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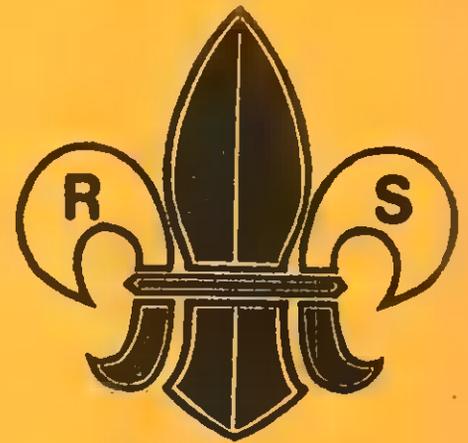
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23-25 Georgian Bay Spring Games (Ranger Event) Wiarton

AUGUST

- 28 NATIONAL ROVER MOOT 78
(Alberta-Start)

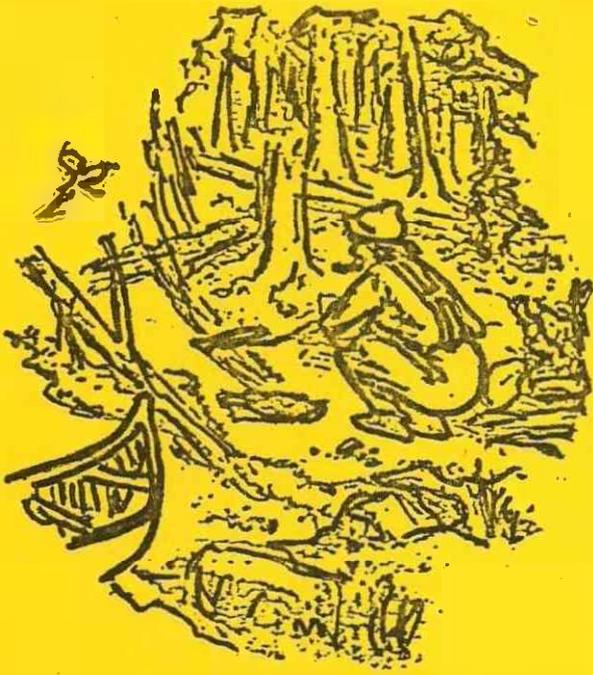
SEPTEMBER

- 2 NATIONAL ROVER MOOT ENDS
8-10 Ranger Regatta - Sarnia
30 O.R.R.T. Toronto
29-Oct. 1 Scarecrow Moot - Burlington

OCTOBER

- 13-15 Fall Frolic (Ranger Event) Kincardine
27-29 Ranger Guider - Chairman Weekend - Doe Lake
6-8 Fifth Annual Foresters Car Rally





June 1, 1978

Dear Rovers,

At this point in time, three days before publishing night, it looks like we will have a smaller issue than usual. The decreased work load will do your Magazine staff a world of good, but as is usually the case, a burage of rush articles will bombard our office and everything will be back to normal.

I've had several people mention to me that they are not receiving their magazine. In an effort to eliminate this problem we will be sending your newsletter from now on in a 9 x 12 brown envelope. This should prevent the magazine from falling apart in the mail. If you are still not getting your issue, please contact us immediately.

This spring has been very eventful in my neck of the woods. The St. George's Day Dance was sold out several weeks early and it needs no telling what a great success it was. Carol and I had a very enjoyable time, but unfortunately our Draft Horse stepped on Carol's foot which slowed her down as far as the dance floor is concerned.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for recommending me for the "Roger Award". It was certainly a surprise but a great morale booster at a much needed time. Thank you to everyone!

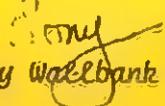
We were blessed with a beautiful black filly colt this spring and her proud uncle (that's me) had the priveledge of seeing her born. What a hair raising experience.

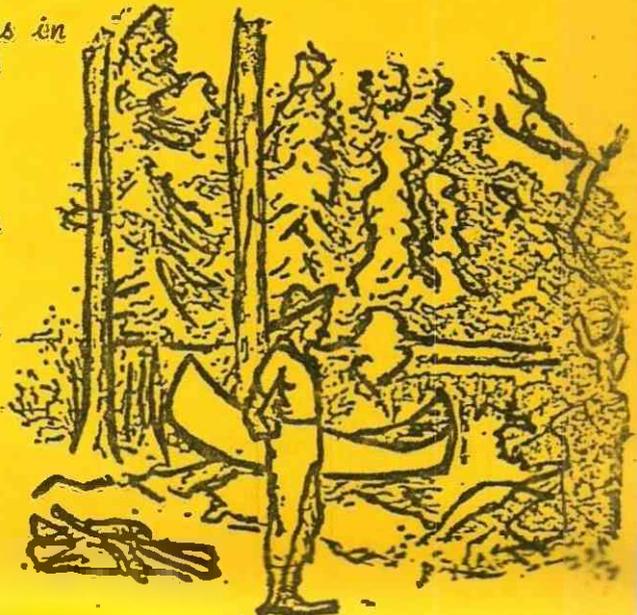
We have some very interesting articles in this issue particularly one written by Canadian author and broadcaster "Pierre Burton".

Several Rangers have requested that Ranger events be published. We would be glad to publish your events. Please specify whether they are Rangers only or open to Rovers.

Hope you are enjoying the magazine.

Yours in Roving,

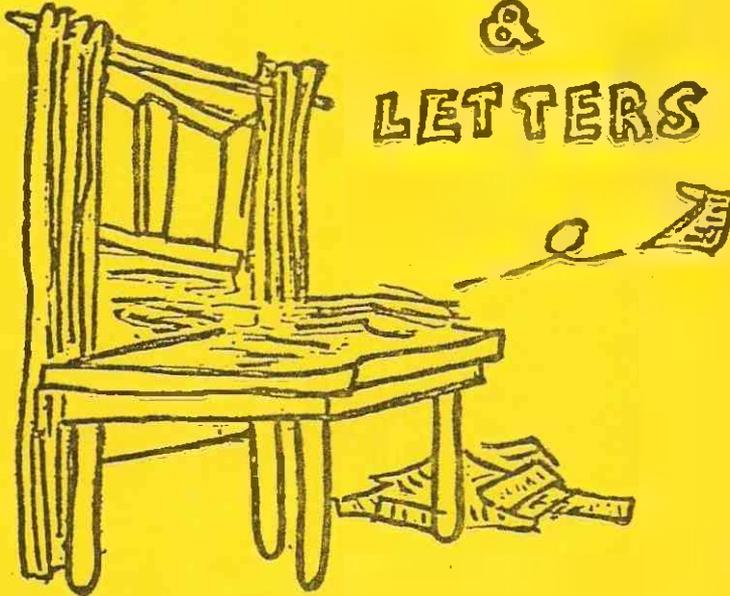

Tony Wallbank



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NEWS & LETTERS



PIERRE BERTON
21 Sackville Street
Toronto, Ontario

April 11, 1978

Dear Mr. Lengyell,

Thanks for your letter of April 5th. I am attaching a column I wrote sometime ago for the Toronto Star which answers most of your questions and which you are welcome to use without payment.

Best wishes

Sincerely,

PB/ea

"PLEASE FIND PIERRE'S ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE"

Dear Editor:

We wish to thank you and your staff for a well written and published Magazine.

I have been reading this Magazine since you started. I didn't think it would be any use to me, but since I've become in your sister movement it has solved a lot of problems and answered a lot of questions for us. It also gave us the courage to attend some of the Moots and other Events offered.

We would also like to say thank you to the 1st Elmira Rovers for all their help and sometimes helpful advice.

Please find enclosed our check for \$3.00. Keep up the good work.

From your sister Movement
1st Elmira Rangers

9 Atlanta Grove
Kowhai Park
Brooklyn
Wellington 2
New Zealand

29th March 1978

The Editor
Rovering Magazine
Boy Scouts of Canada
Box 811
Cambridge, (Galt), Ontario
Canada

Dear Editor:

I have just returned from our National Rover Moot held in Dunedin, while I was there I was given a copy of your "Rovering Magazine". I must congratulate you and your staff on a very fine production. I found the magazine to have a variety of interesting articles as well as being very thought provoking.

This copy was shown to members of our crew (Regal Rover Crew) and various members of other crews through our New Zealand. It was suggested by our crew to subscribe to your magazine. I believe that there will be other subscriptions from other crews in the near future.

Please find enclosed a cheque for six dollars, three dollars of which is for postage and the other three dollars for one years subscription.

Yours in Rovering,

Paul Sutherland (Regal Rover)

Dear Editor:

This letter is actually directed to the 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers but I really want everyone to read it.

As a newly formed crew we travelled to the Rover Ranger Olympics with a little uneasiness because we didn't know how we would be treated. Upon our arrival at the grounds, registration couldn't find our envelope and it looked as if we were going to be totally overlooked. However, things soon began to improve as we set up camp with the help of the Imperial Dragons Rover Crew. (They got our campfire going). That evening we attended the dance and took up spots as wallflowers. Upon seeing some Rovers from this area, they soon introduced us to other Rovers and Rangers and our crew crawled out of the woodwork.

The following day our crew took off our masks and showed our true form. We met the Queen City Rovers in a baseball game before opening ceremonies with the 1st Ellesmere Rangers cheering us on.

The one thing that keeps our crew together has got to be our willingness to get involved, and during the events we couldn't have been more involved. Every member participated in every event and we made several more friends.

Sunday was really too soon in coming because we wanted to stay and continue a great weekend. But as they say "all good things

must come to an end". Many thanks to each and every Rover and Ranger for an enjoyable debut into Moot Merry-making. I hope we will be easily distinguishable at our next moot.

Yours in Roving,

James Hilborn
20th Cambridge Mountie R.C.

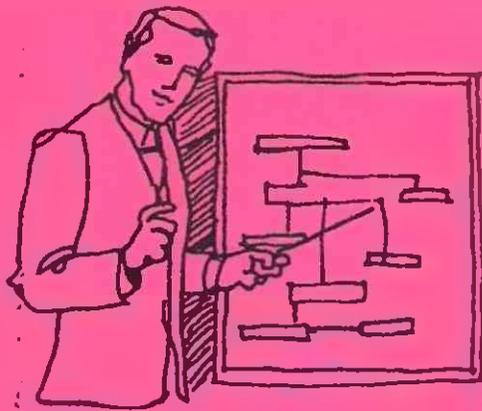
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Recruit a Rover

Create a Crew

By Doug Campbell

Rover Population Declining

For the last ten years the Rover population in Canada has dropped to 2,500 from 6,500 members. With this rate of decline it is evident Rovers must become more active in the area of recruitment. If Rovers feel they have a good program to offer Canadian youth, they must now decide to meet the challenge of extending the Rover program into their communities. This is not an easy task.

How do crews go about recruiting new members? Who does the recruiting and where? This article has some suggestions which can be modified to meet your local needs. But, are Rovers willing to accept the challenge of recruitment to expand their membership?

When is the best time to recruit?

Anytime is the best time for recruitment. But, because we tend to be a seasonal organization — from September to May — the best time for recruiting is in the fall. Crews should prepare a recruiting plan to start in the fall and carry through until May. Recruitment is not a 'one shot deal', it is a manoeuvre to get new members to start new crews. If your crew makes a commitment to start recruiting it must recognize this responsibility immediately.

Where do you find recruits?

There are two groups of people we can recruit from: those who are already members of Scouting and those who are not.

One of the best recruiting grounds for Rovers is Venturer companies. Members of a crew could talk to companies and encourage their members to continue Scouting by joining a Rover crew or forming a new crew themselves. Perhaps your crew could invite older Venturers on a group activity to show them what Roving is all about.

When recruiting new members from outside the organization, there are many places to look. An obvious place is amongst your friends. Other places are schools, colleges, and other youth-oriented areas. Some Rovers work and possibly their friends would be interested in joining.

As a crew exercise try listing persons and places in your community which have recruitment possibilities. Once the crew has decided the area in which they will concentrate, there are several methods to use. The best method is personal contact. People are more likely to join the crew if they are approached on a personal basis.

Other methods include advertising in school newspapers, local radio stations and community news-

papers. Remember, if you want people to join, you must first let them know you exist.

Sponsor a New Crew

If you have been successful in recruiting many new members, why not sponsor a new crew? This could be a good selling point to older Venturers who may wish to stay together and form their own crew. All your crew must do is help the new crew get started. You would help them find a permanent sponsor, recruit an advisor and aid them in their initial programs and organization. A member of your crew might pick this up as a service project.

Information Evening

Another good method is to hold an information evening. This can take many forms, but should be informative and fun. Roving is an exciting program and should be presented as such. The evening should move quickly and cover such areas as programs, uniforms, organization and how to join. Use slides, displays and short, interesting talks. People attending have really one question — *If I join the crew what will we do?* Make sure your meeting answers this question. Your crew may want to combine the information evening with a barbecue or pancake dinner. This would certainly add fun and fellowship to the event.

Aim for Some Targets

Once your crew decides to become active in recruitment choose targets within their reach. Organize a plan of action and then get going. Too much planning can retard your goal. If every crew in Canada made the following commitments we would increase the number of Rovers substantially.

Target: Every Rover now in the crew is to recruit one new member.

Result: Rovers in Canada grow to 5,000 from 2,500.

Target: Start and sponsor one new crew this year.

Result: Crews increase to 600 from 300.

Target: Every crew holds an Information Night for Venturers to explain the Rover program. (In areas where there are a couple of crews get together and put one on.)

Result: Possibility of even more new crews to be formed.

What are you doing?

Are you ready? Get on the bandwagon, think up some ideas and get started. We want to hear from crews who have picked up the challenge. Let us know what targets you have set and how you plan to reach them. If you have already done some recruiting, send us your plan. We will share it with other crews.

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THE ROVER-IN-TRAINING STAGE - PART 2

(Some thoughts out loud from one who lusts Rovering)

By Prempeh

Note: Topics of Sponsorship and Crew Executive were covered under February Article.

REJUVENATION AND GROWTH

This seems an unlikely subject to look at, particularly under the heading of "Training", but consider for a moment that you are on a hockey team. As a member, you have a responsibility to keep yourself in top physical condition through regular and vigorous training. You also contribute to your performance if you are mentally and emotionally alert. But, it takes more than individual performance to win a game; it takes team effort — and what exactly might that be? Well, for one thing, co-operation — both with the coach and the other team members! If you didn't follow the plays that had been developed and practiced, your success rate wouldn't be very high, nor would your popularity. Help would be another part of team effort — getting a team mate out of a jam or teaching him how to do something. A third part of team effort would be spirit — that certain rah, rah, rah to go out and win for the old "Alma Mater", or telling a team mate that he's done a good job.

Now take those three ingredients (co-operation, help and spirit) and apply them to your position in the Crew and our subject. Like a hockey team, we are, or should be, constantly working at building something to be proud of, improving our record in competition and expanding our minds through service and questing. It may be difficult for you to realize or appreciate the Crew's heritage now, but your interest will undoubtedly increase with your participation and dedication in Crew-oriented projects. The great majority of Crews come and go, having a short life, but the odd one continues on. Why? . . . Because there has always been at least one interested person in the Crew who has seen the value of keeping the Crew going. To young people on the street and in Scouting, they have a chance to join or come up to an existing unit built on a strong foundation, and you should take the responsibility of offering the Crew program to them. Indeed you would have a chance to grow with them, teach and learn, and give them the opportunities to have the fun you're having.

If you spend a few years in the Crew (and I certainly hope you do) you will find the membership changes constantly. Reasons for this include age, time, interests and personality, and, unfortunately, communication. While this is another subject by itself, whatever the reasons, membership will decline unless rejuvenation and growth take place on a regular basis, and as Rovering includes training, this "self-preservation" of the Crew is a good topic under training.

Consider too, what advantages there are to you as an individual, to help the Crew grow. New faces offer the possibilities of new friendships (many permanent ones come from those you meet in Rovers), introduce you to different hobbies, sisters and life-styles; not to mention self-satisfaction in training Squires.

You learn to work, to have fun together with other fellows your age whom you've just started to know, and it helps you to learn toleration, understanding and empathy, when you rub shoulders with new fellows whose ideas may not always agree with yours.

To ignore this topic would be a disservice both to you and the Crew. Constantly keep it in mind and, perhaps, make a personal commitment to bring in at least one new person into the Crew each year. That way, both you and the Crew will grow.

SERVICE

From time to time, hopefully, the Crew will be involved in activities loosely termed "service projects". Had you been in Scouts, they would be called "good turns" although the magnitude of the jobs and degrees of proficiency with which they are carried out would probably be substantially different. They seem to come in all shapes and sizes, require little or lots of assistance, can be work and/or fun, are one-shot or ongoing, occur in Scouting or outside of Scouting, seldom reward you financially, and nearly always give satisfaction. They are part of what Rovering is all about.

I emphasize part, because there are many kinds of service, some of which you may not recognize as such, but should be looked at. The other thing to look at is your attitude towards service and why do it.

PERSONAL SERVICE

This is the general category that covers health, physical fitness, religious beliefs, education, career-planning and so on. We'll look at it later under the heading of "Questing".

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE

Here is perhaps where your greatest contribution can be made. When you pass a piece of paper on the street, do you stop, pick it up and place it in a nearby garbage receptacle? Just think of the millions of times that occurs, every single day, and nothing is done to improve the ecology. You know how you can help! Try the following on for size -- e.g., become conscious of your role and play it . . .

1. Assist a motorist with a flat tire or one with the hood up;
2. Carry some parcels for a Senior Citizen;
3. Shovel the snow off the walk, voluntarily, or cut the grass.

No! earth shattering, eh! Maybe not, but what a terrific feeling to know you've helped someone just a little bit or made things a little bit better. When you've got into the routine of performing these small tasks, try a few more demanding projects such as: (by the way, the small ones should never be forgotten)

1. Ongoing volunteer work with an agency (such as Red Cross or Heart Fund);
2. Work on a community conservation project such as tree-planting in the neighbourhood;
3. Assist in a Cub Pack or Scout Troop.

Probably the greatest way we can contribute to our society is by loving our fellow man through practising the golden rule. The damp-eyed appreciation of the elderly gentleman on your street that you took ten minutes out of your busy schedule last week to chat with; the wide eyes and enthusiastic laughs of little boys as you rebuild the ladder to their tree house; the new Canadian's warm handshake after you've taken time to give directions or show the way; the lump in your throat when you see the disabled child finally achieve that, together, you've worked so hard to achieve, and on and on.

(cont'd.) . . .

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE (cont'd.)

If these things tug at your heart string, you're beginning to feel the responsibility of good citizenship. Nobody expects it to come easy or overnight. Selflessness comes from within and many people never develop it. Others develop it to such a degree that it can affect their home and personal life. Involvement and some personal sacrifice on a purely voluntary basis, because you feel a void in your life without them, will show your real attitude towards service. The opportunity to develop that attitude is very large in Rovers.

Depending upon you, circumstances and needs, there is another "level" of service you could very well work in, although it usually comes years later when your life patterns have become established (these days that is also becoming more difficult to establish). Try some of the following on for size and see if they fit yet . . .

1. Organize from scratch an active Scouting section in one of the less fortunate neighbourhoods;
2. Sponsor an Asian child, through a U. N. Agency;
3. Become a big brother/sister;
4. In the life of the church, develop a team dedicated to sponsoring mission work in the Arctic or Africa;
5. Establish a neighbourhood playground for children.

As you can see, there is no end to the kinds of service you can provide. What is important is to realize it needs to be done, and you can do it.

CREW SERVICE

Really, all that needs saying here is that what's good for the individual is also good for the group as long as three things are remembered:

1. Several hands can accomplish not only more than two hands, but different things;
2. Each person is at a different stage in their attitude towards service and projects should be geared accordingly;
3. The least demanding task is as important as the most demanding.

Great care should be taken when planning Crew program to see that a healthy amount of time be set aside for service.

(QUESTING)

to be continued . . .

Rocky Raccoon

My friend Duke has a pet raccoon that has the run of his house; it terrorizes his cats, playfully bites his children, eats anything it can get its hands on, defecates in a cat box, and feels most secure in the basement or on Duke's lap. The raccoon is fascinating to watch as she explores her surroundings. For raccoons, you see, have a surprising intelligence and a very delicate, gently, manipulative ability; to watch her seek out objects, handle them, puzzle over them, and play with them is an incredible lesson in zoology. To have her exercise her gentle manipulations on you, to see her genuine pleasure when you scratch her back, these are exercises in the unlimited capacity for empathy or love with and for animals.

On my way home late one night, around a sharp curve in the road, I came upon five young raccoons the same size as Duke's -- a couple of them in my path -- swerved sharply and just missed them! Almost left one there a "bloody corpse strewn across the road"... And the loss?... Well.. what about the loss?... Hundreds of raccoons are run down everyday. And.. then.. slowly the mind remembers that beautiful, fascinating raccoon at Duke's, intelligent, curious, delicate, friendly, AND THE MIND REALIZES THAT THEY ARE ALL THAT WAY!!

by Ecology



MOOT MISSES



Abha Patel

by mark



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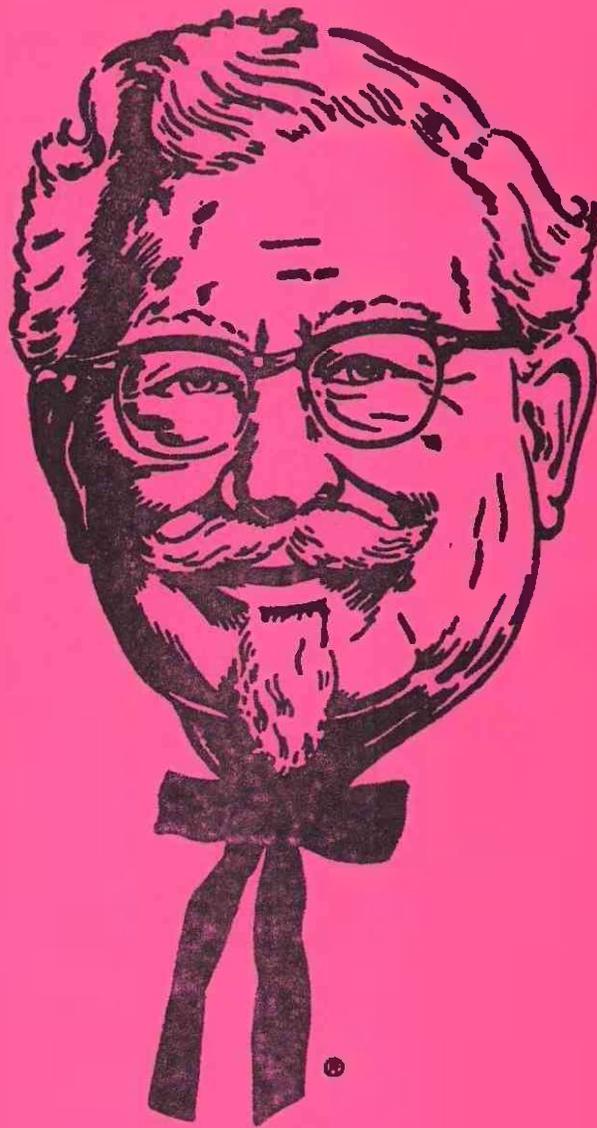


Miss Fleetfoot should be her nickname, she lists badminton and running as her favorite sports, and she backed it up by having placed third at the 1978 Rover Ranger Olympics cross-country run. She has been with the 1st Queensway Rangers for two years, and expects Rangers to help her to enjoy all people from all over the world. This 18 year old of dark brown hair and eyes is the first moot miss to name the carnation as her favorite flower. She claims to have no favorite color, and depending on her mood, says she enjoys all kinds of vocalists and music, except rock.

Abha "enjoys cooking very much" and her cooking is India style with curries. (HOT, HOT, HOT)

She enjoys math and sciences in school, and hopes to make it to Med school. When asked her opinion on going steady she replied "It's O.K. if the couple has known each other for about a year."





*Best Wishes from Colonel Sanders
and his Boys and Girls at*

Scott's chicken Villa.

Winners at the Rover-Ranger Olympics :

Long Distance travel award--- Baden-Powell Rover Crew
Glasgow, Kentucky, U.S.A.

Cross Country Race:

Rovers; 1st.... Mike Moran3rd Aurora
2nd.... Reid Sheppard....3rd Cliffcrest
3rd.... Martin Burton....1st Oakville

Rangers;1st.... Rose Marie Sbralla....1st Rexdale
2nd.... Marieanne Hurdy.....2nd Scarborough
3rd.... Abha Patel.....1st Queensway

Car Rally:

1st... car 13..... Mark Donnelly, Dave Brown of
3rd & 5th Bendale "G.R.I.T.S."
Rhian Koski of 1st Glen Andrew Co.
2nd....car 5..... Alan M.Stewart, Derrick Wynne of
23rd Sir Gareth Rover Crew
Teresa Smith, Brenda Smith of
1st. Ellesmere Rangers.
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| 3. Colombia | 4. Upper Volta |
| 5. Dahomey | 6. Haiti |
| 7. Ireland | 8. Latvia |
| 9. Belgium | 10. Libya |
| 11. Chad | 12. Nigeria |
| 13. Peru | 14. Mali |
| 15. Honduras | 16. Luxembourg |
| 17. Monaco | 18. Qatar |
| 19. Guinea | 20. Gabon |

Top Crew Award: 3rd & 5th Bendale "G.R.I.T.S."

Top Company Award : 1st Thornhill Chaos Rangers

THE 1978 ROVER-RANGER OLYMPICS

For the Seventh year the 1st Newtonbrook Rovers ran the ever popular Olympics. Assisting for the third time were the York St. Patrick Rangers. "The Rangers work hard and the Crew Appreciate it!" was a statement uttered with exclamation points by Skip Paul Sampson.

The Newtonbrook Rovers try to run the moot as a break-even event, and after seven years they feel they are teetering equal on the balance sheets.

Despite the fact that this moot has run seven times, the danger of complacency, is always there, but with changes in the crew it becomes a new experience of organizing and running every year.

The magazine interviewed several participants such as, Mrs. Laurie Nowak female advisor to post 28 Buffalo, April, Michele, Anne, and Jean of the 1st. Elmira Rangers, Gordon Ross, 1st Whitby Resolute Trefoils, 1st Kleinburg Rangers and their Captain Sherle Donneral and numerous Crew members. All without exception rated the Moot as terrific, but one comment kept cropping up. They did not care for the Live Band and felt a D.J. would have been better and provided a greater range of music.

During these interviews we spoke to Capt. Dawson of the 16th Mississaga Rangers, and she wonders who has her poncho, someone (borrowed) it at Scarecrow and she has not seen it since. If the party who has it is to embarrassed to return the poncho to her, give it to the 9th Kitchener and they will see that she is no longer rained on.

The success of this moot hinges on two main factors, one the moot is very well organized, two - almost everyone competes in the nine team competitions. And compete they did, with almost a fanatical zeal, in the one competition while we were watching there were two twisted or sprained ankles and one broken (tough luck Jack).

One thing puzzles us, if this moot has been this good why was there no nomination for it for the Roger Award.

We told a number of people at the moot there would be photos of it along with the article, unfortunately they were not ready at press time, but we are planning a photo story on various moots in a future issue, watch for it

Just Truckin - "70 Years For Scouting"

"Berton Along The Way"

Look back over your shoulder, some 70 years; it was the time when Scouting first came to Canada - 1908. This fledgling nation of ours was now, a part of a soon to be, "worldwide" brotherhood of fun, fellowship and service. No one rightly knows where our first Canadian Scout Troop sprang up- maybe it's just as well. Scouting grew though, and by 1914 some 13,465 people were registered with the movement.

It was a movement with a future-surviving through the dedication of many hard-working Scout personnel. Cubs and Scouts were our beginning, and then in 1918 Rovers came into the picture, an extension of the Scout program aimed at young adults aged 16-23. B.P. called it, "A brotherhood of open air and service".

Through the roaring 20's; cubs, scouts, and Rovers flourished. On into the depression ridden dirty 30's, the war-torn 40's, and the fabulous 50's (rock n roll). The 60's were a boom period for all concerned; Scouting was no exception, as were were now reaching the 175,000 mark in total membership.

In 1967 "Venturers" were added to the Scouting family, to bridge the gap between Scouts and Rovers. It t-o, grew, as did the other sections; on into the space age 70's. Then in 1974, the advent of the beaver program gave Scoutings face yet anothe wrinkle - a grandios movement (Scouting), a quarter of a million members strong.

Now, here we are in 1978; membership in the five sections of the movement reaching 300,000 persons, all believing in the same common ideals; that of the aims and principles of our founder- Baden Powell of Gilwell.

Uniforms too, have changed over the years. Stetsons, short pants, and a scout staff were once quite common. In recent years however, the stetsons have been replaced by berets; shorts with long pants, and the scout staff hangs on the wall covered in dust, a souvenir of your younger hiking days.

We both need to take a second look though. The big switch is on, the switch back to more traditional ways. Stories of our fathers and others, involved in Scouting, are ringing in the ears of many; tales of hiking 40 miles in a day and sleeping under the stars, abound. Thumbsticks and scout staves are reappearing once again too. Even the odd stetson can now be seen at any Rover Moot, or Scout Jamboree event.

Many are dedicated to the Scouting movement in Canada; it's a way of life, not merely something to fill a few "empty hours". Even those who once were Scouts, who even today are strong believers in the entire program. One such individual, is a well-known Canadian writer, radio and television personality, a person familiar to most of us---- Mr. Pierre Berton, who once wrote an article, "My Love Affair With The Scout Movement".

A True ROVER?

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MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE SCOUT MOVEMENT

By Pierre Berton

WEEKS DEVOTED TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS and products rarely get notice in this space, but I should like to make an exception (unsolicited, too) for last week, which was devoted to the Boy Scouts and which I would now, belatedly, like to recognize.

Whenever I am asked what the most important influence in my life has been, I always answer that it was the seven years I spent in the Scout movement. When I joined the Scouts in Victoria at the age of 12, I was newly arrived in a strange and bewildering city after the shelter of a small northern town. I was nervous and unsure of myself, almost without friends and frightened to death of the confusing outside world. I was good in my studies, but bad in formal sports, undersized for my age and the youngest boy in my grade. At school I was beaten up regularly, and probably with good reason, for I was a bit of a pest. The Scout movement was the making of me.

The Scouts have their own kind of status system, and it is based on different values than are to be found in the schools. The kind of brains that produce cloistered scholars are not terribly important to the Scouts, nor is the ability to play football well. The stress here is laid on something else—on ingenuity, on imagination and on a sense of humor. There is also a badge for everybody, and this is important. There is a badge for boys who can draw and another for boys who can get up at a campfire and entertain, and another for boys who can make speeches. There are badges for boys who are good with their heads. Nobody is left out. There are no squares in the Scout Movement and no sissies.

The Scouts find out what a boy can do best and then they teach him to excel at it. Thus encouraged, he soon finds himself excelling at all sorts of surprising things. To this day I can send a semaphore or Morse code message, tie a sheet bend on a sheep shank, and make a sling for a dislocated collarbone. I have never had to do any of these things and perhaps I never will. But the point is that there was a time, long ago, when I did not in my wildest dreams believe I was capable of such miracles. When I learned from the Scouts that nothing is ever as difficult as it appears to be, I felt the first stirrings of self-confidence.

I also learned to cook in the Scouts, and to make a small but hot fire with one match and to tie up a boat so it wouldn't float away and yet could be released easily, a trick that stood me in good stead on the Trent journey last summer. My journalism career started there, too. The first newspaper I was ever associated with was a weekly typewritten publication issued by the Seagull Patrol of St. Mary's Troop.

But the Scouts gave me far more than that. It is possible, I suspect, that without this anchor I might have become a juvenile delinquent. Part way through the depression my father, who was unemployed, found that he had a chance for a job out of town. He took it to support his family and as a result I was without a father for many of my formative years. The Scout movement, and not a street gang, filled that vacancy.

For all of my teens my life revolved around the Scout hall. There were patrol meetings on Tuesday nights and Troop meetings on Friday nights and hikes every single Sunday. There were camps at Easter and in the summer, and there were rallies, fetes, garden parties, parades, banquets, tournaments and every conceivable kind of social event. Ours was a lively troop with good leadership. But then, in the Scouts, every boy is trained to be a leader.

Because of the Scouts this period of adolescence, which might have been so unfortunate—and which has been a desperately miserable period for so

many boys-- was for me a kind of idyll. I cannot hear the old song, "Till We Meet Again" without my memory going back to the Scout version of that tune which was always sung around the Campfire before lights out. It all comes back after more than a quarter of a century. The glowing faces of the boys reflected in the leaping flames... Louis Durant playing the mouthorgan as sweetly as a Heifetz... the dark, rustling wall of the conifers behind us... the lapping of the water at the margin of the lake... the scent of hot chocolate... and the mingled feelings of mystery and of friendship and of approaching adulthood, stirring within me like the night wind in the pines.

THOSE SHORT PANTS

There are other memories... Cooking beans in the pouring rain underneath the shelter of an old bridge on Vancouver Island... the time a member of our patrol threw an epileptic fit at the exact moment we were studying its treatment in the St. John's ambulance guide... the month we wrote and produced and entire musical show which half-delighted and half-baffled the inhabitants of the local orphanage... the time we went camping in the snow... the weekend trip we made to visit a neighboring troop in the United States... and the endless arguments about short pants coupled with our fierce determination to wear them as a kind of badge, no matter how the non-Scouts jeered at us.

Some of the things that I learned in the Boy Scouts had nothing to do with the training manuals laid down by that wise old man, Baden-Powell. They were the fortunate by-products of a long and close association with men and boys of similar inclination and outlook. Perhaps most useful piece of advice I've ever had was given to me and some others by our Scoutmaster late one evening when the hall was about to close and some of us older boys had lingered behind to talk together.

He had worked all of his life for the Customs Department and now he revealed to us that he had disliked every minute of it-- that there had been no day in his life when he had not crawled unwillingly to a job he loathed. He turned to us and he said very quietly but very forcefully:

"Boys, if there's one thing I want to leave with you it's this: Never, under any circumstances, no matter what the pay, take a job that you don't like doing. It just isn't worth it."

And we closed up the old Scout hall and turned off the lights and went our separate ways; and each of us since then has gone his separate ways and we do not see one another any more, save in memory; and indeed some were killed in the war that followed, including the son of that man who gave us such wise advice and wise leadership and for whom, as much as for any of the rest of us, the Boy Scout movement was a kind of salvation.

St. George's Dinner and Dance --- Roger Awards 1978

The 9th Kitchener Rover Crew would like to thank all those who attended and helped make the event a sell-out. We are very indebted to six women from our Scout Ladies Auxillary who did the serving and a lot of the cleaning up. Had it not been for their help we estimate the last dish would have been washed at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. As it was we finished at 6:30 a.m., had a left-over turkey breakfast and prepared the hall for between services, at which time we served 150 donuts and 100 cups of coffee to the congregation. To say we enjoyed all the work would be a out and out lie, but the challenge of solving the many problems and the final results make it all very worthwhile.

ROGER AWARD WINNERS

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by Prempeh
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by Mark Sitler

For all those who asked about the dessert at the St. George's Dinner here is the recipe for PINEAPPLE WHIP

- 1 large or family size orange jello
- 2 cups of boiling water (for the jello)
- 1 cup of minute rice (measure uncooked)
- 1 large can crushed pineapple
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint whipping cream

Method: Pour 2 cups of boiling water into jello, add the crushed pineapple, and the cooked and drained minute rice. Refrigerate, when partially set fold in the whipped whipping cream and refrigerate. Serve with a whipped topping and a cherry. Above serves 6 to 8 people. This can be made 1 or 2 days before serving if kept refrigerated, it can also be made in camp by using a ice cooler to set the jello, or if the temperatures are low enough set outside

Want a quickie for lunch ? Try fried mushroom soup sandwiches
Butter 2 pieces of bread on the outside, spread undiluted mushroom soup between, fry till golden brown on both sides and eat. 1 can of soup will make 4 to 6 sandwiches. We laughed too till we tried them, 9th Kitchener.

We of the 9th Kitchener Rover Crew wish to thank the merchants who donated the prizes for the spot dances at the St. George's Dinner and Dance.

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Questing

Every Crew wants to be proud of their record. You hang up your Moot Pennants and prize ribbons. You think that your Crew is the best bunch of fellows there ever will be. You're right too. But underneath there is that dull ache that there is more to this brotherhood of Rovering. The question of how can I live up to the law and promise, live up to our motto of service, achieve the aims of Rovering, and make progress ?

The answer lies in one word-----QUESTING !!!

A real quest is not a one evening project. A quest can take weeks, months, years or a lifetime. It is a personal adventure, many of the great explorers in all fields were not Rovers, but they were Questers. The search for a truth, or striving for accomplishment in a field of your choice can be a real stimulus for your entire Crew.

So shake up your Crew, get them talking about questing, better still every Rover that reads this go to your next Crew meeting and announce you are about to embark on a Quest. Tell your brothers that you will make regular progress reports till you feel you are finished then the Crew can decide wether or not to award you the progress thong.

Every journey starts with the first step, so it will be Questing, someone must start, let it be YOU !!!

ROVER MATES COURSE (April 21-23)

As I am a Mate I was asked to attend this course so that our crew might run slightly smoother. After such an enjoyable weekend, I suggest that anyone getting the chance to attend such a course -- crawl, walk, run, but get there.

The course was scheduled to begin Friday night, but because of the South Waterloo Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance the course did not begin till two o'clock Saturday morning. That evening everyone felt restless and we did not get to sleep till about five o'clock. This proved to be a mistake that we paid for late Saturday morning when we rose to start the second day of the course.

The course consisted of discussions and simulation. Many of the discussions resulted in gentle jokes especially when it came to talk about what a Skip should be.

The complete weekend cannot be put onto paper. It has to be experienced to really have impact. Hopefully, each crew picked up some ideas and the crew is beginning to accelerate towards success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Don McLeod, Frank McKenna, Paul Henderson, Tony Wallbank and Grant Fraser for giving all of those in attendance some insight towards the benefits of Rovering. Also to Bob Gmelin for his terrific cooking and the excellent planning of the banquet.

James Hilborn
20th Cambridge Mountie R.C.

**It is in Giving,—not in seeking gifts,
We find our quest".**

THE ROVER CONNECTION

Brother Rovers

Well Brothers you haven't heard from me in a while and I don't suppose I've been missed. What I'm about to expostulate on is a subject that has intrigued me ever since I started Rover Scouting. (Yes we are Scouts but thats another story literally). This is the esprit de corps that is prevalent among those in Roving.

Time and time again I've seen it surface, strange in an age where uniforms are not welcome in public or at best looked upon in askance.

Rover Scouts venture into public in full uniform, even kilts in an effort to show the public that they are proud to be Rovers. Last summer, on a plane to P.E.I., a group of Rovers made the otherwise tedious trip enjoyable by singing and joking en route. I've seen Rovers march into discos in full uniform, attend Blood Donor clinics, run car rallys, sit down and pick a guitar in a crowded airport. In hotel dining rooms, I've seen them get up and serve coffee from their own pots to waiting guests.

All the time incidents like these happen and the number of incidents like these are every increasing. The only explanation given is "Well we're Rovers" which seems to explain it all.

Brothers such an esprit de corps is held in esteem by all members of the movement and I;m proud to be part of it.

Thanks

Dave Hannah
Foresters Rover Crew



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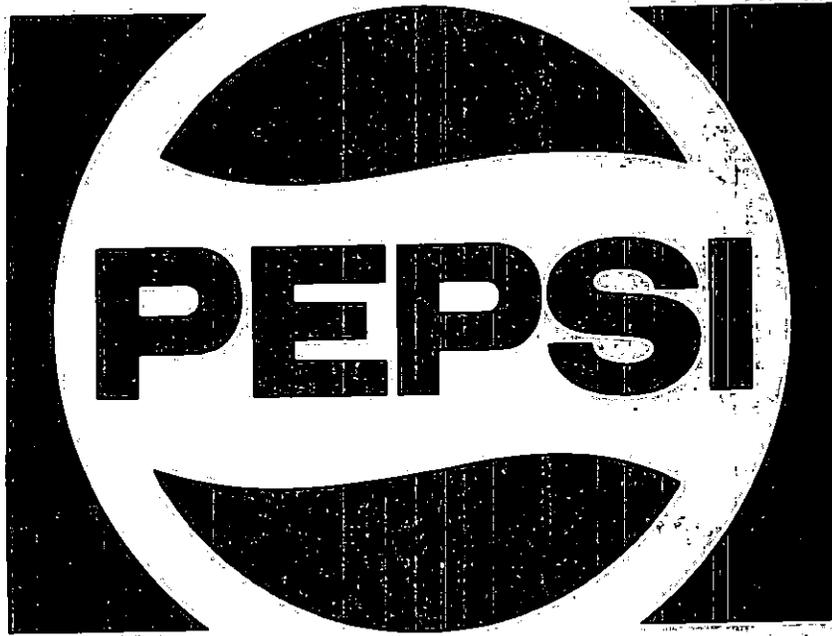
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