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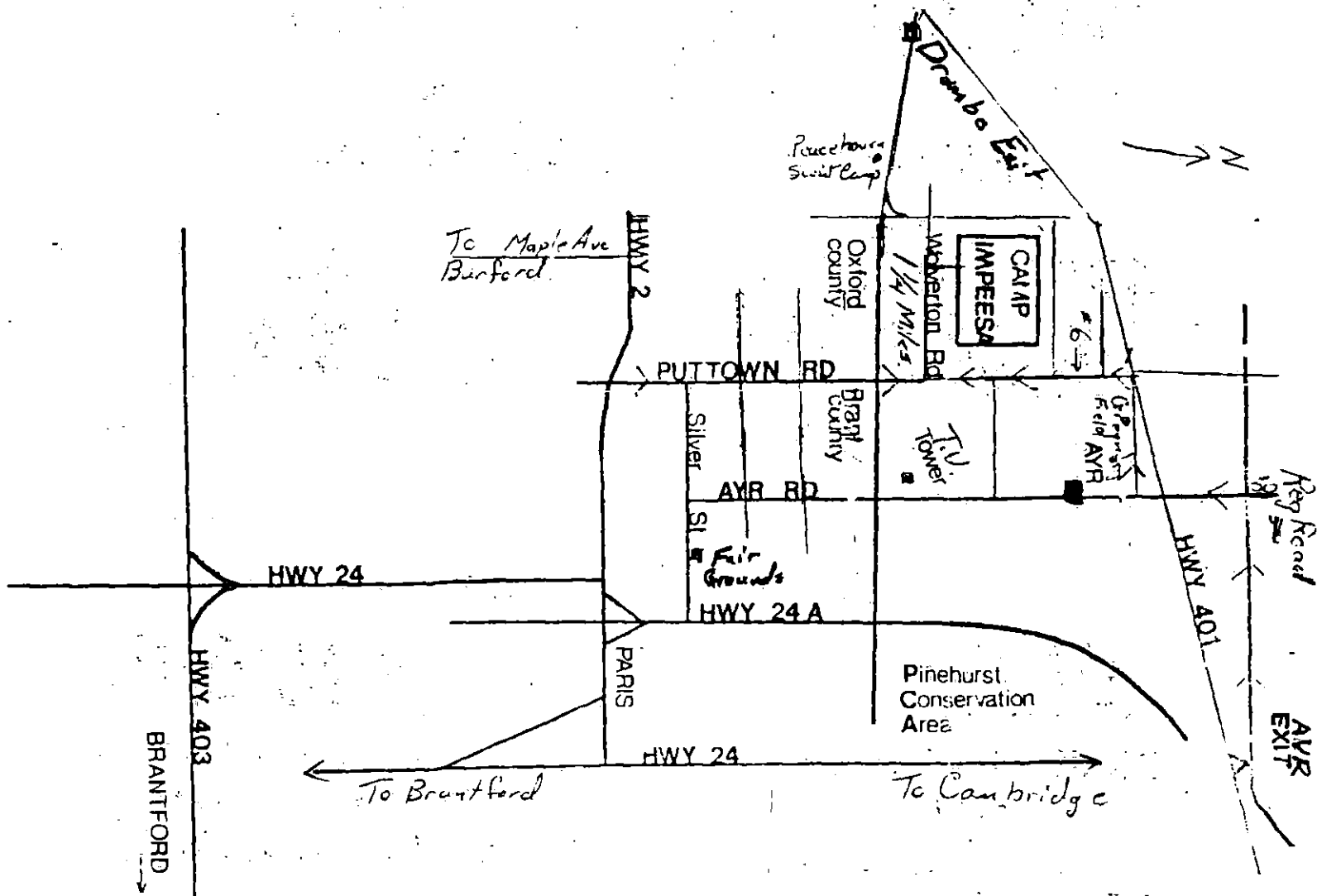
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EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Ontario-Brant District, Venturer-Assembly-Camp Impeesa	3 Venturer Assem. Camp Impeesa
4 Venturer Assem. Camp Impeesa	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Ont.- 16 to 18 Looney Tunes Moot	17 Ont.- 16 to 18 Rover Part I Blue Springs
18 B.C.- 17 to 18 Vancouver Coast Nite Hike	19	20	21	22	23	24 Ont.-St. George's Dinner & Dance with Roger awards and R.S.Dell Award B.C.- Prov. R.R.T. Meet. Kamploops, 12noon
25	26	27	28	29	30	

EVENTS CALENDAR							MAY 1993
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 B.C.- 8 to 9 VCR Moot	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21 B.C.- 21 to 24 Camp Skeeter Nanaimo, B.C.	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

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DUE TO CHANGES IN POSTAL REGULATIONS, OUR CAMBRIDGE BOX NUMBER NO LONGER APPLIES. WE HAVE ENVELOPES AND COVERS PREPRINTED WITH THE OLD BOX NUMBER, PLEASE IGNORE AND SEND SUBSCRIPTIONS & ACCOUNT PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING:

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

CANADA

JULY 10 TO 18, 1993
CJ '93
KANANASKIS, ALBERTA

ONTARIO

FEBRUARY

MARCH

26 to 27
ROVER BASIC COURSE
Peacehaven Scout Camp - Drumbo
\$12.50 per person

Contact: Todd Watters
(519) 754-0835

APRIL

16th to 18th
LOONEY TUNES MOOT
Black Panthers
(see ad)

16th to 18th
ROVER PART 1 - BLUE SPRINGS
Fee: \$40.00
Contact: Training Dept at O. HQ.

24th
ST. GEORGE'S DINNER & DANCE
Contact: 9th Kitchener
516-745-6320
(see Ad)

MAY

no date
MEDIEVAL FARE

JUNE

4 to 6 (10th anniversary)
ATTAWANDERONK MOOT
\$13.00 pre-registration before May 1, 1993
(includes moot "T" shirt)
\$10.00 after May 1, 1993 (no shirt)
Contact: Brad Norris
(519) 669-7621

JULY

16-23
ROVER PART 2, BLUE SPRINGS
Contact: Training Dept. Provincial H.Q.



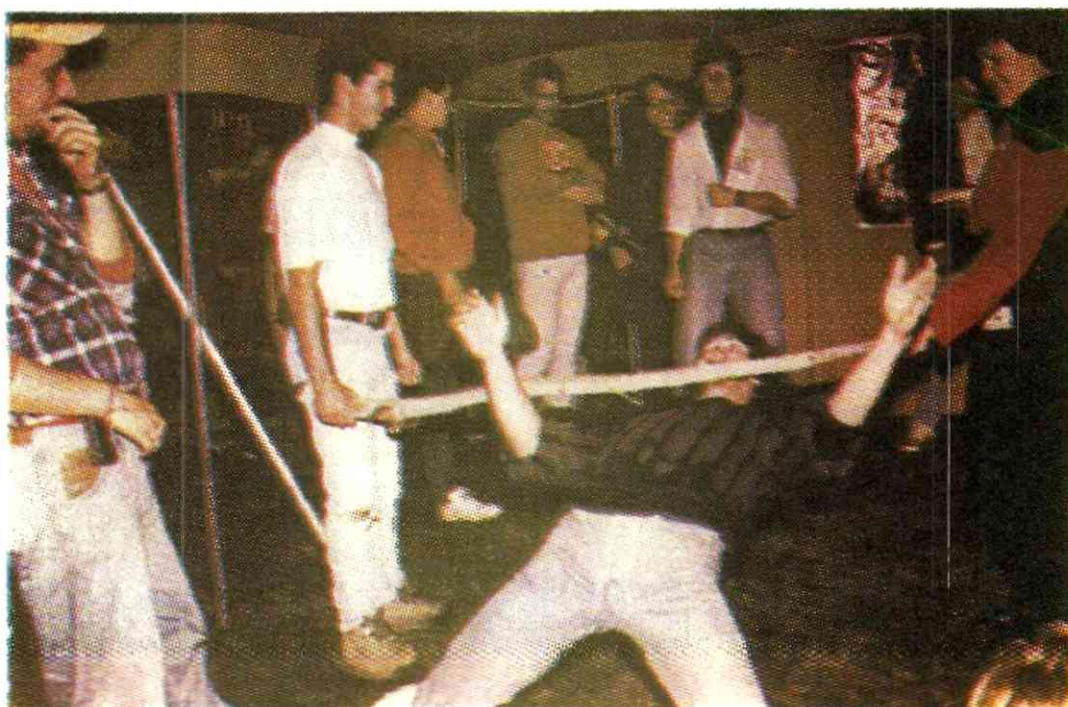
Another Rover Beams in to the Moot.



Last year we searched for Kirk, this year we look for the lost king.

Holy Hound Dog mate, pass me my Blue Suede Shoes, long hair and side burns.

Don't be cruel, let's leave Heartbreak Hotel behind and head for the Search Moot.



AUGUST

7 TO 14

ROVER PART 2, BLUE SPRINGS

Contact: Training Dept. Provincial H.Q.

14th

ANIMAL HOUSE DANCE

(sponsor: Bear Crew)

Mississagu, Ont.

Contact: Rose Nimmo

1-416-607-0945

SEPTEMBER

24 TO 26

Search Moot '93

"THE SEARCH FOR THE LOST KING"

B.C. Rovering

April

17,18

Vancouver Coast Nite Hike

Pacific Spirit Park

Vancouver, BC

24

Provincial Roundtable Meeting

#12 - 1425 Caribou Place

Kamloops, BC

12:00 Noon

May

8 - 9

VCR Moot

Location TBA

Kevin Rostek @ 985-8398

A Snookum Event

21 - 24

Camp Skeeter

Nanaimo, BC

June

5

BP Trek Challenge

North Vancouver, BC

18 - 20

Kindergarten Moot

Camp Cove

Harrison Lake, BC

July

10 - 18

CJ '93

Kananaskis, Alta

September

3 - 6

Klondike Moot

Camp Dunlop

Kelowna, BC

U.S.A.

AUGUST

12 - 15

21st WEE MOOT

Glasgow, Kentucky, U.S.A.

(see Ad)

CRSM '93

(CANADIAN ROVER SERVICE MOOT 1993)

5 February 1993
ROVERING MAGAZINE

Dear Rovering Magazine,

I read in our enlightened magazine that some crew out West was organizing a Rover event at CJ '93. **YOU WERE RIGHT!!** We like to call it CRSM'93. To acronymaphobes, it means *Canadian Rover Service Moot '93*. This fantastic event will have competitions, fun, social activities and some serious looks at where Rovering is going in Canada. Together with all this are beautiful T-shirts, collector's item crests, and fantastic memories.

In addition to the Rover Activity Day, we will be operating a "Coffee House" drop-in centre for Rovers and Venturers. There will be prizes for the day's best presentation of talent (singing, dancing, skits, world class advisor juggling, or whatever). Come out to meet your potential new members, and your fellow Rovers.

How about bringing a display to be set up in the drop-in centre from your crew or round table? These should show some of those great Rovering activities that are happening at your place. These will be set up to let the visitors see them at the drop-in centre, and will be part of the "positive" promotion of Rovers.

On-site registration of Scouts and Venturers interested in Rovering will take place, with referrals to "at home" crews.

We need suggestions, co-ordinators, and registrations of Rovers who will be at CJ '93.

The purpose of the Canadian Rover Service Moot at CJ '93 is to have fun, promote "good Rovering", and allow CJ '93 participants to find out that Rovers do not have hooves and a tail, but can be one of the strongest resources of the community and of Scouting. Look for application forms elsewhere in this edition.

Yours in Rovering (the Movement, and the Magazine).

Terry (Lud) Aardema
Chairman, CRSM '93 Planning Committee
1st Northern Alberta Knights of the Silver Tip Rover Crew
(KOST)

CRSM '93 c/o Terry (Lud) Aardema,
1503 - 8 St. COLD LAKE
Alberta, T0A 0V4

CRSM '93
(CANADIAN ROVER SERVICE MOOT 1993)



APPLICATION FOR CRSM '93

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CREW: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

- FEES:
- Early Registration (by April 30, 1993)
\$20 (includes t-shirt in requested size, crest, and activities)
 - Late Registration (April 30 to June 30, 1993)
\$25 (includes t-shirt at the jamboree, crest, and activities)
 - Registration at Jamboree
\$20 (includes crest and activities)

Extra t-shirts will be available for \$10.00 (plus \$1.00 for XXL).

Make cheques payable to K.O.S.T..

Please send your registration forms and cheques to:

CRSM '93
c/o Terry Aardema
1503 - 8 St
Cold Lake, AB
T0A 0V4

If you have any questions please feel free to call Terry at (403)639-2681 in the evenings.

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 an individual 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 the moots which you personally attended, and not on hearsay. You may leave a category blank if you so desire.

It is important that you list No. 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.

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

3. Name what you feel were the four best moots in the past year in order of preference.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

4. Name the best continuing feature to appear in Rovering Magazine during the past year.

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Send your nomination-vote to: "ROGER AWARDS"
c/o 45 Islington Avenue
KITCHENER, ONTARIO
N2B 1P3

Awards will be presented at the St. George's Day Dinner & Dance in April.

Nomination/Votes to Date

Dedication to Rovers:

Brian Jeffery, Paul Mosar, Robert Heath, Mike Davis, Don Sitler
Wayne Bowman, Lee Ann Madill, 11th Cambridge Sir Galahad Crew.

Dedication to Rangers:

Rosemary Mundy, Sheila Jeffery, Carol James, Joanne Shultz

Best Moots of 1992:

9th World Moot, Vancouver Coast Rover Moot, Snowball, Search Moot
Halloween Moot, Scruff & Tuff Moot, Circus Moot, Attawonderonk Moot
Looney Tunes Moot, Confederation Moot, Medieval Fare Moot,
Find & Grind Moot, Olympic Moot, Scarecrow Moot.
(Note: Some of the above were run in 1991 but we are honouring the nomination)

Best Continuing Feature in "Rovering Magazine" in 1992:

B.C.Rovering - by Marc, Paul, Tracey, Don, Tony, Darlene, Kris
and Greg on the Speaker Phone.

Ggad It's Dagg - by Bruce Dagg.

How About That - by Don Sitler

From the Rambling Duo - by Ray & Inge Bates

The African - by Alan West

God Stuff - by Michael Diegel

Best Feature in "Rovering Magazine" in 1992:

Top Ten Brown Nose Ideas - by The 5th Poco Knights of Edmonton

A Guide to Safe Canoeing - from Interchange of Australia

Nightmare - by Alan West

A Night For Breaking Rules - by Linda Weddle

(A Gift To Remember & Christmas Special, the judges assume these nominations refer to
"A Night For Breaking Rules")

Reincarnation - by Alan West

Future of Rovers in G.R.T. & Canada - by G.R.T. Round Table

The African - by Alan West

The Eagle & The Wise Man - by T. Wiseman

(Rovering is Doomed was nominated it will be carried forward for the 1993 Awards.

Sorry, Madonna and Demi Moore do not qualify, every year there's a joker!!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$14.00 for a 2 year subscription to the Rover Magazine. While not being a Rover, I have found it an invaluable resource for the Co-ed Venturer Company, I am a co-advisor with (by the way my co-advisor is a co-ed Rover).

Having seen Rovers in action at a number of Moots that our company has attended, I am having trouble understanding why Scouts Canada is considering doing away with the program. It seems to me that any organization that can provide its members with activities that don't involve alcohol, drugs, sexist attitudes etc... is a worthwhile one.

If I had one suggestion for Rovering, it is publicity and more publicity. I have been in Scouting since I was a Cub and have been an adult leader for 16 years and until this past year the only knowledge of the Rover program was from BP&P. My suggestion includes inviting District Presidents, Commissioners, Regional Staff and even other young leaders, who may (like me) have never been involved in Rovering, to your moots etc... If they see what goes on they will hopefully become as an enthusiastic supporter of Rovering as I am. As well get the moot information into Provincial Notes that go out to each leader in the province. This way Venturer Advisors will know of the moots and which ones they might attend with their companies. The atmosphere at the moots is quite

different from attending a Scout camp and being in a Senior Sub-camp. I have found the moots to be a great way to help Venturers realize that they are now regarded as young adults, not just large Scouts, and the responsibilities and rights this designation entails!

I will be assuming the position of President of Sydenham District in March of 1993 and will, as one of the main goals of my term, promote Rovering as a very important section of the Scouting Family.

Please keep up the great magazine that you are producing and thank you for starting my subscription.

Yours in Scouting,

Tom Wilson

1st Strathroy Co-ed Venturer Company
#104-183 Blackacres Blvd.

London, Ontario

N6G 2H1

Ed. Comment: Letters like this are a joy to read. Tom has reinforced a statement made in the last issue that the leaders and district staff do not encourage the members to move into the next section or make them aware of the other sections.

My own crew was shocked a few years ago while running the Kub Kar Rally. When the Cubs were questioned they did not know who or what Rovers were. Members of my crew have arrived to work on the Roger Awards and are looking over my shoulder as I type. They just said, "Send that guy two complimentary tickets to St. George's Dinner and Dance, we need more like him." So Tom, watch your mail!!!!

FLASH!!!! A short communique from Reynold McClean of the Barbados Rover Crew: "Rovers are going well and they are going Co-ed!!!!"

Addition: Just received a phone call from Barbados. They have eight members in the crew

ROVER SECRET SERVICE

I am writing this article because of the concern I have about Rovering in Canada. I hope to educate the leaders in other Scouting sections, and reinstate some of National's confidence in the current Rover Scout program.

First, I would like to say that I am from Cambridge, Ontario, and have been a Rover Scout for six years in the Sir Galahad Rover Crew. I am currently the Chairman of our Regional Rover Round Table, Chairman of the First Aid committee for Provincial Moot '94 (Rovering from Sea to Sea), and a Cub Scout Leader in my third year. I was a Beaver Leader for two years, and Venturer Advisor for four years.

I entered the Girl Guide movement in 1977 at the age of seven as a Brownie, moved onto Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, and finally became a Junior Leader (Girl Guide's equivalent to a S.I.T.). This was not enough for me, so I became a Rover in a crew that my older sister belonged to.

My mother was a Ranger, and my father was a Rover in the days when Boy Scouts only wore short pants, and program was rigidly adhered to. They first met at a Rover/Ranger wiener roast, and they have been married ever since (29 years). Because of this background in Guiding and Scouting, I have been given only the best morals and education in outdoor skills possible. I feel I could survive in the wilderness with only

a butter knife and a piece of plastic.

My father did not say to much when my sister and I became Rovers, but he is one of these die hard men that don't believe women should be in Scouting, and especially Rovering. Needless to say we are slowly changing his mind.

After starting in the Rover crew as a Squire, I was educated by my sponsors in Scouting History, Crew History, and the crew's theme, Knighthood. It took longer for me to understand the levels of Scouting and how communication flows through the movement, because it is very different from Guiding.

Four years after my voting in (acceptance) I finally finished my Squireship and became a real Rover Scout as B.P. had intended it, for life. Now, this may seem like an eternity, but it takes each Squire a different length of time. Each Crew has different Squireship requirements, and after my years of experience with other crews, and a Part I Crew Woodbadge, I have found 11th Cambridge Sir Galahad Rover Crew to have the best and most effective Squireship and challenging program.

The Squireship process is very involved, but it starts with the appointment of two sponsors, a senior and a junior. These are both invested Rovers from the entire Rover Movement, not just your crew. Before investiture the Squire must learn the appropriate history, acquire 20 hours of service work, learn survival camping, as well as read and discuss Rovering to Success with their sponsors. This book was written in 1921 by Lord Robert Baden-Powell as a guide to manhood for Rovers. Although some of the information is outdated, it covers all of life's problems (referred to as rocks) and how to solve them. B.P. covers money, wine, women, religion, responsibility, service, and Rovering.

Through this guide for life, Rovers learn about B.P. and his adventurous life, as well as what is accepted in Rovering and society. This is a large part of Squireship and it is a long learning process about one's self and their surroundings. After this is completed the Squire must undertake a journey for his sponsors and himself, by planning the menu, route, time, date, arrange the equipment needed, and buy all of the food. This is the ultimate physical challenge for the Squire and is a great learning experience. The journey can be a hike, canoe trip, or a bike trip, it must be at least 15km, and the Squire is to carry all food and necessary equipment. It has to be an overnight trip, a shelter must be built and slept in, and food must be prepared over an open fire. The last chapter of the book, "Rovering" is discussed on the journey under the stars, the clouds and even the snow.

Following the Squire's journey, the sponsors decide after all they have taught the Squire, if he is ready for investiture. If this is so, the hard part begins. The Squire is given what is called a vigil. This is a set of questions that B.P. produced so that a Rover may examine his true self. This often is the most difficult "rock" of the Squire's entire journey, for he may encounter questions where the answers may be less than perfect. But the enthusiasm that brought the Squire this far does not die, for that is what the rest of his time in Rovering is all about, SERVICE, BROTHERHOOD, and above all GROWTH.

The Squire's own investiture is the first he will see, and it is a sacred event held high among all crew members. Although he is now invested, a greater quest lies ahead, for down the road of life their lies development awards, large demands for service, a Squire of his own who, without the proper direction will go by the wayside, and this Rover is

now a role model for all Scouting Youth to follow.

I find it difficult to put into words what I personally have gained from Rovering, these are feelings that come from the heart and bring tears to my eyes. I am a better person and an active member of my community now, thanks to Rovers.

People must understand that secrecy was initially intended to draw youth members toward the mysteries of Rovering. What it ultimately has done is pushed the adults in this movement away. There are great programs in operation all over Canada today, please, I ask you, to use those programs as judgement, and not the few crews that give Rovering a bad name. I also encourage all Rover Crews to have a balanced and well rounded program, that provides for physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional growth.

This, is coming from a youth member that has never had a year she remembers outside of Guiding and Scouting. Rovering has played such a large and important part of my life, not just my spare time. I really do not know what I would do if Rovering was disbanded.

Maybe B.P. did not intend Rovering to be what it is today, but I really don't feel he would have wanted Rover Scouts to become a section of the past.

Lee Ann Madill.

Ed. Note: I think that many Rovers are saying that could be me writing, my thoughts and feelings are the same. Lee Ann has not only echoed many of our thoughts, but she has also sent copies to the right places. Her last paragraph states more than is actually written. The number of words are 30, a newspaper symbol for end of copy.

B. C. ROVERING

This month our edition of B.C. Roving is coming to you Live from the 'Snake Pit', or more commonly known as Marc's house. Unfortunately, the Boa can't type, so Marc has to do it. Besides, Gord doesn't like snakes much anyway. (Why is he living with Paul then?)

While Marc and Gord say 'Hello!', Paul is cheering for another Canuck's goal over the Winterpeg Jets.

Vancouver Coast Region

The RoventTM Report:

All went well in sunny (but colllllllllldddd!) Manning Park on the February 19th weekend. With over 500 eager participants in attendance, the camp was it's usual success. There wasn't much snow, but the cool weather kept people searching out warmth wherever they could find. Queen Strawberry Flats was won by Chris Wilson, alias Amanda Hug'N'Kiss. Stay clear of that boy; he's really strange....

Other awards included the Spirit Award to 3rd Boundary Bay Notorious Knights, Snow Golf to 1st Kirkland Squires and LTS's, Henley on Cambie by the 3rd Boundary Bay guys again, Snow Sculpture by, guess who, the Notorious Knights. Somebody sure cleaned up. We need a little more competition next year.

Doug dug. Doug dug good. Thanks Doug!

Lots of compliments to 8th Surdel Rovers for a great dance. Other thanks to Ian and Steve for Parking Management, Craig Ross and Greg Steves for their Quartermastering, Denise for her Skiing organization, and M.A.S.T. for their medical services and great food! Thanks to all who helped out.

Fraser Valley Region

Look out, it's Gord!!!! As Paul screams in terror, we'll move on to the FVR Report...There's lots happening in the Fraser Valley right now, with an upcoming Moot and all that...

Yes, it's the 'Kindergarten Moot!!' No, we didn't get our 'Depends' sponsorship as we hoped, but it will still be a great time. Marc is complaining that his 'Butt' hurts. What have you been up to, Marc. Do we really want to know??? Anyway about this Kindergarten Moot thing, it's on June 18th, 19th, and 20th at beautiful Camp Cove on Harrison Lake, BC. It's only \$5.00 per person, with face painting, nap time, show and tell, and of course, *juice* time (BYOJ). For more information please contact Gord Reid (yes, me) @ (604) 432-9007, or Chelley Rickards @ (604) 535-7458.

And don't forget the May Roundtable, it's elections time again. Don't forget to come and vote on May 12. Watch for the 'Vote for Gord' campaign, in your town soon.

Also upcoming, date *still* to be announced, the Rover/Venturer linking event. As Gord is present, no references to 'pushing' or 'prodding' shall be made at this time.

WOON TUNES MOOD

*The Black
Panthers
presents*



YEAR OF THE TAZ

APRIL 16 - 18



LOONEY TUNES

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of your Crew, Company, Post: _____

If you are a Venturer Company, please give us your Rover Sponsors name:

ROVER SPONSOR MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE

Number attending weekend _____ Day _____

Registration fee per person: \$10.00 Before April 1, 1993.
\$12.00 At gate, after April 1, 1993.
\$ 7.50 Day Rate, crest included.

Total Registration (No. of persons X \$10, \$12 or \$7.50) = _____

Name and phone number of responsible adult attending camp.

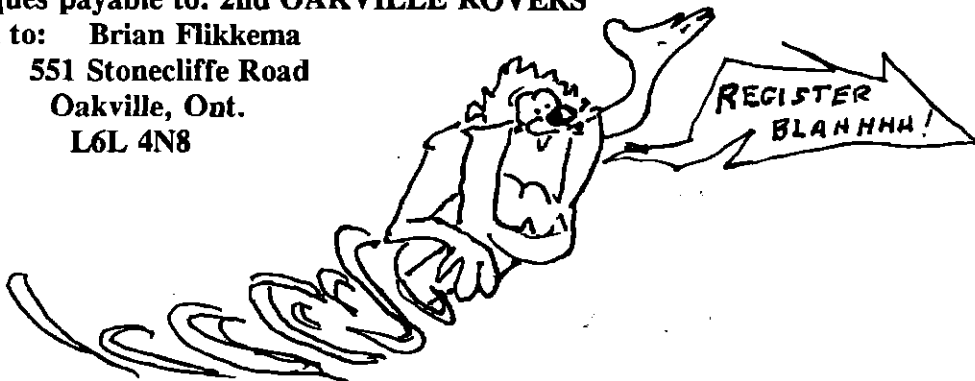
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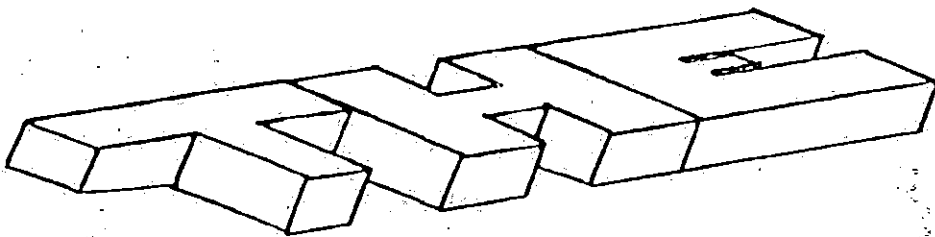
Looney Tunes Moot will held at Blue Springs, Blue Heron campsite (Milton, Ont.)

If information is requested about registration, please contact Brian or Harry at (416) 827-3694 or Alan at (416) 257-3070.

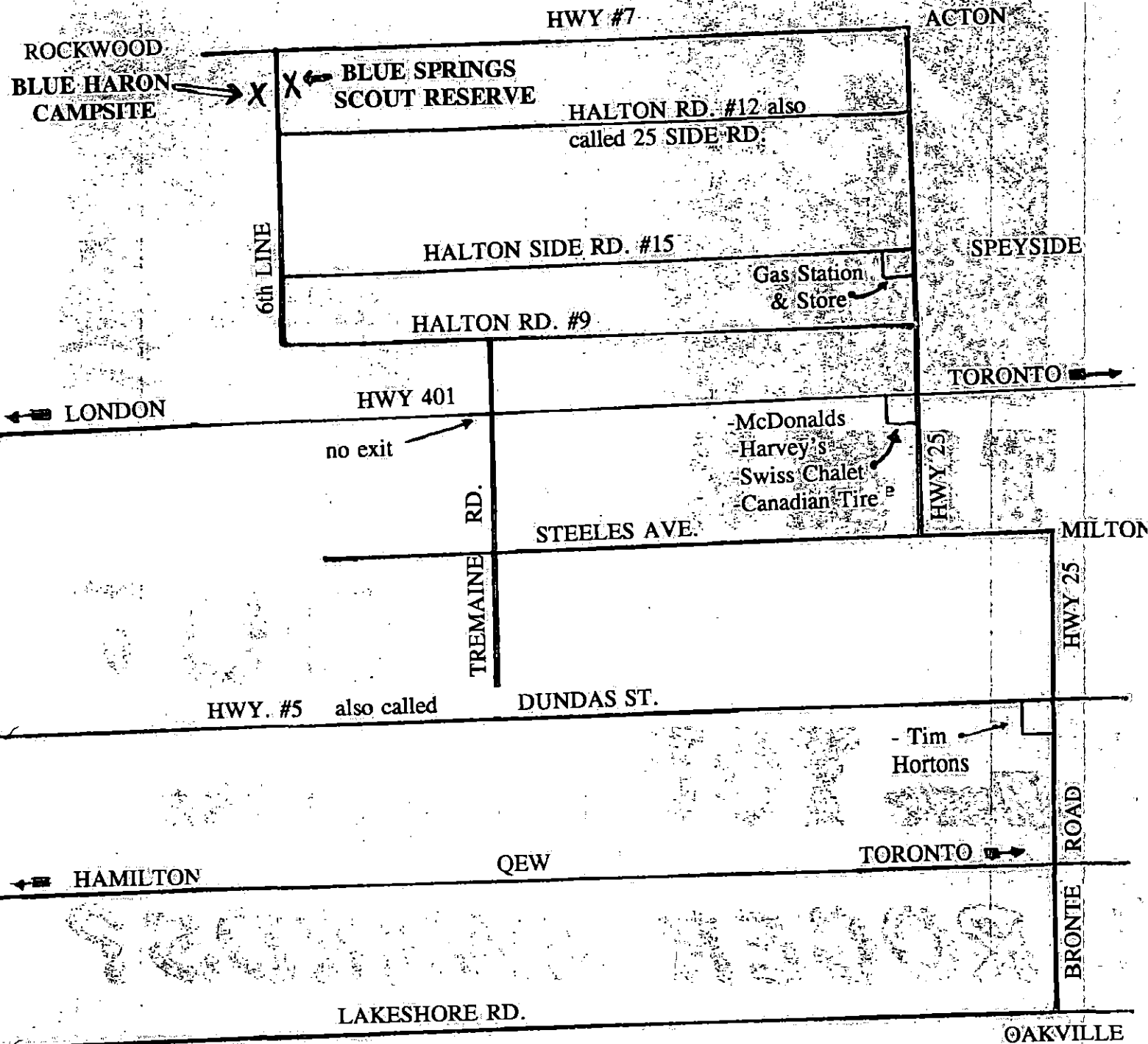
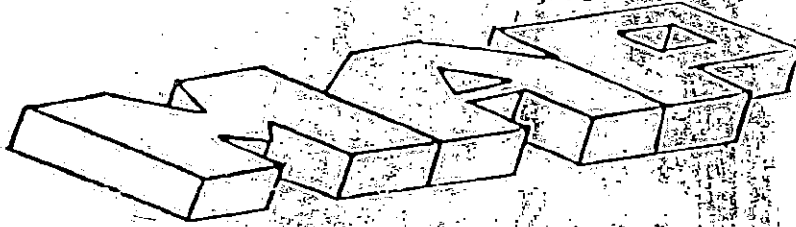
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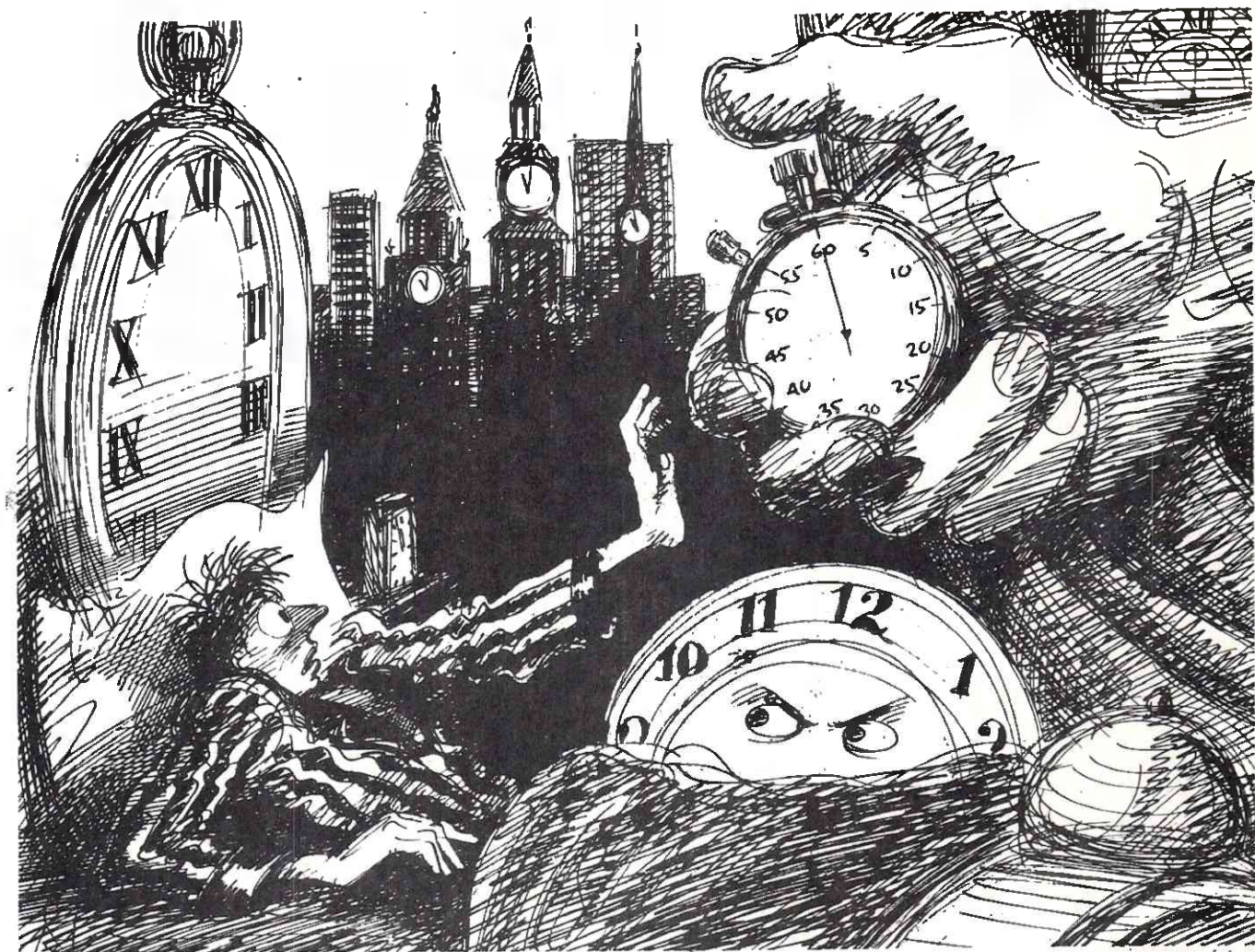
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LOONEY TUNES
MOOT





TIME *is running*
OUT

Have **YOU** *voted in the*
ROGER AWARDS?

Burnaby Region

Paul is back, and boy are we happy! NOT!!!! And speaking of back, how was that trip, Paul? Well, he'll tell ya that it was 'Trés Bon!' First stop was TO at 6:00 AM, ACK! Next stop was the balmy -30° of Ottawa. Worked at a check point for the Gatineau Cross-country Ski Race doing first aid. He had to wear rubber gloves and everything. not!

Was given the grand tour of Parliament, with the highlight being a 15 minute stint in the House of Commons listening to Politicians argue about when to take lunch. Had dinner with Mila and Brian, and managed to talk some sense into him.. He resigned the next day. Way to go, Paul!

Toured National office, and had a long meeting with Robert Baker which proved very beneficial. He indicated a possible visit to the West Coast this spring. We'll keep you all informed about the visit as more details become available.

Last major stop was Montreal, and had a great tour of the city close up. Can't forget to mention a winter camping weekend to make up for missing Rovent™. There was lots of snow, and no warmth to speak of. Thanks to Les Scouts for their warm (and cold) hospitality.

Burnaby attended Rovent™, without Paul. Plans are in the works for Nite Hike and their regional Beaverree.

Victoria Region

The Venturer/Rover Conference was a success back in early February. A proposal for a Commonwealth Games camp has been put forward. Located at beautiful Camp Bernard, activities should reflect the games atmosphere. This Camp was the brainchild of the Region's newest crew.

The region is waiting with bated breath for the Annual Rover/Venturer Car Rally on 1:00PM May 30th. No preregistration necessary, just show up at the Greater Victoria Region Scouthouse. BBQ to follow, BYOC (Bring Your Own Car) for the rally.

Islands Region

The following is as submitted by Kris Henry (Oy!):

OHH.SHH...IRRRT

Guess what!? Yep, you guesses it, I'm getting married next February. So I'm retiring from Rovers, but not from Scouting. I've been told that once a Rover, always a Rover. I hope that does not have the same meaning as with the Mafia.

This will be my last letter for the I.R.R.R.T.. Ray Dol will be taking over my job, so you can give him a hard time from now on. And it was a rugby tackle, Paul!

Just had our Roundtable, and it only took 3/4 of an hour, not 4 hours. We even managed to play a round of golf before the meeting. Sorry about the game taking an hour longer to finish; that's probably why you're not allowed to have 5 people playing at once. We did, however, have a spectator

crowd of 3. Dave, the Englishman, and I finished with the best score of 42, while the worst unnamed score was 71.

Anyway, sometime last January, while being stuck in Sayward, I came across this firefighter's creed. I hope it says something to you:

When I am called to duty God
Wherever flames may rage
Give me strength to save a life
Whatever be it's age.

Help me to embrace a little child
Before its too late
Or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
To hear the weakest shout
And quickly and efficiently
Put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling
And to give the best in me
To guard my neighbor and
Protect his property.

And if according to your will
I have to lose my life
Bless with your protecting hand
My children and my wife.

Yours in Scouting,
Kris Henry (OY)

Provincial Roundtable

Bonjour mes amis, oui c'est Paul. Now that I am back in the sunny and warm tropics of our country. Yes it's time for some provincial news.

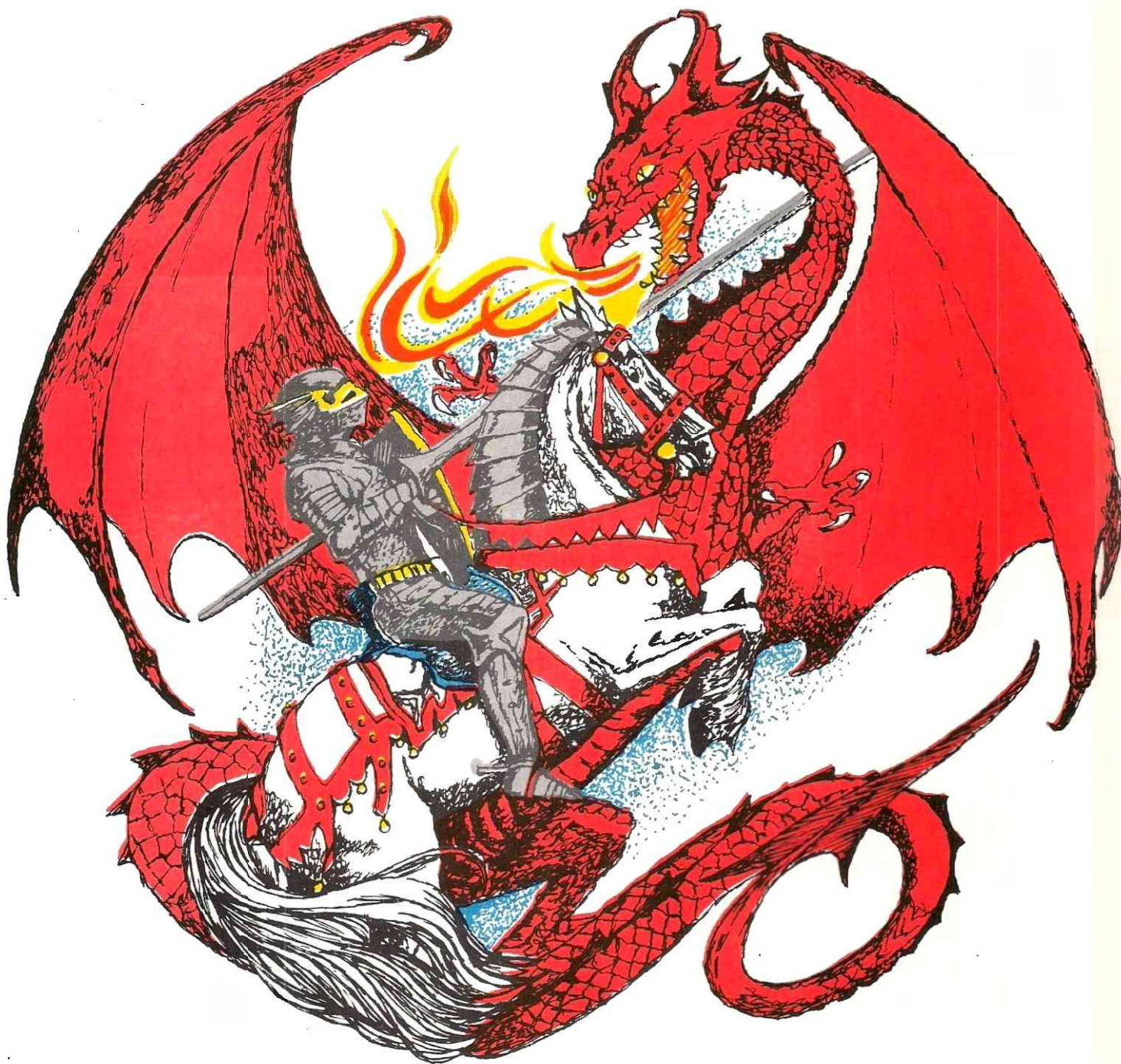
The MOOT of the century is approaching at an alarming rate. This is the Klondike Moot of course. The dates for this great event is on labour day weekend in September (3-6). The location is Camp Dunlop on the beach shores of the Okanagan Lake in Kelowna. The cost is a mere low \$15.00 which covers site fees, Sunday night dinner, Crests, Awards and administration costs for a great four day weekend!!!! See promotional ad in this magazine for more information or call me @ (604) 432-9007. Remember this MOOT is open to all ROVERS from around the World as well as the Les Scouts.

Marc is eagerly awaiting your submissions for this year's addition of our yearbook. Please send in your photos and reports as soon as possible.

The next Provincial Rover Roundtable is very soon. By the time you receive this magazine it will be very, very soon! April 24th in Kamloops, B.C. at 12:00pm noon. The meeting will take place at:

H.I.S. Ventures Co.
#12 - 1425 Caribou Place
Kamloops, B.C.
(Off of Notre Dame. Between Smith Chev-Olds and the Aberdeen Mall.) For more information call Paul.

Just to correct a rumour from last issue, the Rover review has not been moved up to five years. It is just the "Mid-Term" review that will be performed in 1995. This is standard procedure according to National. The Rover Review Committee is busy tackling all the major and minor issues concerning the Future of Rovering. They would love to have input from all Rovers across Canada to make their job much



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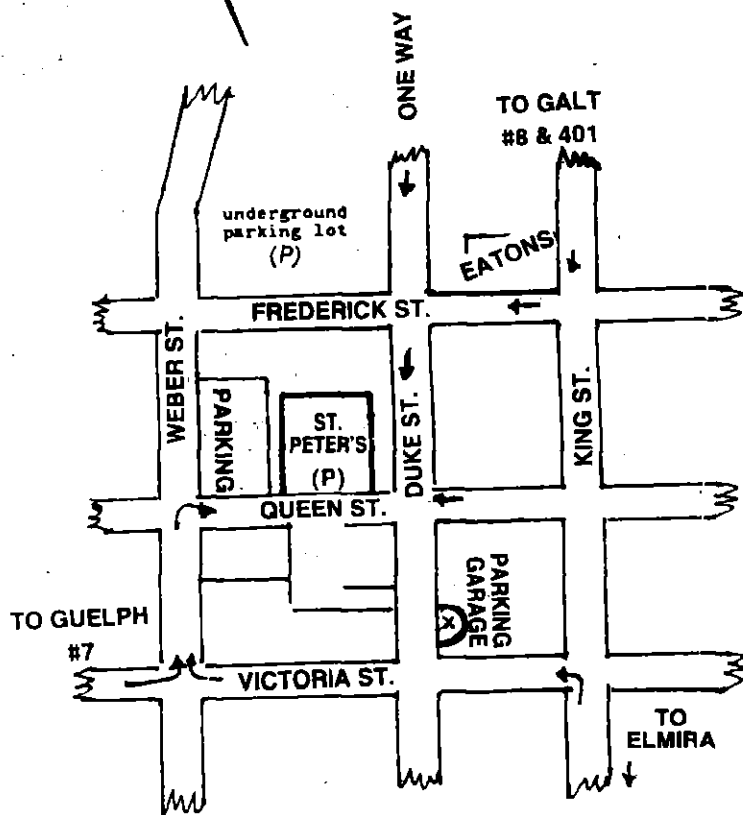
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easier. Please send all input and/or questions to John Peach.

So Don, what happened to the colour pictures? Did your son enjoy his page? Did you let him add a little salt? *(When photos arrive one week before printing, you are lucky to see them in black and white - Don)*

And while we're on the subject of mess-ups, what happened to our article last issue. I don't recall sending it in with all the text centred in the columns. Just as long as everyone understands that it wasn't our fault. *(You guys are real funny, it was worse when I first veiwed it. Your text looked more like Chinese, next time I'll leave in the weird commands)*

Just a little statistical information for all you Easterners, Vancouver had only 11.2mm of rain in February, and Gord had his top down all month. Boy was Arran impressed. I think we even broke a high temperature record a few days ago. Too bad about your snow storms...☺ Paul really enjoyed all the bitter cold and the towering snow banks. What a way to spend a week off.

There has been an ugly ☹ rumour that a certain 'Crispy' may again grace the pages of Rovering Mag. Oh, Lord help us all! Gadd, we thought Dagg was enough.

So, for another issue of B.C. Rovering Mag, it's so long, farewell, bye-bye!!!

Yours in Rovering;

Paul, Marc & the Gordmeister

GGAD IT'S DAGG!!

Dear Readers:

Once again I almost didn't get my act together in time to submit this article. However, after Don's threat last time to suspend my pay if I don't shape up, I figured I had better make an effort to put something down on paper! (I think he's looking for a raise - Don).

I'm writing this on board a Canadian Airlines International flight to London, on my way back to Ireland for another five weeks of work. I know it doesn't compare with Mark and Paul's Excellent Adventure, but it's the best I can do this year. The article will probably be mailed from Gatwick Airport, if it appears in the April issue you'll know that I just barely made the deadline! (one day from press - Don).

Enough time has now passed since the referendum on the constitution that I can safely raise the issue again. Before you turn the page, let me assure you that I certainly don't intend to discuss the merits of the ill-fated proposal again. I simply want to use it as an example of what I see as a much wider problem in this country. If you really analyze why the proposal was defeated, most people voted NO because they didn't get enough in the deal, or some other group got too much. It is convenient to blame the "elitist politicians" for the problem, but in so doing we are really blaming them for being more willing to compromise than are the citizens they were elected to represent. In such a climate, do

you really think a different set of politicians, or a so-called "constituent assembly" could have done any better? I think not. It's time we stop blaming the politicians for all our problems, and get our own acts together.

There are other examples of this double standard. We demand that our large corporations, mining and logging companies, etc. adhere to the highest environmental standards (and rightly so), yet we think nothing of littering our streets, and throw all manner of garbage from McDonalds wrappers to shopping carts into our urban rivers and streams. The citizens of Victoria recently voted not to raise taxes to construct a new sewage treatment plant, and opted instead to continue pumping raw sewage into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which we share with neighbouring Washington State (the potential loss of tourist dollars may force them to reconsider). And the problems I'm talking about are certainly not restricted to Canada - in most other so-called "developed" countries I've visited they are even worse.

So what does any of this have to do with Scouting, and Rovers in particular? It goes back to a theme I touched on several issues ago. I believe that one of the best ways we can fulfill our aim of Service is through service to our country, specifically by showing leadership on issues such as the one I'm writing about here. Let's stop blaming our politicians and corporations for all our problems, get off our collective butts, and *do something* ourselves to make this country a better place to live.

So ends the lecture. Now an observation. I noted in "How About That" last time that certain un-named officials in Scouting were upset about a

certain satirical article that appeared in this magazine some time ago. That's funny, I didn't think anybody at H.Q. considered Rovering important enough or relevant enough to read. I must admit that I wondered about the wisdom of publishing that article at the time, but maybe it was a good thing after all. If a little controversy forces more people at H.Q. to read the magazine, all of it - they might accidentally find out what is really going on in Rovers in this country, and all the good things we do!

O.K. hands up all those who noticed the contradiction in the last two paragraphs.

Yours in Rovering
Bruce Dagg

BOYS LOSE OUT

IT'S GREAT THAT GIRLS CAN JOIN SCOUTS, BUT LET'S NOT STOP THERE!

The following article was printed in the Kitchener Record. It was written by a grade 12 student, Todd Bissett. With his kind permission we reproduce it here.

"On my honour, I promise to do my best, to love and serve God, my Queen, my Country, and my fellow man, and to live by the Scout Law"

In the 12 years that I have been a member of Scouts Canada, I have probably spoken those words, or a variation of them, thousands of times. And I've had to teach

them to new Scouts as well.

And yet, not a single one of those Scouts has ever been a girl.

That, however, is about to change. Just a few weeks ago it was decided that the Boy Scouts will no longer be just for boys. The doors will be opened to the opposite sex.

If I had to sum up my feelings regarding this idea, I could do it in three words: It's about time.

Scouting was originally set up by Lord Baden Powell as an organization in which boys could be prepared to provide a future service in society, usually as soldiers. Scouts were, in fact, used in battle by Baden Powell more than a century ago.

In those days only men were allowed to serve as soldiers, so only boys needed to be prepared for such a role. Today both men and women can serve in the armed forces of Canada, so scouting should be keeping up with the times by going co-ed. If women want to be included in the national defence, they also should be prepared.

At the same time, with the possibility of war less likely than it has been in the past, the function of scouting has changed to a certain extent.

While survival training, personal fitness, and camp-craft activities are still the main focus, the basis of scouting is far more dependent on providing a fun environment for the membership.

While some say that boys and girls can't get along together when they are

young, I think it should be clear that it is essential for both sexes to start getting used to each other at an early age.

After all, very young girls and boys play together happily with no problem. Perhaps, if we choose not to separate them, they will continue to be happy together throughout their lives.

In today's world, men and women spend much more time together than they did in the past. Where men used to be only with other men all day at work and women would see only women and children at home, it was in keeping with society to have boys and girls separated into different groups when they were children.

But now men and women work together, both in jobs and at home, it is important that the two sexes are prepared for this future, starting when they are young.

Clearly nature, culture, society and common sense all dictate that scouting should be an activity for both sexes to be involved in. And since I do believe that scouting should be for both sexes, I am not upset that Boy Scouts is changing to allow girls.

I do, however have a problem when I look at Girl Guides, which has always been the equivalent of Scouts for the female gender and which will continue to be just that.

Why is it that girls will now have a choice between joining the boys in Scouts or shutting them out by joining Guides?

Both organizations were set up by

Baden Powell and both operate on the same basic functions, but now boys are going to be deprived of having a one gender group of their own.

It seems to me that girls are just being given their cake and allowed to eat it too, while boys are having their jaws wired shut.

Either Scouts and Guides should be merged to create just one group for everyone or else there must be three groups - one for girls, one for boys, and one for both.

By changing an equal system to an unequal one, we are simply subscribing to the idea that one gender should have more choice than the other, defeating the entire purpose of the change in the first place.

Ed. Note: Many years ago, before Rovers became co-ed, my crew had a division of young ladies who were known as the long hair guys. (that gives you an idea how long ago it was). The subject that Todd wrote about was discussed at great length, the conclusion reached was the full merger of Scouts and Guides, was already written in stone, it was only a matter of time. But as the magazine goes to Guide H.Q., I invite them to reply to Todd and this magazine, and any other replies would be welcome

BREAKING THE MOOT MOLD

An old Rover flyer says of our program that "The Only Limitation is Our Mind". No such lofty claim is made about Rovers in Scout's Canada's newest flyer. Have we as Rovers failed to live up to this claim? Do we as Rovers not believe this to be true? Have we allowed our program to become so stale and predictable that such claims would be misleading? Or when we do stretch our minds and others say "We can't do that", do we believe them?

Rover moots are a large part of the program we offer ourselves. Through them many councils and prospective members get their impressions of what the Rover section is all about. These events are run by Rovers for Rovers. What is it we are offering ourselves? What does the moot participant get out of a moot? Fun, fellowship, the chance to meet new friends and catch up with old ones are all in the plus column for most moots. These goals, however, would be accomplished even in the total absence of any moot program. How often have you remembered meeting someone at a moot but were unable to recall whether it was last year or the year before. Most moot programs seem to remain the same year after year. Ask any ten rovers what typically goes on at a moot and at least seven will answer; "cub type games, a car rally and a dance". Many moot programs have become predictable and stale.

Rovers are a varied and talented group. We should be able to offer ourselves much more than we are. The moot participant deserves a real sense of challenge from which a true feeling of accomplishment can be derived. This plus a taste of adventure and a new experience are the ingredients of a memorable event. Two of the slogans on the Scruff & Tuff moot flyer read, "You will be challenged as a Rover not as a Cub." and "Strip of the monotonous moot mold" No where in the flyer was another moot or crew mentioned. Yet the Dragons received a number of complaints from crews who were offended that the flyer was referencing their events. If there are crews that feel that such statements accurately describe their moots then we as Rovers should take a good look at the level of program we are offering ourselves.

We are Rovers, not cubs. Perhaps it's time that our moot programs reflected this truth. The challenge of a competitive moot should not be in besting another crew but in completing the event. Events of this calibre can create a tremendous feeling of self-worth for the moot participant. They can instill a sense of respect and empathy for fellow participants. A crew can be drawn together when overcoming a real obstacle, be it learning a new skill or applying an old one. We can put more into moots than just the opportunity to be social. We can include a framework around which to be social. A framework that more accurately reflects what we are all about. A moot program that allows us to be both sociable and challenged. A moot program that will be memorable because it felt worthwhile on more than just one level. Any one who has completed the hillclimb at Wee Moot, crawled out of a cave at Circus moot or skied across the ice at Scruff moot can

attest to these feelings. These and a few other moots are attempting to break the moot mold. Lets not wait around for these sort of events, lets create them today. The only limitation is our mind, lets use it now! After all, who says we can't?

Keep On Rovering!

Sean Hume
1st Imperial Dragons

ROVERS IN RUSSIA

From the November issue of COMING EVENTS of the New south Wales Branch Rover Council. It caught my eye and I think you will enjoy it also.

In June/July of this year (1992), two NSW, eight ACT Rovers and a Rover Advisor from Tasmania were part of a 40 member Australian Contingent that visited Russia. The aim of the trip was to help reintroduce Scouting to Russia. Scouting in the USSR had been banned for 70 years prior to the demise of Communism.

The trip started enthusiastically as we were greeted at Moscow airport by a group of 40 male and female Russian Scouts. It was hard to tell who was the most excited. Both groups were eager for to put into practice what little they knew of the other's language.

We spent the first five days of the trip in Moscow, sightseeing. We visited the

Kremlin, Moscow Circus, art galleries and went on a river boat cruise. Then we spent 10 days in an old 'Pioneer' camp in Dubna (Pioneers were the equivalent of Hitler's Youth, but in the USSR). Dubna is situated on the banks of the Volga River between Moscow and St. Petersburg. At the camp we taught the Russian Scouts skills in leadership, campcraft and initiative, but we were hindered by the language difficulties. Whilst on the camp we took part in a three day canoe expedition along the Volga River, and various sporting games, soccer, basketball and volleyball. We even gave a demonstration game of Aussie Rules, but unfortunately I broke my arm which resulted in a rather interesting experience in a Russian hospital.

From Dubna we travelled overnight via train to St. Petersburg - a beautiful city with its many rivers, old architecture, palaces and many museums. While in St. Petersburg we stayed with Russian Scouting families in their apartments - there are very few houses in Russia. All the families were very hospitable and extremely proud of what little they had. In St. Petersburg we went to the Kirvo ballet and went on an all night harbour cruise (there was only about four and a half hours of darkness). We also did a couple of service jobs here - one in a nunnery and some gardening/environmental work behind a museum.

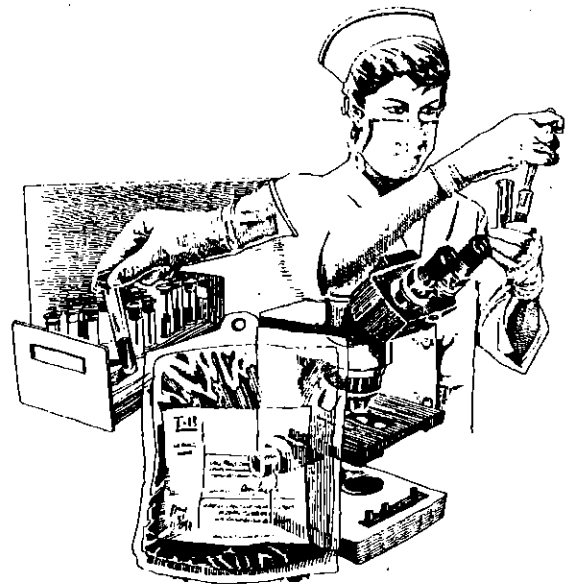
The Russians welcome an organization such as Scouting, which offered similar outdoor activities to the Pioneers, but without the political bias. They were very keen with their Scouting and met every day after school.

Hopefully we will be able to develop Scouting relationships that have begun

between the two countries. In the future we might even be able to help some Russian Scouts come out to Australia and see how lucky we really are out here.

David Clayton - Stamm

FIRST AID FRIEDA



Nurse Frieda is back (now that she has no job) to answer all of your pressing questions about the medical world.

So, if any of you health conscious Rovers would like answers to medical questions.

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930 Elgin St. N.
Unit 4
Cambridge, Ont.
N1R 8E5

DID YOU KNOW:

1. Bronchitis is a form of pneumonia
2. 206 bones in the human body.
3. The skin is the largest organ of the body.
4. A sneeze can reach speeds of 200 miles an hour.
5. The liver is the largest gland in the body.
6. That antibiotics decrease the effectiveness of the birth control pill.
7. Smell is most closely linked to memory.
8. There are 5 types of twins.
9. Color-blind people can't see red and green.
10. The Femur is the longest bone in the body.
11. Heart disease is the #1 killer in Canada. Cancer is the second.
12. Lysergic acid diethylamide is the chemical name for L.S.D.
13. Females have shorter vocal cords.
14. Blood type AB is rarest of the major blood types.
15. St. John Ambulance would not let me into the kitchen at Snowball Moot to check on a friend who had a broken leg.

Nurse Frieda +

HOW ABOUT THAT

Read the inside of the front cover and you will see the slight increase in subscription and advertising rates.

Just before I sat down at this keyboard I heard a radio newscast about massive lay offs in Ontario Hydro. Now what I find puzzling, is that with these lay offs, there is no mention of reduced service etc. Doesn't that make you wonder what were all these people doing that are being laid off? Nothing political, just a random thought.

We have at my church at present an Interim Pastor, the Rev. Paul Bocsh. He is a Professor at the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. During his sermon two things struck me, the first was his manner of speaking, he has picked up and uses a lot of the jargon in today's language, such as "far out", "Awesome" etc. Then later when I listened to myself I found I was doing the same thing. Therefore, I have come to a conclusion that the younger generation has contaminated the older generation with its version of English, and if this continues, the result will be that no one will be able to read my columns in the distant future. Wouldn't that be far out and awesome!

The second item that caught my attention was a quote, originally made by

some theologian, "The Creator made us co-creators with him", that hit me as very heavy. Rocks, trees, animals etc. all made by the Creator, but we are the only ones to whom he gave the power to be able to work miracles.

What? you say. Just think about it, for instance, my Grandfather would come into town by horse and buggy, a three hour round trip. I can travel to England in that time. In his twilight years, he would tell me that I was living in a miraculous time, he had seen the human race go from horse and buggy, to travelling in outer space. I wish he would have been around to see the advent of personal computers, miracles every day, made by the co-creators of the Creator.

Now, if you were the Creator, and you saw the mess that his so called co-creator's are making of the world, wouldn't you be tempted to fire us! I was going to carry this line of thought further, but old Dagg hits on this, and also I would be wandering into the "God Stuff" column, which hasn't arrived, as yet.

I work with a Spanish speaking woman, who is a excellent worker. She is a supervisors joy, show her the basics of a job, and she carries on from there. The other day I told her she was going to be instructed on a large press, I have no doubt that within a year she will be running it like a pro.

Sometimes we have language problems and I tease her a bit, and she laughs at me when I try to speak Spanish.

Ana is the youngest of four sisters, she is 37 years old, her oldest child is 25. She looks after her ageing parents, and still has three children at home. With her

husband Jose, and through their Church, they help other Spanish refugees to get on their feet in a strange land. They are the kind of people you would like as friends.

Ana is from El Salvador, she has been through more hardships than most of us will ever see. She told me when she was a young girl and used to walk to the next village, she would see naked men with their hands tied behind them, lying in the ditches shot in the head. Her father had his own business, and one night the whole family had to flee or be killed.

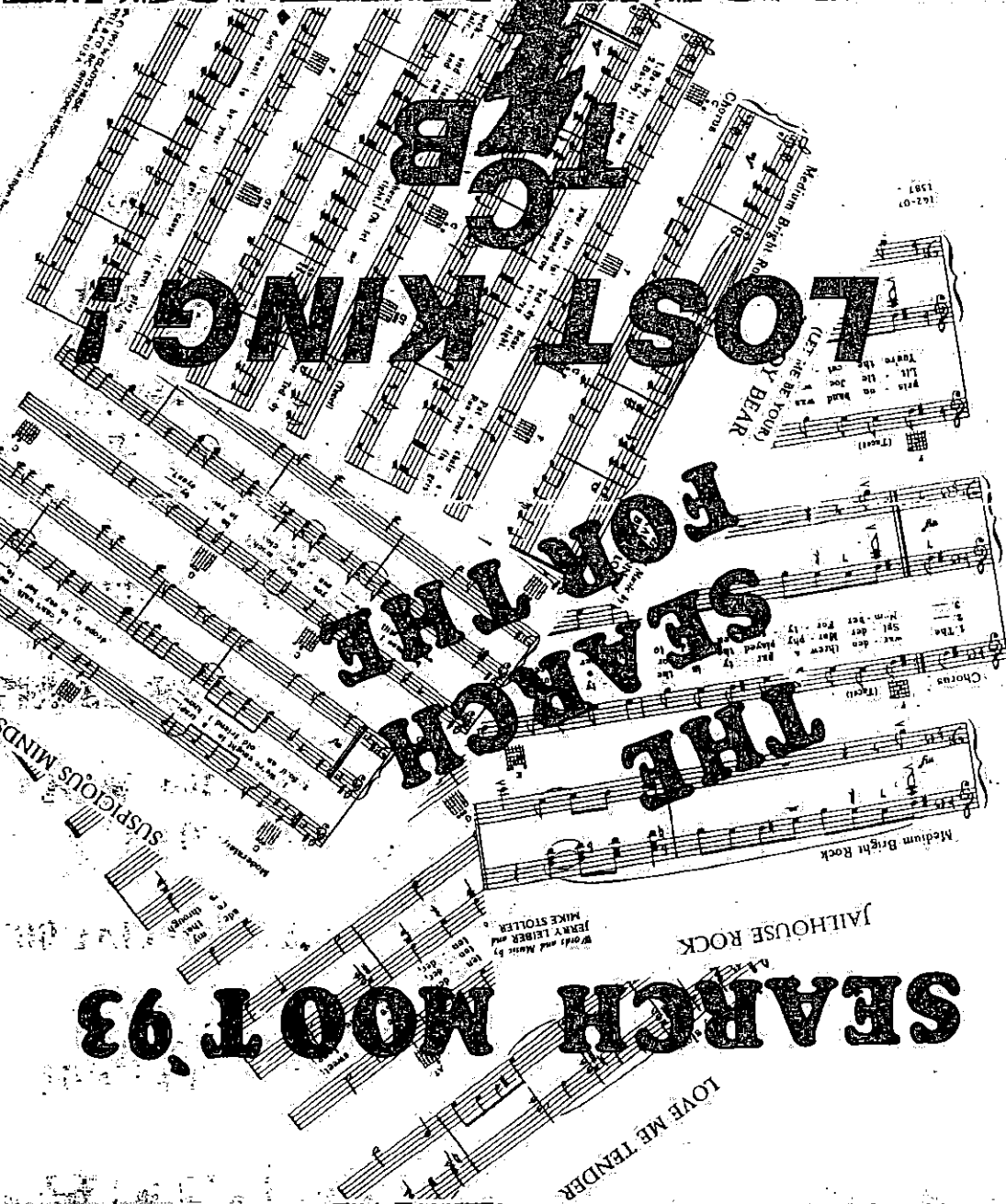
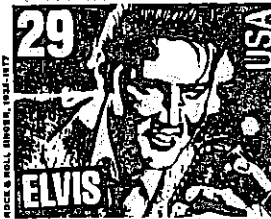
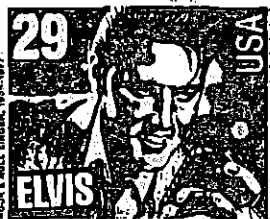
Finally they reached Canada, all they want to do is work and make a new life for themselves. (no I am not going to get on the welfare kick again)

Last Christmas I found out that since arriving in Canada there has never been a tree or presents, although there was in their homeland. They cannot afford gifts, but they celebrate their family they are together and alive.

Why you ask, why am I telling you all this. I just want to point out what kind of people they are. Because the other day she told me something that made my blood boil. They and other Spanish speaking people have been getting phones calls, not nice phone calls, but very abusive. She and others have been led to believe that the Ku Klux Klan is at the source of the calls and in some cases threats.

My first thought was, "This is Canada, this can not happen here" and at the same instant I knew that it was no longer true. We preach freedom for all, and that freedom is abused by the hate-mongers, the K.K.K., the so called white supremists, and the other cowards who crawl out of their

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slime with the intent of infecting all others with sub-human beliefs. I have friends from all religions, from practically all races, from many minority groups, it is hard at times to understand their thinking and their opinions. But I accept them as they are, after all they might not agree with me.

My Christian beliefs and my years in Scouting have left me with one absolute, that all men are brothers. Maybe, just maybe, Rovers and Scouting will be the spark that will ignite the world in brotherhood. I know of no other organization that reaches out to any country, creed or colour, and that is Scouting.

End of sermon; just a couple of thoughts, the Roger awards closing date will be April 17, 1993. I hope the Awards are finished in time, we had a problem with vandals, which set us back about three weeks in our schedule.

And to those incredible journalists from the west coast, just because there are no coloured pictures does not mean I have given up. I just spent 7 hrs. with two computer whizzes, who left me totally behind as they try to solve my problems. Years ago I would go into work on three hours sleep, but does it ever make a long day now!!

We came close last issue, maybe this issue, I'll find out when I go to press, you'll find out if they are in the magazine. That logic does Spock justice.

Keep On Rovering,
Don

P.S. Reynold of Barbados, you blew me away with your phone call, thanks. Don.

PAUL & MARC'S MOST EXCELLENT EUROPEAN 'MOOT' VACATION - PART III

July 19, 1992. Had a great nights sleep, despite the heat. Got up bright and early and made our way to the Vatican. Our trek was in vain because our shorts were too short so we weren't allowed in. Ticked off and ready to kill, we jumped on to the closest bus and cruised back to the hotel. Funny thing, there's no place to pay for the ride on the bus. Oh well. Free ride. C'est la vie.

I grabbed some rain pants and Paul grabbed some windbreaker pants and we sprinted back to the bus loop, making sure to buy a bus ticket this time, and hopped on the infamous bus #64 to the Vatican. To quote Let's Go Europe, "Keep constant guard of your valuables, and be particularly careful on crowded city buses (especially #64 to the Vatican);..." Didn't seem like that bad of a ride to us, did it Paul? Paul?! Paul, where are you? Paul?!!

Moments before being again refused admission to this most holy place, we slipped on the leg covers and proceeded inside for a gander. Luckily, we managed to get back in time for the next mass, and were suitably impressed by the whole service. What a thrill to attend Sunday Mass at the Vatican.

After mass, it was off to the top of the Sistine Chapel. It was obvious that the



Approaching the Vatican



Catching the view of the St. Peter's square from the top of the Sistine Chapel



Making our way back down to ground level through the maze of narrow passages



Hanging around Manaco's Grand Casino at dusk with our new-found friends

guy who built the stairwell didn't have a level. The lest athletic, commonly known as wimps, have the option of taking the elevator to the first level. We, of course hiked up the stairs. Sorry, no elevators to top! You have to hike this part. Our fondest memory was of the lady crouched down on the stairs announcing her intention to hurl. My what a wonderful thing to do in the Vatican. The view from the top is fantastic; at least as far as the smog lets you see. Everyone in St. Peter's Square seems so insignificant from this height.

Back down on level 1, we met a girl from Saskatchewan. She was happy to talk to a couple of Canadians. Man, these pants keep the heat in. Talk about Kling-ons!

Our last place to explore was the Vatican Crypt's. Numerous sarcophagi and well decorated tombs of Popes fill the crypt. Time to head outside and get out of these plastic pants!

It's really gross when you peel off the pants and there's 1/2" of water in the bottom. Like I said, it was hot out.

Bussed back to the hotel (no one ever asked for a bus ticket) and grabbed our packs before trudging over to the train station. Food; somebody mentioned food! Yah, that food thing happened.

Caught the 14:25 Rome to Florence train. The trip was suppose to be 2 hours long, but this train was on Italian Time, much like Rover Time, and took 4 hours to complete the trip. The late train killed off all possibility of seeing Florence, and subsequently seeing any of Pisa.

Spent some time searching out some

food, and found the most wonderful watermelon right in the train station cafeteria.

Ok, I admit that the next big screw-up is all my fault, but I honestly forgot that our Eurorail pass wouldn't get us on a IC Train. Anyway, we skipped one train that came through the station, and opted for a faster (IC Train) that was scheduled to arrive shortly after this train left. So we waited, and soon found out that there is no second class on the IC-Trains. One off-duty conductor we talked to suggested we jump on anyway and see if we can make it to Genova before being kicked off.

We ended waiting 6 hours to catch a train to Genova. You learn how to sleep just about anywhere when you've got 6 hours to kill in the middle of the night. Hope we make into Nice in time to get a bed at the Hostel.

This was the trip from hell. The only compartment with a reasonable amount of space was one occupied by a rather robust Italian gentleman who occupied two lowered seats by the window. Paul, you're sleeping over there! AAAAHHHHHH! NOOOOOOOO! It was quite a disgusting sight watching this guy spew air as he slept. His big, hairy belly hung over the edge of the seat and slowly encroach on Paul's sleeping space. A quick retreat was in order. Luckily he was off at Genova.

Made it into Nice at 10:00 AM, and sprinted for the nearest phone to call the Hostel. At first, they said they had no space, but having been there before I asked about the bunks on the roof. He asked if I'd been there before, and promptly reserved two bunks on the roof for us. Now we just

had to make it across town and up the hill.

Caught the train back to Gare Riquier, and started our trek up the hill to the Hostel. After listening to Paul whine about his pack digging into his sunburned shoulders (after all, I did take the long route), we hopped on a bus about half way up the hill. At the back of the bus we met Suzy (Australian), Diane & Michelle (Californian, fer sure). They found out I'd spent some time in Nice before, and decided I was to be the tour guide for our newly formed entourage. After checking in at the Hostel and securely locking up our valuables, we all headed down to the beach at Villefranche. The shore is a little rocky, but the warm Mediterranean water was oh so refreshing after a week of travelling.

The beaches of Southern France is wonderful sight to behold. It such a liberal country. It is really distracting trying to hold any kind conversation with a topless Australian.

Took the long walk back up the hill, and had a much needed shower, and did a little laundry before catching a train to Monaco for the evening.

Didn't have any luck trying to cash our travellers cheques. This is really strange considering where we were. We all walked along the sea wall and enjoyed the very spectacular sights of the inner harbour. This being all the boats or I should say Yachts that were the size of cruise ships. Some of the life boats on these yachts were the size of a moderate 25' to 30' pleasure boat. WOW! We were impressed. We finally came to the rear of the Monte Carlo Casino and Hotel. Did the tourist picture thing, and headed over to the Texan for

dinner. As per usual, the Texan was full, and we had to find someplace else to eat.

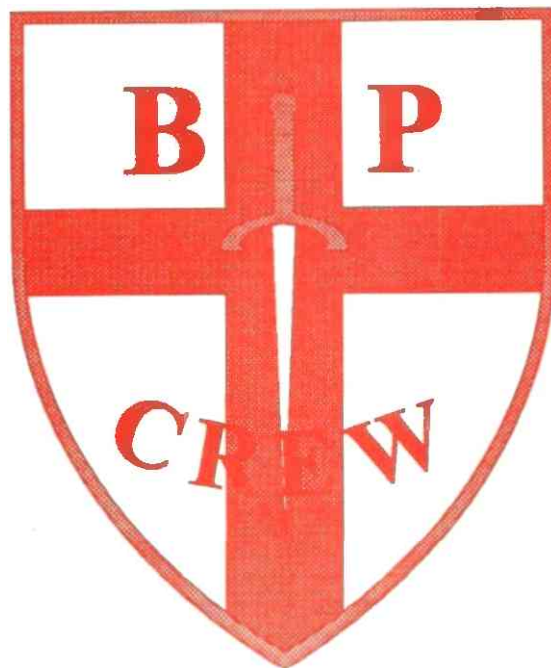
We ended up at a small sidewalk café, and our young Italian waiter seemed eager to serve us. Must have been the three women in our group. The rest of the group tried out the local brew, and most of us shied away from the sweaty cheese. too bad the pizza oven was broken and they were out of most everything except a bunch of pasta and salad dishes. when all was said and eaten, the waiter never billed us for about 20% of the stuff we ate. Nice guy, especially since we told him everything that we ate and he still got it wrong.

It was getting late and a train had our name on it. Unfortunately, it didn't know it, neither did the next one, or the one after that. At this point, we were getting kind of worried that we wouldn't make it back in time for the Hostel's curfew. We arrived back in Nice about 20 minutes before curfew, and a local taxi driver got us up to the Hostel with less than 5 minutes to spare. He did soak us for a good whack of cash for the ride, though. It wouldn't have made too much difference as you can always sneak up onto the roof from around back.

See you all next time!//

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY

3:00 PM - Forest opens and
registration begins.

Evening - Night Ramble
- Campfire

1:30 am - Curfew

2:00 am - ALL QUIET

SATURDAY COND'T

Noon - Lunch

1:00 pm - Afternoon events

5:00 pm - Supper

9:00 pm - Dance

1:30 pm - Curfew

2:00 am - ALL QUIET

SATURDAY

7:30 am - Camp wake up

9:00 am - Official opening
- SEE NOTE

10:15 - Line up for car
rally.

10:30 am - Car rally starts

SUNDAY

8:30 am - Camp wake up

10:00 am - Camp closing
- Rover/Ranger own

1:00 pm - CAMP CLEAR

Note: Come to opening prepared for morning events.

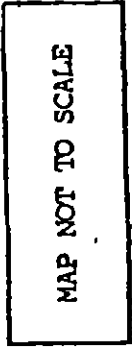
INFORMATION

1. As you arrive, a campsite will be allotted.
2. There are no trailer sites available or cabins, each crew should come lightweight and self contained.
3. A list of festivities and a map of the forest will be provided at registration.
- 4 Sweets will be available for barter at Friar Tucks kitchen.
5. Venturer companies welcome if accompanied by an advisor.

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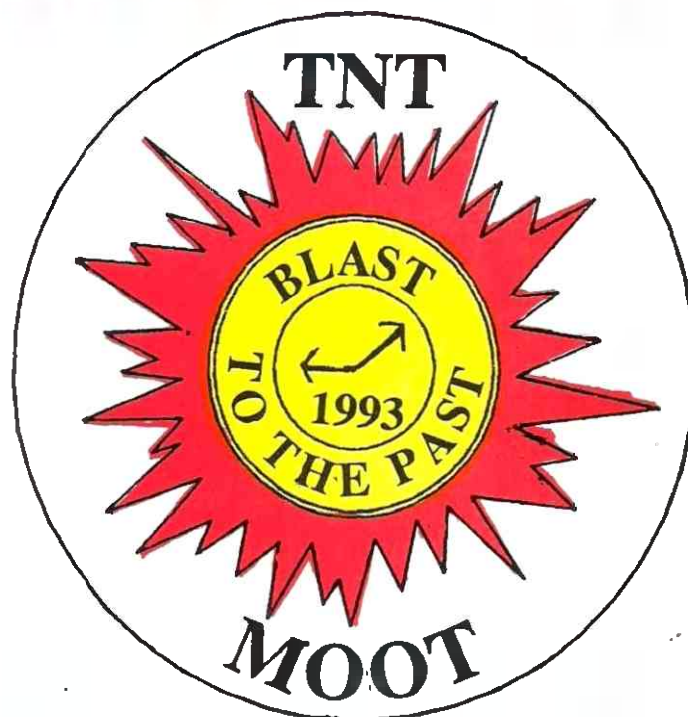
1. Rules of the event are that of the Scout and Guide organization.
2. All participants must be members in good standings with their unit.
3. All actions of your group reflect back on scouting and guiding.
4. No alcohol, drugs, firearms, firecrackers or fireworks allowed or tolerated. Violation of this rule will result in dismissal of your group from the event.

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