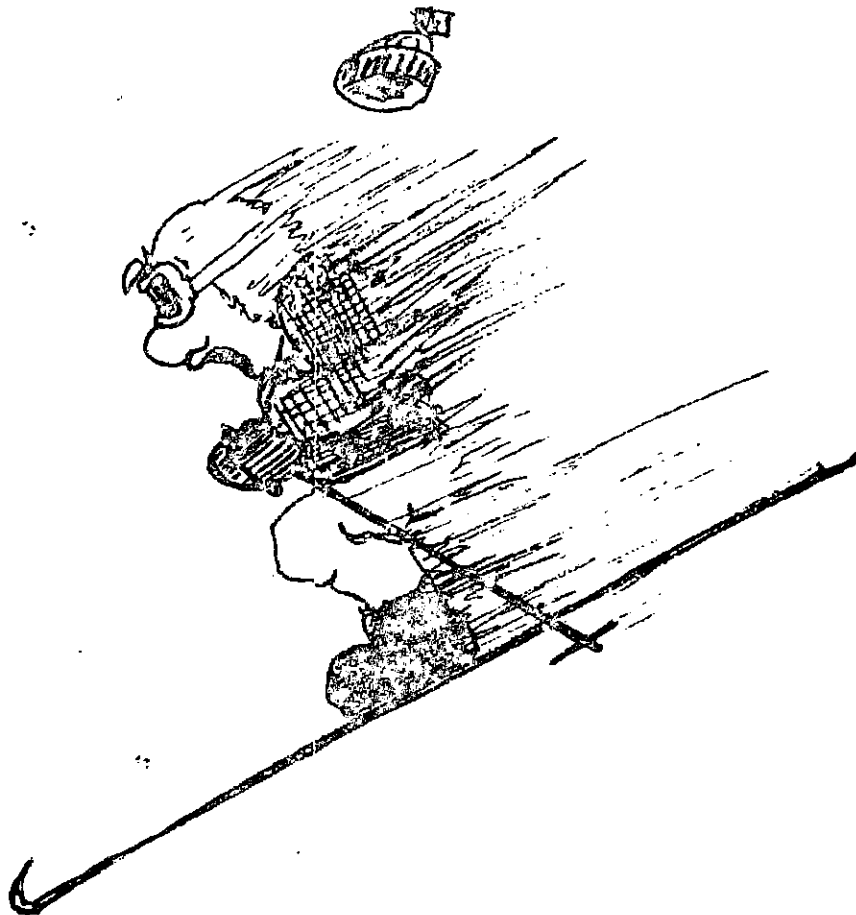
People throughout the world celebrate the birthday of Christ on this special day. It is a time of joy and happiness for children everywhere for "Santa Claus is coming to Town". For Rovers everywhere it, too is a day of prayer and thanksgiving for the bountiful gifts of life's richest blessings to all mankind.

Thanks to the young men and women of the Rover section for providing some of the joy of the season.

New Year --- 1977 is just around the corner and will present new challenges, opportunities for the continued growth of the Rover section. "Hey, look me over" will bring success to the membership program, if each of us will invite our friends to join our Rover program during the year ahead.

May you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

YOUR NEWSLETTER STAFF.



ROVERING OUTSIDE

Ian Gentles

Probably the largest single investment any camper will make is the purchase of a tent. If you go back only a few years, the common tent in Scouting circles, was the "A" wall floorless canvas. It was a good solid tent, great for sleeping 6-8 persons for a few days. Today it is a rarity to see Rovers or even Scouts using this type of equipment. The lightweight 3-man backpacker is now the common style. Why this dramatic change? There are a number of factors. The dominant one being the desire to go backpacking on a trail or to set up camp for one night and then move easily and quickly to the next evenings camp site. Other factors include new light weight materials which weren't available a few years back, such as rip-stop nylon and also the cost. Due to labour, material availability and everchanging markets, prices in camp gear have skyrocketed. There are dozens of these new lightweight tents on the market, some nylon, some cotton, some with numerous extra features, but which one to buy? First off, you must assess the type of camping you generally do. Whether it is more often backpacking, standing camp or a combination of the two. Also the seasons involved must be considered. Do you camp in the winter cold as well as the sunny weather? Two rules of thumb when choosing a tent are 1. You only get what you pay for - beware of so called bargains, 2. Buy tents with only the features you are going to use - an arctic style tent with a tunnel port isn't required in July, in Southern Ontario. Getting into the actual materials and design of the tent, there are a number of choices. Egyptian cotton or nylon fabric? For a number of years Egyptian cotton was the standard. But it has a number of disadvantages. Egyptian cotton weighs twice as much as nylon and is only half as strong. Also nylon is more watertight than the cotton and will never become a mildew problem. Thus it can be packed up wet without worry. However nylon has definite disadvantage. It shows up primarily in winter months. Moisture from your breath is retained inside the tent and moisture will condense on the inside of the tent as a result of the temperature difference between the outside of the material and the inside. Thus you may become a victim of the "raining inside the tent syndrome". A way of beating this disadvantage is with a double wall tent. Actually, it is a tent with either a fly or an outer tent. The inner tent is made of either very light duck cotton or an open weave style nylon with a waterproof close weave nuly fly or outer tent. Other features to look for are sectioned aluminium or magnesium poles, double or triple stitching at stress points, extra material sewn in where peg tabs are attached and where poles contact the tent surface. Extras such as nylon zippers, a rubberized floor, plenty of nylon netted openings for good ventilation, storm flaps with velcro or snap closures and self adjusting nylon guy ropes are definately worth while. Future columns go into depth describing features found in the expensive mountaineering and special purpose backpack tents.



SERVICE

Service is what Rovers is all about. It is the motto that we should think about and follow whenever possible. I sometimes wonder what people have learned when reading "Rovering to Success". Baden-Powell said in his book that to gain happiness or what many people call freedom, one must gain intelligence and character; health and strength; handcraft and skill and be of service to the community.

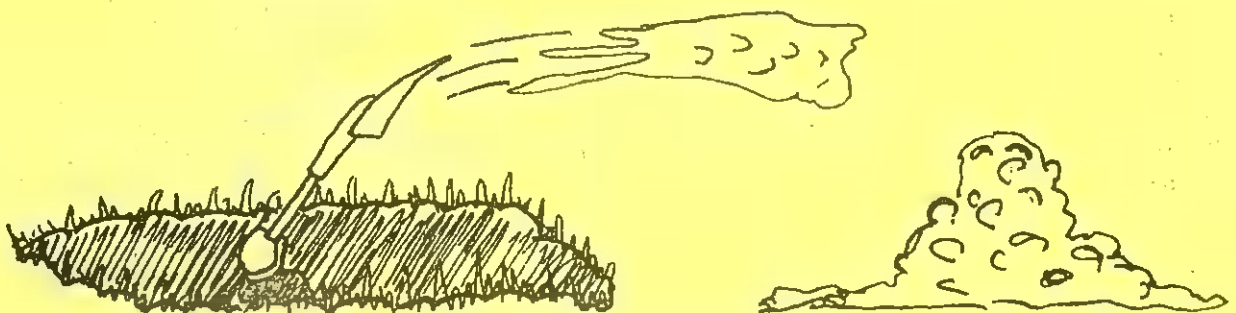
Even though service to the community comes at the bottom of the list doesn't mean it is the least important. Though most Rovers know how to act in public places, some Rovers may end up drinking too much if they are having a good time. But a drunk Rover will tell the public that that person if not all Rovers are not very intelligent or have much character and has little strength. Being caught swearing or telling very smutty jokes does not help either. There is a time and a place for everything. Irresponsible actions may cause the collapse of Rovers. By being Rovers we should be capable of acting like adults not children. By adult, I mean responsible and mature in one's action. You don't have to be twenty one to be an adult.

By watching what we say and do and being of service at all times, we can gain respect from the community. Serving the community does not mean that we must receive money for each service. Through handcraft and skills or simple basket collecting, any crew can gain sufficient funds to last them quite a while. And there is also your weekly dues payment which is a good way of contributing. Any money making enterprise could be successful if all the members of the crew worked together. Why are you going to Rovers anyway, if you can't share the good times and the working times? By working together, the services you do for the community can be done quickly and more efficiently. We can become more important and respected to the community in these ways. The community may in turn try and help us and we may gain popularity. We won't get something for nothing.

Not only will these service improve character and intelligence but they will increase our handcraft and skills, personally and as a group. If you think you can do everything, you are mistaken. There is a lot that can be learned by participating. Nobody is perfect either. We can be a valuable asset to the community.

We can show the community that some of the younger generation aren't going to destroy but try and make the community better. If we don't improve ourselves, Rovering may be stopped forever. We can become more skillful, healthier, intelligent and gain character by being of service to the community. We must give before we can ever think of receiving. So let's start being ADULT men!

Rob Clark, 11th Cambridge



Rovering...

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

11 3rd Burlington Rovers Formal Dance

FEBRUARY

4-6 Mini Moot - Buffalo
Snowball Moot - Hamilton
26 11th Cambridge 2nd Anniversary

APRIL

2-3 24th Cambridge Rovers - Bump 'N Boogie - Part II
30 Green Acres - St. Georges Day Dinner Dance

MAY

Ice-Breaker Moot - Peterborough
Ranger-Rover Olympics - Greenwood
3rd Provincial Ranger Rover Moot '77 - Kingston

JUNE

9, G.A.R.R.T. Reps Meeting
Camas Moot

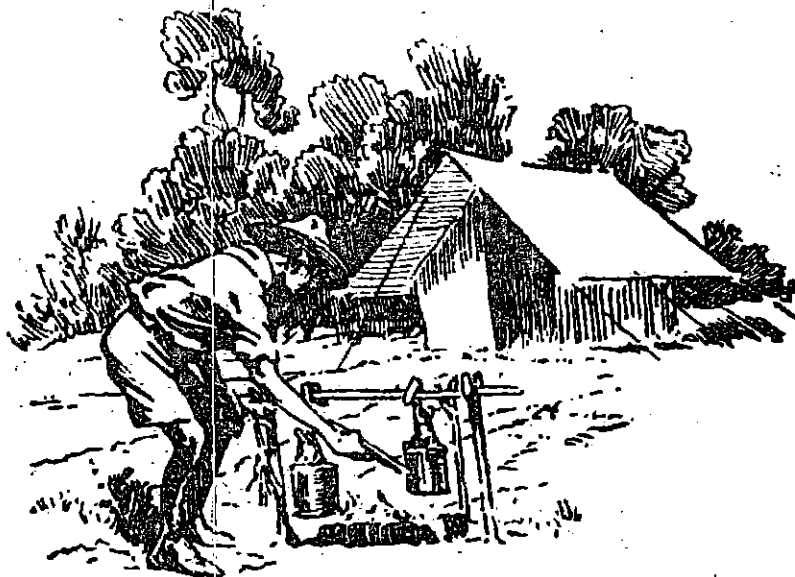
SEPTEMBER

Rovertown Moot- Orangeville

For information on these and other events, drop us a line. If your group has any additions to our calendar, jot it down and rush it to us. We will pass the word along - for only one dollar advertising fee.

FELLOW ROVERS: Please mark these dates on your calendar. Help support Rovering by making Rovering support itself.





CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Rovers:

It was great to see Green Acres so well represented at the Provincial Rover Conference last month. Our Rovers and those from other areas raised some important points. Ya, I learned a little too.

Congratulations - to Niagara Region and their conference committee. They did a fine job, and gave Rovering a shot in the arm.

Well, things are picking up again, with a good many Rovering activities on our calendar. I'll have to rush, or I might miss the next one! I'll be looking to see you in the near future. Don;t disappoint me. All the best in Rovering!

Lego!

Greg Lengyell
G.A.R.R.T. Roundtable
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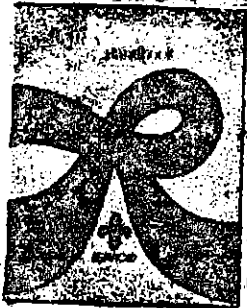


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As I See It (An Opinion of a Squire)

Fellow Rovers:

I, as a green horn to the Scouting Movement, may not be fully qualified to make assessments of the Movement as such - but I can, "tell it as I see it".

Upon joining, and going to a couple of Moots, I have become aware of a gratifying feeling of unity with my fellow-members. I feel that we are all bound in one cause which is summed up by our motto - Service.

Before I joined, I thought that Boy Scouts were only good for selling apples and helping old ladies across the street. Such is not the case as I was soon to learn. What I found was that service meant helping others, and serving my community, all the while gaining practical experience in social work; and making many new friends.



THIS WAY SQUIRE, ONWARD!



AND WINTER CAMPING... WHAT FUN!

I feel that I have found real meaning in the saying, "Actions speak louder than words." The public at large base their opinions on what we do, not what we say we do. As any Rover will tell you, we do alot, but as always we could and should do more.

I have found that there is no greater joy that can be had in life than that of helping someone. Even if its only a kind work or action, that persons feels good in thinking you helped them, and you feel good too. People remember favours and the people who do them. If you ever have doubts about doing someone a favour just remember that you might need their help someday.

When people speak to me while on a service project and I tell them who I'm with, they say, "Rovers eh!" Whether that be an exclamation of unfamiliarity or one of hidden pride at having such a group at work in their community, I'll never know. I sincerely hope its the latter.

Jim Murray

Secretary, 24th Cambridge Rovers

provincial ROVER conference '76

Brother Rovers:

On the weekend of November 5-7, I had the pleasure of attending Provincial Rover Conference '76. I don't know right now what the attendance figure was, but there was sizeable number of delegates from both Canada and the States.

This Conference was organized so that we, Rovers, could make some resolutions as to the future of Rovering. That was, I think, accomplished with great success. That and something else that I wonder how many others of you noticed. A certain spirit was revived. On Friday night everyone was friendly enough, after all we are all Rovers, but there was something missing.

Sunday afternoon, it was there. Everyone was in their full uniform, sang in the halls, found time to stay after for meetings. This spirit was really going considering how tired many of the delegates were. Not only was that feeling just good to have, but it was a great P.R. weapon. I heard many excellent comments from the other guests in the hotel, about how well dressed the members of the Scout movement were, and also how well mannered they were. This brings the whole point of the article to light. All comments were directed at the "Scout" conference, not necessarily the Boy Scouts, but at the Scouts in general.

These comments made me proud to be connected with the Scout association, and to be a part of it. I hope you felt the same way. For this I thank all of you who attended the conference.

A Brother in Rovering,

Dave Hannah
5th Georgetown Foresters Rover Crew

O.R.R.T. Report

November 27, 1976

The Canadian Rover Moot is to be out West in 1978 and there could possibly be a Moot Train to and from the Moot in Alberta.

The Provincial Notes has contained a "Rover Page" for 2 consecutive months. We should thank John Tidball the Chairman for this move.

At this meeting there were 2 new committees formed. One was to deal with so-called Rovering and the other is to deal with changes in the Rover Handbook.

There was a discussion held on the number of Moots happening on the same or adjoining weekends. Nothing definite was decided to solve this problem.

Anyone who has any complaints, please send myself a letter and I will send it on to whom it should go.

Yours in Rovering,

Keith Taylor, O.R.R.T. Rep.
Green Acres Region

P.S. Please send mail to the "Rovering Newsletter" or to "Box 811 Cambridge" or to Keith Taylor, 31 Mercer Road, Cambridge, Ontario

G.A.R.R.T. Report

December 2/76

It was decided at this meeting to combine the secretary's and the treasurers jobs together.

The Scarecrow Moot was very successful. There is a good chance of another one in the near future. There was \$41.00 donated to G.A.R.R.T. for sanctioning services.

It was reported that February 26, the 11th Cambridge Rovers are holding their 2nd Anniversary Dance.

Also the Mini Moot in Buffalo will be held February 4, 5, 6.

April 30 will be the St. George's day Dinner and Dance at approx. \$5.00 per person.

It was suggested that Moots should be concided with each other so more than one Moot can be held on the same week.

It was proposed that a letter be sent to Premier Bill Davis, stating G.A.R.R.T. views on the proposed bill on taxing Scouting properties 100%.

The G.A.R.R.T. Rover population dropped almost 40%. Get your registrations in for this year, need for recruiting - KEEP ROVERING ALIVE.

The following are dates for Rep. Meetings: Feb. 10/77, June 9/77, Dec. 1/77. Jot down these dates.

Graham Major
11 Cambridge Rovers

MOOT MISSES



By mark

*Catherine
Richardson*



"what I put into it"

Eighteen year old Cathy is from, Scarborough and belongs to the 3rd Croix Co-ed Rover Crew. She has been with the crew for one year. She lists her hobbies as camping and service work with the crew.

The aquatic sports of swimming and water skiing occupy her summer months, but during the snowy months you will find her on the ski slopes. Cathy appreciates a span of music from classical to rock. Her favourite colour is brown.

When asked, what do you expect of Rovering her answer was, "only what I put into it."



MOOT MISSES



Cathy Haskins

" service for others "

Cathy, 15, of the 1st Ellesmere Rangers has been involved in the guiding movement 8 years. Some of Cathy's hobbies are playing the organ and sewing. One of her favourite recreations is swimming. Her musical taste's lie in the modern strain.

When Cathy was asked what do you expect of Rovering, she replied, " I expect to meet different people, to do services for other people, to see other places and enjoy myself with other persons of my same age." By the way, for all you Rovers with blue eyes, Cathy's favourite colour is blue.



SCARECROW MOOT

Held at Camp Manitou, Burlington, October 1, 2, 3, 1976.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. contact was made with the moot via citizens band radio. By the time we arrived at the gate a young lady (we think it was a girl) in a baggy set of coveralls was present at the gate to greet us, with a smile she directed us to the parking lot and registration. After taking our names and some cash they informed us that opening ceremonies were underway.

Arriving at the closing of opening we saw two scarecrows addressing the camp, we assume they were the campchiefs, and the object was to guess their names.

Due to technical difficulties in setting up our camp (two broken tent poles) we did not see much of the moot in the morning. In the afternoon and Sunday Morning we talked with almost every crew and company present. What follows are some of their comments, and unless indicated they are not direct quotes.

Camped next to us was a Skip and two Rovers from Toronto. We talked to them on and off all weekend and never did get their names, our apologies.

Gord Riely, Derek Stevenson, and Bill Jones of the 13th Socra felt that Scarecrow was a good moot and went on to plug their own moot, the Canoe Moot.

The 25th Cambridge stated it was a GREAT moot, then went on to register the first complaint. The locations of k.y.b.o's and water were not clearly explained. This complaint was fairly consistent throughout the whole camp, and it was suggested that a map showing locations of kybo's, water, camping and competition areas would have been helpful.

The active 4th Scarborough West, who attend moots regularly felt it was a good moot. We spent a good hour talking with their Skip, Doug Morgan, who plays a mean guitar. During our conversation it came out that the Toronto R.R.T. was not operating, but the Skips and mates are meeting on an adhoc basis to co-ordinate and strengthen crews. He also felt they could contribute a page to each issue of "Rovering" newsletter. (we are waiting) While talking with Doug we met a singing and playing member of 3rd Scarborough West, warbling Ann Wynett. John Powell their Skip asked his crew to rate the moot on a scale of 1 to 10., they gave it a 6 at this point. Their complaints were same as previously mentioned plus a new one. The question of separating Co-ed crews came up. A lengthy discussion followed on Rover - Co-ed - Ranger relationship with the emphasis on camping. To drive the point home they stated they have 20 members, are co-ed, and camp almost every weekend as co-ed with no trouble. It was suggested that moots be laid out in streets bringing crews and companies closer together.



The 1st Huttonville, 1st Malton, and the 1st Notawasawga all echoed the foregoing statements.

Stan and Pat Kowalski said it was a good moot for the first attempt. The better half of this team from Buffalo, Pat, suggested a question and answer section in the news letter. Sort of a roving Ann Landers, maybe some other group can benefit from your advice, or they might have the answer to your problem. O.K. Pat, it sounds like a good idea, you suggested it, start the ball rolling, SEND US A LETTER.

One of the competitions at this moot was to build a scarecrow. Well, we met a real one, she had straw coming out of her sleeves, jacket and pants, a pole stuck down her back and just gobs of makeup, she was Darlene Kruczek of Explorer Post 333. Darlene repeated previous complaints and introduced us to one of the Mexican Rovers, Duellerno Avez. He said they were enjoying themselves and explained that he and his countrymen were studying at the University of Buffalo.

1st Ellsmere Ranger Captain felt that camping in one field would be O.K., IF everyone would behave themselves.

Tim Hobson of Australia, disagreed with the timing of the tug-of-war (during the noon lunch break). Tim stated that scarecrow was a good moot and there was a large number of people intermixing which is good for Rovering, because of the exchange of ideas.

Harriet Thomas of the 3rd Burlington Rangers felt the moot was well organized, but did not like the segregation. As a mother and chaperone Mrs. Muriel Thomas felt the separation was just fine. It was her second moot and she said, "It sure is different from what I ever had." She went on to state, "They enjoy it, they thoroughly enjoy, they really do, and that's a lot going for it." Cathy Crow, President of 3rd Burlington noticed more Rovers sitting around than Rangers, "this is not fair to the organizing groups."

1st Burlington Rangers Jayne Seville, Liz Cooper and Veronica Flood comments included, "Good moot, should have been bigger and the area was good." They would also like to see competitions involving more inter-mixing of individuals, even some nonsense games. Jayne, Liz and Veronica felt it was stupid to separate co-ed crews.

As most of the interviews took place on Saturday afternoon there were no comments as to the evening and Sunday morning, so we will add our own. The campfire was excellent, even though it wouldn't start at first (and just think Scouts start fires with 2 matches and no coal oil, OH WELL). We felt the singing of Ann Wynette and Moreen Everest was a definite high point, a low came with a group of rovers starting an off color song.



The corn roast and turkey sandwiches were delicious. A well balanced dance with all styles of music was enjoyed by many.

The pancake breakfast was a real hit, despite the comments about flying saucers that landed in the frying pan.

Rover's Own left nothing to be desired except better attendance.

The security and traffic control was top notch all the way. If other groups are using C.B. radio in the running of moots it might be a good idea to advertise the channel your on, so incoming traffic could contact you.

Our berets are off to the staff of the scarecrow moot. It was a job well done, we realize that you have rules to follow as to the camping of Co-ed and Rangers in camp, and if there are no complaints how could you improve. WE ARE, and we are sure other crews and companies are looking to Scarecrow Moot TWO.



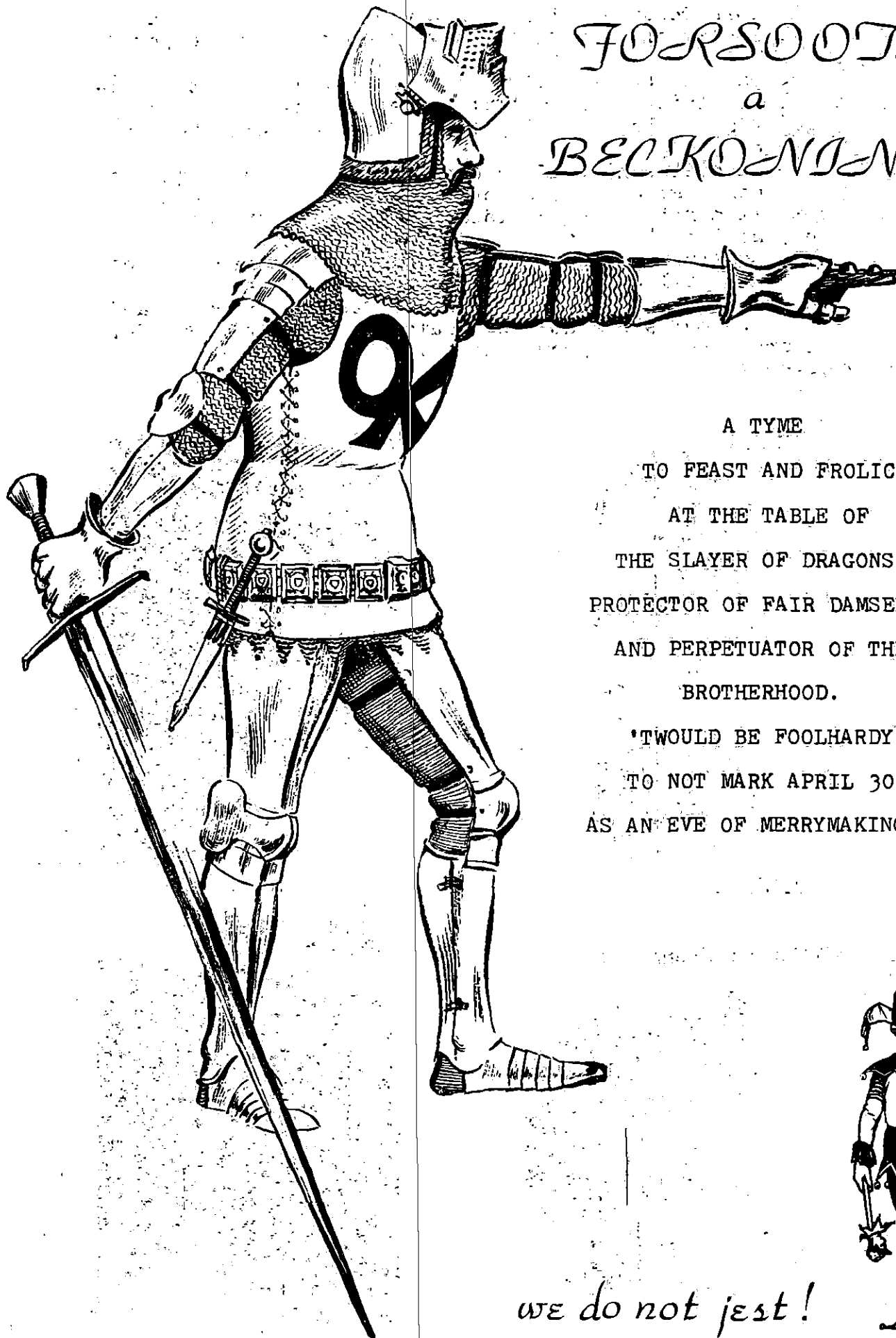
TIM HOBSON



Rover's Own

" Tug-of-War at Wrong Time? "





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TO FEAST AND FROLIC
AT THE TABLE OF
THE SLAYER OF DRAGONS,
PROTECTOR OF FAIR DAMSELS,
AND PERPETUATOR OF THE
BROTHERHOOD.

'TWOULD BE FOOLHARDY
TO NOT MARK APRIL 30
AS AN EVE OF MERRYMAKING.



we do not jest!

HALLOWEEN MOOT

Held October 29,30, and 31 at the Fanshawe Lake Campground, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, London, Ontario.

We arrived in the general area of Fanshawe lake at 11:30 a.m. Having no map of the area we were relying on road signs or hoping the camp was on C.B. radio. Fortunately for us they were on radio, as we saw no signs because we were 5 miles off course. A special thanks to Big Bert XM4413914 in his purple Ford pickup, who came out of camp to guide us in.

The registration past us through with smiles and mouthfuls of toasted cheese sandwiches. After parking the car we encountered swarms of bugs(they vanished shortly), this was offset somewhat by a Co-ed named Noreen from the 25th Kingston. If the rest of Noreen's Crew is as pleasant as her, it has to be a winner. They learned of the moot through the Rovering Newsletter.

A familiar figure at moots, in the person of Stampen' Stan Kowalski of Explorer Post 95, was passing out flyers for Mini Moot IV. Another of the worthwhile moots to attend.

Explorer Post 790 of Buffalo have attended several moots in Canada, and while they were busy carving replicas of themselves in pumpkins they told us this was a pretty good moot so far.

From Canandaigua N.Y. came Explorer Post 5117. They said instructions to reach the Moot were not really clear. They did not know if this was the moot sponsors or their councils fault, but they have had a good time since arriving. Their advisor Don LaBrake would like to see an exchange program between Canadian and U.S. groups set up.

The Lakeshore Rovers liked the moot, but would have liked more competitions in the morning and also a program sheet. They also complained about the rules regarding the parking of cars. (Later on we were talking to some of the sponsors, we felt this was a misunderstanding on the part of both parties). It might be a good idea for moots to have a couple of Rovers assigned to the task of ironing out such misunderstandings. They would have to be real diplomats. Halloween Moot did just this, with 5 persons assigned to this task. But this was announced at opening, and if you missed opening you were left out in the cold. A note on the program handed out at registration with the names of the trouble shooters on it and their identification marking might have been of some assistance.

It was the 3rd moot for the 1st Thornhill Rangers, their Captain Marg Harper felt moots were great as it gives you a chance to meet other people. They found the Halloween moot fairly well organized, and they enjoyed the difference in the competitions. The same complaint about no program sheets was raised once more.



"WHEELBARROW JOUSTING"

Rover Vern Sheperd of the 7th Downsview stated there could have been more events, but liked the compactness of the camping area, that was apparent by the rangers in their camp.

One of the sponsoring Rangers looks forward to leaving Rangers on her 18th birthday and joining a Co-ed crew. Would this be because of the Rovers hand she was holding?

Mrs. Peggy Sutton co-advisor of the 43rd London, served us a hot chocolate at the canteen. Her husband Bob dropped in for a few minutes, whether to get a coffee or check up on his wife we will never know.

The many competitions at this moot were well run and centrally located. Three that caught our eye were, the obstacle course that was a real killer, the piggy back tug-of-war, and jousting in wheelbarrows.

Another plus for this moot would be the hot water on tap and clean washrooms.

The camp chief was Bob Rutledge, Advisor to the 48th London. Sponsoring groups were the 29th, 43rd and 53rd London Co-ed Crews, the 48th, 70th and 84th Rover Crews and the 1st Dorchester Rover Crew, 12th Agamemnon Rangers and the Saquaney Ranger Company. Making up a total staff of 71. 42 groups attended for a total of 271 rovers and rangers.

The long distance award went to 1st Blackburn of Ottawa. First place winners were:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tug-of-War----- | 2nd Burlington |
| Obstacle Course----- | 1st Niagara |
| ----- | 1st Maple |
| Knights Tug----- | Anne Guy, Rob Mitchell |
| ----- | Nancy Bratty, Jack White |
| 3 Legged Race----- | 2nd Burlington |
| Scavenger Hike----- | 1st Ajax |
| Wheelbarrow Jousting----- | Post 549 |
| Pumpkin Carving----- | 2nd Burlington |
| Apple on a String----- | 2nd Burlington |
| Overall Top Crew: | 2nd BURLINGTON ROVER CREW |
| Overall Top Ranger Company: | 10th MISSISSAUGA RANGER COMPANY |



"Ken Parkhurst"

The articles on the Scarecrow and Halloween Moots were prepared by the 9th Kitchener Rover Crew as a service to Rovering in Green Acres and the surrounding area.

ROVER

NEWS & LETTERS



Dear Editor:

How do you find Sea Rovers at a Moot? They are the guys with their tents pitched in the middle of a swamp. First co-ed Rovers, then co-ed Venturers, now they talk about all female crews - what ever happend to the Boy Scout movement?

Have you seen the new nylon berets? No matter what you do with them they go back to their original shape and look like you have a toad stool on your head. Let's get the "fleur de lis" brand berets back. It is hard to be proud of your uniform when you are wearing garbage!

Sea Rovers seem to be more popular than ever. Who ever said the wet head was dead?

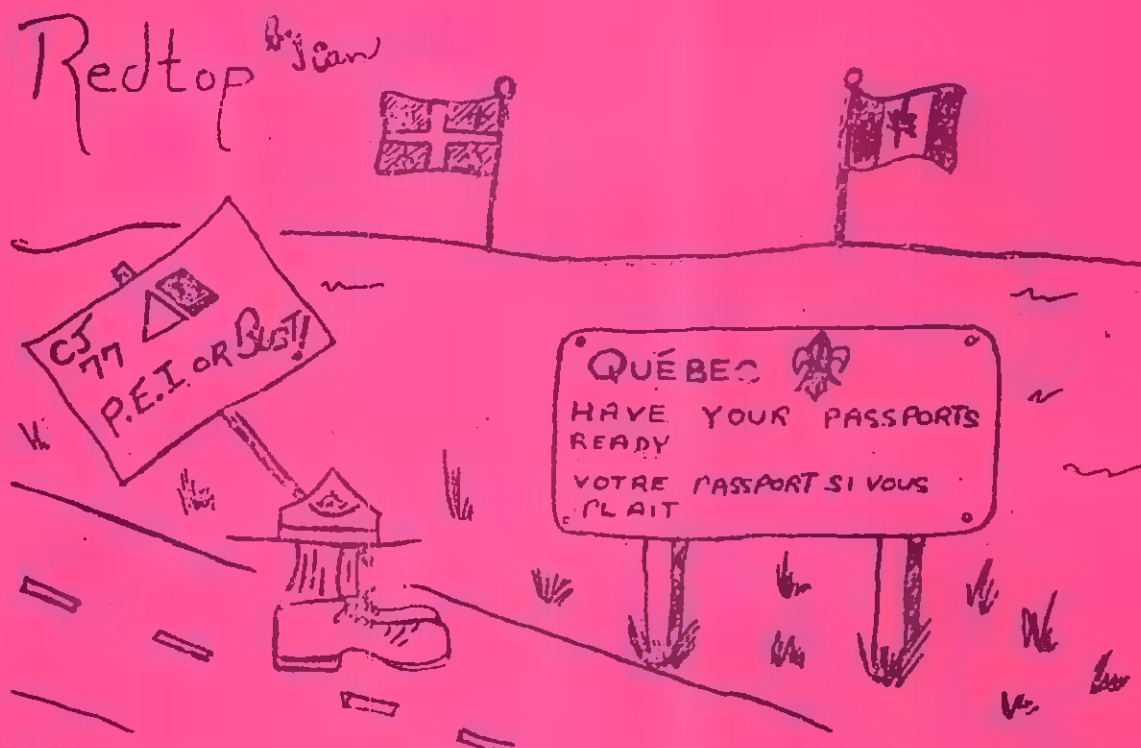
The Government of Ontario is proposing to tax all Scout Properties 100% under recommendation #7 of the Budget Paper E. Until now all scout properties have been exempt from Provincial taxation. If this proposal goes through it might mean the loss of a lot of Scouting facilities including camps or having to substantially increase membership fees - maybe tripling them to meet the tax costs. Write to your M.P.P. or the honourable Bill Davis, 134 Queen Street East, Suite 102, Brampton, Ontario L8V 1B2, and let them know that the taxing of Boy Scout properties is wrong and that the province will lose out in the long term by curtailing an important youth oriented program.

Has your crew done a service project recently? WHY NOT?

When I was a Scout - Rovers were the ultimate something to aim for - do the Scouts in your area still think the same way?

On my recent tour of Great Britain, I had the fortunate opportunity of meeting Sir Ian Bolton, at his manor home in West Plean Scotland. Our crew is named after him as he was once the commissioner of Rovering for Scotland and he opened the 1st Canadian Rover Moot. He is eighty - four years old now and has only one leg. But to talk to him you would think he was around forty. He is upon world events - even knows who Joe Clark is and is very active. Every morning he gets out his crutches and walks 7 miles into the town of Stirling - now that is true Rovering spirit.

Ian Gentles,
16th Hamilton
Sir Ian Bolton Rover Crew





WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATIONS

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Organizational Aff. (USA Int. Org. Indicate appropriate initials)

Amount in \$ _____ (Full payment for _____ campers; _____ day trippers)

Number of people is needed for _____ people.

Other people attending (Indicate Leaders, campers, day-trippers):

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(Use additional lines on extra sheets, as needed)

We will accept registrations up to January 21, 1977.

Payment by check or money order made payable to: NEW YORK 20

Address: NEW YORK IV Committee
 c/o 70 Harmonia St.
 Buffalo, N.Y. 14211
 U.S.A.

"MINI MOOT IV" - Coed Winter Weekend - February 4, 5, 6, 1977
Camp Scouthaven - Greater Niagara Frontier Council, BSA
(Located right on Route 98 - 8 miles south of Arcade)

LINKED REGISTRATION - 250 campers total - first come, first serve (leaders not counted against total registration. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PREREGISTER. NO REGISTRATION AT THE GATE.**

NOTE: You can come out just for the day Saturday, if your unit isn't organized to handle winter camping.

COST - \$4.00 per camper \$1.25 per day-tripper (including leaders)
 Full payment and registration must be in by January 21, 1977.

Make checks or money orders payable to: **MINI MOOT IV**

Mail registration and payment to: **MINI MOOT IV Committee**
 c/o 70 Harmonia St.
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SPACE - Souvenir crests (patches) to all who register.

CAMP SITES - Sheltered tent sites available. Straw will be provided for all units in tents. Cabin space is available for about 40 female campers from all-female units, who find it impossible to get equipment for winter camping. Females with coed units are expected to camp with their units. **PLEASE** do not ask for cabin space unless absolutely necessary. (Cabin space assigned as preregistrations come in - first come, first serve.)

EQUIPMENT - Come completely self-contained for winter camping. No "open" fuels (white gas, naphta, kerosene, oil, etc.) permitted by our council. Bottled fuel (propane, butane) allowed. Firewood will be available.

FOOD - All units are responsible for bringing and preparing their own meals, including the "day-trippers". Hot coffee will be provided all weekend (unless we get some extra heavy coffee drinkers, and get cleaned out).

RULES - Regular camp rules in effect. Camp Ranger is the final arbitrator on all questions. No pets allowed in camp.

PROGRAM -

- * Informal mixer Friday night.
- * 10 to 15 competitions on Saturday (depending on weather and snow conditions).
- * Individual Awards * Unit Awards
- * Indoor campfire Saturday Night.....be prepared to take part with skits, songs and stories. All units required to participate.
 (Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the campfire program)
- * Weather permitting - bring your toboggans, sleds, and skates.... $\frac{1}{4}$ mile toboggan run available - skating on Crystal Lake.
- * Catholic Mass and Ecumenical services will be held Sunday morning.

FIRST AID - Each unit should be prepared to take care of their own personnel. We will have a trained medical-technician crew in camp. **ALL** injuries, **no matter how minor**, must be reported.

SECURITY - Each unit is responsible for their own personnel and site. We will have a Security and communications team in camp.

CHAPERONES - A minimum of one adult per ten participants - of the same sex as participants. Coed units **MUST** have proper chaperonage. Minimum age 21.

ARRIVAL - Plan to arrive between 7:00pm and 9:30pm on Friday, or between 7:30am and 9:00am on Saturday. Registration at the camp equipment building.

DEPARTURE - The "day-trippers" can leave camp Saturday after competitions are over, or after the campfire. Campers plan to clear camp by noon Sunday. We ask all units to report to our security crew before leaving camp.

***** **NOTICE** ***** **NOTICE** ***** **NOTICE** *****

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL PERMITTED IN CAMP!!! VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE, REPORTED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNCILS, AND BANNED FROM FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THIS TYPE. THIS PENALTY IMPOSED ON THE ENTIRE CREW, NOT JUST THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED. IN CASES OF LAW VIOLATIONS, LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE NOTIFIED.

A registration "Hot-Line" has been set up to handle any problems, or issue any requested information. Call Mr. Stan Kowalski Jr. or Mrs. Pat Kowalski at (1-716)896-3716

ROVERING TO SUCCESS

"Rovering to Success". This treasured document written over 50 years ago by our founder has been the subject of endless discussion for many years at Moots, Round Tables and the like.

There are plans on the board to reprint the book. This will entail a great deal of time and money. And there are people who are willing to spend both. But before we jump into production I think we should ask ourselves, do we really need it?

Rovering to Success is a young man's guide to life. But not life of the 1970's. B.P. wrote this book for young men of the 1920's. Now nobody can close his eyes and pretend that the style of living has not changed over a half a century. While some of B.P.'s writings remain extremely relevant to today's youth, his ideas on sex and alcohol are so hopelessly antiquated that Rover Scouts today laugh at them. In an age when venereal disease is reaching epidemic proportions and alcoholism among teenagers is coming closer to home every day, B.P. compares adolescence to the rutting season of a moose.

What I am really saying is that Rovering To Success is an extremely important historical document but does not have much value to Rover Scouting in Canada today.

We do however desperately need a guide to living in today's real world. We need to have the facts about V.D., alcohol and drug abuse. Not to mention suggestions on how to survive in a big city, how to cope with changing moral values, and how to cope with change itself.

I think that many Rovers are so caught up in trying to preserve traditional Rover Scouting that we have forgotten that a real world exists out there.

Bob Stokes
LST Huttonville Rovers



The Rover "RUBBER CHICKEN" Tradition

"Tradition isn't a quantity bought or sold.

It's something we must build in our crews from year to year, or from time to time!"

Do any of you know what a rubber chicken is? If you don't, I'll tell you. It's part of the Rover tradition. That's right - TRADITION!

At the Provincial Conference recently I had the distinguished honour of being a part of the Rover Rubber chicken tradition. It was good clean fun and so, I'd like to share it with you.

For some unknown reason the last recipient of this award was unable to attend the conference. So, as not to dissappoint anyone I was made the scapegoat to pass along this little piece of rover tradition. A little humour goes a long way I was told.

Sitting over the final conference dinner, spirits high and true Rovering at its best, I was given the word. A little flabbergasted and red-faced I made my stand, presenting this two pound chicken (which had been sitting in my room for two days to the new rubber chicken himself- Saul Kneeshaw from Niagara Falls. Congratulations Paul!

The hall was filled with smirking laughter as Paul held his prize high in the air for all to see. But that's tradition, now and into the future.

And, so tradition can be great fun when we want it to be. It's like a wall however, broken down, but a thnkg we all must work to build and rebuild. Keep it alive, and your crew will survive.

TRADITION IS A FUNNY THING
IT'S SO MUCH A PART OF EVERYTHING
THAT IS TRADITION.

Lego.

Greg Lengyell
24th Cambridge Rovers





December 8, 1976

Dear Rovers:

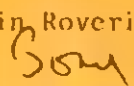
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If you wish to submit an article on a regular basis please let us know well in advance. We'll do our best to accomodate you. Write up your article and send it to:

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For those of you wanting to submit your own printed article, that's great. We'd really like to hear from you. We'd need about 250 copies of each issued printed on 8½ x 11 paper. Take it to your local print shop for your best bet and send it on to us.

Yours in Roving,


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