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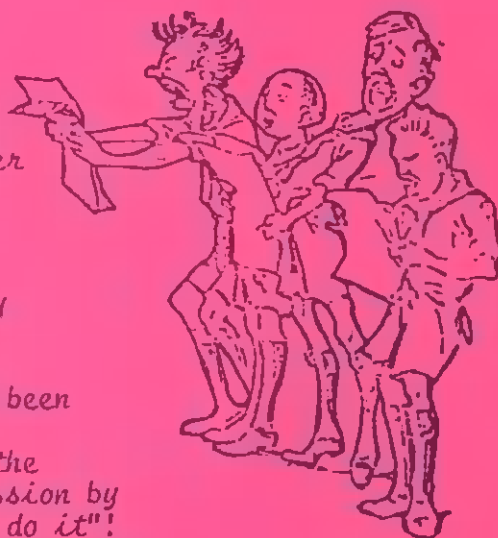
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FELLOW ROVERS

Those of you who were at the Jamboree may remember a "Rovering" magazine on display in the International tent. Well since then that Canadian magazine, and subsequent issues, has been read by many Rovers round the country.

Soon came an all important question "If the Canadians can do it, can we?" So after discussion by the editors and the answer came, "Yes, we can do it"! Letters were written to various Rovers and crews around the country asking for articles, and the products of these people may be seen in this and future issues. Not that we have to much information mind you, so if you have any information, comments or criticisms on our Rover System drop us a line.

And what must our aim be with "Roverinz"? BETTER ROVERING AND COMMUNICATION. Simple enough but we need your help to keep to it. By subscribing to the issues and sending letters you can ensure that our Rovering in New Zealand will become better, and bigger.

Now, a thanks to "Rovering Canada" staff for the idea, various N.Z. Rovers and our area rover adviser, Brad Bowyer for their initial Support and Eastman and Baden Crew members for bringing that idea into fruition.

Taken from "Roverinz" Magazine
New Zealand.

GOOD LUCK FELLOWS ON YOUR NEW MAGAZINE. MAY YOU HAVE CONTINUED SUCCESS AS "ROVERING" CANADA HAS ENJOYED.

Rovering Magazine Staff



Dear Rovers,

Now that the cold weather is upon us we have an opportune time to sit around the fireplace out at the Rover cabin and tell true stories of valor, high adventure, and supreme sacrifice to our squires. One of these true sacrifice stories comes to you straight from the mouth of your own editor.

One Thanksgiving weekend not to long ago, Dave, an old Rover buddy and I set out to conquer the French River in Northern Ontario. The weather forecast sounded similar to the one Noah received from God. However, being "true Rovers" we set out in the downpour clad with rainsuits and totally waterproofed against the rain which befell us. To make the trip more challenging we decided to canoe "upstream". Luckily the French River

is really a series of lakes joined by rapids. During our 1st morning as we traversed through the lakes, the rain pelted upon us with such force that we couldn't hear each other hollering. The first flaw in our rain proof apparell was detected when Dave discovered the peak on his cap was not of sufficient length to keep the rain off his spectacles. Upon reaching a major set of rapids we proceeded to portage through an area of dense underbrush. The 2nd flaw in our apparell became apparent when Dave ripped the crotch out of his rain trousers. This immediately doomed him to an unpleasantness similar to his infant years. At the top of the rapids we left our gear on shore and plummeted into the boiling maelstrom. The water level through the rapids was very high with 4-6 ft. waves enveloping each other. Our 3rd flaw came when we realized that Dave in the bow of the canoe weighed 50 pounds more than I did in the stern. Despite all the efforts of our years in canoeing experience, the bow SANK. Several hundred yards later we were washed up like beached whales. Undaunted we sloshed back up the portage route during which time the right leg of Dave's rain suit had disappeared. We nicknamed the rapids "Jaws". The afternoon was uneventful except that the temperature dropped from 55 down to freezing. An occasional wisp of snow fell upon us along with the everpresent rain. By nightfall my rainsuit was also ripped and we were down

to our last change of clothes. One of the most memorable wages against wet weather came to be as we proceeded to light our camp fire with not so much as a dry twig under a hemlock. I piled a 3' high heap of sopping wet birch bark. As you know birch bark almost burns under water. On top I piled wet kindling. When the roaring blaze died down, my kindling had been dried and ignited. Viola, I started my fire with water. That evening our tent leaked and by morning our sleeping bags were saturated. At this point the crew rebelled and packing our laundry in soggy garbage bags we headed home.



Thus ends another saga in the life of your editor.

As of the middle of November, Carol and I have moved our home headquarters about 200 yards farther down the road from our other residence. We have purchased a small farm of 73 acres and the doors are open to one and all. Come in for a visit if you are in the neighbourhood, we would love to see you.

May each and every one of you have a very Merry and Happy Christmas and New Year, whether at home or abroad.

Yours *in* Rovering,

A.J. (Tong) Wallbank



ROVER

Ho-o-o!!!



Dear Tony:

Enclosed is \$3.00 to renew my subscription to "ROVERING", (congratulations on the job you are doing for it is not easy, unless your readers write now and then with ideas, plans and activities which they have developed or carried out.) So many Crews are doing exciting things but overlook telling others. One of the best ways is to let you know so that it can be written up in Rovering for the benefit of other Crews.

In going over some old papers I came across some notes made after the International Moot held in Kanderstag, Switzerland in 1953 when 64 Canadians from Coast to Coast joined 3500 Rovers from nearly 30 countries. The notes are still relevant after 25 years.

Impressions:

1. There were no barriers in race, colour or religion and individual beliefs were submerged.
2. The great religious services which were long, were in 3 languages, English, French and German.
3. The opinion of other countries of Canada. They were looking to this country for a lead in world affairs.
4. The tremendous size of this country in confusion with so many other countries and the great scope of opportunities.

We came to the conclusions that as Rovers we had to develop racial tolerance; we had to have a belief in you and let's not be ashamed of our beliefs; we had to be proud of our country, not a narrow pride but on an International basis; and that the future

of Canada rests with our young people.

The discussion groups were well attended and the same topics might be discussed by any crew.

1. The Rover Scouts Career
2. The Rover as future head of a family
3. Rovers and citizenship
4. The Rovers as a responsible promoter of the movement (the whole Scout family).
5. The Rover Scout and the World today
6. Rover Scouts - World Brotherhood and Peace.

All the best
Yours sincerely,

Scotty Fleming.

Reply to Scotty Fleming's Letter:

Thanks Scotty for your letter. To all of you out there who may not know him, Scotty has been in Rovering for many years and had the privilege of helping to organize the first National Rover Moot, back in the early fifties. He was also secretary for the ORRT for many years and has recently retired as staff man on the Ontario Boy Scout Council, so that he could spend more time with his true love, ROVERING.

Tony.

Dear Steve:

Please consider this article for publication in the next issue of Rovering. I really enjoy reading your magazine and plan to become a regular contributor. Obviously you know that there is no R.B. Stanford on your mailing list, my pseudonym provides me with the advantage of anonymity in expressing my opinions, and avoids personal confrontation with anyone who might disagree with my views, so, I'll see YOU soon, but you won't see me! Lot's of luck now and in future.

Yours in Rovering,

R.B. Stanford

***Please see article further along in magazine. Editor.

SNOWBALL '79

WHEN? February 16, 17 ± 18, 1978

WHERE? Mt. Nemo Scout Camp, Burlington

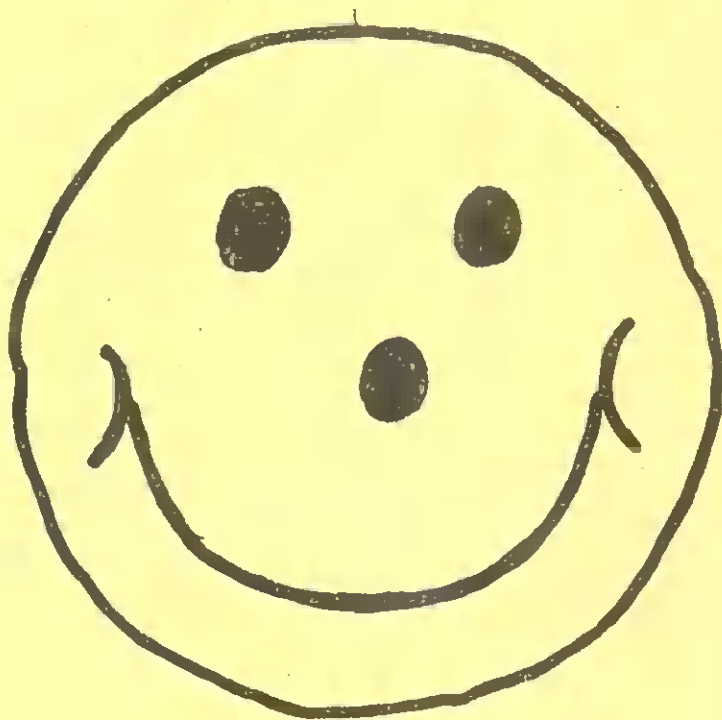
WHO? 37th Hamilton R.S.S. ± 3rd Burlington Rangers

PROGRAMME? New theme this year - "Klondike Days"

- All new activities
- Complete change in programme from past "Snowballs"

INFORMATION? Write to:

Snowball '79
c/o Tom Malley
109 Gordon Drummond Avenue
Hamilton, Ontario
L8J 1E9



Dear Greg and Rovering,

As you can see the first issue of Rovering (New Zealand National Rover Magazine) has gone into print.

We are very pleased with it but hope to improve in the next issue with more line diagrams, better proof reading, and a glossy cover.

However any ideas or comments you have would be appreciated.

Now onto some Rover activities, Last Saturday morning was spent weeding the garden for a pensioner, last Wednesday the crew ran a handball competition for the Scouts, and Sunday afternoon we had a game of Soccer against Eastman Rovers, they won 10-1, really thrashed us. It was good fun though.

Anyway must go now as I'm rather busy at the moment.

Yours in Scouting,
Barry.

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N.Z.

Dear Fellow Readers of Rovering,

In the October issue, it was said that the Fire Cracker Moot's Magical Mystery Tour was sponsored by the 48th London Rovers. We would like to correct this mistake. The Magical Mystery Tour was sponsored by the 1st Dorchester Co-ed Rovers.

Also in the issue we asked for addresses in the Great Lakes Region. We would like to extend this to farther reaches including the United States. The addresses should be sent to:

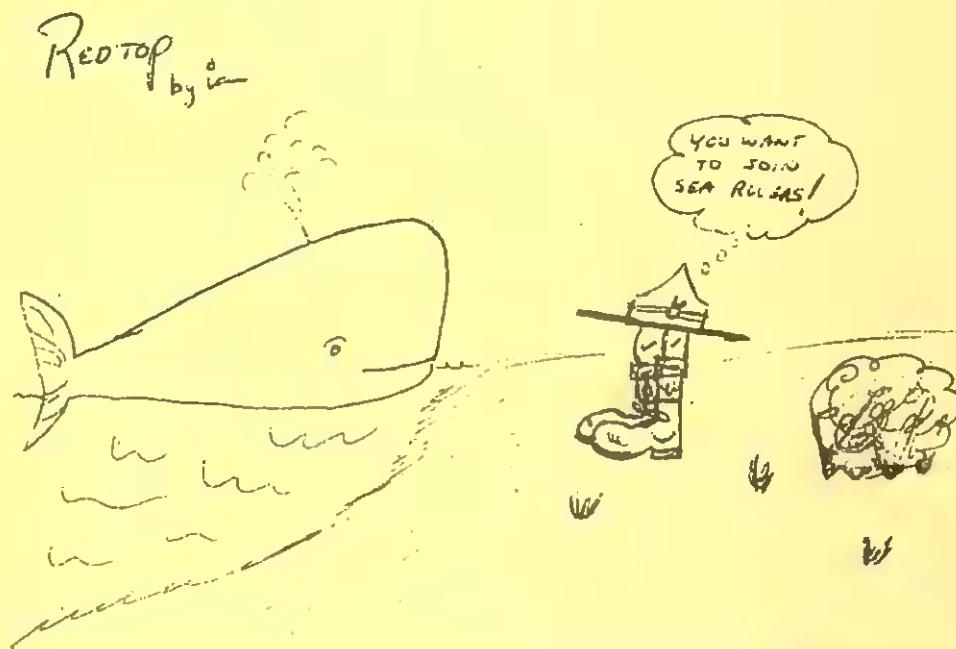
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Thank you,

Yours in Rovering
1st Dorchester Co-Ed Rovers

Dear Editor,

As this magazine goes out to the masses, I ask that timeless question, "Does anyone have a mailing list?". If anybody out there has one could you please forward it to Moot '79, P.O. Box 281, Paris, Ontario.



ROVERING MAGAZINE 1978

ROGER AWARDS

The "Roger Award" is not in any way shape or form a product of any Headquarters at any level. It is an award that is made by the Rovers themselves by their nomination-votes to Rovering Magazine.

The whole concept of the award started out as a gag, but as discussion grew on the subject, it was felt we might have the basis for the academy awards of Rover scouting.

Last year (although the nomination-votes were not as heavy as we would have liked) the award was well received. It gives Rovers a chance to HONOR THEIR OWN, and show their appreciation of the efforts by one person or many.

Last years award was a full color portrait of Roger, with the catagory in a suitable block on the frame. This year we are working towards a new format, we have comissioned a local artist, (he is an ex-Rover) to produce a master model, suitable for reproduction and mounting on a plaque; the model of course will be of "Roger". The big factors in this change, will be the amount of time the artist can devote and the ability to make an acceptable mold from the master. If either fails it is panicsville and back to the drawing boards. The outcome will be evident at the St. George's Dinner and Dance.

If you compare the ballot below with last years you will find a few changes, although we are locked in for the 1978 awards, we would welcome Any suggestions for the future.

To send in your nomination-vote just print on a paper the number and section (e.g. 2b- Example Moot)

Note: It is important that you list #2 as stated in the instructions as 2a is worth 4 points, 2b is worth 3 points 2c is worth 2 points and 2d is worth 1 point.

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

1. Name a person who you feel has had a sincere dedication to Rovers.
2. Name what you feel were the four best moots in 1978 in order of preference A.....B.....C.....D.....
(see note above)
3. Name the best article to appear in Rovering Magazine during 1978.
4. Name the best continuing article to appear in Rovering Magazine during 1978.

All Rovers and Rangers are allowed to nominate-vote once

You may leave a catagory blank if you so desire.

All ballots will be tabulated by DESIGN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

mail to : "ROGER AWARDS"
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The decision of the judges will be final. Design Management Associates will not enter into any correspondence other than to tabulate the ballots.

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May we suggest that you order your tickets as early as possible. We are again holding sales to the Rover section only, till the thirty-first of January, after which sales will be opened to all members of the Scout and Guide movement. This event is advance sale only, NONE will be sold at the door!

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(Slice off here)

Name..... Crew.....

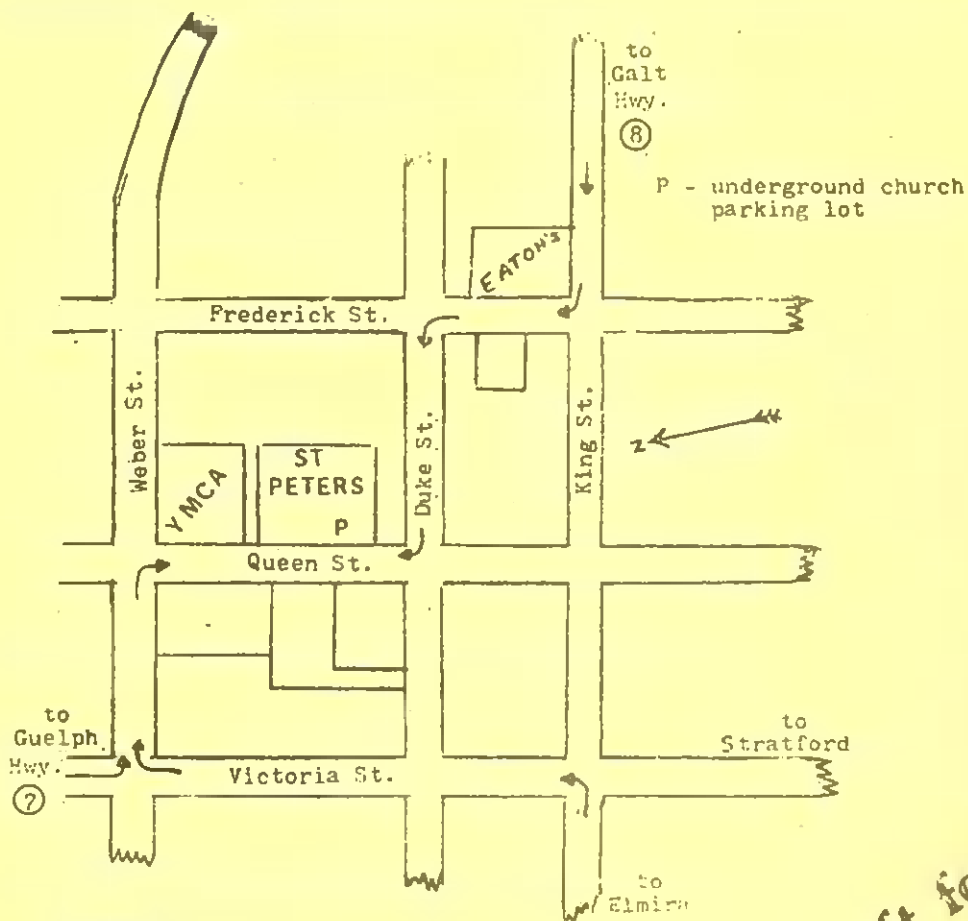
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THE SHORT REPORT

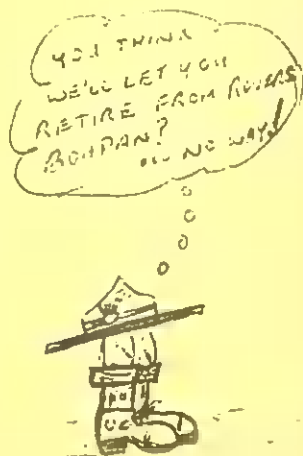
"Old Rovers Never Die..."

by R.B. Stanford

This is directed at all of the crews that have old Rovers still circling about the social life of the crew. They may be too old to go and participate in some of your events, but, they may be an untapped resource worth investigating. They've been in the movement longer than you have in most cases, and just may have attained some of that knowledge which only comes with experience. They probably have made mistakes in programming, constitution changes, and things like that which you could learn from and avoid making yourself. Also it will give them a chance to remain at least partially active within the crew and to feel that they can still contribute towards the well-being of the crew.

Upon reading this, some of you may be saying, "But isn't that a part of Rovering, learning by your own experiences and mistakes?" Yes, this, "Trial and Error" method plays an important part in Rovering, but any lesson "learned" cannot have its benefits reaped if the lesson is not applied. This also leaves the possibility of these "oldies but goodies" becoming Assistant Advisors, and with the seasoning of a few more years experience, Skippers.

But, what about the fellow that just wants to drift along with the guys and not contribute, in either physical support or service? I believe that we could learn something from the Eskimos and the way that they deal with their 'senior citizens'. When they cannot contribute to the group any longer, or be of any use whatsoever to them, they are placed on a drifting ice flow and allow nature along with the elements to take its course. Now, I don't mean that to be taken literally, with reports like, "ROVER FOUND FROZEN ON LAKE ONTARIO" appearing. But when a Rover reaches the stage where, through no fault of his own, simply cannot go about with the boys and contribute usefully to the crew, I think he should give thought to packing it in, or, join and/or contribute to some form of an alumni association under the auspices of the crew. Where no such society exists, why not create one? Such a thing could aid the crew financially, as well as spiritually.



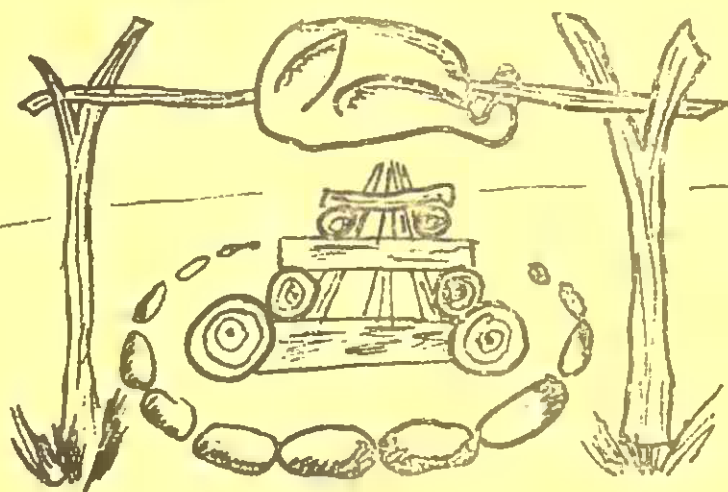
So to conclude, I believe that in this movement of ours, there is a place for everyone, even the more senior members of our section. With careful cultivation of this resource, everyone in the crew cannot help but benefit, from squire to alumni member. It's up to you to make it happen.

Yours in Roving,

R.B. Stanford



RedTOP by ian



NOW, IF ONLY
I HAD SOME
MATCHES



MOOT MISSES



by mark

Cathy Sheridan



MOOT MISSES

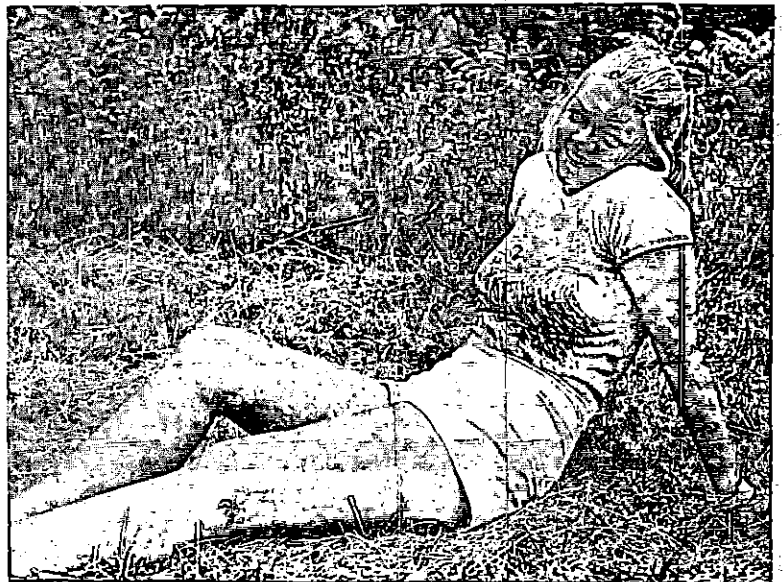


Cathy is a blond bombshell with an artistic temperament. Understandably, her favorite subject is music (in which she plays clarinet, piano and guitar) and she loves sketching and most other types of art. Cathy's favorite color, green, is very complimentary to her blond hair and hazel eyes. Luckily for the opposite sex, Cathy prefers to play the field and thus go out with many different guys.

After eleven years in the Guide movement, Cathy is of the opinion that Rangers perform many beneficial services for other people, and considers moots to be the best of all Scouting activities. Evidently Cathy keeps in good shape with swimming, tennis, water and snow skiing. She is a seventeen year old Aquaran who loves to spend an evening listening to disco or country music, performed by such artists as Linda Ronstadt, perhaps with her favorite seafood.

In accordance with her nickname "Sunshine", Cathy's favorite time of the year is summer, particularly when school is out. Despite this fact, Cathy plans on continuing her education at the University of Waterloo, with hopes of becoming a social worker.

— by jen



PAGE B.C.

Welcome to PAGE B.C., a new and hopefully permanent feature of ROVERING. If anyone in B.C. has any articles or comments to contribute, THIS IS THE PLACE! Please do not hesitate to contact me as follows:

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2945 West 10th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V6K 2K5
Phone: 733-6848

Now on to the B.C. report:

The Vancouver-Coast Region Rover Round-Table is just now getting going, with the following elected as the executive for the 1978-79 term:

Chairman	Annette Palvost (127th Dunbar-Pt. Grey)
Vice Chairman	Steve Ferguson (5th Richmon-Georgia)
Secretary	Pat Ficke (17th Richmond-Georgia)

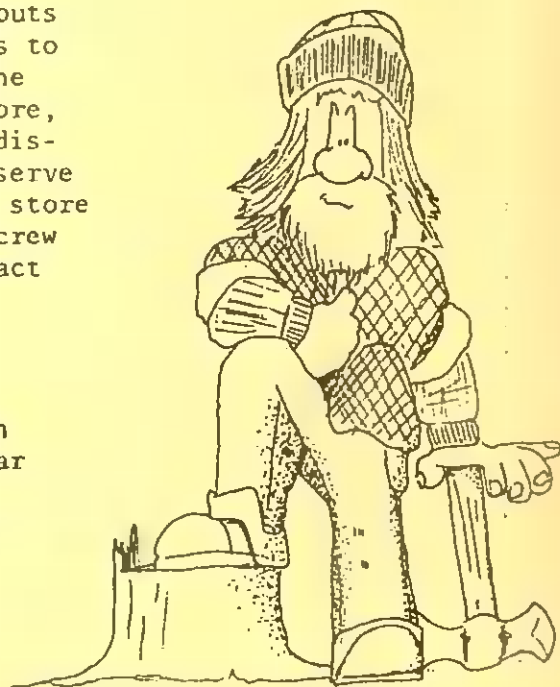
We are currently putting together a Crew Directory, which should help to improve communications in the region, which have been very poor in recent years.

The one big event we have had so far this year was RAINBUCKET '78. This event, run by the Fraser Valley Region, was open to all Rovers, Venturers, and Rangers in the Lower Mainland, with groups coming from as far away as Nanaimo. I was not able to attend RAINBUCKET, but from all accounts it was a great camp. Good work-Fraser Valley!

Upcoming Events

For the past several years, Vancouver Scouts have been involved with delivering Poinsettias to shutins and senior citizens at Christmas. The plants are donated by the downtown Eaton's store, which first uses them as part of a Christmas display. This year, in an attempt to better preserve these plants, we will be watering them in the store on November 27, Dec. 5, 15, and 18. If your crew can help with this or with the delivery, contact Jim Lamphier.

Ro-Vent Freezerie '79- Our annual winter camp will be held Feb. 9-11. Once again, it will be in Manning Park, but at a new location -Rein Orchid, near the Amphitheatre. This year we are expecting close to 500 people, some from as far away as Kamloops! The program includes such familiar items as the Snow Sculpture Contest, Cross Country Ski Race, 3-Legged Snow Shoe Race, Ms. Strawberry Flats



Contest, plus much much more, as well as lots of free time to Ski, Snowshoe, or whatever. There will be more information forthcoming on this event, but any questions can be directed to Jim Lamphier. It should be a great camp-don't miss it!

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I apologize for any errors or inaccuracies in the above information. If you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve this page, please let me know!

Yours in Rovering,

Bruce Dagg

Fellow Rovers and Whatever,

Hi! from B.C. During our famous '78 Rover Moot, I met and heard a lot about a certain contingency?? from Ontario called "The Rocky Mountain High". Being immediately inspired by their black neckerchiefs and yeller hats, I found myself writing a song about this benevolent "Swarm". The song is not directed towards any member of the Rocky Mountain High Committee, but ironically to a group of innocent outsiders from Ontario. Hence fitting together certain characteristics and events I have come up with a vocal factuality that only the east can solve.

This song sung to John Denver's "Rocky Mountain High" tune.

There are some Rovers in Ontario
That travelled to and fro
Goin West to a place thy'd never been before
They left Mom's and Dad's behind them
For the first time, they're on their own
And they stuck together everywhere they'd go.

Chorus: And the Alberta Rocky Mountain High
I've seen it raining fire in the sky
Friends around the Campfire
And everybody's high -----
Rocky Mountain High.

Well they packed their gear and badges,
Pins and artifacts
They even brought an extra region badge
They bought scarves and yeller hats
Then they jumped upon a plane
Who cares if they get back again?

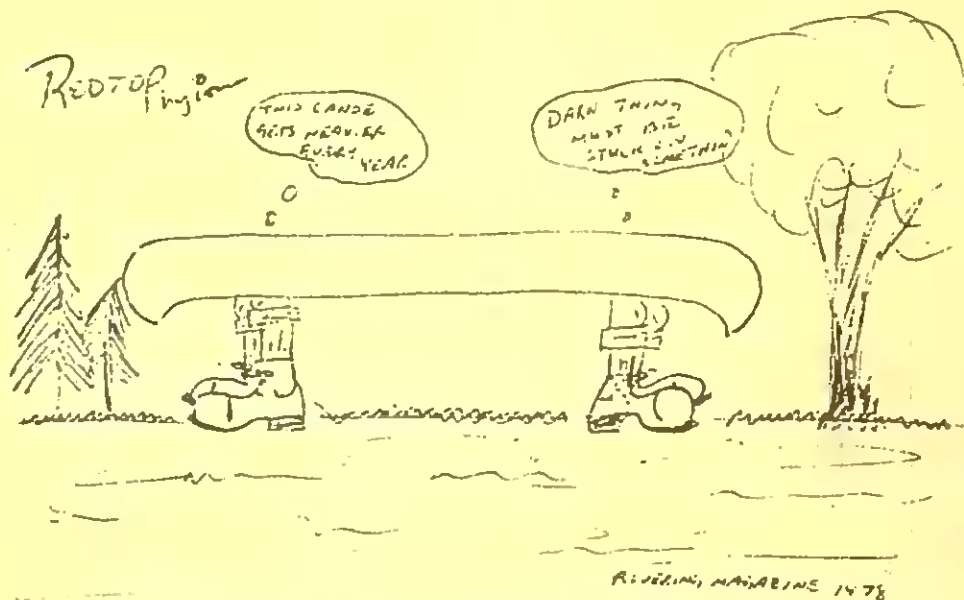
Chorus:

Well their lives are one big wonder
 And their crews know many fears
 When the Ontario Crews began to bother them
 So they told the remaining Canadian groups
 They were the biggest of all Crews
 And the Commissioner said they represented Ontario's views.

us:

Now the moot has finally ended
 And the groups have packed 'n gone
 Goin home to the place they love the most
 But the Rocky Mountain High Guys
 Are waiting for a plane
 Looks like the "swarms" made one more mistake.

And the Alberta Rocky Mountain High
 I've seen it raining fire in the sky
 Talk to God and Listen to the casual reply
 Rock Mountain High... In Alberta.. Rock.... (repeat).





*Best Wishes from Colonel Sanders
and his Boys and Girls at
Scott's chicken Villa.*

SELECTING A SLEEPING BAG

By Don Swanson
Director, Camping and Outdoor Activities

It has been said a sleeping bag is the single most important piece of camping equipment. The accuracy of this statement is probably open to debate but one thing is certain — a good night's sleep is essential to ensure enjoyment of a camping trip! And the key to this is your sleeping bag.

A sleeping bag cannot and does not produce warmth. It insulates the body from the air and retains the heat produced by the body. Let's look at the four basic causes of heat loss: radiation, conduction, convection and evaporation.

Radiation is the chief cause of heat loss. The head is the prime source and acts as an efficient radiator for the body. For example, at just 4°C the head can lose as much as 50 per cent of the body's heat production.

Conduction accounts for small amounts of heat loss. When you stretch out in your sleeping bag, the full length of your body comes into contact with the ground.

Convection is probably the most active cause of heat loss. A thin layer of air next to the skin is warmed by the body. If this thin layer of warm air is kept close to the skin, we remain warm. However, if this layer is replaced by cool air, we feel cold.

Evaporation results from two sources — perspiration and the insensible or gradual evaporation of water from the skin and lungs. Little can be done to prevent heat loss through insensible evaporation but steps can be taken to reduce perspiration.

With these basic causes of body heat loss in mind, let's take a look at the sleeping bag. A sleeping bag's prime task is to hold or retain a blanket of warm, still air around the person. This is accomplished through a layer of insulation material which traps air in tiny pockets.

A number of insulation materials are used in sleeping bags: goose down, duck down, polyester batting and wool batting. For our purposes we'll just look at the down and polyester filled bags.

Down Filling

Down is obtained from the undercoating of water fowl and is prized as a sleeping bag filler because of its light weight, excellent insulation quality and its ability to be compressed into a very small space and spring back. Down also *breathes* and thus its major enemy is moisture. The human body gives off about a pint of moisture during sleep. Combine this with a hot muggy day and you'll probably have a

damp sleeping bag. Canoe trips require extra precautions. Wet down loses practically all of its insulation value. And it's also very difficult to dry.

Synthetic Filling

The main problems of the synthetic fillings for sleeping bags has been its bulk and weight.

One new synthetic filler is worth looking at. Dupont has developed a filler called *Dacron Fiberfill II*, which compacts into small space. For example, using equal amounts of goose down and Dacron Fiberfill II and compressing them with equal pressure, the Dacron bag will compress about 90 per cent as much as down, that is, if the goose down bag stuffs into a 10 inch diameter, a bag of Dacron Fiberfill II will stuff into 11 inches.

Dacron Fiberfill II absorbs less than one per cent moisture when wet. More important, when wet, it maintains its shape and filling uniformity. Down lumps and loses its cohesion when wet, thus losing its insulation value and takes a long time to dry out.

A bag marked fiberfill is not the same as Dacron Fiberfill II.

Loft

Tests have shown that the thicker the insulation, the warmer the bag. Thickness is called loft. It is measured by fluffing up the sleeping bag, laying it out flat on the floor and measuring from the floor to the top of the bag. Now divide by two (half on top and half under).

Because so many things effect the warmth of a sleeping bag — temperature of the air; amount of wind; sleeping in a tent or out in the open; a person's basic metabolism — it is extremely difficult to predict with any degree of certainty the temperature rating for any sleeping bag. The following table is used by the U.S. military as a *minimum* survival guide and has been converted to Celsius for our purposes.

Temp. °C	4	-1	-7	-11	-18	-22	-29	-34
Insulation thickness (in inches)	1½	1¾	2	2¼	2½	2¾	3	3¼

Shape

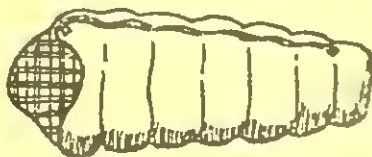
There are four basic shapes in sleeping bags: mummy; semi-mummy; barrel; rectangular.

The lightest and warmest bag is the mummy. Its biggest drawback is that many people find it too confining. Try one out and if you find you can't adjust, the semi-mummy may be more suitable.

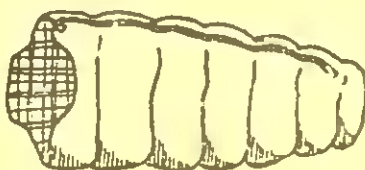
The rectangular bag is the most common bag. It provides the least warmth in ratio to weight and size.

This is caused by the extra space inside the bag which must be warmed by the sleeping person.

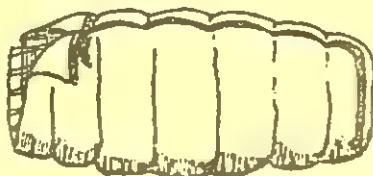
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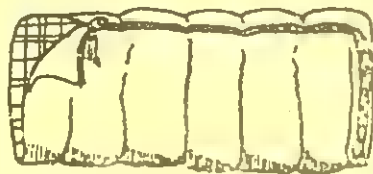
Semi-mummy



Barrel



Rectangular



Differential Cut

Many bags are constructed with the inner fabric cut smaller than the outer. This creates a thermos bottle effect and is known as a "differential cut". Theoretically cold spots are avoided as the sleeper moves within the bag. The smaller inside shell prevents the sleeper's body from pressing the inner and outer shell together. This approach is not used on rectangular bags.



Hoods

For maximum warmth, a sleeping bag should have a hood that can be pulled snug around the head and fastened. Remember the body's radiator? Failure to keep the head and shoulders covered can mean a cold sleepless night.

Zipper

Ideally you should be able to open your bag for airing. This means a zipper that runs from head to foot. A good arrangement is a zipper which will open from either end. This allows you to open the foot for ventilation. Most quality bags now use some form of nylon zipper. These are lighter, less likely to jam and do not conduct cold.

Draft Tube

A draft tube is an insulation filled tube which runs the entire length of the zipper. The purpose of the draft tube is to prevent loss of heat through the zipper.

Fabric

Ripstop nylon is usually used on down-filled bags. Ripstop nylon is a type of nylon fabric with a heavy thread woven into the fabric to prevent tears from running. The density of the threads makes the material down proof. If the material is too porous, down will "leak" out. (Don't be alarmed at the loss of a few feathers).

Sleeping bags with polyester fill don't have the problem of "leaking" insulation. As a result most bags are covered with a nylon taffeta.

Stitching

Stitching can be one of the best indicators of good workmanship. Straight seams, back stitching to reinforce ends of seams and the way the hard-to-get-at spots were sewn are good indicators of how well the bag has been put together.

In down-filled bags, the stitches should be close together (about ten to the inch). Polyester filled bags don't require stitching quite as close (eight stitches to the inch are recommended).

Baffles

Baffles are panels or tubes sewn between the inner shell and outer shell of a down-filled sleeping bag. Their purpose is to keep the down evenly distributed around the body. There are five basic approaches:

- Sewn through — this is simply the inner and outer shells stitched together to form tubes. Cold spots occur at the seams.



- Square box — this is a series of vertical baffles sewn between the inner and outer shell to provide square tubes for the down.



- Slant box — the baffles in this approach are slanted. Slant box is more efficient than the square box in preventing the shift of the down.

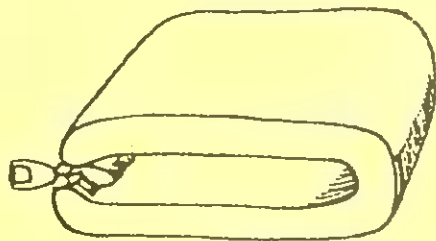


- Overlapping "V" tube — this is a series of small interlocking V-shaped tubes and is the most efficient method but adds extra weight.

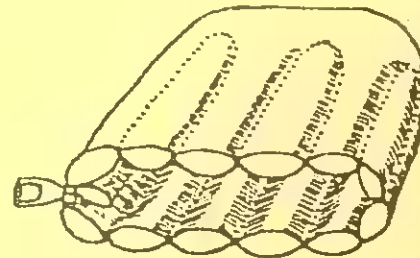


- Laminated — this is basically a double quilted construction. Because it's composed of two sewn-through layers arranged so that they overlap, this approach adds considerable weight.

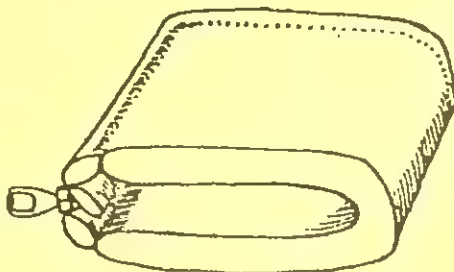




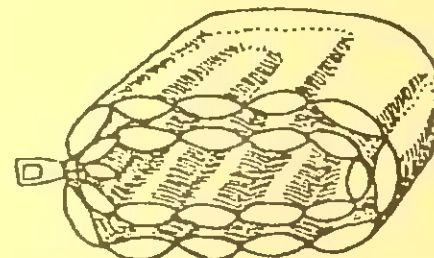
Edge-Stabilized



Sewn-Thru Batts



Edge-Stabilized (Sewn-Thru)



Double-Quilt

In polyester bags, baffles are not required. Polyester comes in rolls of batting. These are cut and sewn between the shell. While it doesn't require baffles, polyester does have to be secured to prevent it curling up into one end of the bag. This is usually accomplished by stitching the edges. The cheapest approach is to sew through. Better bags use two layers of batting and alternate the seams.

Foot Space

Better bags have a high spot at the foot to allow room for your feet. The bag manufacturer who has taken the time and effort to do a good construction

job here has put together a good bag.

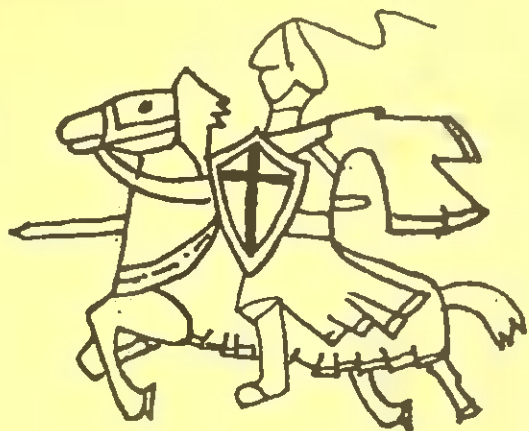
According to need

Buy your bag based on your needs. Do you camp only in the summer? Or mainly spring and fall? Do you do any winter camping? How much?

A bag which is suitable for winter camping is much too warm for summer use. A good three-season bag can be "beefed-up" for winter use. Decide on your needs, then shop. Compare bags, check features, compare prices. Remember — you're not purchasing a sleeping bag in preparation for an assault on Everest. Fit your bag to your needs and your dollars.

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NINTH KITCHENER PAINTED ST PETER'S CHURCH CHOIR ROOM AS A CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT. LETS HEAR ABOUT SOME MORE SERVICE PROJECTS AND STOP HIDING OUR LIGHT UNDER THE BASKET.

A NOTE FROM A SCOUT LEADER, I AM NOT TAKING OFF MY RED EPAULETS OF ALL THE BADGES I EARNED IN SCOUTS I AM MOST PROUD OF THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE EARNED AND AWARDED TO ME FROM MY BROTHER ROVERS. MAYBE THIS COULD START A TREND, THEN WE WOULD KNOW WHO ALL OUR BROTHERS ARE.

WHAT ROVER CREW HAS BRIGHT RED SHAG CARPET IN THEIR DEN AND BRIGHT PURPLE IN THE KITCHEN AREA? IT REALLY LOOKS GREAT WITH THE KITCHEN DOOR CLOSED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHOICE TIDBITS SEND THEM IN TO "HOW ABOUT THAT" ROVERING MAGAZINE.



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The 8th Canadian National Rover Moot '78
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2nd Report

Comment-allez-vous? Tres bien, merci, et vous? For any of you who don't know, that's a common French greeting from Rover in Quebec--- how are you? I'm find, and you?

Monday, August 28th was Quebec day at the National Moot-- opening day. Fleur-de-les were everywhere; a bunch of ambitious, energetic Rovers were running around sticking Quebec pins, sticking them on every person in sight, some where it hurts most. Did you get one? It was a good idea, Viv la Quebec.

From here, it was on to the Maritimes, Tuesday, the 29th. Even though there weren't many Rovers from the east, they made themselves known. All most moot participants heard most of the day was-- Farewell to Nova Scotia.

What's brown, and white on top and you hold like this (fist around the middle?) No, its not what you think - everyone was fooled; it was an ice cream cone. Welcome to British Columbia, Wednesday August 30.

To go along with the ice cream there was lots of barbecued salmon for all, flown in especially for the Moot. It was rumoured that a few eastern Rovers from Ontario started spawning gills.

Well, there isn't much of the country left unrepresented, only Ontario and the prairies. So, the prairies first, Thursday the 30th.

We all know about or have heard about western hospitality, it was evident this day for sure. Our prairie friends served up a find moot GLVT --- like you wouldn't believe. Rovers were seen crawling back to there campsites, they were so stuffed - with western hospitality.

Ontario, their day had come too, the final day of the Moot, Sept. 1. Whoever said these guys weren't a hardy bunch. They were up at 5:00 a.m. to fix breakfast, while the rest of us were still sawing logs. Someone told me the pancakes were great even though they were flipped time and again, 6 feet in the air.

In closing, I'd like to make a final passing comment. As a part of the program, "Provincial Daze" was a great idea. Rovers in their own provinces are unique unto themselves. Isn't it great though, that we all share ROVERING in common --- across Canada and the U.S.

Yours in Rovering,

Lego!

Greg Lengyell, Magazine Staff

Brother Rovers:

Once again the Yuletide season is upon us. A time when all men throughout the world join together in peace; goodwill, and brotherhood. It could almost be said that, at this time of year, the world is filled with Rovers. During Christmas time, most people put aside their petty grievances, squabbles, and worries (temporarily, at least), and celebrate Christ's birthday. Many observe this holiday in different ways. To some it is the solemn observance of a rite having deep moral and spiritual significance. To others, it's a time for gathering together the loved ones, and enjoying the closeness and the love that only a family can have for one another. For still others, it's a time for parties, and weekends that you know started on a Friday and ended on a Sunday, but as to what transpired between the two is only a blurry memory.

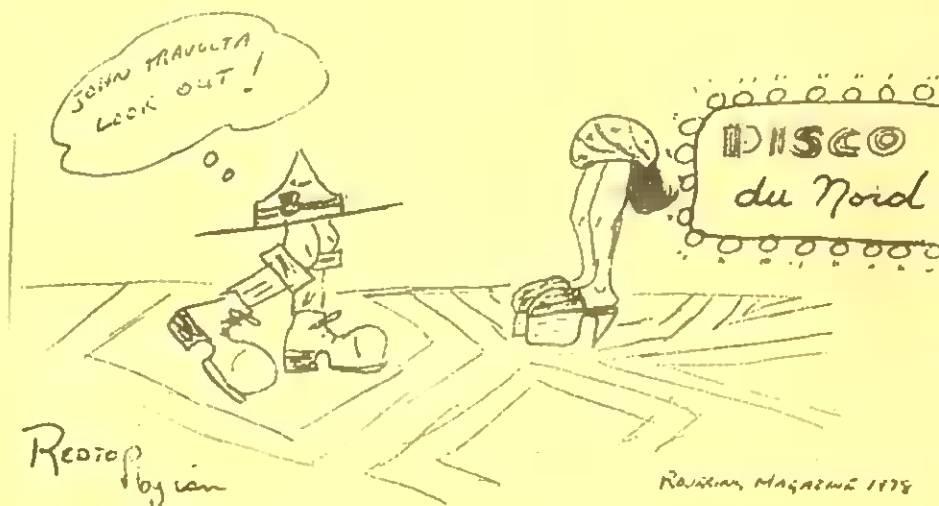
Christmas is also a time for inner reflection, re-evaluation, and perhaps most importantly, hope. Hope for a world that we know will never be totally free of strife for someone at sometime, but at least better than the year before. Some years are better, some are worse, but it is the hope that we all hold within our hearts, that tomorrow will be a better day than today; that keeps us going. It is up to every one of us to see that the future remains bright.

It was said in a Biblical parable that when the lion lies down with the lamb, there will be peace on earth. It was then, may it be so now. From all of us, to all of you, a very safe and merry Christmas; and a joyous New Year.

Yours in Rovering,

Jim Murray

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