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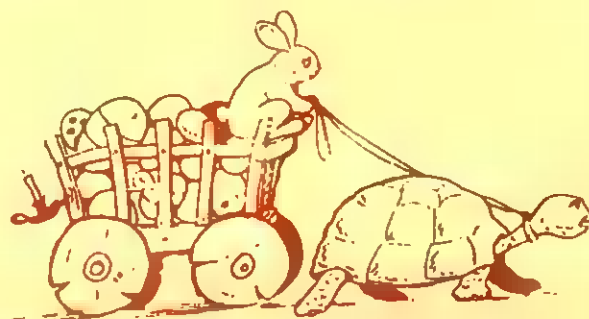
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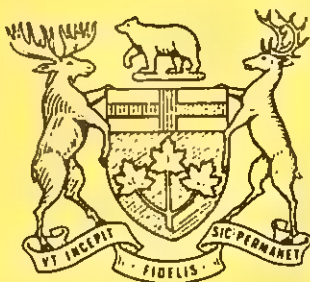
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# -- UPCOMING EVENTS --

## ONTARIO



### APRIL

- 9 THE TROGS 2ND ANNUAL 60'S DANCE  
1st Oakville Co-ed Rover Crew
- 10 BOWL YOUR RUNS OFF TOURNAMENT  
For Venturers and Rovers  
Welland  
Contact: Steve Elston (416) 384-9187  
Ron Laroche (416) 735-5936
- 15-17 Part II Rover Wood Badge, 1st of 3  
Greater Toronto Region  
Contact: GTR Headquarters  
(416) 925-3425
- 23 ST. GEORGE'S DAY DINNER & DANCE  
9th Kitchener Rover Crew  
See Ad This Issue
- 24 ST GEORGE'S DAY CAR RALLY  
17th St. Catharines  
Contact: Jeff Hanlon (416) 684-7540

### MAY

- 7 16th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
1st Dixie Co-ed Rover Crew  
For more information call:  
The Pattersons (416) 279-3287  
See ad this issue.
- 27-29 Part II Rover Wood Badge, 2nd of 3  
Greater Toronto Region  
Contact: GTR Headquarters  
(416) 925-3425
- 29 ONTARIO ROVER ROUND TABLE MEETING  
Quinte Region, Peterborough

### JUNE

- 10-12 ATTAWANDERONK GOES TO THE BEACH  
Camp Everton (just outside of Guelph)  
1st Elmira Rovers & Donnacona Rangers
- 17-19 CAMAS GOES TO ROME  
Camp Samac, Oshawa
- 24-26 Part II Rover Wood Badge, 3rd of 3  
Greater Toronto Region  
Contact: GTR Headquarters  
(416) 925-3425

### JULY

- 29 - 3RD ANNUAL SLEEPING GIANT AWAKENING  
Aug 1 MOOT  
Contact: Alan Wiensczyk  
c/o School of Forestry  
Lakehead University  
Thunder Bay, Ontario  
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(807) 767-9033 (Home)  
See ad this issue.

### AUGUST

- 12-14 WILDMAN RESURRECTION MOOT (RVR)  
1st Alcona St. George Rovers  
P.O. Box 484, Stroud  
Ontario, L0L 2M0
- 13-20 PART II ROVER WOOD BADGE  
Blue Springs Scout Reserve  
Contact: OHQ (416) 923-2461

### SEPTEMBER

- 18 ONTARIO ROVER ROUND TABLE MEETING  
Location TBA
- 23-25 3RD ANNUAL GLRRRT MOOT  
JUST A KID IN HEART  
Contact: Michealanne Callum  
(519) 336-1083 After 6:00 pm

### OCTOBER

- 14-16 HALLOWEEN MOOT, Burford  
Saturday Morning Cartoons

### NOVEMBER

- 13 ONTARIO ROVER ROUND TABLE MEETING  
Location TBA

## QUEBEC



### APRIL

- 17 QRRT  
Knights of Excalibur  
Queen Elizabeth
- 30 SPRING FLING DANCE  
Iakononhwarahthontha Ohneka

### MAY 1988

- 20-23 BACK TO SCHOOL MOOT Cool Chameleon  
See ad this issue.  
QRRT

## AUGUST

- 19-21 GOLD RUSH '88  
A Quebec Tradition

## SEPTEMBER

- 16-18 RANGER RANT - Weekend of Murder  
Quebec Ranger Council

1989

## JANUARY

- 19-21 CLUB MED MOOT '89  
Knights of Excalibur

## BRITISH COLUMBIA



## APRIL

- 13 FRASER VALLEY ROVER ROUND TABLE  
Annual General Meeting  
8 PM, Camp McLean
- 15-17 FRASER VALLEY ROVER MOOT  
Contact: Lesley McGee (604) 530-0412
- 24 B.C./YUKON ROVER ROUND TABLE  
10AM Provincial Scout Office

## MAY

- 10 VANCOUVER COAST ROVER ROUND TABLE  
8 PM, Vancouver Scouthouse
- 20-23 CAMP SKEETER '88  
Camp Cailliet, Nanaimo  
Contact: Island Region Scout Office

## JUNE

- ? MANNING PARK WORK WEEKEND  
Contact: Vancouver Coast RRT
- 8 FRASER VALLEY ROVER ROUND TABLE  
8 PM, Camp McLean

## JULY

- ? FRASER VALLEY RAFT RACE  
Date and location TBA

## SEPTEMBER

- 2-5 B.C./ALTA ROVER MOOT  
Contact: Tony Lobmeyer 462-7272  
See ad this issue.

## OCTOBER

- 21-23 VANCOUVER COAST ROVER MOOT  
Contact: Beachcomber Rover Crew

## ALBERTA



## MAY

- 7 ARRT (Calgary)

## JUNE

- 24-26 K of SD BALL TOURNEY & BARN DANCE

## OCTOBER

- 7-10 CAMOOT
- 29 HIGHLAND GAMES (Moose)

## MANITOBA



## APRIL

- 9 SCOUT SHOW, Winnipeg
- 10 33rd WINNIPEG VENTURER CO. CAR RALLY

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JULY/ AUGUST 1989

ROVER SCOUT EVENT, Japan

1989/90

? 11th AUSTRALIAN ROVER MOOT  
Australia Capital Territory

1990/1991

Dec- 8th WORLD ROVER MOOT  
Jan Victoria, Australia

1989

JULY

? NATIONAL BSA JAMBOREE, Ft. A.P. Hill  
Virginia


AUGUST

? 19th ANNUAL. WEE MOOT  
Rotary Scout Reservation  
Glasgow, Kentucky



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\* your event a success and help to keep the \*  
\* Scouting and Guiding population informed. \*  
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*From the  
Editor's Pen* 

APRIL

1-5 NEW ZEALAND ROVER MOOT  
Contact New Zealand Scout Headquarters

1-5 NORTH TERRITORY ROCK MOOT  
Ayres Rock, Australia  
Contact: Scout Association of Aust.  
218 Northbourne Ave, Brandon  
A.C.T. 2601  
Australia

MAY

20 MARB (Rover Ball), Victoria  
Australia

JUNE

4-6 MUD BASH, Victoria, Australia

JULY

? INTERNATIONAL ROVER MOOT '88, Korea

23- SKING AT BOGONE, Victoria  
Sept 3

OCTOBER

31st JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR, Worldwide

Over the past few months some interesting statements have passed my way. Some of these comments were reassuring and others, well... "they got my goat", to say the least.

It appears that the Venturer and/or Rover programs are under consideration and are being reviewed for the purpose of strengthening the sections and the movement overall.

That all seems fine and dandy, however, the following are some of the comments which I've received. Now keep in mind that these are only comments and should not be taken too seriously:

1. Venturer age will be increased to allow a larger range for registration.
2. The Rover section will be completely discontinued and we would revert to the British system where Venturers go to the age of 23.
3. Venturer movement would be discontinued and the old system of Scouts to Rovers would be implemented.
4. Rovers would be abolished, however, members would be encouraged to become leaders in the younger sections.
5. Etc.

Personally, I feel the possibility of these comments is very unlikely. After all, we have strong and active groups operating under a program which has been proven to be successful. That's not to say that I don't feel there is a concern with the senior Scouting Sections, there most certainly is.

A Venturer survey, taken about a year ago, indicates that many Venturers would rather stay with their present group or possibly leave the movement before going on to Rovers. And in many cases this is true. It's not unusual to find 19 or 20 year old Venturers.

However, the same is true for Rovers. I know of some crews who have members only 15 years of age. But yet each of the groups are operating quite well.

However, as a result, the group suffering the most is Rovers. Mainly because we do not get the influx of members from the Venturer section. Therefore, most Rovers are either fresh off the street with little or no Scouting experience, or Rangers who have become too old for their section.

On a percentage basis, Venturers seem to take the largest lose of transferring members from its junior section. This in turn reflects the overall population of Rovering.

In a personal opinion, since many of the Rovers come in with little Scouting experience, it appears as though the Rover program has been altered to cater to these new comers to the Scouting movement. Which is perhaps why some Venturers refuse to move on to Rovers.

Now I've been quick to condemn this current situation and perhaps it's not my place to say anything at all, however, I offer these simple and possible solutions in hopes of positive and successful results.

- First of all, the Venturer age should be increased to 18 years of age.

- The Rover age limit should start at 19 and not have a top end. Mainly due to the fact that there are some Crews who have more assistant advisors than they have actual Rovers. Also, with the changing program, a more interesting outlook of activities could keep these people involved both with the Crew and with the younger sections. Keeping in mind that this also is the legal drinking age in Ontario therefore permitting Rovers to partake in such events as wine and cheese seminars, etc.

- More activities such as Moots, dances, etc. should include Venturers. The main reason for this is that the top age of Rangers is 19 therefore making them more compatible to Venturers and the younger Rovers. Also, this will give these junior groups a chance to see what Rovering is all about.

- At the same time, Rovers should have activities of their own, more catered to their age group. Due to the fact that many Rovers are full time employed, they may have extra funds available to take on larger projects and events which do not require excessive fund raising.

- Also, if possible, where there are Rovers and Venturers in the same group, they should encourage more joint meetings and events. There are many benefits for this, eg. - More people to get involved with activities (basketball, floor hockey, mini golf, etc), the ventures ready for advancement would be more willing to carry on because they are already familiar with the Rovers and there is no need to make new friends.

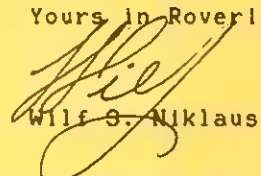
- If there is a Rover Crew with no Venturer Company below them, every effort should be made to encourage the Scouts to stay in the Movement and perhaps the Rovers can act as Venturer advisors and operate a joint meeting until either an advisor can be found and/or sufficient number of boys come together to operate the Company.

As far as I'm concerned Venturers and Rovers are here to stay. I would only recommend that these two groups develop better harmony between each other and encourage more joint activities to help strengthen their sections and the movement overall.

I truly enjoy this glorious movement as many others do and it would be a shame if we stood by and observed a slow painless death without making some effort on a whole to ensure its healthy future.

(This editorial (as well as any others) is open for comments and if anyone has any opinions they would like to share, I invite you to pass them this way and I will do my best to include them in upcoming issues.)

Yours in Rovering,



Wilf S. Niklaus

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Captain Squire's back. Glad to see you're still with us Dwayne. (Thanks)

Time is running out and your chance to vote in this years Roger Awards is quickly coming to an end. Please send your submissions A.S.A.P.

There is nothing that delights me more than when I get so many articles sent in by the readers of this magazine that I have to put some of the less urgent articles on hold. I sincerely thank all those who have taken the time to send in articles to me and also apologize if I don't get to them at the current issue. But please, keep sending me those articles.



# ROGER AWARDS

The "Roger Awards" are not in any way shape or form a product of any Headquarters at any level. It is an award that is made by you, the Rovers, Rangers and Advisors by your nomination-votes sent into Rovering Magazine. It gives Rovers and Rangers a chance to honour their own, and show appreciation for the efforts of one person or a crew(s).

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

It is important that you list #3 in order of preference with 3A being the highest rating (3A is worth 4 pts., 3B is worth 3 pts, 3C is worth 2 pts., and 3D is worth 1 pt.).

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

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

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

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3. Name what you feel were the four best moots in 1987 in order of your preference.

A. -----

B. -----

C. -----

D. -----

4. Name the best continuing feature to appear in Rovering Magazine during the year 1987. (See reverse side)

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5. Name the best feature to appear in Rovering Magazine during the year 1987. (See reverse side)

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Send your nomination-vote to: "ROGER AWARDS"  
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Awards will be presented at the St. George's Day Dinner & Dance April 23, 1988.

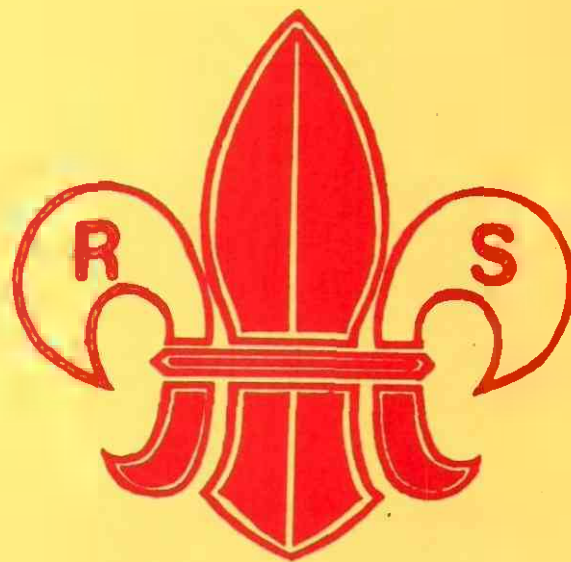
Listed below are some of the possible nominations for this years 1987 Roger Awards.

#### BEST CONTINUING FEATURE ARTICLE

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Atlantic Rovers                   | Poetry & Prose    |
| Bush Beat                         | Questing          |
| B.C. Rovering                     | RepORRT           |
| How About That                    | Upcoming Events   |
| First Aid Frieda                  | Works of ARRT     |
| More Than Just Soup               | Global Report     |
| Major Contributions               | Wilderness Wisdom |
| Moving Frames                     | Editorial         |
| Manitoba Rover                    | Photo Album       |
| Moot Mister                       | Back Page Skip    |
| Moot Misses                       | Rib Tickler       |
| Movie Trivia                      | Wood Chips        |
| Ontario Rover Planning Group Rep. | Trillium          |

#### BEST FEATURE ARTICLE

Camas '86 - Diane Elston  
Why I Want To Be A Ranger - Paula Anderson  
What Does It Really Mean - Ralph Gray  
Club Med Moot '87 - Linda Hutchison  
10th Canadian Rover Moot - Ian Campbell  
Sleeping Giant Awakening Moot Report - Flavio Zovatto  
The Story of Jim Simmons - Richard Stone  
Success of 11th Kitchener - Ralph Gray  
Meet The Crew - Byron Scott  
Christmas - Major's  
Captain Squire - Dwayne Elliot  
BP Guild In Canada - O.J. O'Brien





# LETTERS TO THE -EDITOR-

Back in early March I received a phone call from Jim Ockenden, a Rover from Australia who attended the 10th Canadian Rover Moot in 1986. The following is a brief letter from Jim and his itinerary as he passes through Canada. (Good luck on your travels.)

Jim Ockenden  
P.O. Box 116  
Adelaide Street  
Brisbane, Queensland  
4000, Australia

G'Day Matey;

Hope to catch up with some of the Rovers I met while in Vancouver in 1986. I'm seeing some in Thunder Bay, Ft. McMurray and Vancouver already. I'm looking forward to catching up with people I met at the Moot in Langley and at the Fernridge Arms Hotel nearby.

Bye for now,  
Jimbo

## ITINERARY

Monday  
25 Apr. NEW YORK-PORTLAND HALIFAX  
Depart New York Cont. Airlines  
flight CO 808 6.40 pm  
Arrive Portland 8.05 pm  
Depart Portland Eastern  
Airlines Flight EA 3768 8.25 pm  
Arrive Halifax 11.05 pm

Monday  
25 Apr. HALIFAX  
till  
Thurs. Own Arrangements (3 nights)  
28 Apr. (M.P. Transmitter Factory)

Thurs.  
28 Apr. HALIFAX-TORONTO  
Depart Halifax Canadian Pacific  
Airlines Flight CP835 11.10 am  
Arrive Toronto 2.00 pm

Thurs.  
28 Apr. TORONTO  
till  
Sat. Accommodation (2 nights)  
30 Apr. (Westbury Hotel)

Sat.  
30 Apr. TORONTO-THUNDER BAY  
Depart. Toronto by train 12.35 pm  
(Sleeper Roomet)

Sun.  
1 May THUNDER BAY  
till Arrive Thunder Bay 11.25 am  
Tues. Own Arrangements (2 nights)  
3 May

Tues.  
3 May THUNDER BAY-CALGARY-FORT MC MURRAY  
Depart. Thunder Bay Can. Pac.  
Airlines flight CP671 9.40 am  
Arrive Calgary 11.03 am  
Depart Calgary Can. Pac.  
Airlines flight CP643 5.30 pm  
Arrive Fort McMurray 7.20 pm

Tues.  
3 May FORT MC MURRAY  
till  
Thurs. Own Arrangements (2 nights)  
5 May

Thurs.  
5 May FORT MC MURRAY - EDMONTON  
Depart Fort McMurray Can. Pac.  
Airlines flight CP555 2.10 pm  
Arrive Edmonton 3.20 pm

Thurs.  
5 May EDMONTON  
Accommodation (1 night)  
(Fantasyland West Edmonton Hotel)

Fri.  
6 May EDMONTON-CALGARY  
Depart Edmonton Can. Pac.  
Airlines flight CP642 11.00 am  
Arrive Calgary 11.40 am

Fri.  
6 May CALGARY  
till  
Sunday Own Arrangements (2 nights)  
8 May

Sunday  
8 May CALGARY - VANCOUVER  
Depart Calgary by Train 2.05 pm

Monday  
9 May VANCOUVER  
Arrive Vancouver 10.40 am

Monday  
9 May VANCOUVER  
till  
Fri. Own Arrangements (4 nights)  
13 May

Fri.  
13 May VANCOUVER-LOS ANGELES-AUCKLAND  
Depart. Vancouver Delta Airlines  
flight DL 1400 12.55 pm  
Arrive Los Angeles 4.39 pm  
Depart Los Angeles Air  
New Zealand Airlines  
flight TE 01 9.30 pm

Sat.  
14 May IN FLIGHT

Sunday  
15 May AUCKLAND - BRISBANE  
Arrive Auckland 6.15 am  
Depart. Auckland Air New  
Zealand Airlines flight  
TE 131 10.55 am  
Arrive Brisbane 12.25 pm

## ONTARIO ROVER ROUND-TABLE

The Sportsmen's Show has come and gone by now. It was a success once again, thanks to all the Rovers who helped organize and man this project.

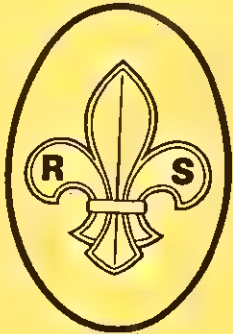
Very shortly, at the St. George's Dinner and Dance, we will find out the winners in the 1987 Blood Donor Challenge, the 1987 R.S. Dell Memorial Award and the Roger Awards.

The O.R.R.T. Public Relations Committee has been formed and will be headed by Heather Archer from Stratford. This committee is charged with collecting information on O.R.R.T. sponsored events and putting together a press release type package which then can be released to various media. The objectives of the committee is to improve the visibility of O.R.R.T. Anyone wishing to help can contact Heather Archer through the O.R.R.T. mailing address:

O.R.R.T.  
c/o Scouts Canada  
9 Jackes Avenue  
TORONTO, Ontario  
M4T 1E2

The next O.R.R.T. meeting will be held on Sunday May 29, 1988 in Peterborough.

Submitted by  
Ernie Richards



## QUEBEC ROVERING

VIVE LA  
DIFFERENCE

First, a word from our very own Rovering Rover Reporter, Jean-Guy Pepin:

Ma buddies Con: an' Daniel 'ave riters blague, so h'I gonna rite beefour dem. So 'ere h'I am. H'wat loozers dey h'ar.

H'as I sit 'ere h'at da hockey intermishun I saye, H'oooh boy, multiple sadness. Dis weakhend I mis da Snowball Moot in h'Ontario, my team she h'is loozing h'an hwurst ov all, my biere she is warm. I 'ear dat Snowball waz verile sucksesfull but I whimpt out in da blinding snowstorm, h'ar cood not h'atend. Congradulashunz to 37th Hamilton Sea Rovers h'an Edgewater Fortune Rangers four a good Moot. Now, h'all I loook fowward two h'is my 'ometown Moot in Mal, h'and getting mye tax returnz.

H'I can sea bye da shiney h'ice dat my time h'is h'up h'an da secun peeriod h'is begining. I'll sea yoo all h'at Back to School Moot '88, Attawanderonk Goes to the Beach, Camas goes to Rome h'an 3rd Annual

Sleeping Giant Awakening Moot. You can rekonize mee bye mye lumberjakett, my Kodiaks, h'an my verile 'ansome moostash.

Salut h'an Goodbuy,

Jean-Guy Pepin

Maaaaan! This Jean-Guy guy doesn't know sweet @###\*-all. Writers' block? Writer's block this! We were busy spring sking, and besides, he can't even spell, so drop him a line and let him know that Franglais is not one of the official languages of Canada.

Anyway, we've been busy Rovering. February saw many Leaders and Rovers bopping to the Beach Boys at the Quebec Scout Headquarters Beach Party. The all-male Granny Grunt Rover Crew's bread tab campaign is still going strong in its aim to provide wheelchairs for the physically disabled.

This month's QRRT was short and sweet and brought to us by the Lone Pine Rover Crew. Still on the agenda is the Quebec/Ontario inter-provincial Moot and the general consensus is, we're all hip. We rapped with the National Capital Region dudes and they're hip too, and we feel our mutual hipness can create one wicked Moot.

"Chez nous" the local upcoming-events scene looks mighty busy. Baby-dolls and reindeer slippers will be all the rage at the Granny Grunt PJ Party. Ubnoxious boxer shorts and trashy sunglasses will be the costume of choice for those attending the lakononhwarahthontha Ohneka Crew's Spring Fling Dance. And finally, full uniform and lots of green will be worn by Rovers marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Colour Party.

And it looks like our QRRT is moving up in the world. The next meeting, hosted by the Knights of Excalibur will take place in one of Montreal's swankiest hotels, the Queen Elizabeth. Room service, anyone?

There is talk of a combined Venturer/Rover/Ranger/ service-project-kind-of-thing in the future, as we hope to get the younger branches enthused about Rovering and service in our communities. Also in the planning stages is Gold Rush '88. Traditionally open to Quebec Rovers only (sorry, but c'est la vie!), this is an outdoor week-end-long challenge, testing physical, mental and scouting skills. Organized by last year's winners, the Cool Chameleon Crew's three-member girl's team, this year's challenge will be a canoe rally in northern Quebec.

In closing, we'd like to say "always remember and never forget" the next moot to be, and be seen at, is Back to School Moot at Cool Chameleon High. At this time, we're hoping to hear more about the long-awaited return to the scene of a Granny Grunt Moot.

Ciao till next time,

Connie and Danny

# First Warning!!!

## Mara Prohibition Announced

-----September 2, 1928-----

### Sixty years too late

*Don't Take Chances by Waiting Until Monday...*

## Register Today

We are prepared to accept every registration (Unless the rush is so great as to make the work a physical impossibility) received by us at the address below.

Contact: Tony "Stretcher" Lobmeier  
26721 Dewdney Trunk Rd.  
RR#4 Maple Ridge, B.C.  
V2X 8X8 or phone: (604) 462-7272

The 5th Annual (?) BC/ Alberta Rover Moot being held at Cherokee Resort on Mara Lake. September 2-5, 1928. Theme: The Roaring 20's.

## Best damn Moot in Canada

# The BC/ALTA Moot

\* as adapted from the Vancouver Daily Sun,  
March 28, 1918 (Prohibition Advertisement)



# B. C. ROVERING

Let's go surfin' now, everybody surfin' now,  
Come on a safari with us.

Spring has sprung; the sun is shining; the  
amber nectar is flowing through the trees;  
Bruce Hornsby is on the radio; Labatt's  
tastes better than ever; it's not thirty  
degrees below outside; and "That's just the  
way it is". Some things will never change!

Cruisin' down the highway,  
Doin' fifty-four,

Feces sprayin' in my face!  
I think we blew a door

YES folks, that's "ROVENT"

Our annual winter extravaganza attracted in  
excess of 500 participants from all walks of  
life. We had the traditional B.C. Rovers,  
scattered Venturer companies, luscious  
Rangerettes...

"Tell me lies, tell me sweet little lies".  
Guess what? Fleetwood Mac is on the radio.

...a few Aussies and assorted foreigners from  
various "Commonwealth Countries: including  
the Mauritian Bobsled team who couldn't  
afford the trip to Calgary. They all seem to  
be immigrating to B.C. Can you blame them.

Spring has sprung, the sun was  
shining...Oops, we already told you that some  
things will never change. Some participants  
spent the best day of the season, skiing and  
power tanning at Gibson's Pass Ski Resort.  
Snow sculpturing was at its best. Fourth  
Richmond Spirits led the way with their  
somewhat aroused version of a SPHINX.  
(Arousal, courtesy of 18th Skookum Rovers.)

Saturday night came alive with Diana Ross and  
Supremes entertaining the troops..."The way  
you make me feel, you really turn me good,  
you knock me off a my feet..." Need we say  
more? I thought not. The Supremettes were  
all members of the 8th Richmond Beachcombers.

Fortunately, we only had one really smelly  
situation. Unfortunately, the portable  
outhouses had been well used, over flowing in  
some cases, especially at 54 mph. Fortun-  
ately, we made it back to Vancouver before  
"the bottom fell out" of the outhouse market.  
Unfortunately, the bottom did fall out in  
Richmond. Fortunately, there were no physi-  
cal injuries. Unfortunately there were  
emotional and monetary damages. Imagine a 60  
gallon tidal wave smacking your girl friend in  
the face. Pretty good eh! Fortunately, we  
still have some money left.

21st Haida Rover Crew hosted their 1st Annual  
Car Rally on March 6, 1988. Unfortunately  
8th Richmond didn't show. So 18th Skookums

had to Saran wrap the 5th Richmond Spirits'  
auto instead. On the scavenger list, the  
Haidas enjoyed the life-sized photocopies.  
They really made the point. The 4th Richmond  
Spirits soundly defeated the defending  
champions by 1 point.

Fraser Valley Rovers are still in the process  
of organizing their regional Moot. The dates  
have been changed to protect the innocent and  
annoy Vancouver Coast. It is now being held  
on April 15-17.

The B.C. Provincial Round Table is holding  
its next meeting on March 24, 1988 at the  
Provincial Offices in Burnaby. The meeting  
is set to start at 10 am.

"...but I still haven't found what I'm  
looking for."

Talking about stills, the BC/Alta Moot is  
fast approaching. Please see the ad in this  
magazine for details.

"We need somebody, somebody like you," to go  
to Mara Lake.

Signing off from Radio Station BCRVR (109.5  
FM) this is Tony, Mar, Jack and Bill enjoying  
the sun, saying "Enjoy the remaining 3 months  
of your winter." "It's time to call for the  
Blue!!!"

B.C. Rovers

## WORKS OF A.R.R.T.

Good day eh! Well I hope everyone is almost  
through with winter, the Olympics are over  
thus ending the two week party for most  
people. The best part of it was seeing the  
Calgary Rovers getting involved and helping  
where ever possible when the help was needed.

The activities here in Alberta are at a lull  
right now. The next event that is about to  
take place is the ARRT meeting in May.  
Speaking of ARRT meetings, the last one  
brought up some interesting topics. Starting  
with the idea of a Rover/Advisor link badge.  
For those Rovers who go beyond being involved  
as a youth. And also the question came up as  
to why Rovering to Success is not available  
in Canada. We under stand there are some  
conflicting views with the book. However if  
one takes it for what B.P. believed at the  
time the book was developed to be important  
values then there should be no problems with  
it.

Well I guess that's about it for now  
unfortunately there isn't much more to say  
except Bye for now.

Gerald Blzot  
VP ARRT KofSD

**THIS IS WHAT** .... the 12th Annual St. George's Day Dinner & Dance and the  
11th Annual Roger Awards.  
.... Sponsored by the 9th Kitchener Rover Crew (and the  
Donnacona Rangers).



**THIS IS WHERE** .....  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
Kitchener, Ontario

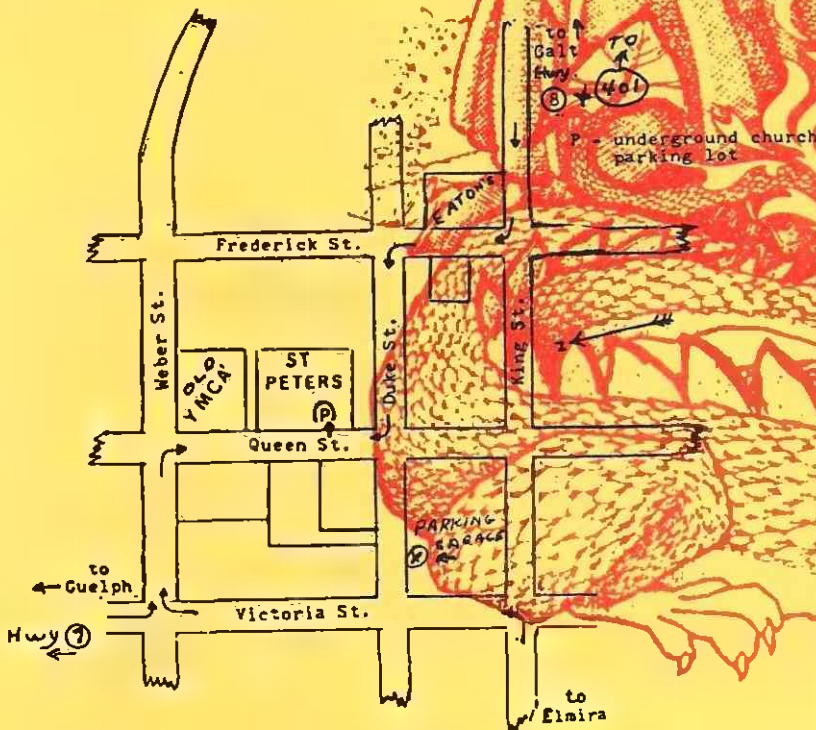
**THIS IS WHEN** .....  
Saturday, April 23, 1988  
6:30 p.m.

**THIS IS WHY** .....  
To enjoy yourself, and celebrate our  
Patron Saint's day, also to honour the  
Roger Award recipients

**THIS IS WHO** .....  
All Rovers and Rangers, their leaders and  
special friends. Please note due to a  
limited number of tickets, you would be  
advised to order well in advance. No  
tickets will be sold at the door.  
Semi-formal attire would be appreciated.

**THIS WAS EXPECTED** .....  
Price up .50 to \$8.50; includes corsage for  
the ladies, dinner, dance souvenir glass  
(#6 of a series of 6)

**SEND YOUR ORDER TO** ..  
The 9th Kitchener Rover Crew  
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City or whatever .....

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No. of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total.

Make cheques/money orders payable to 9th Kitchener Rover Crew.



## ROVER QUESTS IN PRACTICE 11TH OF 13



### (X) THE QUEST OF THE SPIRITUAL

The tenth clause of the Scout Law is "A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed."

#### From The Man's Point of View

Winning and keeping self control of my body, feelings, and thoughts, so that I may be as strong as possible to serve God in my generation. Becoming increasingly keen-sighted, through purity, thus gaining the vision of the Spiritual Power behind earthly manifestations. Struggling on, in spite of setbacks, because of the Spiritual Power which will in the end crown with success my persistent efforts.

Expansion - A Rover on this quest looks with slowly but steadily clearing vision through the mystery of physical creation to the Majesty and Love of the Creator, steadying himself by self-control. He learns how his difficulties as regards sexual control have come into being, and what useful purposes these difficulties serve in helping his character development. He learns how Spiritual values are higher than physical pleasures, and so gets a first glimpse of what will eventually reward his struggle for self discipline.

With somewhat clearer vision he takes up the study of Religion, and learns something of his duty to God, including worship of Him, as well as good deeds done for Him. So begins to function a new sense, the sense of the Spiritual, and his first vague exploring becomes transformed into questing with a purpose, namely, the attaining of the vision of the Eternal, and the achievement of comradeship with God - the joy that no man, not even himself, can take away. So comes the victory of Spiritual joy over the previously enticing and enthralling sensual pleasure which blinded his eyes, weakened his efforts, and confused his purpose in life.

#### Illustrative Suggestions

##### A. Preparatory Work

1. Arrange discussions on the Rover obligations as regards cleanliness in thought, word and deed, with reference always to the main purpose of better service to God and mankind. If this objective is not kept in view such discussions lose half their value. Get real experts to explain to individual members of the Crews how to face up to

their problems. Sentimental appeals do harm more often than good.

2. Promote the study and practice by each Rover of his own form of Religion, including its obligations, its work of inspiration, and its purpose. The many possible subjects include: study of the Bible and of other sacred literature; comparative religion from the practical point of view of the Rovers; tracking out the Self-manifestation of God in Nature and human life; practical teaching as regards prayer; the origin, history, aims and achievements of various religious denominations, etc.
3. Encourage study of such proved sources of inspiration as the story of the Holy Grail.
4. Form small classes for the more careful and intensive study of the manifestation in this world of the Holy Spirit of God.
5. Promote the reading of good books, and explain how the nobler thoughts thus accumulated will crowd out the bad and base.

##### B. Practical Application

1. Form a "Round Table" of Rovers to help in definite religious work in connection with Churches, etc. They should aim at introducing where needed such other clauses of the Law as the third, fourth, eighth, etc., and in connection with the ninth, help the Church to be self-supporting.
2. Study Creation in all its forms, not alienating the physical from the Spiritual, as is too often done, and then make a point of teaching others, in the Movement or outside.
3. Indulge in healthy occupations and realize the deep Spiritual values latent in simple pleasures.
4. Practice self-devotion to God in service study, faith, prayer, meditation, and worship.
5. Join with one or two others in hikes for the special purpose of comparing experiences of the Spiritual when these begin to come. Mountain and sea scenery will be found helpful.





# A BIT OF HISTORY

## THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

20th ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ROVER MOOT FIFTMAN'S BAY SEPT. 2,3,4,&5, 1960.

50 Years of Brotherhood

Symbol: Carrick Bend

FRIDAY After 8:00 p.m. - Registration  
SEPT. 2

SATURDAY 10:00 a.m. Demonstration of artificial respiration, life saving,  
SEPT. 3 and qualifications for canoe charge certificate.

|            |                                              |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 12:00 noon | Lunch                                        |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Opening                                      |
| 3:15 p.m.  | Camp Activity                                |
| 4:00 p.m.  | General Swimming                             |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Supper                                       |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Rover Leaders' Staff meeting                 |
| 7:30 p.m.  | Camp competitions - tug-o-war, football, etc |
| 9:00 p.m.  | Campfire                                     |
| 10:30 p.m. | Jungle activities                            |
| 12:00 p.m. | Quiet                                        |

SUNDAY  
SEPT 4

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Religious observances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:00 a.m. | Flag, prayer, orders, uniform, inspection (informal)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10:45 a.m. | Talk - Brotherhood - By Paddon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11:15 a.m. | Photo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12:00 a.m. | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Discussion groups - (to be discussed at next meeting.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4:00 p.m.  | Swim                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Supper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7:30 p.m.  | Leaders' Meeting (if necessary)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7:30 p.m.  | Activity - (a) Blowpipes (b) Gliding (c) Quarterstaff (d) Spearing (e) Bombing (f) Egg catching (g) Upside down knot tying (h) Tea without kettle (i) Target lifeline throwing (j) Pole vaulting (k) Stilt walking (l) Fruit dessert kabob (m) Climbing (n) Hobo cooking (o) Starting a primus (p) Stave climbing |
| 9:00 p.m.  | Campfire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:30 p.m. | Brotherhood Crew tea parties; entertain another Crew                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12:00 p.m. | Quiet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

MONDAY  
SEPT. 5

|            |                                                             |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Breakfast                                                   |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Flags, prayers, orders.                                     |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Bull Session - wind up etc. Question Box                    |
| 11:00 a.m. | Flag down, prayers, farewell message, check-out, campsites. |

# FUNSPIEL '88

January 16th, 1988 11:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.

## 76th KNIGHTS OF LOGRES

The 76th have held a curling funspiel for 4 years now and each year it gets bigger and better. Open to Rovers, Rangers and Venturers, the largest group was Venturers. The attraction seems to be the starting time of 11:30 PM and staying up all night. Last year the curling rink we usually use burned down but the old saying "every cloud..." held true and we found another place which treated us better and we had 10 sheets of ice for the price we used to pay for four. Acadia Recreation Complex gets \*\*\* (four stars) from us.

Groups began arriving around eleven and the big panic was on. How many brooms do you need?, can you curl?, who will skip?!, Where's the bathroom?, where's the concession?, is the bar still open? ---NONONO!!!. Then - 22 teams, when the schedule was set for 20. Pre-registration

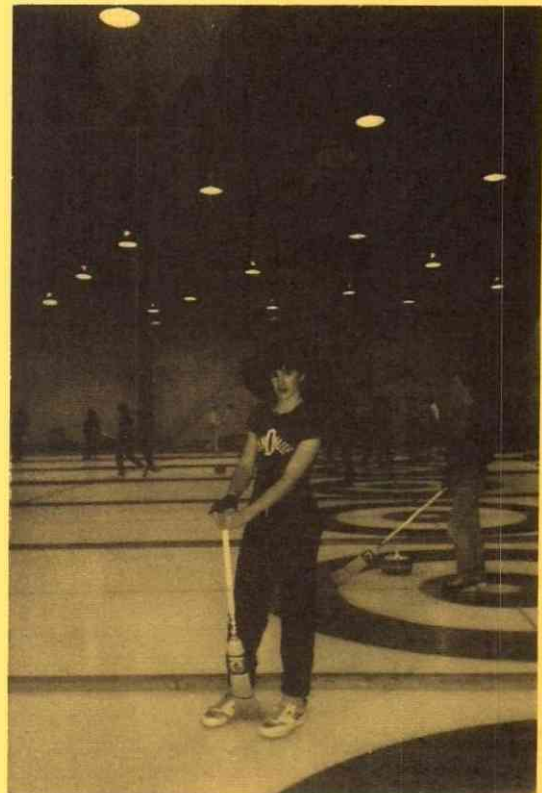
doesn't always work. Handle it?? Of course, no problem! With teams playing 4-enders, the lounge fills up every hour for 15 minutes and then empties just as fast. The concession sells junk food by the case lot. The advisors are positive the D.J. cranked the music louder every ten minutes but the general consensus is they're just old. Prizes at the end, crying towels for the losers, crests for everyone and home (to work, to church and mostly to bed!) Are we doing it again next year?? You Bet!

76th Knights of Logres  
Rover Crew

Calgary, Alberta

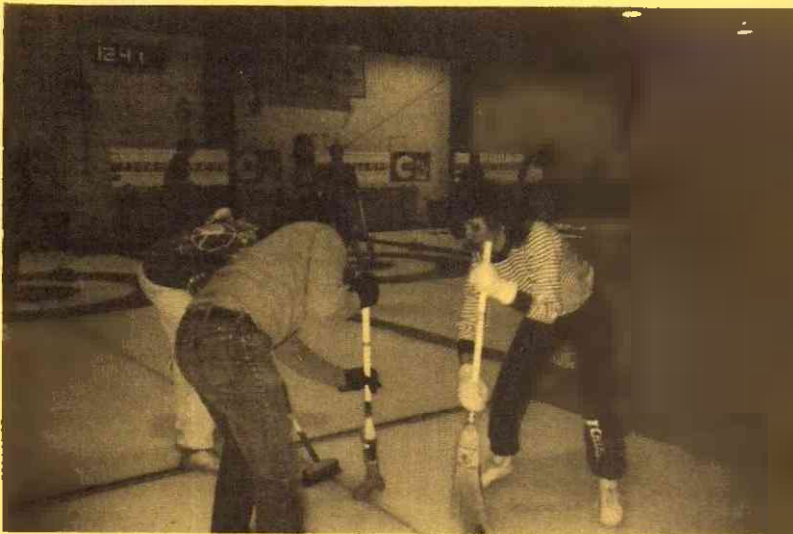
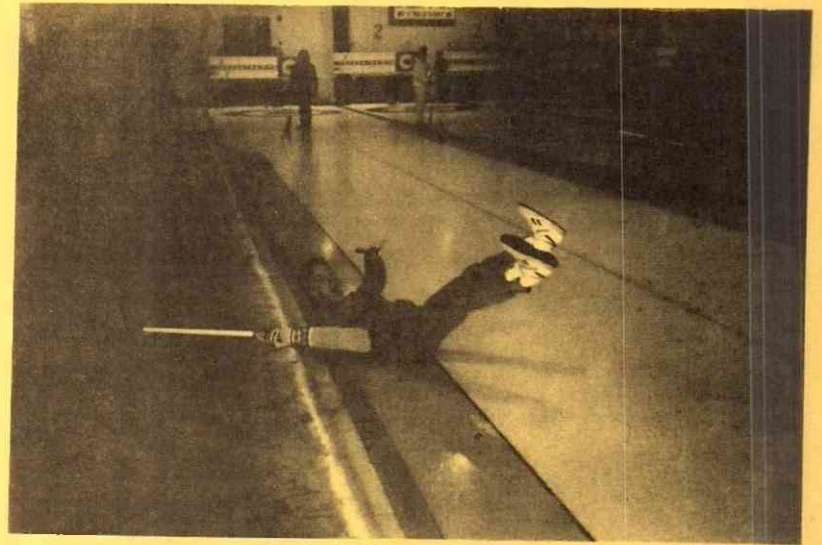


Now isn't this special!!?  
This is John Bacon, the  
advisor for the 76th Venturers  
and Rovers. Can you imagine  
two groups to look after  
plus an all night curling party.  
Exhausting!!!



Well! At least your  
head will be warm  
And your shoulders  
will be dry.

Hey!!! Next time  
would you please use  
the curling rock instead.



Some people just  
never know when to  
leave their homework  
at home.

The look of confidence,  
concentration, grace  
and form.





# 1st Dixie Co-ed Rovers



## 16th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

**saturday, may 7TH**

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT !!

\$3.00 each at the door

\$2.75 each in advance

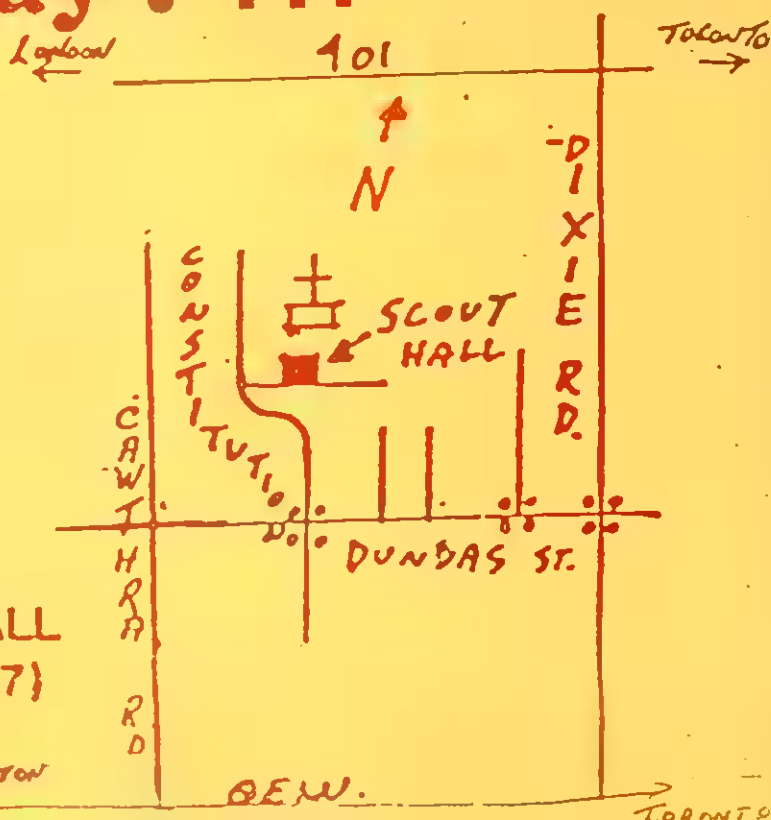
Jelly Bean Contest

Door Prizes

Fun and Good Times

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL  
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# The Cool Chameleon Crew

Invites you to learn their version of the three R's at the



Victoria Day weekend May 20-21-22-23, 1988

Camp Kanawana, Morin Heights (1 hour North of Montreal)

That's right, so grab your books and binders and enjoy 4 days and nights and late nights with the faculty and staff at *Cool Chameleon High School*.

## Enroll in courses such as :

English class (our unique version of the alphabet).

History class (it was made to be re-written).

Auto mechanics (build your own dream car).

Home Economics (no dishes to wash).

Participate in our Popular Lunch Exchange

Get involved in extra curricular activities ...

Swim Meet

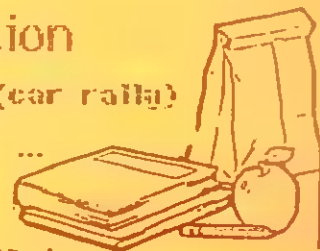
Marching Band Competition

Pep Rally

Field Trip (car rally)

Match your wits against other crews as ...

Reach For The Top goes Moot



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\$17 preregister incl \*\*Dinner&Breakfast\*\*

Deadline for Pre-registration is May 1st 1988

Late registration : \$17 incl Breakfast

\*\*\* BUT NO DINNER \*\*\*

# ACTIVITY REPORT

Like the leaping of lemmings, the Cool Chameleon Rover Crew's Victoria Day weekend moot has become an annual tradition! (What do you mean lemmings don't leap annually???) Anyway, attendance was super with 150 rovers from Quebec and Ontario doing the Sahara shuffle to the tune of the Bangles WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN & this was the DESERT MOOT 1987.

As our travel weary nomads arrived at the moot, it was immediately apparent that a few blackflies and the early morning nip of cold desert winds would not dampen the spirits of this motley gathering. But while I am on the subject of dampening, the Phoenician balloon hop comes to mind. The Phoenician balloon hop, the culmination of the arduous trek of our Antony to meet his Cleopatra. This was the collection of inter-crew events that included walking like an Egyptian, a magic carpet ride (the event that made harmless the second most common fatal affliction of rovers, after acne), the kissing of Cleo/Tony (some of you rovers are really warped), Aladdin's lamp (how difficult can it be to blow out a little candle???) and the Temple of Doom (an obstacle course by any other name...?). These events were capped off with a free for all inter-crew/inter-crew water balloon fight and to the chagrin of many (you're truly included) those water balloons didn't always burst, but sometimes bounced off the target, into the water, to float to the surface, fly through the air, and return to sender at which point they often burst. Call me a primitive, say I'm behind the times, but give me a bucket anyway.

For a desert moot there certainly was a lot of water to be found, including one conscientious rover advisor who expended considerable time and energy making sure that all Cool Chameleon Rovers washed behind the ears but in the end came to realize that he who live by the water pistol, dies by the garden hose (please, allow me author's license).

Group activities also made allowances for group bathing by encouraging teams to pass mongo water balloons (spot a recurring theme?) above their heads using their feet. Parched by the fierce desert sun, teams quenched their thirst on no-name-brand orange drink brought to thirsty lips through 20 feet of surgical tubing with a little bit of suction. Together we also chanted the Arab alphabet as if from the minarets and tossed pita to awaiting food baskets.

And what of nourishing the tribes? Lunches allowed for different tribes to meet, talk, eat, and haggle over the price of camels. The tribes then displayed their great finery and assorted eating customs for a night of dining at the Cairo Hilton. There, water pistol toting waiters in black tie served a meal of Shishkabob, Riz Pilaf, and a salad of

assorted Sahara greens. This was all enjoyed with a endless supply of the house wine. (a lot of rovers asked me what we did with the orange drink from that day's event, and I'd just like to say it seemed like a waste to throw it out, so...). The moot finished with dishes of assorted cast fruits in god's hoof gelatin.

The evening was not to end here. The tribe gathered by the light of the moon to cheer, applaud, laugh, and boo various forms of entertainment (???) that included Chameleon in drag (I was not involved), football playing genres, and various drummers, singers, warblers, the pious, comics, and jesters.

The following evening featured the Gophus awards ceremonies celebrating the achievements and efforts of the participating Rovers and Rangers. This was followed by Midnight at the Oasis, a feet stamping affair that raised the sands and shook the pyramids until the wee woolly hours of the morning when exhausted and groggy rovers returned to their desert camps.

To be certain that our guests did not leave hungry we sent them on their way with a breakfast of waffles, ice cream, and chocolate sauce with morning cartoons that featured Willa Wonka and the Chocolate Factory...what was the theme of this moot again???

And so ended the Cool Chameleon Desert Moot of 1987. We would like to thank everyone who came and participated and we hope that you had as much fun as we did and that you join us again next year\*\*\*???

Yours in Rovering,

James McArthur

\*The Cool Chameleon Rover Crew is located in Montreal, Quebec and is sponsored by the Eastern Montreal District.

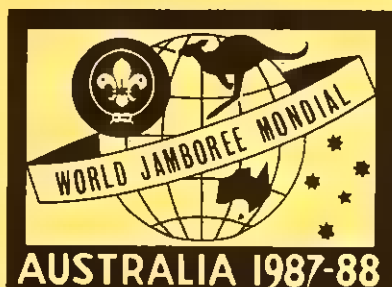
\*\*Last year, we cohosted TROPICA-MOOT 1986 with the Missing Links Rover Crew of Laval, Quebec.

\*\*\*This year the Cool Chameleon Crew is having the Back-To-School-Moot.





Being a Scoutmaster for a troop of U.S. Scouts attending the 16th World Jamboree in Australia was certainly a mountaintop experience, and while at the Jamboree another great experience was the Rover Breakfast.



# ROVERS ~~Y30NN~~ ~~NMOO~~ at the

## 16TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE MONDIAL

DECEMBER 30, 1987--JANUARY 10, 1988

*"Bringing the World Together"*

From the minute I walked into the "Marketplace" at Catarack Scout Park, I noticed the Rovers were out in force. The Marketplace was the sales and trading area, and I'd wager most of the 15,000 Scouts and Guides at the Jamboree passed through the area each day at least once. In front of one of the big tops was a large red banner (probably 15 feet by four feet) with bold white lettering: ROVERS. Tucked inside the O was the World Scout Badge. This is where I signed up and paid my \$6 for the privilege of getting up before 6 a.m. Wednesday morning--before even our quartermasters and duty patrol--to go to the Rover Breakfast.

Before the breakfast, I was meeting Rovers and their squires throughout the Jamboree. Australian Rovers wear the traditional shoulder knots--though they have added a purple ribbon to the Rover and Squire knots to symbolize the Venturer branch of the program. These knots made brother and sister Rovers easy to identify as they went about their duties in just about every section of the Jambo. Most of these older Scouts were working in program activities--but there were significant numbers in administration, security, sales, and subcamp staffs.

At the opening show, I sat with two squires, Miles and Regan, who would become good Scouting friends by the week's end. Amazingly, these two Scouters who I met by a convoluted chain of chance were working at the same "Bike

Bungle" activity as Aram Joukadjian who many Canadian and American Rovers will remember from his travels to Canadian Moots and the Glasgow, Kentucky, USA Rover Wee Moot in 1985. From these friends and their fellow crew members, I learned quite a lot about the program down under. A few impressions:

\*Service is an important focus of Australian Rovering. A great number of those who wear the Rover epaulets also wear the shoulder marks of a leader for one of the younger programs.

\*The bumper stickers that state: "ROVERS LEAD THE WAY" are very appropriate in Oz.

\*New Rover and Rover Leader manuals have just come out.

\*Moots are on their way



# ROVERS LEAD THE WAY



## ROVERS AT THE WORLD JAMBOREE

up. The proliferation of moots each weekend prevalent in northern North America may soon be the rule in Australia. Of course, in a sparsely populated nation as big as the USA, the moot is quite a journey away some weekends.

\*The optional B-P award provides a good goal on which to focus one's questing, but the number of Rovers who accept this challenge is small.

The breakfast was great--full of Rovers from all over the world. Iceland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Australia, Canada, Austria, the United States, New Zealand and the United Kingdom were all represented. Some countries officially support a Rovering program, and in some countries, older Scouts band together unofficially under the Rover banner.

Amazingly, Rovers in other countries had heard of of my old crew back in Oak Park, Illinois. John Van Watershoot, who lives near the Australian capital of Canberra, had written to Ted Simmons in the States for years. Two Rovers were proud recipients of the valued American Diamond Willow Rover Crew crest. Canadians, of course, referred to me as the American outlaw Rover.

The breakfast was a mite short on the food. Chicken offerings were miniscule. But the good fun and fellowship kept things lively until we were evicted from the tent at 9:30 a.m. Fun and fellowship in a spirit of brotherhood and service.

## What is a Rover Crew?

Next to Venturing, no other leisure time activity can offer you as much as can modern Rovering.

*Rovering* offers *fun, fellowship* and *action* in areas of interest to all young adults. The action takes place with a great bunch of friends, male and female. This group of friends is called a Rover Crew. You will form deep and lasting friendships. You can join by yourself, with a friend or a group whose company you enjoy.

*Rovering* offers you the chance of working with a group of people towards *meaningful goals* and the opportunity to test and strengthen your *leadership* abilities with groups from 5 to 500. You can explore the values of group life or study the processes at work when you participate in small group activities.

*Rovering* offers you a way of testing your own *values*, of developing yourself and of engaging in plain old bull sessions about the issues of the day.

*Rovering* offers you a whole world of activities and interests, some old, some new, some way out, some of which you have never heard. You can participate in almost anything you want to have a go at.

*Rovering* offers you *challenge* and *adventure*. You can learn to overcome your self imposed limitations and do what you thought would be the impossible — if you want.

*Rovering* offers you *freedom* — the freedom born of initiative, independence and self-reliance, of knowing who you are, what you are doing and where you are going.

*Rovering* offers you the opportunity to be of value to others through *Service*. Service is a meeting ground for many young adults with high ideals and a practical bent. Service not only gives you personal satisfaction but it also helps you to appreciate and understand the needs of others. You have a chance of contributing to community life.

*Rovering* offers you many opportunities to travel. Rovering is a world-wide fellowship and can offer you friends and contacts throughout Australia and overseas.

*Rovering*, the young adult section of the Movement, offers you activities and enjoyment in Scouting.

*Rovering* offers you a very stimulating kind of ongoing *education*. A Rover Crew is a good forum for discussion and learning from others as well as getting help from others when you need it.

Joining a Rover Crew could be one of the most important steps you could take in your life. It can open doors to new contacts, new adventure and unforgettable experiences.

It's your move.



# ROVERS

From Venturing: A Handbook for Venturers, The Scout Association of Australia.



MICHAEL J. LABBE  
WORLD JAMBOREE SCOUTMASTER



# MEET THE COMPANY



## 5th HAMILTON RANGERS

Can you believe its April already? A quarter of 1988 is gone so soon. Winter is over, for most areas anyway, and spring is upon us. You know what they say about spring...the time when every young person's fancy turns to the opposite sex. I'm sure that for some spring is year round. Well seeing as the first two articles were about Rovers, I thought for a change Meet the Crew would become Meet the Company. To be exact meet the 5th Hamilton Rangers. They are from left to right: Trish Bouskill, Lisa Sinclair, Avril Johnman, Renee Sabourin, Terry Adams, Nicola Sherliff (front). Missing: Gina Collis, Nicole Riccard, Kathy Fletcher, Pam Mills.

I met a couple of these girls a few years ago and one thing I'll have to say about them is that they're very spirited and energetic. Since then I've met the entire group and my opinion hasn't changed.

Just about anywhere there is a Rover/Ranger function you'll find someone from 5th Hamilton present. They tell me they especially like Moots and Dances and if your having one, don't forget to invite them.

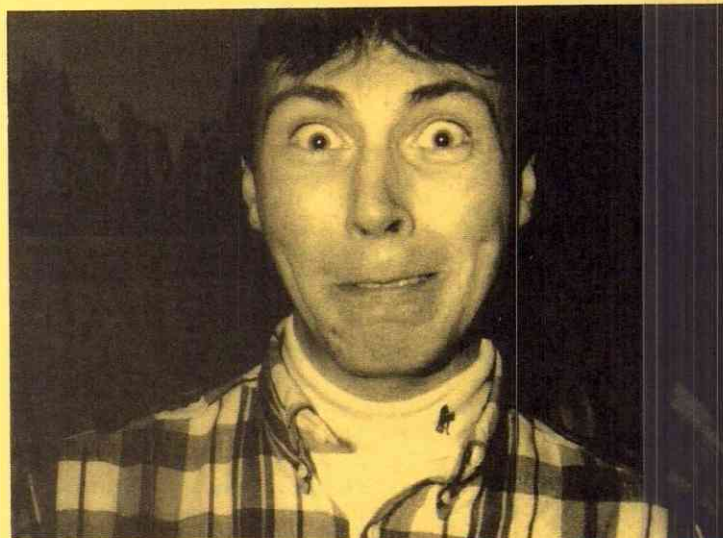
They originated in 1980 and have been going strong ever since. Camping, hiking and having fun are their favorite activities and they seem to excel in all. Every Wednesday night, the Johnman family home is invaded by the group to conduct their meetings and to discuss business.

Service work is never a problem for them for they are involved with many different service organizations. Whether it be in Guiding, the Red Cross, the Children's Aid Society or the United Way, the group always has time to lend a hand, after all isn't that what Scouting & Guiding are all about...helping whenever you can.

Fund raising consists of car washes (weather permitting), making and selling baked goods at their local church and yes, you guessed it...Girl Guide Cookie Sales (I wish they'd sell boxes of just the vanilla ones). All of these help get the group through the year.

I'm sure that many of you will be going to the large number of upcoming Rover/Ranger functions and I'm also sure that you will undoubtedly come across a 5th Hamilton Ranger sooner or later. So, when you do, be prepared to have a great time with some really fun loving girls.

Till Next Time  
Happy Rovering,



Byron Scott

P.S. If you'd like to see your group in the Meet the Crew column, don't be shy, let me know. I'm always glad to meet new friends.



# HOW ABOUT THAT ---

by Don Sitler

Have all members of your crew put their nomination votes in for the Roger Awards? If not there is still time to squeeze it in, if you hurry.

The following is a list of nomination/votes received, they are not in any special order:

## Dedication To Rovers:

Steve Ciupa, Ernie Richards, Bob Gracey, Stu Murchie, Jodie Wodskou, Bill Gadsby, Bernie Lutes, Brian Jeffery, Gary Dell, Dee Lyons, Wilf Niklaus, Don Sitler, Sue Warren, Ken Patterson Sr.

## Dedication To Rangers:

Pam Mills, Audrey Simmons, Eileen Gayton, Sharon Jones, Linda Chan, Norma Sims.

## Best Moot of 1987:

Halloween, Attawanderonk, Snowball, 10th Australian, Cool Chameleon, Sleeping Giant, Scarecrow, Camas, Wee Moot, War Games, Surf Moot 87, B.C./Alberta Moot, Fraser Valley Moot.

## Best Continuing Article:

First Aid Freida, Upcoming Events, More Than Just Soup, How About That, Rib Tickler, Bush Beat, Editorial, Questing, Moot Mister, Major Contributions, Our Photo Album.

## Best Feature:

Wilderness Wisdom, Christmas, Story of Jim Simons, 10th Canadian Rover Moot, Sleeping Giant Awakening Report, What Does It Really Mean.

That's it to date! If you think your vote doesn't count take note what happened a few years ago. Three Moots were tied for first place with the 4th place only 1 point behind. The firm that was tallying the votes phoned and told me that we had better get 2 more awards ready. (Instant heart failure - 1 week from presentation) the next day another phone call - "Don't panic another vote was received - 4th place was now 1st and the 3 that were tied were now 2nd, 3rd and 4th. And that was the last vote to come in.

How About This: The Rovers Own at Snowball was packed to the rafters it was standing room only. The night before this same congregation were on the dance floor having a great time. What made my eyes pop was the chorus of a song that most of the Rovers and Rangers were yelling "Get \_\_\_\_!" (I've learned since that, the chorus was never part of the song, and it is rampant right down to the lower grades in schools).

While setting up camp one of the groups nearby had a member who obviously had not receive much schooling, as the only adjective he knew was \_\_\_\_\_. And in order to broadcast his ignorance he would use it several time in a sentence.

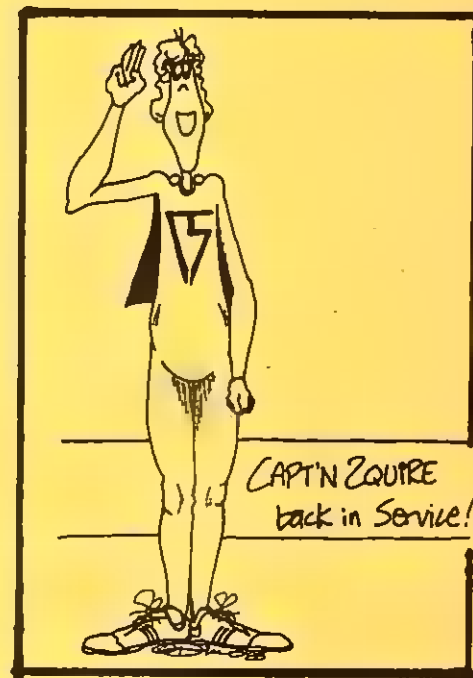
Now I am not a prude, in fact my Wife has been trying to cure me for years from saying a certain word associated with the dispatch of solid body waste. I fully believe that P.H.D's, etc. were right that when the shock power of a word or deed wears off something more shocking takes it place. I guess it all goes back to Gone With The Wind when Brett uttered "damn" and we've gone down hill from there.

I can understand slips of the tongue but wouldn't you agree that the slips are turning into a long slide!

Patience...

"You can't plant the seeds and pick the fruit the next morning."

★★★★★★★★★★





## HIGH ADVENTURE IN USA'S BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS OF VIRGINIA



If you are a Rover working with a group of Venturers, Explorers or Senior Scouts, then you are thinking about a great "high adventure" trip for the summer.

Here is one you will want to check out immediately:

**LENHOK'SIN** National High Adventure TRAIL is situated in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western Virginia only three and a half--or less--hours from Washington, D.C.. Think of the trip you could plan around those two locations!

On the TRAIL, you will be able to backpack from theme outpost to theme outpost enjoying caving, rockclimbing, horseback riding, blacksmithing, and more. Sounds like a super Moot, doesn't it?

The best news is that this super program and a week of trail food will only cost each man or woman \$105. To that you could add a side trip to the USA's capital city with free entertainment somewhere every night. Places are filling up fast, so if your crew is salivating over this opportunity, call or write the Boy Scouts of America, National Capital Area Council, Bethesda, Maryland 20814/Phone: 301-530-9360. Ask for info on LENHOK'SIN TRAIL.

Then get those road maps out for a great time.



### Signals

Early rescue is the goal. Air search is probably the means to this. It may be simple and swift once you are spotted. Because of the speed of aircraft, though, you must make your position known as soon as possible. Here's why - if your exact location is unknown, a systematic coverage of a large area will likely be started. Small sections of it will be flown one after another until the area is covered; if the search plane sees no trace of you in a section, that section is crossed off. If it happens you are in that section, you may have a long wait before they come back to it. So if you have reason to expect air search, get signals out at once to show your location and, if urgent, your condition.

Radio, of course, is best. Smoke is likely next best in daytime; fire at night. Much of our country is under constant watch by fire wardens, at least at certain seasons, and any unusual smoke will be investigated (probably by air) even if no one knows you are missing. But unless you think your area is covered by a manned fire tower or overflowed by aircraft, maintaining a large smoke fire may prove a drag after a while. It may be better to keep a cooking or comfort fire going, with a large supply of fast fuel and smoke-generating material on hand for the moment you hear an airplane. It's a risk you would have to study. There are some signals that will work without your standing by; try them too.

|                                                 |                                                |                                           |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>I</b><br>Require doctor<br>—serious injuries | <b>II</b><br>Require medical<br>supplies       | <b>X</b><br>Unable to<br>proceed          | <b>F</b><br>Require food<br>and water    |
| <b>K</b><br>Indicate direction<br>and proceed   | <b>↑</b><br>Am proceeding<br>in this direction | <b>△</b><br>Probably safe<br>to land here | <b>LL</b><br>All well                    |
| <b>N</b><br>No—negative                         | <b>Y</b><br>Yes—<br>affirmative                | <b>JL</b><br>Not understood               | <b>□</b><br>Require com-<br>pass and map |

**GROUND-TO-AIR SIGNALS.** Make in open area near camp. Tramp out in snow or sand as big as you can. Line paths with boughs or stones for shadow and contrast. Burn grass, turn over rocks, or lay out any material that might be seen—geometric design will catch attention of aircraft overhead. Such signals work even if you are asleep or ill when plane comes. Destroy upon rescue.

A long-distance signal device is a mirror (or even a bright can lid) to sweep the horizon often during daylight. It can be seen by aircraft too far away to be seen, even though it reflects only direct sunrays, which limits its scope. It is very effective at sea or on a large lake. Even on hazy days it may be seen by aircraft unseen from the ground.

Attention-getting devices that work whether you're on deck or not are good. Fly a large contrasting flag from a pole atop a tall tree. Spread an official Scout rescue blanket orange-side up on snow, silver-side up on grass or beach. Radar will pick up either side. If with a downed plane in snow, keep the upper surfaces clear of frost or snow so they will show the shape clearly. Do anything you can to disturb the "natural" look of the area except to start a brush or forest fire!

If, somehow, you are in contact with someone, you can talk even if widely separated by space or otherwise. Use Morse code to send messages by interrupted light or sound signals - flashlight, lantern, mirror, horn, whistle, spark coil, radio - or by flag. SOS is a simple distress call that will state your need for help. Semaphore is a two-flag code for daylight use. Body signals send direct messages to aircraft.

#### BODY SIGNALS TO AIRCRAFT



#### MORSE CODE FOR USE WITH LIGHTS, SOUND, OR FLAG

|           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| A — —     | H . . . . | O — — —   | V . . . — |
| B . . . . | I . .     | P — . . . | W — — —   |
| C — . . . | J — — — — | Q — — — — | X . . . . |
| D . . .   | K — —     | R . . .   | Y . . . . |
| E .       | L . . . . | S . . .   | Z — . . . |
| F . . . . | M — —     | T — —     |           |
| G — . .   | N — .     | U . . .   |           |

#### NUMERALS AND COMMON SIGNALS

|                          |           |           |                |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 — — — —                | 4 . . . . | 7 — . . . | 0 — — — —      |
| 2 . . . .                | 5 . . . . | 8 — — . . | HEY! — — . . . |
| 3 . . . .                | 6 . . . . | 9 — — . . | ROGER . . .    |
| HELP! . . . . . (repeat) |           |           |                |



In using visual signals, try to contrast with background - dark or bright against snow, light or bright against green or brown. Send Morse by flag waved to your left for DASH, to your right for DOT. A steady radio signal may enable directional antenna of aircraft to "home" on you.

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## **Sleeping Giant Awakening Moot**



**Thunder Bay, Ontario**

When: July 29 to August 1, 1988.

Theme: Woodsmen's Moot on the Giant.

We'll be mooting right next to the Giant this year, in Sibley Provincial Park. Good news for the Southerners, it's 60 km closer for you fellas! Events this year will be on site, with hiking, a trip to a mine under lake Superior, and of course, Woodsmen's events. Ask last years participants, its a good time, and practically all you need to bring is you.

Call or write us by June 1st.

Bike, Drive or Fly.....

Cost: \$40.00 per person; (non-refundable)  
includes Food, a moot T-shirt and some activities.

For more info and registration form contact:

Alan Wiensczyk  
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Lakehead University,  
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(807)-345-7932

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Thunder Bay, Ont.  
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(807)-475-3548

Registration deadline: Registration forms and fees must be  
in by June 1, 1988.



## FIRST AID FREIDA

### SMOKING

There has been a lot of controversy in the last few weeks surrounding the new smoking by-laws. This might be a good time for some education regarding the effects of smoking. No, this is not a lecture. The decision to smoke/not to smoke is a personal one but like any major decision in life should be made after knowing all the facts and risks.

We all know that smoking is "bad for us." Just picking up a package of cigarettes we see a "WARNING" that smoking can be dangerous to our health, but how many people actually know the risks involved ie) how smoking affects our bodies. Some of the major disease in which smoking is a risk factor are listed below.

- 1) Cancer
  - a) lungs
  - b) Esophagus
  - c) Trachea
  - d) Larynx
  - e) Nose and throat
- 2) Heart Disease
  - a) Stroke
  - b) Peripheral Vascular Disease
  - c) Heart Attack, (Myocardial Infarction)
- 3) Lung Disease
  - a) Infection
  - b) Bronchitis
  - c) Emphysema
  - d) Smoker's Cough
- 4) Premature Births/Small Birth Weights

Quite a list, huh? You may think this is an exaggeration, well think again. Now I'll go through what happens to your body when you smoke a cigarette.

As smoke enters your nose and mouth it destroys small hair like structures responsible for filtering, moistening and removing mucous air which enters the lungs. Thus more "crap" from the air enters our lungs and it is harder to remove it once its in. This leads to an enlargement of cells which secrete mucous. Therefore increase of mucous in our lungs and increase of trapping of bacteria, etc. which cause infection. Picture flies sticking to a strip of fly paper. This mucous also leads to increased smoking ie) smoker's cough.

Smoke in the lungs damages the walls of the lungs and therefore leads to thick walls and decreased elasticity. Therefore there is difficulty getting air in and out of the lungs. It also leads to decreased air exchange from the lungs to the blood stream. This coupled with the constructive effect of nicotine on blood vessels leads to heart disease. This is a very simple explanation of a very complex reaction, but will give you some idea of the pathogenic mechanism involved in smoking. The next article will deal with how to quit smoking and how smoke affects the non-smoker.

## HALLOWE'EN MOOT IS COMING

October 15th - 17th

PRESENTED BY: 1st Burford Rovers  
and friends

THIS YEARS THEME:

SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS

More information to follow in  
upcoming issues.

## POETRY AND PROSE

### LEADERSHIP

Blessed is the Leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi,  
Blessed is the Leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial;  
True Leaders are humble.  
Blessed is the Leader who seeks for the best for those whom he serves.  
Blessed is the Leader who leads for the good of most concerned, and not for the personal gratification of his own ideas.  
Blessed is the Leader who marches with the group, interprets correctly the signs on the pathway that leads to success.  
Blessed is the Leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.  
Blessed is the Leader who has sought high places, but has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.  
Blessed is the Leader who knows where he is going; why he is going, and how to get there.  
Blessed is the Leader who considers Leadership an Opportunity for Service.

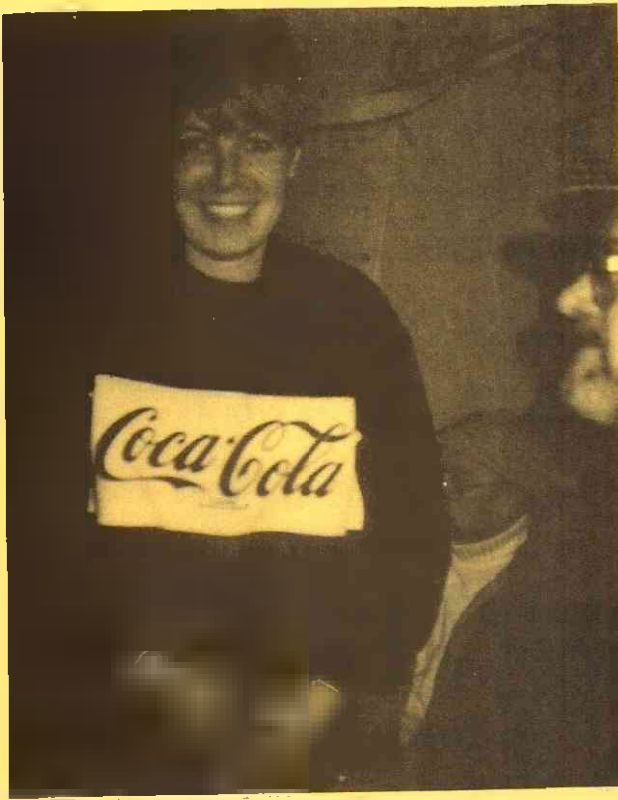
# OUR PHOTO ALBUM

SNOWBALL '88













## MORE THAN JUST SOUP

How is everyone doing this month? Right now I'm writing this issue with the remains of a sore throat and drippy nose thanks to Snowball '89 (but its worth it!) Results of my survey at the moot were BREAKFAST: porridge had by vast majority (except for 1 rover advisor who had bacon and eggs) LUNCH: sandwiches and soup of various kinds although one rover was suggesting they had Chinese noodles and viennese sauce but I didn't make it to their site to confirm/taste and DINNER: out on the town --> pizza, spaghetti, etc. If you had something different, you didn't let me know (or invite me to taste). Many thanks can go out to Brimley Forest Rangers, Jarvis Rovers, 1st Oakville Rovers for their hospitality and food ideas.

This month I have some food for thought (well vice versa). I don't know who all these wise people are but here you are anyway.

\* That old English saying: After dinner sit a while, and after supper walk a mile.

\* Its strange to see how a good dinner and feasting reconciles everyone.

\* No gentleman weighs more than two hundred pounds. - Thomas Reed

\* Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast. - Shakespeare

\* Diet cures more than doctors. - A.B. Cheales

\* Rise at five; dine at nine; sup at five; to bed at nine. - Rabelais

\* Heavenly father, bless us,  
And keep us all alive.  
There's ten of us to dinner,  
And not enough for five.

- Hodges Grace

(sounds like this guy has been to a few moot's! Ha! Ha!)

\* A man is what he eats.

\* Subdue you appetites, my dears, and you've conquered human nature. - Dickens

\* The more the merrier; the fewer, the better fare.

\* At a round table there's no dispute of place. - John Ray (English Proverb)

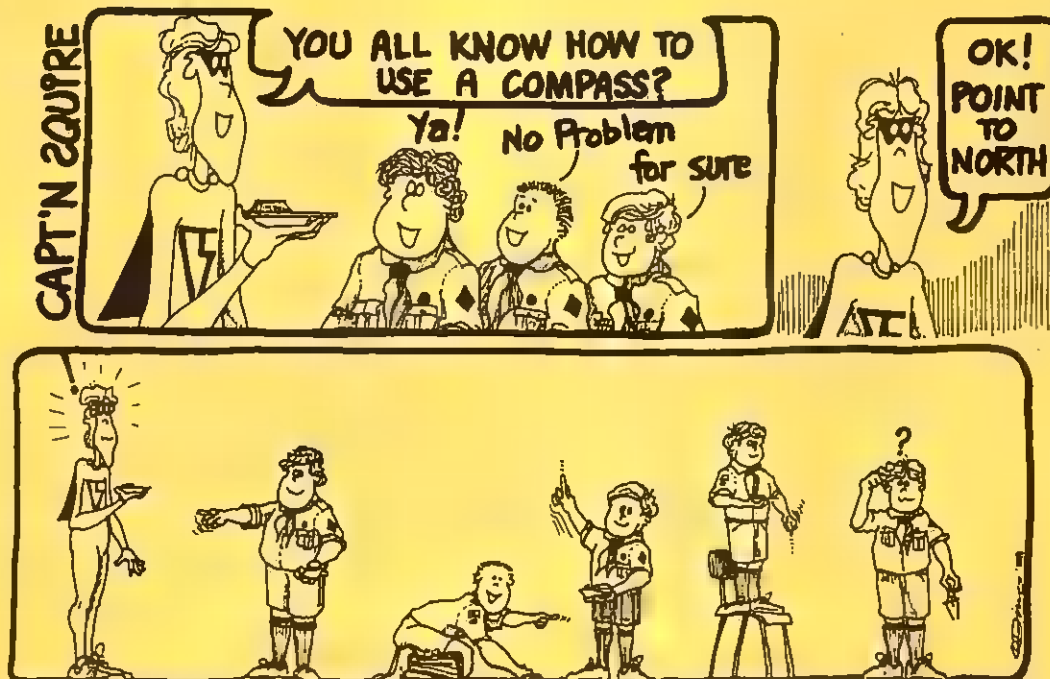
\* Your supper is like a hidalgo's (?) dinner, very little meat and a great deal of tablecloth. - Longfellow

\* In compelling a man to eat that he may live, Nature gives an appetite to invite him, and pleasure to reward him. - Brillat - Savarin

\* We never repent of having eaten to little. - Thomas Jefferson

\* Clogged with yesterday's excess, the body drags the mind down with it... - Horace

Soupy





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Waterloo, Ontario  
N2T 2B2

**Please make cheques or money orders payable to: ATTAWANDERONK MOOT**

Crew/Company Name: .....

Mailing Address: .....

Name of person in charge: ..... Phone #: .....

Number registering before June 1/88 at \$7.50 ea. \$ .....

Number registering after June 1/88 at \$8.00 ea. \$ .....

Approximate Arrival Time: .....

Please Print Names:

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Venturer Companies welcome if accompanied by an advisor.

**IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED, CONTACT:**

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Box 41,  
Elmira, Ontario,  
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or

DONNACONA RANGERS,  
c/o 284 #6 Westvale Dr.,  
Waterloo, Ontario  
N2T 2B2

Or Telephone: Jane or Mark Siemon at (519) 747-4486 evenings.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Pre-registration is \$7.50/person by June 1st., 1988.

Registration will start at 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 10, and continue until Saturday morning.

As you arrive, a campsite will be allotted. All campsites and out of bounds areas will be marked. There are no trailer sites available and each crew should come light-weight and self-contained. FIRST AID is available.

A list of events will be provided at registration.

MUNCHIES will be available at canteen.

Venturer companies are welcome if accompanied by an advisor.

## GENERAL RULES

1. The law of the event will be the Scout and Guide Law.
2. All participants must be members in good standing with their unit.
3. Don't forget that all actions not only reflect back on your unit, but on Scouting and Guiding as well.
4. For each unit there must be at least one responsible adult.
5. **NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, FIREARMS, FIRECRACKERS, OR FIREWORKS** are allowed in camp. Violation of this rule will result in immediate expulsion of the unit involved.
6. If any rule or regulations of the Scout and Guide Laws or Camp Rules are violated, disciplinary action will be taken against those involved.
7. The only sites available are ROVER and RANGER. So CO-ED ROVERS stay in the Rover section.

## GENERAL PROGRAM

### FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1988

3:00 p.m. — Camp opens and registration

Evening — Night Ramble and Campfire

1:30 a.m. — Camp Curfew

2:00 a.m. — Camp All Quiet

### SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1988

9:00 a.m. — Official Camp Opening

9:30 a.m. — Individual Events Start

10:30 a.m. — Car Rally Starts

Noon — Lunch

1:00 p.m. — Crew Events

5:00 p.m. — Supper Time

9:00 p.m. — Beach Party

1:30 a.m. — Camp Curfew

2:00 a.m. — Camp All Quiet

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1988

8:30 a.m. — Camp Wake-Up

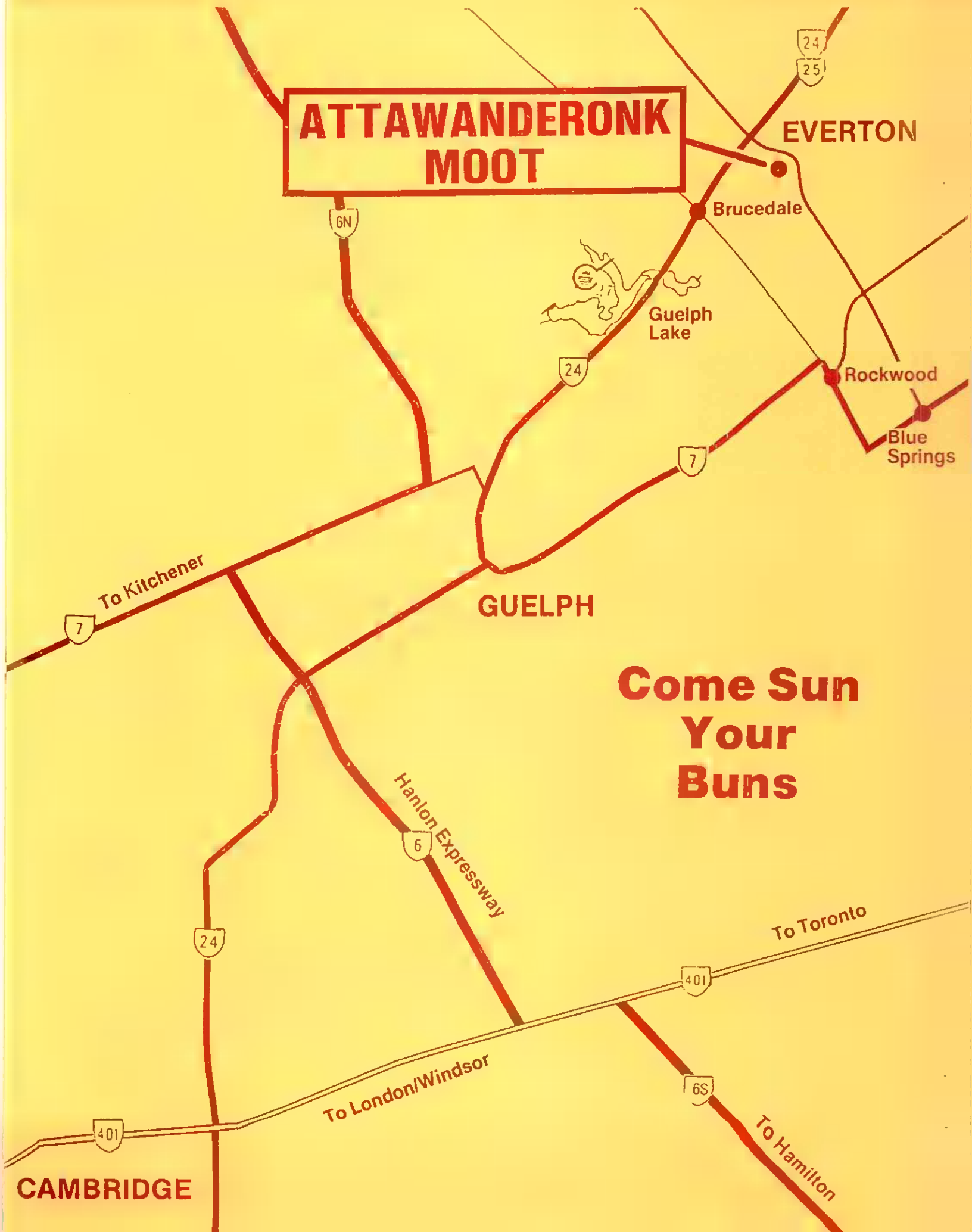
10:00 a.m. — Rover/Ranger Own

11:00 a.m. — Camp Closing and Awards

1:00 p.m. — Camp Clear



# ATTAWANDERONK MOOT



EVERTON

Brucedale

Guelph  
Lake

Rockwood

Blue  
Springs

GUELPH

**Come Sun  
Your  
Buns**

To Kitchener

Hanlon Expressway

To Toronto

To London/Windsor

To Hamilton

CAMBRIDGE

Dear Fellow Strummers;

I just received notice that "Wlarton Willie" (that no-good-for nothin', flea-bitten, lyin', rodent) is now hiding out in Florida, somewhere! As a member of the "Don't Get Mad - Get Willie" Coalition of Summer Lovers, I've put out a contract on Willie and a "mining" operation of every groundhog hole believed to be linked to his operations. We're gonna "blow him up real good!"

So, (I'm O.K. now!) John Mellencamp put out a new single from his album ("The Lonesome Jubilee") called "Check It Out". This guy doesn't change at all over the years! Still singing about small-town U.S.A., low-paying jobs, chasing the American dream, and getting laid! Don't get me wrong - I like the song. The whole album is his best-produced, yet, but after a few years, it gets repetitious! The one bonus, is it's easy to play and listen to! Enjoy!!!

## Keep On Strummin'

Al Major

"Check It Out" - John Mellencamp (from "The Lonesome Jubilee" album)

A million young poets  
G  
Screamin' out their words  
C  
To a world full of people  
G  
Just livin' to be heard  
C  
Future generations  
G  
Ridin' on the highways that we built  
F G  
I hope they have a better understanding.  
C  
Check it out  
G  
Goin' to work on Monday  
C  
Check it out  
G  
Got yourself a family  
C  
Check it out  
G  
All utility bills have been paid  
F  
You can't tell your best buddy that you  
G  
love him.

So check it out  
G  
Where does our time go  
C  
Check it out  
G  
Got a brand new house in Escrow  
C  
Check it out  
G  
Sleepin' with your back to your loved one  
F  
This is all that we've learned about  
G  
happiness  
C-G-C-G-C-G-F-G-F-G  
C  
Check it out  
G  
Forgot to say hello to my neighbors  
C  
Check it out  
G  
Sometimes I question my own behavior  
C  
Check it out  
G  
Talk'in about the girls that we've seen on

<sup>F</sup>  
Just to tell our souls we're still the young  
<sup>G</sup>  
lions.

<sup>C</sup>  
So check it out

<sup>G</sup>  
Gettin' too drunk on Saturdays

<sup>C</sup>  
Check it out

<sup>G</sup>  
Playin' football with the kids on Sundays

<sup>C</sup>  
Check it out

<sup>G</sup> <sup>Em</sup>  
Soarin' with the eagles all week long

<sup>F</sup>  
And this is all that we've learned about  
<sup>G</sup>  
living

(C-G C-G C-G) C-G

<sup>C</sup>  
A million young poets

<sup>C</sup>  
Screamin' out their words

<sup>C</sup>  
Maybe someday

<sup>G</sup>  
Those words will be heard

<sup>C</sup>  
By future generations

<sup>G</sup>  
Ridin' on the highways that we built

<sup>F</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
Maybe they'll have a better understanding

<sup>C</sup>  
Check it out

<sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
Hope they'll have a better understanding

Check it out

Maybe they'll have a better understanding

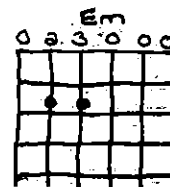
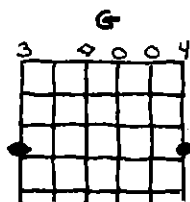
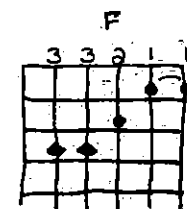
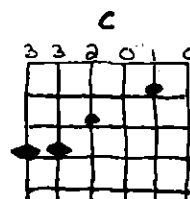
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# BACK PAGE SKIP



Ray Frost, Advisor for the 1st Oakville Rover Crew, presents Raymond Munro with an appreciation award

RAYMOND ZEBULON MUNRO

Raymond Zebulon Munro is a living legend not only in his own country Canada, but around the world. Few men come close to his stature.

Munro, a member of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame and a pilot since 1937, holds 61 aviation records. He has been a World War II fighter pilot, photo journalist, hot air balloonist, Arctic aviation pioneer, and parachutists for his 528th descent, he made a perilous landing on the North Pole. In wrote a best-seller, "The Sky's No Limit", published in 1985. Producers Group International acquired the rights of his life's story for the first major picture to be produced about a living Canadian. A television series is to follow about his numerous adventures. Munro will do some of the aeronautics himself. And, a sequel to his autobiography is also in the works. In fact, the manuscript is complete and a publisher is being sought.

Special from:

Wilma Blokhuis

Article and picture courtesy of:

Oakville Beaver, Community Newspaper

Represented by Keynote Speakers of Toronto, Munro, an Oakville resident for a decade, has been delivering a speech titled "The Psychology of Fear," combining some of his adventures and "my formula for overcoming fear." Last week, he spoke at a banquet held by the 1st Oakville Rovers, attended by 80 people, at the Oakville Legion.

During his entire career, he made headlines. Following his days as a Spitfire pilot for the Royal Air Force over Europe, he spent 17 years in journalism, becoming a "newsroom legend." He was staff pilot with four newspapers, Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, Vancouver Sun and the Vancouver Province. And, when the Vancouver Province wouldn't publish his exposes of that city's police force, he defected to Flash Magazine, a sex and crime journal. He was also a Middle East war correspondent.

So, what drives this man, now a youthful and fit 66 year old, to live on the edge of death? Fear, he told 80 people at the banquet. "Fear is your friend," he said. "Terror is the enemy. Terror is uncontrolled fear." Munro learned how to deal with fear 40 years ago, when his Spitfire was shot down over the English Channel during World War II. He was able to land the plane, missing half of its right wing, upside down in the water and awaited rescue and hospitalization. "I've been hospitalized 13 times."

One of hospitalizations came between two 1979 attempts to cross the Irish Sea in a hot air balloon, and another after his successful second crossing which smashed him against rock. His first flight abandoned at sea, and two years out of hospital, Munro was ready for his second attempt only 10 days after the first. Battling a hurricane, Munro was blown down. He tied a rope from his wrist to the gondola; he reasoned, if the balloon is found, so will my body. "A second gust of wind caught the balloon, and I was slammed against a 1,400 rock wall. I had been thrown overboard, and was found face down in a marsh." Munro recalled. Nevertheless, he crossed the Irish Sea, setting yet another world record. At the time he was 57!

"Fear is a psychological and physiological urge to escape danger," said Munro. "It's the most common condition known to mankind; it's the body's way to prepare for the unknown." But, instead of panicking, he faced his fears by using a simple formula, and then action fast. By using the letters used to spell fear, Munro devised his formula: F - face the fear; E - examine your options; A - accept the challenge; and R - respond to the challenge.

"We live in the world of uncontrollable fears, an age of anxiety, hunger, political strife, local moral decay, and international terror. Too many young people are being forced to make uneducated decisions. That small town life atmosphere is gone, there is no place to hide," said Munro. "During the course of my life, I've been shot at and shot down, trapped in fires, buried in mine cave-ins, financially stripped, jailed, enemy trapped in a Middle East desert, fired, and passed over for promotions. Our business world fears slip into our personal lives. We don't know how to give or receive small tokens of affection. We don't know what it's like not to be on guard. We fear error and loss of respect."

"The plain truth is that you are afraid of seeing yourself as you really are." To counter this fear, Munro has two commandments to be added to his fear formula: "Know yourself, and be yourself."

