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**A MEMORIAL TO "ROLY" DELL WHO DEVOTED HIMSELF TO
SCOUTING AND ROVERS UNSELFISHLY FOR OVER 30 YEARS.**

The Roland S. Dell Memorial Award is presented annually to the Rover, Rover Advisor or Rover Crew who renders service of an outstanding nature at any level of Scouting or community work. The award is administered by The Ontario Rover Round Table and is limited to presently active members of Ontario Roving.

A gift of \$100.00 will be granted to the recipient for donation to the Scouting charity of their choice upon approval by O.R.R.T. executive. A perpetual trophy is inscribed with the recipient's name and remains the property of the O.R.R.T. A keeper plaque is given as a memento of receiving this award.

The screening committee consists of three previous award recipients. In the case of a crew award, that crew will choose a delegate. Nominations are accepted up to December 31st for presentation in April. Nominations will stand for a further two consecutive years and may be updated if the nominator wishes.

Requirements:

The nominated party must be currently registered in Scouting and have rendered noteworthy service to Roving, Scouting in general and some service to youth outside scouting.

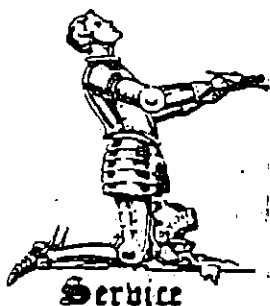
Consideration should be given to the nominee's position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond normal expectations.

Note: The nomination is confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise the nominee in any way of your action on their behalf.

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1982 - 37th Hamilton Co-ed Rovers
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1984 - Sue Emond - 1st Dixie Rover Crew
1985 - Timothy Halford, 75th Windsor Rover Crew
1986 - James Simmons, BP Rover Crew
1987 - Bohdan Mykolyn, Hamilton District
1988 - Don Sitler, 9th Kitchener Rover Crew
1989 - Skip Reynolds, Kincardine
1990 - Bob & Jane Graham, 75th Windsor Crew
1991 - Verna Dell, 37th Hamilton Crew
1992 - Stuart Murchie, 1st. Burford Rover Crew
1993 - Heather Archer, 1st Wilmot Rover Crew





ROLAND S. DELL MEMORIAL AWARD



To the R.S. Dell Memorial Award Committee

Dear Rovers:

It is an honour to present for your consideration for the R.S.Dell Memorial Award.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Nominee is currently registered in Scouting as;

_____ at _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Nominator

Please explain on a separate sheet(s) why you feel the nominee should receive the award, noting, Scouting, community and personal achievements.

Send completed applications to:

R.S. Dell Memorial Award
c/o Ontario Rover Round Table Secretary
Scouts Canada
9 Jackes Avenue
Toronto, Ontario. M4T 1E2



10th WORLD MOOT MONDIAL 1996

RANSÄTER SWEDEN



World Moot Bulletin No. 1 – May 1994

Invitation Each Member Organization of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is warmly invited to send a contingent to the 10th World Moot, to be held in Sweden in 1996.

Dates	Arrival and Opening Ceremony:	Monday, 24 June 1996
	Expeditions:	25-28 June
	Reunion:	Saturday, 29 June
	Activities:	29 June - 4 July
	Closing Ceremony:	Thursday, 4 July
	Departure:	Friday, 5 July

Participation In accordance with the guidelines approved by the World Scout Committee, young men and women between 18 and 25 years of age at the time of the Moot can participate.

Members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) can participate in accordance with the policy agreed upon by WOSM and WAGGGS, as follows:

- For National Scout and Guide associations (i.e. those which are members of both WOSM and WAGGGS), invitations to World Moots and other similar events are addressed not only to WOSM-registered youth and adult members, but also to those members registered with WAGGGS.
- Youth and adult members of national Girl Guide / Girl Scout associations (i.e. which are members of WAGGGS only) may attend such events with the agreement of the WOSM organization in their country. Apart from initial information provided by WOSM and WAGGGS, all information about the event, registration procedures, etc. will be handled through WOSM Member Organizations.
- In all cases, Girl Guides / Girl Scouts attending such events will be part of their respective national contingents; there will therefore be no WAGGGS contingents.

World Moot Theme The theme of the 10th World Moot is "Spirit Into Action".

The Scouting spirit motivates Scouting action. Scouting action provides the means for sharing and strengthening the Scouting spirit. The two are interdependent. As a meeting place for young leaders from all over the world, the Moot will provide an excellent opportunity to reflect upon the Scouting spirit and to put it into action.

World Moot Site Ransberg will be the site for the 10th World Moot. It is situated in the county of Värmland, in the west of Sweden, near the river Klarälven and surrounded by forests and hills. It offers a campsite close to nature in an area rich in traditions and cultural heritage.

The Moot site can easily accommodate more than 3,000 participants. Karlstad is the closest major town.

THE ROGER AWARDS

The "ROGER AWARD" is not in any way, shape, or form, a product of any Scout 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, as points are scored, then added to determine the winner.

(e.g.- 3A scores 4 points, 3B scores 3 points, 3C scores 2 points and 3D scores 1 point.)

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

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

2. Name a person who you feel has given 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.

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

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

In the October '94 issue, the column "Ourselves" was intended as an opinion piece by Brian Trim. This Magazine's treatment of it made it appear as the report for Nova Scotia. I wish to apologize for this unfortunate error and misunderstanding. As a result the material supplied to me intended to be the report was not published. I apologize to the readership and to Brian Trim.

John Sitler, copy editor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ONTARIO

December 5 North Waterloo Round Table Dinner
 16 & 17 North Waterloo help pack and deliver Christmas hampers with the Elks of Waterloo
 January 1995 23, 24, 25 & 26
 North Waterloo - all crews Cub Kar Preliminaries
 27, 28, & 29 A Weekend game of Flags
 Sponsor: 1st Elmira, As described in pamphlet
 February 10, 11 & 12 Snowball Moot
 24 & 25 (all N.W. Crews) CUB KAR FINALS
 April 21, 22 & 23
 Looney Tunes Moot, con. Brian or Harry at (905) 827-3694
 29 St. George's Day Dinner & Dance
 June Attawonderonk Moot
 July 23, 24, & 25 M&T Moot (38th St. Marks)

QUEBEC

May 1995 19, 20 & 21 "Q" MOOT
 Also see end of Steph and Jules

B.C. Rovering

December 17 Seymour Vespula Rover's Christmas Bash and Dinner 6:00PM RSVP Marc (604)936-3434
 31
 Paul's New Years Party
 8:00PM RSVP Paul (604)420-6195
 1995 February 17 - 19
 Rovent™ '95, Cambie Creek, Manning Park
 March 17 - 19
 Medieval Moot & Provincial Roundtable
 Stave Lake

Sonia Tilley (604)291-1319

April 22

Nite Hike, Vancouver Coast Scouthouse

May 19 - 22

Camp Skeeter, Nanaimo, B.C.

June 10

BP Trek Challenge, North Vancouver

Call Marc @ (604)936-3434

December 25 - January 7, 1996

The Oz Moot, Sydney, Australia

Canadian Contingent contact Ian Reilly @ (613)727-5416

SWEDEN

June 24 - July 4, 1996

10th World Moot, Ransberg, Sweden

Canadian Contingent M.O.C.

Paul Mozsar (604)420-6195

Marc Ramsay (604)936-3434

(Compuserve 74734,632)

ENGLAND

July 25 to August 3rd 1995

Baden-Powell Scouts Association

1st International Rover Moot

contact: Baden-Powell Scouts Association

International Department

33 Redhill Avenue, West Ardsley, Yorkshire

WF3 1HG, England

Ed Note: Send your upcoming events in to Rovering Magazine and it will appear here free of charge, and we will also see that it is put in the internet system.



Dear Editor:

My name is Nick Rooney, I am a corporal in the Canadian Forces and I am currently serving a six-month tour in the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

I've been in Rovers since 1988 and now belong to the 3rd Petawawa Excaliber Rover Crew. I would first like to say hello to all my fellow Rovers, including Kathy my wife and Bob.

Life here is pretty quiet. Every once and a while you can hear and see mortars or artillery falling in the distance. The landscape is quite beautiful, if you ignore the destruction. The people in general are quite nice to us and seem happy we are here.

I've only been here for six days so I don't have anything else to say, except that I am sure happy I am a Canadian.

Merry Christmas to everyone!!!

Yours in Scouting
Nick Rooney

Ed Note: I know it is a little late, but help make Nick's Christmas, send him a card. The following is his address as I decipher it.

646 Cpl Rooney N.W.
RCD BG, HQ SQN, WEL TP
CCUNPROFOR
KFFO 5004
Belleville, Ontario
K0K 3R4

Dear Editor;

I would like to say "Thank You" to all the people who

nominated me and voted for me to receive the Dedication to Rangers Roger Award for 1993. I felt very touched to think that someone would recognize my efforts in Girl Guides to submit my name.

Yours in Guiding,
Shirley Simons
1st. Paris Ranger Leader

Dear Don,

As you have probably noticed, there is a new article included with the regularly submitted edition of B.C. Rovering: 'World Moot Minute'. Paul and I will be submitting this article on a regular basis until the 10th World Moot Mondial in Sweden takes place. I guess this means we'll have to do another edition of 'Paul and Marc's Most Excellent European Moot Vacation' after that one's over. Did I just hear the moans and groans of disgust from the readership of this fine magazine?? I thought not. I just mentioned it so that none of your devoted readers would let their subscriptions lapse and miss those exciting future issues!!!

Unfortunately, I did not get a chance to comment on the Eh Canadian Moot in the last issue. I was in the middle of keeping the endless hordes of Australian travellers entertained, fed, and sheltered. I think my landlord would be happy if she never saw another one in her lifetime. Despite her obvious discontent over the sign at the front door that reads 'Marc's Hostel', I thoroughly enjoys all the late nights (usually work nights), and all the fun!

Oh yeah! The Moot! Thanks to Ian and Karen and all the other Ontario Rovers that made the Moot possible. I had a great time and would not have missed it for anything. My only disappointment was with the low number of Canadian Rovers in attendance, and how cold Ontario is in the summer. As Bruce Dagg mentioned previously, 'You should have been there.'

When do we get to register for the Oz Moot, Ian?

I would like to know exactly what exploits of a certain North Vancouver Crew Mr. Dagg was talking about. Nothing they did could be construed as an inside joke because everybody at the Moot seemed to find out about them. Considering the number of people that were there, it seems to infer that the 'jokes' were not of the 'inside' variety. I'm still hearing about them from various points across the country, and from a few overseas letters as well.

It was nice to see so many friends from overseas that I had not seen since either the 8th or 9th World Moots, and to catch up on their lives. I have been trying for a couple of years to track certain people down and they ended up showing their faces at the Moot. How convenient!

Sorry I missed you at the Moot, Don, but as I think I mentioned in B.C. Rovering I didn't know you were coming. I've been told I have to come back to Ontario to visit, so I'll make a point of stopping by to check out the publishing giant known as 'Rovering Magazine'.

I told Peter Willmott that you mentioned him the last edition of Rovering Mag and he was surprised. I sent him a

copy so he could show all his friends. He was one of the Rovers that stayed here for a bit after the Moot. The beautiful girl you mentioned, Janine, went skiing with me at Whistler Mountain's opening day. At least a foot of snow fell that day, and the conditions were great. Janine really like the knee-deep powder we periodically ventured into. She liked it so much she would dive right in at the strangest moments. Another Australian Rover, Dave, met us part way through the day. He was skiing for the first time. I quit for the day at that point, but I heard he did really well.

I still have to finish off the *Medieval Moot* ad, so it's time to say goodbye...

Yours in Rovering,
Marc Ramsay, (on Compuserve 74734,632)



1994 Ontario Rover Forum

On a cool September morning, three travelers set out from the heart of Ottawa on the long trek to Woodland Trails Campground outside of Toronto. After many hours of travel and a buffet breakfast, they arrived at the site and were greeted by a few Rovers at the gate. The travelers chatted briefly with the guards and then traveled the long windy road to the conference center. As they approached the center, they were greeted by the noise of merry making. Rovers from across the province and the world were all around, charged with energy and talk. The travelers had reached their destination and they were happy. What could possibly have brought them that distance? Why were they here?

On the Saturday of the labour day weekend, Rovers from across the province gathered at the *Eh! Canadian Provincial Moot* site to discuss Rovering and the future of Rovers in Ontario.

Initially, the forum was designed to formulate a provincial response to the document entitled *Discovery of the Future*. However, the forum became much more than that; it became a chance for Rovers to discuss their program and to

discuss what changes they would like to see in the program.

The forum set out to answer four questions:

Where are we now?

Where are we heading?

Where do we want to be?

How do we get there?

In answering the first question, we gathered a picture of Rovering across the province and in other parts of the world. Rovers described the workings of their regions and of their crews. The answer to the second question was a description of the current direction that Rovers are taking both because of their own views and because of the views of National. The third question discussed the direction that Rovers would like to take including getting better resource material, a stronger Rover communications network, and a meaningful award system. The answer to the final question involved a description of the steps that the Ontario Rover Round Table will take to achieve our vision of the future. Not only did the forum result in a better understanding of the past, present, and future of Rovering but it also resulted in the formation of bonds of friendship between Rovers from across Ontario and in the rest of the world. If you would like a more in-depth description of the results of the forum, please contact a member of the Ontario Rover Round Table executive.

Adam Edmonds
ORRT Vice-Chair

OZ MOOT '95

I'd like to introduce myself as the National Contingent Leader for the 13th Australian Rover Moot. This moot otherwise known as OZMoot will take place December 29, 1995 to January 7, 1996 in Sydney, Australia. Costs will be available at a later date. If you are interested or would like more information please contact me at:

OZ MOOT

c/o Scouts Canada National Council

P.O. Box 5151, Station F

Ottawa, Ontario

K2C 3G7

(613) 727-5416

be511 @ freenet.carleton.ca

I hope to hear from you soon in order that we can start to make arrangements.

Yours in Rovering,
Ian Reilly

Contingent Leader for OZ MOOT

Dear Rovering:

As most of you already know, "Discovery of the Future" and its fate were to be decided at the annual National Council meeting for Scouts Canada in November. In Ontario ORRT took an active role preparing for this meeting. A series of meetings took place to discuss DOTF beginning in May and culminating with a Rover Forum in August at "Eh Canadian Provincial Moot". The information and opinions expressed at these meetings were passed on to John Peach and to our Provincial Council, including a set of recommendations

endorsed in principle at the September ORRT meeting. The four main recommendations were:

- a) That although DOTF had some merit the Rovers of Ontario as a whole did not support the document and gave it a thumbs down.
- b) That the Rovers of Ontario be given one year to develop a working program for Rovers.
- c) That Rovers be left as 18 to 26 and that it remain a program section.
- d) That a National Rover Round Table be established.

At the National Meeting John Peach presented four options in regards to DOTF and Rovering. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Rovers of Canada must be heard if Rovering was to survive. A number of recommendations and responses from Rovers, Advisors, and Round Tables were taken into consideration and the following compromise was derived:

That the Rover program be enhanced by integrating the Contemporary Rover Program Design into the existing Rover Program. Considerations to include:

- a three year development phase based on a flexible Contemporary Rover Program Design,
- following this initial three year developmental stage there will be a period of practicum consisting of practical experience and serviced mentoring,
- Rover section age shall be defined as "typical" age 18 to 26.

What this means is that Rovers will be left 18 to 26 and will remain a program section. There will be a two phase program based on the Contemporary Model. The process outlined in DOTF will be redefined. A committee headed by John Peach will be formed in May to develop the Contemporary Rover Program Design. In Ontario a Rover conference will be held in November 1995 to put forth recommendations to develop a Contemporary Rover Program. Please forward your responses and recommendations to the Ontario Rover Round Table and John Peach. I thank you for your responses to DOTF and look forward to hearing your comments and recommendations on this next stage. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the following address:

Ontario Rover Round Table
c/o Scouts Canada Provincial Council for Ontario
9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1E2
by telephone at (613) 727-5416 or
by e-mail at be511@freenet.carleton.ca.

Yours in Rovering,
Ian Reilly
ORRT Chairperson

ORRT Weekend: November 11-13, 1994 in Hamilton!

Off to another ORRT weekend! Time to get together with Rovers from across the province, explore another part of Ontario, and discuss Rover issues and events! From as far away as Niagara Falls, Sudbury and Ottawa, Rovers gathered for their November ORRT weekend.

People began arriving Friday around 7:30pm at the

Hamilton Scout House. Some took off to see the downtown after rubbing Tecumseh's stomach. By midnight, everyone was there (a new record!).

Saturday, after a leisurely breakfast, a session was held on the new ORRT constitution to bring the Regional representatives up to speed on the draft they received in the mail. That afternoon, we went back in time and explored Dundurn Castle (good spice cake!) and the view from the Devil's Punch Bowl. That night, some Rovers tried Rock 'n' Bowling, while others took in the NHLPA 4-on-4 tournament at Copps Coliseum.

Sunday started bright and early as additional Rovers began arriving for our 9:30am meeting. After a brief Scout's Own, the ORRT meeting began (9:45am). We heard reports from 9 different Regions:

Central Escarpment, Green Valleys, Greater Toronto, Lakeridge, Land-O-Lakes, Mississagi, National Capital, Niagara, and St. Lawrence (was your Region there?). Among the topics we discussed:

- Nominations for the next ORRT Executive should be in prior to the March 1995 meeting to a member of the nominations committee (chair is Bill Banfield 519-587-4071).
- Roland S. Dell Memorial Award now administered by the Ontario Rover Development Team (Provincial Headquarters c/o John Hesketh, Assistant Provincial Commissioner --Rovers). Nominations are due by December 31st.
- Ideas are wanted for new ORRT Awards to replace the Blood Donor Challenge.
- A committee will be formed at the January meeting to develop a written Rover Program Initiative for Ontario's contribution to the Rover Program Review.
- ORRT is trying to create a Provincial Rover Network and would like addresses of all Rovers in all Regions. Please pass these on to ORRT through your Regional representative.
- There will be a Woodbadge Part I (Crew) in Ottawa January 7 and 8, 1995. Cost is \$25, and spaces are limited. For information, contact Robert Craig (613-567-6771).
- The ORRT Executive will be putting forward a proposal for a Critical Path for the next two years at the January 1995 meeting.
- ORRT is non-traditional means to increase communications in Ontario. To that end, an ORRT Internet Email list has been compiled as is always being updated. To add your account, Email Mike Wolff at aa479@freenet.carleton.ca
- All Regions are encouraged to submit a Regional report to ORRT for every ORRT meeting, regardless of whether they can participate (send a representative) or not.
- The constitutional proposal was amended, but the by-laws were not covered at this meeting. This area will be covered in full at the January meeting.
- The next ORRT meeting will be held January 27-29, 1995 in London Region. More details will be sent to your Regional Commissioners and Regional representatives as they become available.

Yours in Rovering,
Mike Wolff

ORRT Transitional Vice-Chair (Finance)

P.S. Why the crazy name for my job? I was originally brought in to serve as ORRT Secretary/Treasurer on a four-member Executive appointed by the Provincial Council for Ontario. But for the first 10 months of my term, we have been only a three member Executive. With demands for my time increasing, a fourth executive member has been added by the Province. Amanda Coe, a former Mississagi Regional representative, has been added as ORRT Secretary as of December 1, 1994, and I have every confidence in her ability to excel as an ORRT Executive member. My job has been changed to the above because I'll be handling primarily financial matters (such as our budget). The transitional comes from the fact that the Treasurer in the new Executive (new constitution and by-laws) is not a vice-chair, but the current Executive felt I was doing the work of a Vice-Chair, and that that should be reflected in my position. End of story!

"Take from me the hope that I can change the future and you will send me mad." - Israel Zangwill
(Mike Wolff = aa479@freenet.carleton.ca)



We're baaaack! Trick or Treat - smell my feet, give me something good to eat. Not too big, not too small, just the size of Montreal! This is what kids say here on Hallowe'en! So, can you guess what day it is? (Hint: Ghouls and Goblins abound.) Sorry we haven't written in a while but, our social obligations (Moots, house parties, The Mad Hatter's Library...) got in the way of any productive thought. Now that we are out of cash, and we have caught up on our lost sleep, we have to do something to pass the long and lonely nights!

Stephanie is now off to get our nutritionally balanced supper of Poutine (pronounced: poo/t'n.) Three parts greasy french fries, two parts gravy, and lotsalotsa cheese curds! Mmmmm..poo/t'n! Gottagobye! OK, now that our arteries

are fully clogged with grease, we can power type for the rest of the evening.

Steph n' Jules have been extremely busy, doing the Moot thing, and it seems that there has been something going on every week-end so far. As mentioned by Bruce Dagg in the October issue, nine Rovers from B.C., Nova Scotia and Australia participated in the Eh! Canadian Moot Montreal Expedition. Too bad you guys were only here for three days, next time, you'll have to come down for a week! (P.S. Bruce, thanks for the advice, Jules is now back in happy-happy joy-joy mode)



(Left to right) Jules, Steph, (foreground) Peter's feet
(background) Shaun's flag

The Rangers organized Grease "Rant Goes 50's", from September 9-11, at Kamp Kanawana. It was a truly international event, since there were some Aussies and Kiwis (Australians and New Zealanders) left-over from Eh! Canadian Moot who went to the Rant. Also present were two Girl Scout Troops, and the usual assortment of Canadians.

On September 24, "Roll in the Hay" happened at Josée's farm. What is Roll in the Hay? It's like On The Rocks™, only there's no rivers or lakes. What is On The Rocks™? Well, you have to "experience" it to understand, but it is not a Moot (got that B.C.?) OK, now I'm turning the controls over to Steph for a paragraph.

Maybe I'll write for more than a paragraph! So, the Granny Grunt Rover Crew (established 1975) held Stuff This! Moot. The theme was Thanksgiving, well not exactly, more like a "frolic through holiday traditions", as it was described. We had great weather and the turn out was excellent! We even had a whole wack of Ontario Rovers show up! (Hey Heather, read any good French road signs lately?) At the Dance (it was a New Year's Dance) we all put on our best ensembles and I would like to say we looked "FANTABULOUS!" Look for the Moot next year!

No sooner had we unpacked from Stuff This! we had to pack again for the annual trek down the 401, to Burford! This year it was to be Jules minus Steph, I had decided not to

go. Well, a few of us Grunts made plans at the last minute to go, but I didn't tell anyone. I arrived at supper time on Saturday, and surprised the sh*t out of Julie! What a Moot, I was told. (Because we got there so late we missed all the games and events, and the car rally.) My crew had also decided to go to the Tiger-Cats game in Hamilton, so we didn't get back on the road until 7:00pm. Steph was the "Designated Driver", for after the game (how politically correct.) The only bonus to this situation, was that I got to drive a Mercedes-Benz, all the way home. Of course everyone was asleep, so I sang along with the radio. (Did you know that there is a lack of radio stations between Toronto and Montreal?) We almost got hit head-on, but thanks to my excellent driving skills, the entire situation was avoided, so Jeremy, your car is not hurt, and Damn! I'm a good driver. No, "Not Bad"'s about it, as Jeremy would say.

So, B.C. guys, what is the problem with the "local dark beer"? There is nothing better than a room temperature pitcher of "Boreal Rousse", you guys just can't handle anything stronger than a ".5"

Before we sign off, I (Jules) want to know if anyone out there is planning to go to OzMoot next year. There are a few of us here in Québec (including me) who want to go. So let us know what's happening by calling 1-976... (ooops! we're not allowed getting calls at work!)

But seriously, we can be reached at the following numbers:

Steph: (514) 684-8758/8979

Jules: (514) 697-3227

Please don't forget that there is a time difference (that's why we're usually a little asleep when you call, B.C.!) So this is you: "I wish they wrote more! Gimme more!"

This is us: "B'bye!"
Special Note: Jim Fogarty stepped down as advisor of the Granny Grunt Rover Crew and as ADC Rovers South Shore District. His insight his experience and his guidance will be greatly missed. Good luck in the future Jimmy!



Stuff This! Moot (Grunt Moot '94) Turkey Shoot Event in Beaver Meadow at Tamarocouta Scout Reserve. Oct. 7-10. Too many people to name!

QUEBEC REPORT

We had a Québec Rover Council meeting last night,

and our last Round Table was September 25th. Québec Rovers have been busy, and not just socially. Several Rovers will be organizing a fundraising event for the Special Olympics. The Ohneka Rovers are helping out at the Jane Goodall lecture. South Shore Rovers will be helping out again at the annual Telethon of Stars, as well at the Joe Barnes Swim Meet. There will also be a Rover sub-camp at Jambec '95 July 2-7. We had to fight long and hard to be able to have our own subcamp, and not just be at Jambec as staff. We will have our own program, as well as "all camp" activities, as well as activities with the Venturer subcamp, to entice more people to join Rovers.

We also had Mr. Charles Downey, a former Rover, make a presentation to the QRRT on the activities of Rovers in 1938-1950. A blanket adorned with neckerchiefs from each crew will be presented at the November QRRT to Luissa Ayllon, former APC-Rovers.

There is a multitude of upcoming events, see the Québec section in Upcoming Events.

We also have a Rover Program Committee, that has been studying the "Discovery of the Future" document. Hopefully in the next Rovering issue we will be able to submit all our ideas and suggestions. The document we are working on still has to be fine-tuned.

CREW PROFILE

This is a new addition to the article. We have decided to show you a different Québec crew in each issue, so here's the first one!



Crew Name: Québec contingent to "Hallowe'en Moot"

Crew Members: (left to right)

Catherine Critchlow (Black Sheep)

Geneviève Ridley (Emu Rovers)

Chris Chandler (Emu Rovers)

Cynthia Pinkerton (Granny Grunts)

Peter Kock (Granny Grunts)

Jeremy Selway (Granny Grunts)

Stephanie Hamon (Granny Grunts)

Sitting down:

Julie Davidson (Flying Jaguars)

Most common saying: "Are we there yet?" or "Pardon me, would you happen to have any spare gas?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

QUEBEC

DECEMBER

23rd

QUEBEC ROVER CHRISTMAS DINNER

(sponsor: Steph n' Jules)

Montreal, Qc.

Contact: Steph 1-514-684-8758

or Jules 1-514-697-3227

JANUARY

20-22nd

CLUB MED MOOT

(sponsor: Missing Link Rover Crew)

Katimavik Centre

Ile Perrot, Qc

Contact: Glenn Bradley

1-514-683-6305



Welcome to the 'Merry Christmas' edition of BC Roving! Unlike the last edition, this one will be a little (maybe even a lot) more readable. I will apologize for not having the time to do an edit on the October article before it was sent in. With Marc at the helm, we have Paul and our Australian guest, Janine, to fill in the blanks.

Lots has happened since the last Roving Mag, and we're here to tell you about it. We have survived the Australian invasion! They're everywhere, they're everywhere! The remaining few are either working at Whistler, looking for work at Whistler, busking in Whistler, or just blending in with the crowd at Whistler. Some are just plain broke at Whistler. A few have even been reported lost in the Grand Canyon.

Anyone seen the 'E.A.R.C.E.'? Here Fishy, Fishy....

Rumours persist that the 'Moot Chief' will be spotted at Paul's New Years Party. Flasher Alert! Janine wants to know when Paul's News Party is. When do Australians have New Years Eve Janine? I guess we forgot to tell Janine that everything you say here can and will be used against you. Now she knows.

(J - thanks heaps Marc...so where is the Chiefette staying in Lotus-Land???)

Fraser Valley Region

The Feast!!!!!! Everyone is going to the Feast. The Medieval Feast that is. But we really don't have to mention it here because it will be over by the time Don Sittler gets this rag out! 4th Surdel is a new crew in the region. A bunch of young guys looking for some young girls to join their crew.

The Rover Basic happened in October. About a dozen participants were there, and it was a success. Look Billy-Bob, more educated Rovers with life jackets on! (Sorry, Bruce, very inside joke which you should get if you think Fraser Valley + Earthquake = sinking therefore flood)

Laura says that there was mostly Fraser Valley Rovers on the handbook committee, but Paul denies this is true. More about the Handbook in the Provincial Report.

Other than that, not much else until the new year. You know Janine, that's after Paul's New Year's party.

Burnaby Region

Two Rovers from 6th Centre Lake received their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Congratulations to Sonia and Janette Tilley!

The Knights of Locksley helped out with the District Scout Bike Camp.

The Order Of Valhalla Crew (known to the rest of the known universe as 6th Centre Lake) is hosting the next Provincial Rover Roundtable March 17 - 19, 1995, at Stave Lake in conjunction with the 1st Ever/Annual Medieval Moot. Oh ye unworthy subjects prepareth thyselfes to battle thy adversaries in such honourable events as sword fights, jousting, apple bobbing, squire dunking, and the infamous Medieval Twister!!!!!! Other fair attractions include Tarot Card readings and a Medieval Feast prepared by His Majesty's private chef (AKA Marc the Ginsu Knife Ramsay). B.Y.O.Pewter (Dishes to you common folk). For more info call Her Grace, Sonia Tilley at (604)291-1319 or via internet stilley@unix.ubc.ca . Please pre-register by February 20, 1995, if you expect to eat. Cost is \$18.00.

Pop-pop-pop-popcorn! Speaking of popcorn, Paul, and the rest of Burnaby Region, is selling popcorn by the 3lb family bucket, and other assorted sizes and flavours. See Paul to order. He's on commission. (604)420-6195.

Vancouver Coast

Rovent™ is fast approaching. This year is 'Carnival' Mardi Gras style. Located at Cambie Creek Nordic area in snowy, cold Manning Park on the Feb 17 - 19, 1995. Remember all you Easterners, just like Coca-Cola, it's the Real Thing!

Janine is the Australian Contingent Leader to Rovent™. Call Bruce Dagg (that's where Janine lives) collect at (604)988-

4829. Yes, travel arrangements from Whistler are available. There will be a 'Special' bus for them. Unlike the Eh Canadian Moot, we will outnumber the Aussies. Contact Steve Strandt for more info call collect (604)276-0061. The 5th Annual BP Trek Challenge is planned for June 10, 1995. Same time, same place, same length. Be ready! Call Marc (not collect) at (604)936-3434.

Victoria Region

Victoria Region hosted the B.C.Y.P.R.R.T. October 21st weekend at the Pacific Diving Unit located at the Esquimalt Naval Base. There was ping pong, pool tourneys, fozzball, zodiac rides, tours of the H.M.C.S. Vancouver, pillow fights, erotic photography, MacDonald's lunches, Karaoke, and Paul's famous snoring contest.

Big thanks to the Victoria Rovers for hosting such a sleepless event.

The Woodbadge Part 1 has been postponed to April. Call George Clark for more info.

Victoria Region says goodbye to Jason Silvester who has mooooved to Interior Region. Traitor! No more free New York Fries.

Interior Region

Interior Region would like to welcome Jason Silvester and his New York Fries to their region! He is helping a new crew get under way, as well as assisting a local Scout group.

Yukon Region

News Flash. Early reports have witnesses sighting half a dozen or so potential Rovers wandering around the Yukon. They are in need of a good home and some good leadership. The question remains....are they house-trained?

Provincial Roundtable

As mentioned in the Victoria Report, the B.C.Y.P.R.R.T. was a resounding success, with over 35 people in attendance. The draft Rover Handbook was displayed and is awaiting approval from Provincial Office before final printing. Get your orders in now! Special thanks to Laura, Doug, Paul, Gord, Mark, Dave, and Colleen who spent many hours of hard work putting this extensive manual together.

A new sticker has been approved for production. The vinyl stickers will read "I'm a Canadian Rover, Eh! Are You?". We'll keep you posted on availability.

The Roundtable has had a interim resignation by Trevor Cox as Secretary. The new Secretary is much better looking. Welcome Leanne Johnston to the Provincial Roundtable. If you want to leave your comments about Trevor's voluntary premature ejection from Roundtable, call (604)322-4630 and be sure to leave a message. He likes animal noises.

A discussion ensued on the 'Discovery of the Future'. Paul talked a bit about the submission that appeared in the last issue of Rovering Magazine. However, there was not much to report as we are waiting for a response from National Council. One note, this will be a very big topic at the National Meetings in November with all the Provincial Commissioners giving their opinions on the Rover program. It will also be a topic at the National Youth Forum.

News Flash!!!! Just in via the Internet from Marc St.Pierre

of the Quebec Rover Roundtable:

So, the meetings are over now. As the smoke clears, what can folks expect to see from Scouts Canada as a result of these meetings?

E-mails have come to me concerning the National Meetings. I think Rovers are concerned about the Rover Review. What happened?

A compromise. John Peach will form a new committee with Rovers, Venturers and outsiders to develop a Rover Program including the elements of DOF.

The age range will stay 18-26. A commitment to Rovering has been made.

DOF objectives will be accomplished during the first part of your Rovering years (according to when you come into Rovers).

The second will be an application and mentoring.

The committee will take about 2 years to complete the development of the program, and another couple of years for testing. September 1997 will PROBABLY be the time for Field Release.

I would recommend that every Rover Round Table, Rover Crew and Rover study the question, and send in their recommendations to Ian Mitchell and John Peach. Also, I recommend that Rover Round Tables exchange information with each other.

Note: You can reach both through National Headquarters in Ottawa. John Peach's home address is also in circulation. Further, he has an e-mail address.

For more information, contact:

Marc St-Pierre- Quebec

Paul Mozsar- BC-Yukon

Ian Reilly- Ontario

Peter Service- NS

Other topics included: Youth Networks, Youth Forums, Youth National Committee, ...

The first planning meeting was held for the Medieval Moot (see ad in this edition). The next Provincial Roundtable will be held at this Moot on Saturday, March 18, at 1:00PM.

The next Provincial Moot is on the Labour Day Long Weekend at Ruckle Point on Shuswap Lake. The theme is 'Disco Mountain Biking in a Haunted House'. What the hell, you ask!? Ask Colleen to explain. Contact Tanya 'I'm Going to shove this drainpipe up Paul's nose if he doesn't stop snoring' Hamilton at (604)988-4421.

Nice to see Bruce is back in Rovering Mag. Inside jokes? What inside jokes? And just how well do you know these people? Must be too many late night phone calls, eh Razorhead! Bruce, we welcome some of your stories on a certain North Vancouver Rover Crew. We'd really like to hear them. No names please, but personal traits are acceptable.

Sorry we missed you at the Moot, Don, but if you had told me you were coming I would have hung around. And its not nice to call Clarke a shark. By the way, the beautiful girl says Hi! She was most appreciative of the description. Guess her name yet? I'll mention to Peter that you mentioned him.

P.S. My fingers hurt, I have to quit now. (That's for you Don) Where are those Steph and Jules characters? We hear that they have been giving the Mad Hatter's tour to unsuspecting BC Rovers. Poor Razorhead.

I got my pictures back from the Eh Canadian Moot! Nice underwear Dan Jr.!

In the spirit international relationships, we hear the Ontario and New Jersey Rover delegations have held several successful missions together. Rumours (and photos) are floating around the Toronto area.

Next issue...reports on the Seymour Vesputia Rover Christmas Party, Paul's New Years Bash (to be held New Years Eve, Janine), Paul's report on the National Meetings / Youth Forum, and the Medieval Feast.



Ed. Note: These two articles following will be the last printed in Rovering Magazine. To devote space in every issue for continuing reaction to Discovery of the Future may be counter productive. This publication, however, will continue to reflect coming changes to the Rovering program as they develop as a result of work done subsequent to this report.

A Response to *Discovery of the Future*:

An Open Letter to: Judith Evans, Provincial Commissioner, Provincial Council for Ontario
and to: the National Program Committee
3rd Newtonbrook Rover Crew

Discovery of the Future, prepared by Scouts Canada National Program Committee, is the latest study of the most senior section of the Scouting Movement. The report proposes many wide-sweeping changes which, if carried through, would fundamentally change the nature of Rovering as we know it. As the authors indicate, it was prepared over a lengthy period of time, involving the input of the many people on the Committee as well as the contributions made by those who

completed the various questionnaires.

A first draft of changes, however, is not the final word. As we in this country all too well know through the constitutional battles, if a proposal that will fundamentally change the nature of the existing structure fails to win the support of those who will be affected by it, then either of two things can happen: the changes will either be forced upon the organization, or they will be rejected by the organization. Either scenario will have serious, long-term implications for both the organization and those who proposed the changes.

Under the first scenario, an attempt by the National Program Committee to impose its vision of how Rovering should be revised would result in the Section losing its most active members through resignations and other negative withdrawals. This would, of course, follow a better and publicized political struggle challenging the authority of the Committee to impose its vision. Not only would the loss of the section's most committed members result in a damaging loss of leadership, such a struggle would taint badly the launch of the new section. Without a committed leadership and an active body of members, the new section will flounder and dissolve — a much worse situation than had it never been interfered with in the first place.

The second scenario would be marginally better. In that case, either following a similar political struggle, or through apathy of the section, the ideas and proposal of the Committee would be lost. This would be unfortunate, because the Committee has raised some very important issues and has been creative and timely in the resolution of some of them.

Reaching Consensus:

To avoid either of these unfortunate outcomes from occurring, it is therefore critical that the Committee remain open to dialogue with the Rovering Section, aware that there will be areas in which compromise must be made, and areas that certain of their proposals will be untenable. Through such a process of communication of views and clarification of proposals, consensus will be reached which will allow the Section to emerge strengthened and ready to "Discover it's Future".

Views and Concerns of the Third Newtonbrook Rover Crew:

On the whole, we feel that the Committee did a good job of unearthing the most troublesome issues currently facing Rovering. Similar to the views expressed by many other Rover Crews, for us there are two problems which are most pressing: stagnant membership growth, and the belief that there is a serious lack of commitment and support for the section from Scouts Canada.

The other issues listed, we feel, are either Crew-specific issues (the roles played by Advisors) or are a result of the lack of organizational support (lack of consistent standards). Indeed, we see the lacklustre rate of membership growth itself as being partly a result of poor promotion by Scouts Canada.

The Third Newtonbrook Rover Crew was most startled in reading the report to see that the committee carefully ignored the recommendations being proposed by the

Crews in the survey. First of all, from a methodological point of view, the business world would view a response rate of 33% as exceedingly strong. They consider rates of about 5-10% to be normal. Secondly, according to statistical theory, strong inferences can be drawn from samples as small as 32. Ninety-seven samples is much above this, and provides an accurate picture of the views of the collective body. However, echoing the comments of KR 'Smoke' Blacklock, we feel that the questions in the survey were written to produce a biased, negative view of the current state of Rovering. In our view, this affects the credibility of the report and the preparers of the report.

For us, perhaps the most important sentence in the entire report was the one that read: *There was also a strong perception that there is less wrong with the Rover program than there is with the distorted perception of the program held by the outside world.* Essentially, Rovers are happy with the program they have, they think it has relevance for the youth of today, but they don't think Scouts Canada is doing enough to promote it. Unfortunately, charged to find something wrong with Rover so that it can be fixed, the Committee has ignored this sentiment and has carried on to make proposals for unnecessary and wide-sweeping changes.

Rovers don't want the Section to be dramatically changed, and they certainly don't want it to be closed. We strongly doubt that most Rovers will complacently accept the argument that it shouldn't matter to them since they will not be in Rovering by 1999. Yes, we feel that some reforms to the Section are in order, and some of the proposals in the report can deal effectively with these problems. What is required is that the relevance of Rovering to today's youth be communicated more effectively, and for Scouts Canada to correct the distorted view of Rovering held by the outside community through proper, organized promotion. In most of Scouts Canada advertising, rarely is Rovering ever mentioned.

The views in the report on badges and the diminution of religion in importance are consistent with our own views. We feel that the latter in particular is a matter of personal choice and should not be part of the Rover mandate. We feel that the lack of interest in merit badges is a result of the absence of a real Rover handbook that details the standards for achieving these awards, and more importantly, the fact that we tend to view our achievements in terms of what the Crew contributes to the Community as a group, rather than from the completion of individual projects. We feel strongly, however, that badges such as the Red Cross or Lifesaving badges develop critical skills and should be promoted.

The Importance of Senior Members in a Rover Crew:

Of all our concerns, none is greater than the proposed idea of dropping the current age structure of Rovers and creating a new section with severely restricted age demarcations. We feel this is destructively short-sighted. It is claimed that there is no clear rationale for the current 18-26 age category. We disagree. Our Crew has always felt that much more important than a member's age is his or her level

of maturity and personal growth. That some mature at an earlier or a later age than others is well documented but is not reflected in the Committee's proposals.

A strict first-year, second-year, third-year, then out approach to Rovering is probably too rigid for most crews to operate by (due to lack of human and material resources) and for more strict than the founder of Scouting would have wanted. Moreover, we feel that it is too limiting in terms of allowing new members to join the crew, since only those aged 18 will be admitted. Most of the members of our crew did not join at the age of 18. Some came in earlier, some later. What was common amongst them was that they were *ready* for Rovers — ready to make a commitment to the goals of Rovering, to our crew, and to themselves. This flexibility is not reflected in the new program.

The Committee argues that the 18-21 age category is critical for developing skills and values in youths that will lead them into adulthood. We couldn't agree more. It is during this period that decisions are made that will affect these young adults for the rest of their lives: choices affecting health, education, careers, and relationships all get made during this concentrated period of time. That is why we concur that a Rovering program that focuses on this age category makes sense.

What then is to become of those who grow past this targeted age category? According to the National Program Committee, they will advance into some obscure Adult Volunteer section which as of yet has a nebulous mandate. We strongly feel that this is a waste of valuable resources and will undermine the goals of the Committee in helping young adults make the critical life decisions that they face.

The senior members of our Crew represent a cross section of the community as a whole. Younger members can talk to mechanics, electricians, accountants, and computer programmers. At an age in which some young adults find it difficult to talk to their parents objectively and distrust high school guidance counsellors who barely know their names, from this body of older friends younger members can find a trusted confidante who can help make these choices. Acting as important role models, these older Rovers, who themselves have recently gone through similar experiences, can provide advice and give confidence to those younger members who are concerned about their own abilities and goals in life.

The Committee may feel that older members could play a similar role in the Adult Volunteer section, but we disagree. Without regular contact between the younger and older members, the trust that is required for this bond to be created cannot be developed. Separated from them, the older members will become similar to the guidance counsellors — a foreign group of adults who attempt to tell young adults they barely know how they should lead their lives. Furthermore, these older members carry a wealth of practical knowledge and connections without which events like moots would be impossible to host.

We feel that the Committee has made sensible recommendations regarding the targeting of Rovering to the

18-21 age category. However, we also feel that the role of older members should not be forgotten and should not be lost. We feel that the Rovering Section should develop a program for the 22-26 age category to help them realize the importance of the advice that they pass to younger members.

We also feel that the Committee is misguided in denouncing those who view Rovering as a way of life. While quick to lament the decline of morals and societal values today, the Committee fails to realize that for some the values of Rovering and the words of our founder represent a valid way of life, with commitments made to honesty, integrity, and service to the community. We feel that to deny such members the opportunity to reaffirm these values on a regular basis through Rovering would be an injustice to them and to their crews. Those who see Rovering as a way of life become the backbone of their crews, with a greater understanding and commitment to the values of Rovering than most and greater ability to pass this knowledge to new members.

The Proposed Program for the 18-21's:

The section of the report dealing with the needs of the 18-21 age category contained several interesting proposals that are almost lost to the reader because of the way they are presented. The report presents its plan for a new program using some of the worst business school models while failing to make the most obvious and logical recommendations being made to businesses that are trying to re-invent themselves.

We feel that the various circle graphs and flow charts, and the text that attempts to explain them must have been designed with the goal of confusing the reader. Tasked to figure out what they mean, our Crew's business students concluded that the essential point was that there are at least two central goals of Rovering: to teach young adults that when they work as a group they should be open to advice from outside the group; and to achieve a balance, mental, physical, and social skills must each be developed, with excessive concentration on one preventing the development of others. If this is what the Committee meant to say, then we agree.

The recommendation being made to businesses that are trying to re-focus themselves on the realities of a new age is to concentrate on their 'core competencies', which means concentrating on the essential skills or capabilities that the company must possess in order to prosper. Taken in the context of Rovering, this means defining what it means to be a Rover, and developing the skills in young adults to help them achieve this goal as well as their own personal goals. That is why we believe that the Inter-relational model depicted in the report is intuitively attractive; we have seen over and over that as individuals grow, so too grows the group. We feel that an approach that develops both intrinsic and extrinsic skills as well as skills for working within teams and the community is important. Defining the means to develop each of these is the next critical challenge.

Unfortunately, we feel that the Committee focused too heavily on building a complex structure of rules and procedures to ensure that their vision of the goals of Rovering is followed. We must warn that many crews lack the resources

and the members with the skills to follow the exacting plan laid out by the Committee. We are also sceptical of the recommendation for a process model and the need for continuous process checking. At its worst, the crew will succumb to 'paralysis by analysis' in which debate over proper methods and procedures takes up so much time that none is left for actually accomplishing anything.

Finally, the report remains vague in terms of the things the Rovers should be accomplishing, apart from personal skills development. The report points out that some are motivated to join Rovers for service (task) reasons while others are motivated for social reasons. We feel that a balance between the two is the key to a healthy, productive crew. Examining the service issues, the report does a very good job of raising the concerns that while Rovers should aim to serve their communities, exploitation can occur. Practical tips on how to avoid this are probably the subject for future debate. However, nothing is said about promoting the social attributes of Rovering. We think most would agree that if being a Rover were all work and no enjoyment, no one would want to join. The social needs of a crew should not be ignored or dismissed as frivolous. Crews that have fun together are crews that can work together.

Summary:

We would like to state that we think the Committee has done an admirable job in unearthing the fundamental problems and issues facing Rovering today. We agree with their concept that Rovering can play an important role in helping those in transitional periods in their lives (ie. the 18-21's), and we also see merit in some of their other ideas.

Where we differ most strongly is in their premise that the existing structure and program needs to be destroyed and a new one created. We strongly feel that it would be counter-productive to close Rovering to older members, and we are concerned that the program they propose is too highly structured, with too much emphasis on procedure, and too little on fun.

We feel that an attempt to make Rovering fit closely the problems of today will quickly make it outdated as new problems replace existing ones. The successful growth of co-ed crews has shown the flexibility of Rovering to new ideas. Those crews who feel that Rovering is not explicitly relevant enough to the ills of today have failed to search for their own answers within the context of Rovering. In summary, we feel that the goal of our founder for Rovering was to develop in young adults the ability and the confidence to find and select their own paths through life, rather than wait for it to be paved for them by others.

The approach that we recommend is to go back and concentrate on defining what the core values of Rovering are, and to develop an effective means to communicate these values (ie. a handbook). This, as well as other initiative such as common standards for merit recognition, and proper support and promotion by Scouts Canada would allow Rovering to remain relevant to the youth of today. Afterward:

We recognize that the issues raised in this report are only a first step. Our crew intends to continue to follow this with further analysis of different sections of the report. We strongly encourage other crews to submit their views on what the Committee has said, and what we have said. At the very least, the Third Newtonbrook Rover Crew cannot support the proposed changes as they currently stand.

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PLEA FOR A PROGRAM

A few months ago, I send a four page letter regarding the treatment of the Rover program to Scouts Canada, as well as the Rovering Magazine and the GROVER assembly. I do not feel that I have accomplished enough yet, firstly because neither myself nor the Rovers were given feedback on my letter, secondly because a survey has now been distributed asking for opinions about the Venturer program.

When I was at CJ'93, I filled out a questionnaire pertaining to the Rover program. I do not remember details, but I remember that among the questions about aspects of the program we liked, and questions any suggestions for improvement, everyone in my troop reported a generally positive feeling about the program.

Imagine not only my surprise, but the surprise of every Rover I knew, when the Discovery of the Future booklet reported a general dissatisfaction with Rovers, an uncertainty about one's place in the world, and a feeling of sitting idly by while injustice, anger, and unemployment ravaged Canada. Somehow, suggestions for improvement were translated into signs of no hope for improvement. Also, the Rovers were told that they were in opposition to their advisors who they had trusted with their positions, but who were fighting the change most Rovers wanted to see.

When my Rover troop and I were discussing the proposals in D.O.T.F., we wondered why a more ordered system with standardized guidelines was not being proposed

for the Ventures rather than, or at the same time as, the Rovers. It seemed like the Venturers would be acting out adulthood with a decrease, instead of an increase in freedom.

The treating of Rovers before Venturers was curious because rovers was criticized as keeping too large an age range with 18 and 26 year olds accommodating each others' different life stages. The difference between a 14 year old and a 17 year old seems just as strong as the difference between 18 and 26 year olds according to anyone I have come across in my studies as a psychology student. The Beaver age range would be the most problematic, but the problem is being treated from the top down.

The treatment so far looks more like an amputation or pruning than a fortification. Fortification starts at the core (ie Beavers) with the nourishment digested and distributed to the rest of the body. Amputation is employed when the feeling is that a limb (ie Rovers) cannot be nourished and that limb is removed to ease functioning of the rest of the movement.

Which of the two paradigms is right? Neither one. A paradigm is a metaphor. The Scouting Movement is not a person or a tree. I drew attention to paradigms not so Scouts Canada would assume one, but so they would be aware of the one they already had.

When D.O.T.F. compares the new program to the new world that Columbus discovered, it implies that Rovers, like the Queen of Spain, need more land. It also implies that any land is fertile.

Another metaphor that directs thought more than it reflects thought is referring to the current program as a 'mishmash'. If the word 'mosaic' is substituted, the sentence has a positive meaning instead of a negative one even though the same situation is being described.

The debate must not take the language of the logician instead of the poet. These are the facts. Firstly, although most Rovers in the Ontario region knew the program was under review, they thought it was being revised because it had a bad public image, no commitment to the principles of service, and not enough Rovers were buying the new uniform. We Rovers believed this because we had been told this by a representative from Scouts Canada on two different occasions, once at a North Waterloo Rover Round Table meeting, and once at a Rover Basic session.

Another surprise the D.O.T.F. document contains for the Rovers is that the program did not focus enough on personal development, the age range left Rovers without a sense of purpose, and membership was not growing. A new program was needed which actually de-emphasized service. We were told that we had known about this problem for five years.

I know of only two ways to explain the change in focus. One explanation is that Scouts Canada wants to terminate Rovers for reasons they have not mentioned and the reasons that they gave were just so that Scouts Canada would appear more open-minded and democratic than it really is. The other explanation is that Scouts Canada is trying to fight the lack of membership growth and has started from the

premise that the program is inadequate and has used any negative information it could find to prove the program's inadequacy. If I accept this second theory, I conclude that five years ago, Scouts Canada saw the lack of membership growth, found information that suggested a poor service record and told the rovers about this inadequacy. Rovers shaped up where service was concerned, and membership still did not grow. Scouts Canada looked for another cause of the lack of growth, found information suggesting a lack of emphasis on personal development and figured that this was the real problem. If this second explanation is true, Scouts Canada is not dishonest, merely logically inept.

The Rovers currently in the program do not see the lack of growth as indication of inadequate program. they think the faulty concept of Rovers is on the part of youth who have not joined the program. I make this conclusion because if a Rover feels that the program is inadequate, he or she simply leaves the program. It is true that even if the Rovers know the state of the Rover program better than anyone else, this knowledge is not enough to create growth, but is this really a problem?

My own crew had four members last year. This was enough members to allow Rovers to do the cooking for two large cub packs, organize pizza sales at a large regional festival, and in conjunction with other rover Troops, to reshingle the roof on the Ranger's house at Everton, serve food at a banquet honouring Scout leaders, and organize food at the food bank.

Small numbers have never stopped us from being productive as individuals. Perhaps it is the productivity of a Rover that frightens outsiders, but that does not mean that Rovers should be made unproductive to attract more members who don't want to invest so much of their time. Perhaps it is not the productivity of Rovers that frightens people away, and the program may indeed be inadequate. However, being part of a majority does not carry certainty for being in the right any more than being in the minority does. For this reason, the program should be evaluated independently of how popular it is.

There is another restriction put on a proper evaluation. It is the falsification tendency. Its most famous application is assuming a person is innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The Rover program deserves the same treatment. To be truly scientific, a study looking for an inadequacy should start by trying to prove that the program is adequate and assume inadequacy when the attempt to prove adequacy fails. It is possible that Scouts Canada's theory on the Rover program is valid and the Rovers' theory on the program is not, but the burden of proof is on the prosecutor, not the defence.

One aspect of proof beyond a reasonable doubt is that it is replicable. The D.O.T.F. booklet gives numerous quotes and claims to be following other anecdotal evidence. Individual quotes are very hard to replicate. Numbers are not. If a checklist is used instead of a questionnaire, people with a generally positive feeling about the program can so indicate

and not have to worry about a suggestion for improvement being misinterpreted as a sign of inadequacy. It is true that a Rover may be biased in his or her response because he or she cannot conceive of a better way of running the program, but the fact that questionnaires were sent in the first place indicated faith in the Rovers to make their own decisions. Was this just a formality?

Scouts Canada can start from the premise that Rovers are not objective enough to evaluate their own program. However, true objectivity requires an baseline. The D.O.T.F. booklet states that the Rover program has done nothing to address the anger, injustice, and unemployment in the world. By saying this, Scouts Canada commits itself to saying how much anger, injustice, and unemployment there would be if rovers didn't exist because the burden of proof is still on Scouts Canada. The Rovers don't know the global statistics any better than Scouts Canada does, but they do know the positive impact that Rovers has had on their own lives which is something Scouts Canada cannot know.

The situation is not quite as basic as a court case because there are two defendants. The new program proposed by Scouts Canada deserves a chance to prove itself with the burden of proof of guilt on its challengers like myself. However, the situation remains basically the same because Scouts Canada is not implementing the new program in conjunction with the old one, but is talking of replacing the old program and is risking a stable but not completely satisfactory membership for an uncertain membership.

I am going to give my views on the new program not because I am qualified to decide its fate, but because the discussion can illustrate what vital information Scouts Canada is not taking into account.

Scouts Canada is in a better position than the Rovers to see that badges are not being used, but they are not in a good position to see why they are not being used. In the earlier sections, badge have standard requirements. A member can see how the requirements fit in with what he or she had done and can do. The badge is something owed to the person with the qualifications and allows easy communication between different members. Rovers do take an interest in badges, but the badges they take pride in are the ones that the organizers of events design to commemorate the event. These badges, unlike the standard Rover badges denote a common experience. Rovers do seek personal development, but once they set a goal that is challenging for them and achieve it, the badge is mere self-congratulation. A Rover who is looking for standards for a badge rather than satisfaction from experience will look to another crew. The development is not such a personal issue anymore. Development has been going on, but just for its own sake.

The D.O.T.F. booklet has outlined skills that Rovers should personally develop. I certainly find a lot of the skills, like conflict resolution, to be useful, but I find the skills are vague and their inclusion unjustly implies that these skills were not already being learned in the Rover program. Two specific skills mentioned are resume preparations and interview skills.

The D.O.T.E.'s mention of unemployment as a concern that Rovers does not address requires a theory of unemployment. One theory is that there are no jobs for youth and that any preparation on the part of youth is useless. A second theory is that youth would find employment if they were taught the necessary skills. A third theory is that youth would find employment if only they did not give faulty resumes and bad impressions at interviews. The third theory is the one that the new program seems to be using.

All the Rovers I know list Rovers, as it is currently known, when they write a resume. The Rovers have faith in the current program as one that teaches competence. It is true that the current Rover program is not designed for the job market but I feel that that is its strength. When an interviewer asks me how being a Rover helps my functioning in a job, I mention my experience in organizing events and doing the menial tasks like food preparation or sorting. Maybe this experience does not sound like much, but I doubt I will be successful in an interview because I have taken a course in interview skills. The point of an interview is for the employer to see how a person's qualifications will help him or her once the interview is over. The actual work situation is being addressed by the current Rover program. To encourage one's own employment without actual qualification in that employment does not address the unemployment problem except regarding one's self and certainly does not reduce the level of injustice in the world. The new program is simply not going to further the scouting mission.

If Scouts Canada wants to give Rovers a boost in the workplace, it should offer skills in the trades themselves. There are two problems with this idea. Firstly, I doubt Scouts Canada has the resources to give training to accommodate the different carriers of the Rovers. For example, I doubt that Scouts Canada has any forensic psychologists that can give me useful pointers. Suppose Scouts Canada can train people to do the part-time jobs that will finance their education towards their ultimate carriers. This is useful, but it will drive the public away nonetheless. I will use myself as an example again. Over the summer, I worked in a small factory where I would sometime have the job of cutting apart hot fibreglass pieces and file the flash off. I would have liked to be better at this job, but not badly enough to practice it at a workshop over the weekend. My own example is, of course, limited in how well it describes the general picture. If Scouts Canada can find examples of people who are willing to continue their jobs over the weekend without pay, their examples are just as valid as mine.

Scouts Canada can forget about dealing with the unemployment and give workshops in hobbies which encourage personal development perfectly well. Those who want to learn piano can go to one crew and those who want to learn soccer can go to a different crew. The problem with this method becomes more apparent when Rovers try to run projects for the lower sections. Whether it is called a mosaic or a mishmash, a specialized troop is less useful to the outside world than a troop that has a variety of skills.

It is important to remember that Rovering exists on the periphery of a Rover life. An organization that does not know its members personally, as Scouts Canada cannot, will not be able to supply the 'personal' development. Rovers require autonomy. They also require an organization that can exist in the periphery of their lives in which school or employment occupy the central position. The current Rover program does not teach ways of getting employment because schools and the workplace already teach these skills. Even if the Rover program could teach ways of getting a job, the program would not be filling any void. Letting each crew decide its own program is the only way voids can be filled.

As I mentioned before, I have a problem trusting Scouts Canada. I can see no reason to discontinue Rover because the reasons Scouts Canada gives are not constant, allowing me to guess they are false. I know of one real problem that the Scouting Movement is facing, the problem of leader shortage. This would explain the desire for those above 22 years of age to join service teams. I do not believe that this need will be met by the proposed changes to the Rover program.

Firstly, allowing those over 22 years old to supervise those 13 years old and under does not build personal development. Some Rovers would like to learn to supervise children and some absolutely hate the idea of it. To allow for personal development, the Rover program must have appeal for those who don't want to look after the younger sections. Personal development does not end after 22 years and those who are interested in something other than work with children cannot find fulfilment with the younger sections. The current program with timetables structured around the lives of at most twelve people at once allows for less frequent meetings and other attractions to those with little time on their hands. Weekly Scout meetings that take up one evening a week simply do not fit the schedules of some people in the Rover program. There is a more serious problem. When Rovers, as opposed to parents are put in charge of the children, there is a chance that meetings will become baby-sitting sessions. I was present at a committee meeting where the cub leaders pleaded with the committee chair to allow them to bar a certain youth from cubs. This youth had a habit of beating up his fellow beavers. The committee chair said that the youth had to cross into cubs because he was 8 years old, "and Scouts Canada regulations state that...".

I hope that I have made it very clear why leaving the Rover program in the hands of the Rovers is the best possible solution. I made a number of inferences which may not be correct. If Scouts Canada writes me and points out my errors, I will correct myself to everyone I send this letter to. Letters can be addressed to:

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APRIL 29, 1995

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... Sponsored by the *9th Kitchener Rover Crew.
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Saturday, April 29, 1995, 6:30 p.m.

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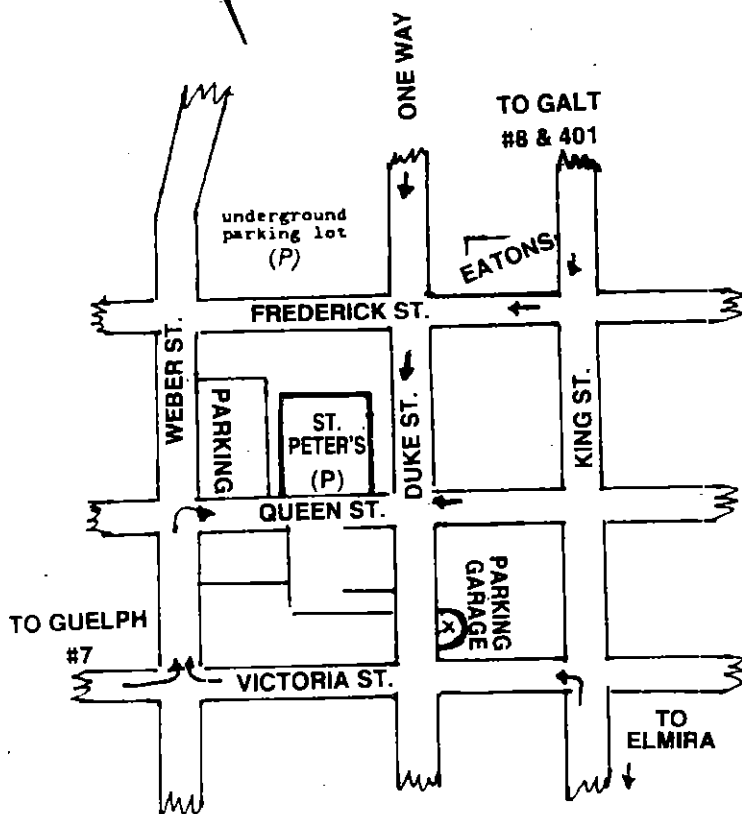
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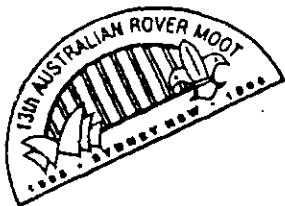
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13th AUSTRALIAN ROVER MOOT

THE ANSWERS !

What is a Moot?

n., 1. A gathering of Rovers. National Moots are 10 day events just like Jamborees except it is run *by Rovers for Rovers*.

Aim of the Moot?

To bring together Rovers from across Australia and around the World in order to foster friendships between individuals and countries, especially within our Asia-Pacific region.

When?

December 29, 1995 to January 7, 1996

Where?

From Port Macquarie in the north to Kosciusko in the south and from Bondi in the east to Mudgee in the west - the 13th Australian Rover Moot will take in the best of New South Wales. Oh, and if you need a rest during this 10 day extravaganza, there will be a few tents at "Cataract Resort" for you!

Who can come?

Any member of the Scout or Guide Movements who is between the ages of 18 and 26 years, as at the start of the Moot. That includes Rovers, Rangers AND Leaders. Even if you're over 26, you can still join us as a member of the staff team.

What activities are there?

White water rafting, parachuting, canyoning, sail training ship, rock climbing, caving, house boating, coach tours, abseiling, hot air ballooning, city tours, Australia's Wonderland, harbour cruise, Challenge Valley, boomerang making.....the list goes on!

International participants?

Of course. We've already had expressions of interest from Canada, Sweden, New Zealand, Germany, Denmark, Liechtenstein, Vanuatu, Indonesia, U.S.A. and England. We are also applying for Asia-Pacific status for the Moot.

Service Projects?

Service projects are an important part of every Rover Moot. All participants takes part in community service at the Moot.

Who to contact?

Drop us a line....we don't bite!

P.O. Box 115, Haberfield, NSW, 2045. Fax: 02 799 5460.
Vicki Longmuir: 02 624 6730 Heather Black: 02 665 0927



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Issue 1

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Priceless

This newsletter is for you, the Contingent Leader. It will contain information for you to pass on to the Rovers in your Contingent. The most important factor in the success of this newsletter is YOU. We need to know what you want to know. This is our most important vehicle for answering your questions. You may spark an issue that another leader has not thought of but is very important. The newsletter is to make sure that you have all of the information you need to prepare yourselves for the best time you can have. Remember...

OZMOOT is the ANSWER.

When is OZMOOT?

When can I arrive at OZMOOT?

If I arrive early, will I get fed before OZMOOT begins?

Can I get home hospitality before and after OZMOOT?

What will I eat at OZMOOT?

I have a special dietary requirement, can this be catered for at OZMOOT?

Where will I sleep at OZMOOT?

Will there be a post-OZMOOT tour?

OZMOOT, or the 8th Asia Pacific, 13th Australian Rover Moot, will be held in Sydney from December 29, 1995 until January 7, 1996.

Contingents are expected to arrive before 4 pm on December 28, 1995. Contingents may arrive earlier, up to 2 days earlier if necessary. Arrangements may be made on request.

Yes. Lunch and dinner will be available by prior arrangement.

Yes, by arrangement. Keep your eye out for coming details.

All meals will be provided at OZMOOT, all top quality food. OZMOOT CAFE will be open to cater for your sweetest desires, at a reasonable cost, at almost any time of the day or night. Snack Attak will cater for your whims and cravings. After dinner, the bar will be open to accompany the best entertainment this side of the milky way.

Yes. Just note it on your application form.

All accommodation will be provided during OZMOOT and on expeditions. Bring a sleeping bag and something to sleep on in OZMOOT Tent City.

Yes. Post Moot Tours will be arranged. Any ideas? We welcome your suggestions. The Post Moot Tour may not necessarily be restricted to NSW.

Can I meet people from around the world at OZMOOT?

What sort of activities will there be at OZMOOT?

*I've seen the OZMOOT T-shirt around.
Can I get one?*

How can I ensure a place at the best Australian Rover Moot EVER?

Yes. We have received expressions of interest from Rovers in over 14 countries worldwide. Now that OZMOOT has Asia Pacific status, we can expect a more international flavour at OZMOOT.

There will be heaps of exciting on and off site activities, such as Challenge Valley on-site and Australia's Wonderland off-site.

Yes. The official OZMOOT T-shirt is available in long sleeved version in black or white for only AUD\$18 and in short sleeve in white only for a low AUD\$15, plus AUD\$3 postage. Order forms are included in the OZMOOT Contingent Leader Kit.

Make sure you send your deposit by the date listed on the application forms. There will be an early bird draw for a trip for two if final payment is received by August 31, 1995. Details of payment dates will be on the OZMOOT application form.

This is not the end, just the beginning. You will receive a newsletter, just like this, bimonthly to keep you updated on OZMOOT. If you have any questions, please contact the following people:

- Rodney Baldock - Contingent Liaison Officer on ☎ (02) 639 6067 A.H.
- Vicki Longmuir - Promotions Director on ☎ (02) 624 6730 A.H.
- Michele Turner - OZMOOT Secretary on ☎ (02) 21 1607 A.H.

Please send all correspondence to: ✉ OZMOOT Contingent Liaison Officer/OZMOOT Secretary.
PO Box 115, Haberfield NSW 2045 AUSTRALIA.

Upcoming Issues of *OZ ANSWERS* will include:

- Moot Buddies / Moot Mates.
- More about Home Hospitality
- Staff
- OZMOOT Souvenirs
- Expeditions
- Post Moot Tours, and.....
- ANSWERS to any of your OZMOOT questions.

REMEMBER! ☺ This is YOUR newsletter, we have to know what you want so it may be successful.

The Rovers on your OZMOOT team :

- Matthew McDonell - OZMOOT Chairman
- Vicki Longmuir - Promotions Director
- John Mate - Programme Director
- Michele Turner - OZMOOT Secretary
- Grant Whitehorn - Administration Director
- Stewart Bullivant - Services Director
- Jeff Rose - Financial Controller

THANK YOU.

OZMOOT IS THE ANSWER

WORLD MOOT MINUTE

With Paul & Marc

Yes, you have heard it right! The 10th World Moot Mondial in Sweden is fast approaching, and we want to keep you informed!.

Your hosts of 'World Moot Minute' have received the approval of Scouts Canada National Council to organize the Canadian Contingent to the 10th World Moot Mondial. We are your Contingent Leader Team, and we are in the process of setting up the Moot Organizing Committee (MOC)!

If you think you had fun in the past, wait until you see what we have in store for you!

First, some basic info about the Moot:

Dates: Arrival & Opening: June 24, 1996

Expeditions: June 25 - 28

Reunion: June 29

Activities: June 29 - July 4

Closing: July 4

Departure: July 5

Participants: Men & Women between the ages of 18 and 25 years of age at the time of the Moot.

Moot Theme: Spirit Into Action

Moot Site: Ransberg, Sweden
(near Karlstad)

Moot Fee: 2500 SEK (\$500.00 CDN)

Unlike the 9th World Moot in Switzerland, this contingent is being organized by Rovers. It is not the intention of the International Relations Committee to become too deeply involved in the Canadian Contingent. The responsibility for financing and organizing the Contingent rest entirely on the MOC. An invitation to Girl Guides and Les Scout is being drafted.

What all this means, is that you get to help organize the Contingent! In fact, we are looking for your help right now. We have a couple of MOC positions open for immediate filling. Those wishing to assist do not necessarily have to attend the Moot. The following is an outline for the MOC as it currently stands with filled and unfilled positions:

Contingent Leaders: Paul Mozsar
Marc Ramsay
Treasurer: Bruce Dagg
Secretary: Marc Ramsay
Contingent Wear: (available)
Travel Advisor: Lori Hall

Registration & Communication: (available)

Contingent Program Coordinator: (available)

Eastern Coordinator: (available)

The preliminary budget has been sent to National Office for approval. The current costs for the Contingent are the Moot fee and the Contingent fee. The Moot fee is approximately \$500.00, and this will vary according to exchange rates. The Contingent fee is tentatively set at \$220.00 and is based on the following:

Contingent Wear: \$ 112.00

2 crests (\$10), jacket (\$55), pants (\$20), socks (\$5), t-shirt (\$15), neckerchief (\$6), woggle (\$1)

Administration: \$ 40.00

Contingent Display: \$ 4.00

Advertising: \$ 4.00

Contingency fee: \$ 60.00

- as per National Council Policy

We will make every attempt to reduce the final cost for the contingent fee, and should there be a surplus, we are working on a refund policy.

What can you do now? If you would like to attend, send us your name and address because we need to get an idea about the possible Contingent size. We are also attempting to get contact names and addresses for the various Roundtables.

Enter our exciting contest!

We are looking for a design for the Canadian Contingent Crest. This design should incorporate Canada and Sweden, as well as Scouting and possibly the Moot theme. Winner will receive FIVE FREE CRESTS whether they attend the Moot or not! All submissions become the property of the MOC.

To obtain the registration package (available March 1995) and get on the mailing list, please send your name, address and phone number to one of the following addresses:

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Canadian Contingent MOC

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Canadian Contingent MOC

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Burnaby, B.C.

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ROVER STANDARD TIME

from Excalibur

I was asked some time ago to write this article. Sometime last February or maybe it was March. Anyway, it was on a Wednesday night about eightish, eastern standard time, during daylight savings time. Some Crew members were late (7:00 pm would have been closer to the meeting time previously suggested) and I suggested they may be operating on Rover Standard Time (R.S.T.). This is also known as Rover Adjusted Time (R.A.T.) or simply Rover Time (no abbreviation available).

At that time our now editor of Excalibur (then an eager young Rover) suggested I outline parameters and such for R.S.T. by which we could estimate how late someone on R.S.T. might be or when an article such as this would be considered late.

Well I thought long and hard over this, ok, ok, how about now and then, mostly over my morning coffee. That being said, I have agreed with myself that someone on R.S.T. can in fact be late. This is not blasphemy.

Everything hinges on who is late, how important they are to what is happening. For instance, I was required to be present when this article was written. Accordingly, it is not late because I could not write it until I wrote it. What's that? Someone else could have written it? Well NO! Then my name wouldn't be at the bottom. However if a large event is happening, such as a Remembrance Day ceremony, at 11:00 am on November 11 and I was late, not on time because of R.S.T., I would in fact be late. This is because the event did not require my presence. Again another example would be the typical Rover who is "not on Time" for a meeting or event. If you can complete the meeting without this person, they become late or even absent. But if you require them for input or to vote, they can claim to be on R.S.T. However, if someone's presence is not required, but is always useful (again vote or has lots of opinions) they can always claim R.S.T.

As one closing note I would like to say R.S.T. transcends all time zones, even when calling between time zones.

Yours in Rovering,

Clark Walton, A.D.C. Rovers, Dartmouth South
Marachd Rover Crew Advisor.

Ed. note: When I get calls at 11:00pm from other time zones, when are they calling late, and when are they calling early? In other words we would all have to be on R.S.T. to be early even if they were phoning late? Then it becomes imperative that all our watches be set the same. Get ready to set your watch.....the time is NOW!!!

A TRUE STORY

The following is a true story. The 1st Niagara Scout Group is lucky enough to have our own building. Back in 1935 a man of vision, a Rover Scout Leader, had an opportunity to buy an old shack of a building for \$1800.00. Perfect for a Scout group, so "Pa" Sommerville mortgaged his house and bought the "Hut", with the group to repay him. It started as a 20' X 30' room, with a dirt floor, 45 gallon drum for fires, for heat and an outhouse around back. Over the last 60 years it has grown and flourished with literally thousands of children and adults partaking of its programs in Scouting in Niagara.

Back in 1992 we realized our roof and rafters would need repair or replacement. We had already reinforced the sag years before, but the sag and age were winning the battle. We started checking into the roof seriously to see what we would do. In 1993 we started fundraising and planning; as the job, by contractor, would take 4 weeks and \$33,000.00, to complete.

July of 1994, it's time to rip the roof down to the walls and get started. Our building would need a new roof, new rafters, new furnace, new electrical, and plenty of odds and ends. **THE STRUCTURE, OR FOUNDATION NEEDED NO WORK!!** We left the bulldozer in the garage. The foundation was as solid now as it was over 60 years ago, when it was built. We went ahead and repaired and replaced everything that was broken. We touched nothing that was solid! The building is now complete and ready for our group to use. As far as we are concerned, its' now ready for another 60 years of Scouting. Of course, we'll keep repairing and replacing areas that need it, but we will not fix anything that is not broken.

As we neared completion of the project, (the Rover crew working on Sunday night, washing and waxing floors for the opening in a few days, should I say "a labour of love"), it finally struck me what I had to say about "Discovery of the Future" document. My thoughts on the document were all around me and under my feet. **THE FOUNDATION DOESN'T NEED TO BE FIXED!! IT'S SOLID!** Six months trying to figure out the document, and all along the solution was right under my feet!

Good luck to all Rover with this new document, and let's keep fighting for what **ROVERS NEED** in our present program, so far you're doing an admirable job!!

Gary Dell
Rover Advisor
1st Niagara
Sir Isaac Brock Rover Crew



Every once in a while when preparing a sermon I come across a passage that I think could be used in an article. Such is the case with Mark 9:30 - 37. (...whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.) In this passage Mark records a time when the apostles of Jesus were trying to figure out who was the greatest. Jesus would have nothing to do with this and says the first must be last and servant of all.

Serving is not a popular idea. Those who serve in our society are looked down on. We call their jobs menial and unskilled. Most of these jobs are low paying, but look down on them is to look down on the people doing them. By doing this we are placing ourselves above them. In other words trying to find out who is the greatest in the scheme of things.

Those of us involved in anyway with Rovering know what it means to serve. We all had to do it as part of our squireship., when we learned what it meant. Serving is something that Rovers do not do to prove who they are, but because it is part of their lives.

For those of us who are Christians the example that is given by Jesus in the Gospel of Mark is one which forms an important part of our faith. Jesus did not come to this earth to be king. This is what the apostles thought, but to be a servant. He wandered the countryside, preached and looked after people. Coming in first did not matter to Him. In fact it might be said that Jesus came in last, because he allowed himself to be killed.

I like to think that this passage is one that Baden Powell had in mind when he wrote Rovering to Success (alas, not available in Canada). BP had in mind a ideal of service to all people. An ideal which did not place the doer above those whom they served. He extended this ideal to the legends of St. George, who served his country and the Lord.

It is nice to come in first and be in charge, but that is not what Mark 9:30-37 is about. We are to strive to a life in which we do not put ourselves above others, in which power

does not matter. We are to serve all people and be one with them.

Rovering offers a way of life which lets us live out Mark 9:30-37. A way of life in which we are called to service. To do those jobs for which there is no thanks and it seems that no else wants to do. Jobs which provide a lot of satisfaction and fun in seeing youth have a good time, in meeting others and in developing ourselves and our talents.

By the time that you read this most of you will have started if not finished your Christmas shopping. I have a feeling that, as usual, I'll just be starting mine. It's been a while since I wrote an article for this publication. (ed. note: He only missed August issue, the forgoing on service arrived after October issue had gone to press). Seems that unemployment has taken its toll and when I do feel like writing I can't think of anything.

At this time of year those who are unemployed find it hard to deal with what is supposed to be a joyous time of year. They may not be able to afford to give the gifts they want and may not even be able to afford to eat as they want. Unemployment is a strange beast and can take one through mood swings that defy description.

All of us know people who are unemployed. Some who have been out of work for only a short time and others for a long time. Some are trying hard to find a job and others have given up. All face the same thing at Christmas. How to be joyful when I'm depressed.

Christmas is a time when much is happening which can be uplifting. There are family meals that are attended, parties to go to and even church for those who celebrate the birth of Jesus. These things help to alleviate the depression and loneliness that accompany unemployment.

Those of us who are involved in some facet of Scouting are perhaps a little more fortunate than some, if we are unemployed. We have a group of friends with whom to associate and talk to. We attend moots or other events and the fact that we are unemployed does not seem to matter. We can put behind us for a day or two and just be part of a crowd.

Being unemployed does have advantages. (I can't believe I wrote that.) I was able to attend one day of the Eh! Canadian Rover Moot. Being unemployed I was able to go during the week and meet globe trotting Australians at the moot. I doubt Lunch Television will ever be the same. It did not matter that I was unemployed, that day I was included and made to feel very welcome.

This might not seem much like a religion column and perhaps it is more of personal musings. But, take a minute to think how you are going to include unemployed friends and relatives in your Christmas celebrations. Are they going to feel odd because of their financial constraints or are they going to feel welcome because they are friends or part of the family.

Merry Christmas, Michael Wm. Diegel (VE3PSD)
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Well, EH! CANADIAN PROVINCIAL MOOT - ROVERING SEA TO SEA has finally come and gone. Participants from 7 provinces (BC, Alta, Man, Sask, Ont, Que & NS) and 5 countries (Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand & the Netherlands) enjoyed a huge variety of activities ranging in emphasis from the athletic to the educational to the purely entertaining.

signifying Scouting's "bond of brotherhood," thereby uniting Rovers "from sea to sea and in between.

Each participant selected a 3-day Expedition from a list which included canoeing in the Canadian Shield, bicycling in Mennonite country, scuba diving at Fathom Five National Marine Park, hiking at Tobermory, climbing & repelling off the Niagara Escarpment, white-water rafting on the Ottawa River, house-boating on the Trent-Severn Waterway, and sightseeing pot pourri's in Ottawa, Montreal, and Niagara Falls. Upon returning from these 3-day Expeditions, everyone seemed to have enjoyed the opportunity to rise to the various challenges afforded by their respective trips. Above all, though, absolutely everyone was dead-tired!

The half-day & full-day activities were so well received, that every off-site activity was fully booked. The most talked-about were scuba diving and Toronto day trips. At the request of many participants, a bus was chartered for a day-long trip to Niagara Falls, with door-to-door (er... camp-to-falls) service. It seems no-one wanted to travel half way 'round the world without this spectacular side-trip.



The Moot took place at Woodland Trails Scout Camp (Aurora, Ontario) from Aug 26 to Sept. 4, 1994 and was attended by about 300 full & part-time participants, mostly aged 18 - 26.

Opening ceremonies featured a "water-combining ceremony" in which waters brought from the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and the Great Lakes were combined,

Day-passes to Paramount Canada's Wonderland, Canada's largest theme-amusement park, were also obtained at the last minute.

An entire day was dedicated to the manifestation of the Rover motto, "Service". Every Moot attendee put in a full day of community or Scouting service. Some cleaned up a spelunking cave and some volunteered at a local food bank,

while others accompanied handicapped persons at the Canadian National Exhibition. Our host camp, Woodland Trails, was the site of several service projects, including removal of a dilapidated chapel, work on an obstacle course, the rebuilding of a campfire pit and more.



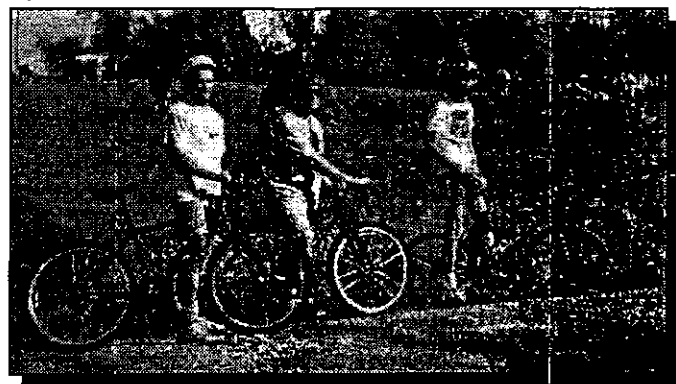
Cycling Expedition

Left to right: Vicki Longmuir (Australia), Tracey Leacock (B.C.), Andrew Parsons (Australia)

Nightly entertainment included live bands, DJ dances, the Much Music Video Road Show, an official campfire, a casual campfire, feature films on a 10' screen, and a star-gazing session. The most popular evening activity, however, was visiting the local watering hole, an activity which received almost 100% participation. While this was not an official Moot activity, a shuttle service was provided so that no-one had to make the 15-minute walk on a un-lit road. The establishment's owners were thrilled by their unexpected guests with their friendly dispositions. They experienced no problems - nor did the Moots Security Staff. The establishment's management was so delighted, in fact, that they presented everyone with small thank-you gifts.



Left to right: Peter Stenner (Australia), Bill Dagg (B.C.), Shane Lockwood (Australia).



Cycling Expedition

Left to right: Brett Towns (Toronto), Shane Lockwood (Australia), Andrew Parsons (Australia)

A discussion form, hosted by the Ontario Rover Round table, was attended by the vast majority of the Moot's participants, as well as by a few visitors. The forum addressed where Rovering is, where Rovering wants to be, and how we can get there. Major areas of discussion included image improvement, program improvement, organizational improvement, and communications improvement. "Discovery of the Future", a recently published proposal for revisions to the current Rover program, was also discussed at length. Input from all across Canada was extensive and therefore very encouraging. Points addressed by significant representatives of Rovering in Australia were received with unanimous attentiveness. Since Rovering in Australia is very much alive & successful, their input was eagerly welcomed. Given the creative constructive spirit of the forum and the intelligent, co-operative attitude of its participants, it is expected that Rovering's membership will actively contribute to the continuing development of Rovering in Canada.



Cycling Expedition - 'at first lunch stop' - Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

The feature of the closing ceremonies was a slide show made up of photos taken during virtually all of the Moot's activities. In these few minutes everyone seemed to realize what they'd been much too busy to notice earlier - the scope of this Moot was far more ambitious than any Rover Moot which has ever been presented in Canada. At a time when Canadian Rovering is at a dramatic crossroads, young adults from across Canada and around the World showed an enthusiasm, an ambition, and a Scouting spirit of which Lord Baden Powell would certainly been very proud indeed. The slide show was exciting and impressive, evoking uproarious laughter and more than a few tears.

Now that the Moot is over, its Executive committee is in self-review with the intention of passing its newly acquired experience on to the organizers of Canada's next major Rover Moot.

Eh! Canadian Provincial Moot - Rover from Sea to Sea, has, I believe, proven that Rovering is a thoroughly viable section and that, as a section can contribute volumes to the development of 18-26 year-old young adults in Canada - Development towards leadership within and without Scouting - Development towards strong management and organizational skills - Development towards responsible contribution to society and community. **LEADERSHIP, STRENGTH, RESPONSIBILITY.**



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Copy editor's note: The two pictures accompanying this article were clearly marked as to who was in them, but which one is which? To quote a famous laundry advert, "I can't tell the difference, can you tell the difference?"



*Jerry Pederson with Cal McComish
Dave (3rd Newtonbrook Rovers) at registration desk.*

Back in June of '94, the 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers hosted an event called the Yeoman Hike sanctioned by the GTR Round Table. this is a yearly event which is based similar to the Chief Scout Journey. Teams of two are given instructions and a map and required to hike a set distance over various terrains and to keep a log or journal of their trip. Hikers are only allowed to carry 25 lbs. each. Here is a brief account of the journey through the eyes of one team.

It was Friday evening Cal McComish (Puffs Rovers) and myself Jerry Pedersen (7th DM Rose Rovers, Oshawa)



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Welcome to the second instalment in the Campfire Musician's Workshop series. This time, we'll look at the actual pieces of your songbook and how they should go together.

HARDWARE - You'll need a good solid, 3-ring binder with all your vitals listed on it (name, address, phone number, crew

name). There's usually a little window on the outside of the spine for just this purpose. If you can afford them, use top-loading, low glare, plastic, sheet protectors. A few drops of water on an unprotected page will render it unusable.

INGREDIENTS - you'll need an index, the actual songs, and an info page. The first page(s) should be your index. Try to arrange your songs into sub-groups by artists or style (i.e., traditional campfire songs, Rover's Own songs, country songs, etc.). Some people list page numbers for every song, but for reasons to follow, I don't think this is a good idea. You might consider having an extra copy of the index for your audience to ponder. That way, they can request songs that you know.

Obviously, the bulk of your book will be the actual songs. I only use one side of every page, and I order the songs alphabetically, without page numbers. The reasons I don't use page numbers are as follows; 1) If you order the songs alphabetically, you don't need page numbers, 2) With page numbers, if you delete a song, you also lose a page number, and 3) Without page numbers, you can go directly to a request - With page numbers you have to look up the request in the index and then look up the listed page number. I only use one side of each page so that I can easily add songs alphabetically (or delete them). This whole paragraph only makes sense if you use sheet protectors. Otherwise, I suppose

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were watching some A&E TV and deciding what to bring on our trip. Cal, being a previous winner in 1989, had lots of advice on what to carry and what not to carry. That night I eliminated some extra gear from my pack.

Saturday early and raining we left for our start point which we were informed of on Friday evening. After stopping at Tim Horton's for coffee we headed for a grocery store in Georgetown so we could purchase food for a two day hike. Cal brought a scale so we could weigh our packs prior to the official weigh in. While waiting for the grocery store to open, we weighed our packs and jettisoned more unnecessary gear. We loaded our packs with the food and headed for the start point. We met the host crew and the seven other participating teams. We were weighed in, given our instruction package, and then off, down the rain-soaked road. We decided to get our water jugs filled after the weigh in so we had no water to cool our tongues after eating the extra hot pepperettes (we grabbed the incorrect ones in the store).

One of the requirements of the journey is to keep a detailed log of events so we wrote down everything we saw. Outside the town of Terra Cotta we spotted a small sign which said "MIKEY SAYS WOW", so we wrote it down in our log thinking the organizers had intentionally placed it there for us to see. Up the road a bit we stopped another sign across a river but couldn't read it. Cal was determined to read this sign since it could be deliberate like the other sign so he pulled his jeans up to his knees and walked across the river to see it. Cal read it out as he wrote. It said, "NEVER ASK AT A JOB INTERVIEW: DO YOU PRESS CHARGES?" We laughed. We found out later that evening that the two signs were not relevant to the hike. We laughed again. After going through two check points where we were tested on various scouting skills we had lunch on the Bruce Trail. We ate the subs that we bought, I mean, we made the night before. We hiked approximately four hours on road and now looked forward to the trail which lay before us. The rain finally subsided and we walked, telling jokes and admiring the beautiful scenery. We arrived at our first night stop at 4:30pm and set up our tent and had a nap. We got up around 7pm and prepared dinner. There was a group camp fire where we all got to know each other and tell stories.

We woke early Sunday and prepared for the second leg of our journey. We were travelling south on the Bruce Trail where we saw lots of flora and fauna. We travelled for several hours, encountering checkpoints with skilful events. We finally arrived at the finish line around 2 pm and turned in our logs and had a piece of chocolate cake. Yum! Yum! I enjoyed the weekend so much that I will attend the event next year. This hike was an excellent introduction to hiking and gives you the basics for a longer trip. So you are wondering who won the journey? The process of reading the logs and tabulating the results takes time so we will all have to wait.

PS: The winners of the event were finally decided and they are:

The GTR Round Table who sanctioned the event,
The 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers and friends who ran

the event, and
the Rovers who participated in the actual hiking.

They all showed that Rovers can organize and work together to accomplish a task put before them.

Cal and myself along with Susan Sweet-Caldwell and Patrick Wise from the 22nd Springville Lancers Rover Crew tied for first place. Patrick McConnell and Lisa Kelcher from the 2nd Etobicoke Regnant Rovers placed third.



Cal McComish & Jerry Pedersen - at finish line.

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getting the stuffing knocked out of me. I don't recall getting angry at the rival Patrol leader or the boxer from the Y, because the sport was fun and I learned from the experience.

I know what your thinking, because I learned from the experience I felt I was a winner, not so. A friendship developed between the rival Patrol leader(Clare), the boxer(Jack) and myself. Clare and I were best men at each others weddings, Clare and his wife are the God parents of our first son. Do you want to hazard a guess on who introduced me to the girl I would marry, you're right Jack the boxer. I figure I won many times over, and if I had been like the kids I was reading about, I might have pulled a switch blade and lost it all! I can't go along with the cry of violence on TV and Movies etc. I can go along with the examples children see in adults and mainly their parents. The violence in sports is not make-believe, it gives the impression that rules are made to be broken and you can be well paid doing it. I think it is time to stress that being a good sport is everything, not just winning.

Here I am writing about something that stirs me up when I should be writing about peace on earth and goodwill to all men. Goodwill, I have had an abundance of that, thanks to all you Rovers who contribute to the magazine, thanks to all of you who write and encourage me. Thanks to all Rovers everywhere for being what you are...Brothers. Tell someone you love them, and Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Don



Hey people! It's me again, your beleaguered copy editor. I want to thank all of you for the mountain of pictures I received this time to work on. The magazine is late this month because I held off assembly, waiting for some important material to come in.

My internet mailbox has been buzzing daily with stuff for this magazine. I appreciate the input and being kept on the information chain, but if I put all of it into the magazine, each issue would become a regurgitation of Internet traffic. So.....

in the interest of brevity some reports and minutes being distributed via Internet have not appeared in this issue. If someone sends me material and tells me that it is expressly designed as an article for *Rovering Magazine*, then it gets included, otherwise we're using our judgement as to what is e-mail traffic and what is magazine material.

Having said enough about that, I recently upgraded to WordPerfect 6.0a. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that I don't need to exit WP anymore to access my scanner, so with the plethora of pictures I decided it was high time to reduce the cut and paste even further. This issue represents the first one where all the photographs have been electronically scanned directly into WP. The only cut and paste was done with the previously used section and article headers. I've also learned some new limitations to my machine. After having the swap file go to maximum, the timed backup taking up to 7 minutes and a couple of machine crashes, I realize it may soon be time for a memory upgrade.

This file for this issue runs around 10 megabytes. Since my on-board memory is 8 mg., I think you get the picture.

Enough for my problems: I was happy to receive from Mike Wolff the following list of Rover community who are reachable by e-mail. Since this list arrived when part of this issue was already completed, I'll include it here:

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all you can do is use both sides and page numbers. No matter how you slice it, though, the number system is a cumbersome, albatross of a scheme. (I know what you're thinking...I've got to learn to open up a bit.)

Your last page should list your usual strings and picks. It's very important to replace strings with identical ones, for reasons we'll get into in another article. Be sure to list: a) brand name, b) product name, c) gauge set name, d) individual string gauges, and e) whether the 3rd/G string is plain or wound. Don't panic - This info is all on the string package. For example, I use a) D'addario, b) EJ15-Phos. Bronze, c) X-Light

ü) .010, .014, .023, .030, .039, .047, e) 3rd/G is wound.

PAGE LAYOUT - Every page should be laid out exactly the same way. Make sure that the chord names appear directly above the words at which the changes occur. If possible, use bold type for the chord names. If you're using a computer, stick with the default font, since it's probably the easiest to read. Also, make sure you leave a bit of room between the parts of the song (ie...verse, chorus, bridge), so that you can easily find your place at a glance.

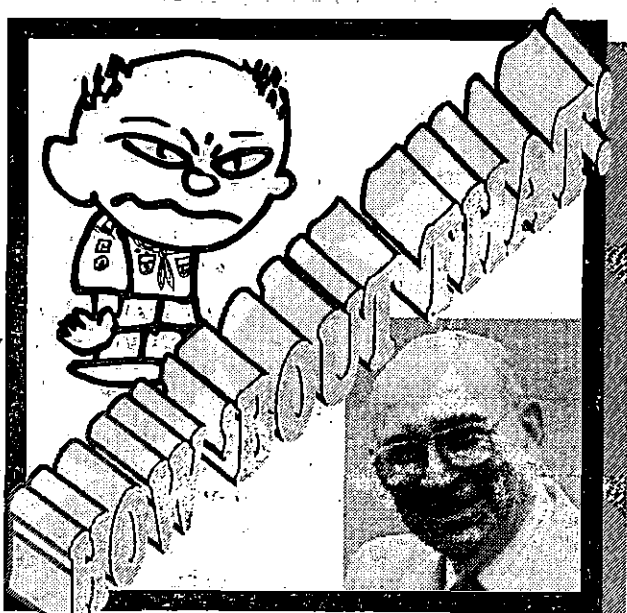
That's all for now. Next time, we'll talk about how to compile songs and how to balance your repertoire. We'll also discuss 'questionable' content.

Yours in Scouting,

Dan McLean Jr.

43rd Canadian BP Guild (at large)

Quando Omni Flunkus Morituri



The articles are coming in and the end of November is almost here. I am surprised, because among all the other errors in the last magazine I mistakenly put November's magazine dates on December's calendar. I am having a printer problem and if you find no calendars in this issue you will know I couldn't resolve it.

I am very happy that O.R.R.T. is starting to function again. I received a massive report which had been summarized in the last issue. When I read it in detail I found

a misconception has emerged again.

1. The 9th Kitchener Rover Crew does not have anything to do with the publication of *Rovering Magazine*. They have helped with it, the same as a lot of other crews, sometimes with reporting, or writing, or assembly. The Magazine is a separate entity, in the early days there as many as 6 Crews involved with it, but no one crew ever has produced it. At present, the home office, (I use that term of reference to simplify the area) has a staff of three, the rest of the staff is spread across the country.

2. The 9th Kitchener are responsible for the introduction and perpetuation of the Roger Awards, the nomination/votes are carried out through pages of *Rovering Magazine*. The tabulation is done by volunteers and the 9th Kitchener receives sealed envelopes with the winners names, the day of the St. George's Dinner and Dance.

It was twisted around in the O.R.R.T. report and I didn't know how far it had circulated. The one point that was right was that the Magazine is a private venture.

Once again it is that time of year for the Roger Awards and the R.S. Dell award. Be thoughtful in your nominations, and don't wait till the last minute. Every year votes arrive AFTER the tabulations are done, too late brother. I am not going to tell you the closing dates, the message is **DO IT NOW**.

At the Halloween Moot two articles were given to me to read. I can't use either of them because of copyright infringement. The gist of both articles is how violence has crept into sports. Sometimes when I watch a hockey game, I get this flash in my mind about the Christians and the lions, and the Roman Coliseum. Along with the violence comes the greed, the horrendous sums being paid to play a game!!! Something has been twisted badly out of shape in the professional sport arena. A very bad example is being set by professional players. I really don't want to get into this, because a lot has been written about this problem already. What grabbed my attention was that the articles were basically about teens playing games in vacant lots or in small neighbourhood basketball courts. Games in which the switch blade or brass knuckles would be brought out if they didn't like losing, or the way the game was going. We seemed to have developed a system where winning is everything. In my own case losing became everything.

The story goes like this: When I was in Scouts we had a Saturday morning activity day which included some fun with boxing gloves, at which I didn't do too bad. On one Saturday a new guy comes out with a rival Patrol leader. They talked me into going three rounds with him. (I was being set up, he was with the Y.M.C.A. boxing club). By the end of the three rounds my nose, lips and side of my face was three times their normal size, and a badge of honour, I had a shiner. We became good friends and years later, he told me he was scared. I think my mouth must have hit the floor, because all he had was after the three rounds was a bruised chin. He said he was trying to stop me, because every time I hit him he felt his knees go weak, and all those years I thought I was

HEATHER²

Hello from Ontario! Heather and I just completed our "Grand Moot Tour '94", and are sitting here contemplating the meaning of life (we know the answer is 42, but we misplaced our towels, and are unsure of ourselves right now, okay?). After hashing, and rehashing, our experiences of the last few weekends, we decided that it was time the Rovering world heard from our little pocket of Scouting.

First, introduction; I'm Heather Smith, from the 1st Kennabi Thunderbird Rover Crew (I used to be a Regnant, but I lost my crown), but you can call me George (don't ask, the reason will become clear in a moment). I'm also a member of the Greater Toronto Regional Rover Roundtable (GTR RRT) Executive. I've been in Rovers for far too long and felt I didn't know quite enough people, so I decided to let you all get to know me a little bit better.

And then there's me. I'm Heather Gillies (yes, there are two of us, and many of you know us as The Heathers' or Heather²), from the 1st Kennabi Thunderbird Crew, as well, but you can call me Bob. I was a Regnant (that's Regnant, not Pregnant!) Rover for quite a few years, but decided that it was time for change of scenery.

We have been doing all the moots since August, and we wanted to share our little observations and opinions with all of you. We started out in August at the *Eh Canadian Provincial Moot* at Woodland Trails in Aurora, Ontario. Although we only attended the moot for the weekend, we had a really great time. There were people from all over the place! Meeting Aussie Rovers, and learning a new language from them, was one of the highlights of the weekend. But, I must admit, the 'Whale' joke was the crowning glory of the whole week; a new sucker was reeled in every day. The live band on Staurday night, y'all remember them, don'tcha, with the lead singer that had a cute butt? I thought so. There are so many things that we want to mention, that I won't go into any more details, this article isn't long enough! By the way, just a note

to my friend from Saskatoon, Dave; my hand is okay. Thanks to everyone who organized and pulled off this event. You put a lot of work into the week, and everyone had a great time.

Hi, 'George' here. Yes, the travelling Australian moot certainly was one blast after another. It had to have been fun, 'cause we're still finding Aussie's left over from the moot, and it's almost December! And you're right, Bob, the 'whale' joke was definitely the crowning glory of the weekend we spent there, if not the whole week.

From Aurora we went back to Toronto, and Mississauga, and tried to settle back into our working lives, both of us at new jobs. As the days passed, we found ourselves looking fondly back on the moot memories we had. But, the next thing we knew, we were waiting at the Toronto Ferry Docks for our ultra elite transportation to *Search Moot '94: The Search for Fred Flinstone*. The ferry let us off at Centre Island, where we hiked on to Snake Island, and the first moot of the Scouting year (local moot, that is). Since we only planned on spending the day at the moot, we were prepared to have as much fun as we could in as little time as possible. I think we succeeded, and we definitely got to know new people. In fact, we practically became legend in just a few hours. How, you ask, could we, two little ole Rovers from Toronto, become legend in just a few hours? I'm glad you asked, because it's one of our favourite stories to tell this fall. It all began when we hooked up with three friends from the bustling metropolis of Oshawa for the group events, and became 'GROUP 6', the group to beat. Through some... creative interpretation of the rules, we finished many of the events in record time, but no one could touch us in the Lifesaver Pass event. The object was to pass the lifesaver, down the line, from toothpick to toothpick. The toothpicks, of course, were to be held in our mouths. We figured that we were good enough friends to pull it off perfectly, so we decided to pass the lifesaver our own way. Just the lifesaver, no toothpicks went from one mouth to the other. It would have been an exceptional event, if my father, a Venturer Advisor, hadn't been standing there watching as his 'baby girl' swapped spit with two men he didn't know. Goodness knows I would have enjoyed the event better if he hadn't been a witness to it. Now on to the next moot ... OOOOPS!, I forgot to mention that Bob would like to say thank you to all her first-aiders that day, and tell you all that her toenail is growing back just fine, thank you very much.

The weekend after Search Moot, the Regnant Rovers hosted a challenge camp for Scouts in our area. It went all right, but probably would've gone better if it hadn't been raining. (Oh, my gosh! Did I really just type the r-word? That dreaded word never uttered at a camp?), when the kids all started out. I had a pretty good time, and I learned a few new songs, too. Unfortunately, one or two of them were definitely NOT Scouting-oriented. Who's teaching these kids these things, anyway?

Thanksgiving Weekend. This year, the long weekend was more fun than usual. On the Friday morning (actually, two in the afternoon) we left the bustling metropolis of

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If anyone who presently has e-mail or anyone who has started a new account on the Internet, please get in touch with Mike Wolff to be included on this list.

Just one last note. I have tried communicating with Michael Diegel at his packet address. For some reason, our system will not let me send to him. If anyone on Internet has had success in reaching him please let me know. As to your messages reaching me, Michael, no problem. Please send your column via your packet address anytime.

All the best to all of you in the next year and beyond,
John

Searchin' for Fred at



Halloween '94

*What? Fred Flinstone.... here?
Naaahhhh! Must be in disguise!!*

*Wha'd ya mean? Stand on guard...?
We didn't get these standin for anyone!*



Alright, YOU with the camera....!



Oshawa, and headed out to Tamaracouta Scout Reserve in Quebec for *Grunt Moot 1994; Stuff This!*. Everyone set your watches to GRUNT TIME, 3 pm. We left Oshawa measly little Toronto Rovers, we arrived in Quebec as G.O.O.F.S (Greater Ontario Order of Former Scouts). The drive was a long one, but we survived thanks (ZOOTSIES!) to our travelling companions (By the way, Cal, have you gotten your bumper fixed yet?) and the countless truckers along the way. There is nothing like a good talk with a trucker to make the time go a little faster, (BELL OFFICE!). Talking to a trucker relieves the monotony of a long drive, and helps pass the time away, Bob, you can stop blushing now, the CB is off. Matt, are you out there? Turn on your CB! (HOME HARDWARE STORE!) The area surrounding the Scout reserve is a beautiful part of our country, and I'm pretty sure that it looks better in the daylight. (Jerry, I recognize this road. Those painted lines look really familiar.) (CANCELS ALL YOUR ZOOTSIES!) Bob and I made a lot of new friends that weekend, and got reacquainted with some old ones, too. (Hi Steph, and Jules! And no, my father still hasn't asked about the dining shelter, and I'm not telling him, either!) All in all, the weekend was a blast, and well worth the trip. Except for those Quebec moths, watch out for them, they like to play dead and fake out stupid humans, right Cal? Some of the Grunts should come to Ontario and teach our Rovers the proper time to have a moot opening; 25 minutes late, according to Grunt time (approx. 1 hour & 45 minutes after 'normal time'). The ride home was a bit more relaxed, partly because no-one's bumper got relocated, shall we say? A stop in at McDonald's for a vanilla milkshake completed the trip. No moot is complete without one!

Hallowe'en Moot '94: The Return to Innocence was next. Literally. We were home for four days before jetsetting off to Burford, Ontario for the Moot of the Year (Ontario moot, anyway). (This is where Bob and I got our names. We wrote our names on our 'party hats'. I was 'Gorgeous George' and Heather was 'Brilliant Bob'. They stuck.) Burford sure knows how to throw a party! It must be all those wild and crazy party hats they own. Yessirree, Bob! There is nothing as humiliating as walking around Burford, Ontario holding hands with a bunch of other Rovers, unless you do it with a diaper on your head. And holding hands with a dead guy -- Hi Brett -- that you haven't seen in ages. It's amazing who you meet up with at Rover events! We even met Cousin It's little one, "Cousin Itlet." He was sooo cute in his little wig and sunglasses! The one thing that we both learned that weekend was not to go to a costume party with Matt. No-one ever notices your costume when Matt is around. He just liked to overshadow everyone else. You spotlight seeker, you! Bob and I thought our costumes were the best there, although they didn't really go with the theme. Next year, don't put the theme in such fine print at the bottom of the moot flyer, and we'll try to comply with it. But we don't see how a French Maid with an attitude (bull whip) and Paul Bunyan in drag are not a return to innocence. I guess it just depends on whose innocence you are referring to (Hopefully its not

Hacker's!). It was nice to see the Quebec contingent so soon (what was it, three days?) after Grunt Moot. If we had have known that you were coming, we would have baked you a cake!

What was that!? I was woken up in the middle of the night by a slurping monster! It's mating call woke me from a deep sleep, and it took me a moment to fall back asleep. (Note from Bob: Don't worry about it, you just dreamt it!)

"Could've been the whiskey! Might've been the Gin! Could've been the three or four six pack, I don't know. But look at the mess I'm in! Wasn't it a party....." Us Ontario Rovers sure know how to throw a party, don't we? Y'all should've been at *Oktemberfest '94*. It was a blast! We had everyone there, new faces, old faces, kangaroo faces, (do kangaroos have faces? Feel free to write us and let us know), paramedic faces, even baby faces. Hi to Sue and our namesake, Baby Heather. Oh my God, pretty soon there's gonna be three of us running around! There is one thing I've noticed about Ontario events (or maybe it's just events that Bob and I attend) there are a lot of injuries happening. If it's not people getting stuck under tractors in the crik, it's asthma attacks, injured toes, hands being slammed in van doors, or convulsions just for the heck of it. On second thought, I think its Matt and Bob, they've been at, or involved, in each of the above mentioned 'incidents' (and many more). Face it, Rovering world, the two of them are just accident prone. Look out when you see them coming! (Bob - Hey I resemble that remark!)

That brings us up to date for this report of Ontario Rovering. Hopefully, it will be in the next edition of Rovering Magazine, as it is being written the night before the deadline. Thank God for fax machines and good memories! Until next time, from Ontario, this is Bob and George (Heather²), wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

P.S.: One last note, there is a new Ontario Rover Crew for you all to add to your mailling list. It is the 1st Kennabi Thunderbird Rover Crew, which is based at Haliburton Scout Reserve (its' alumni crew). It is composed of members from Belleville to Barrie to Indonesia. Please keep us in mind when mailing any information to crews:

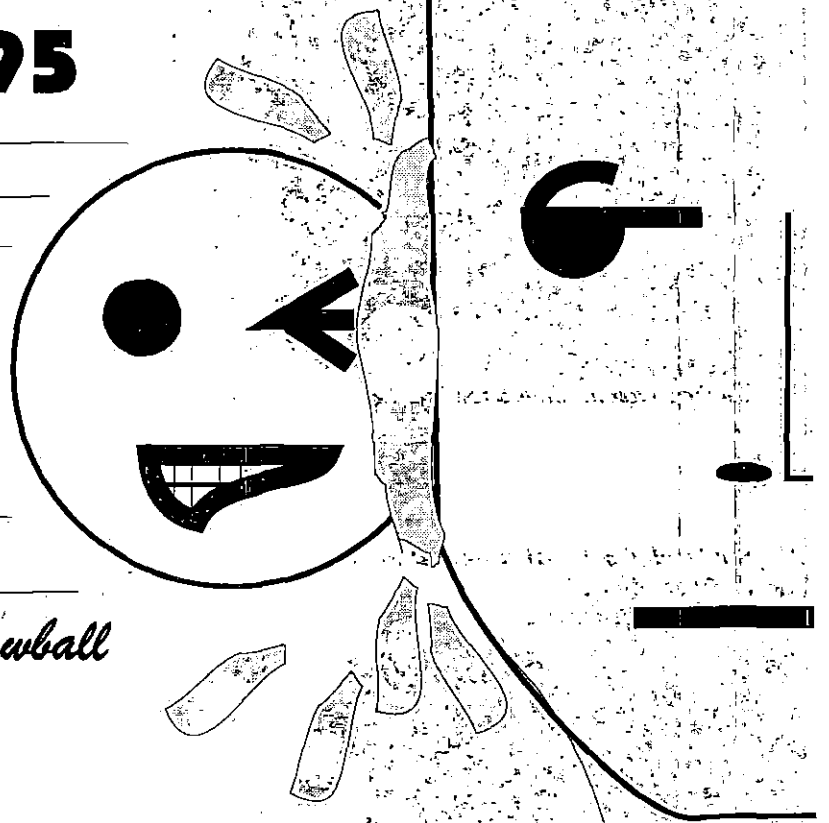
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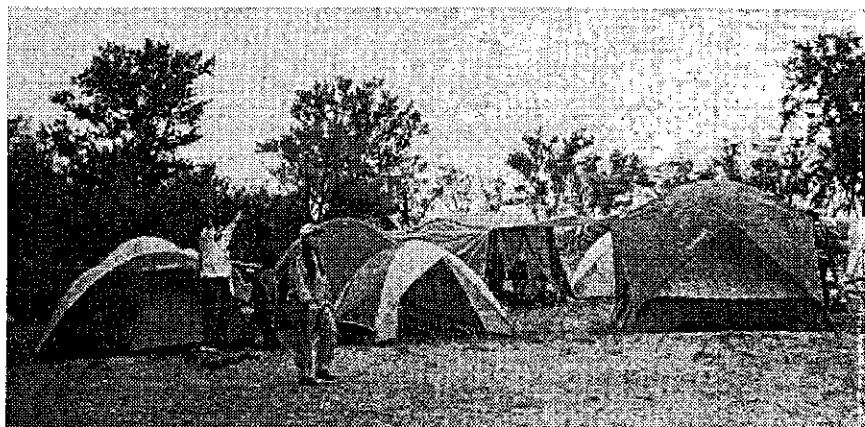


*More fun than a snowball
in the face!*

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*Meanwhile, back at the tents: a robbery was in progress.
Some Rovers will go to any lengths to find toothpaste.*

*I'm one with the flame, I'm one with the flame....
I wonder if Shirley MacLain had this much trouble
(cough, cough) with the smoke.*

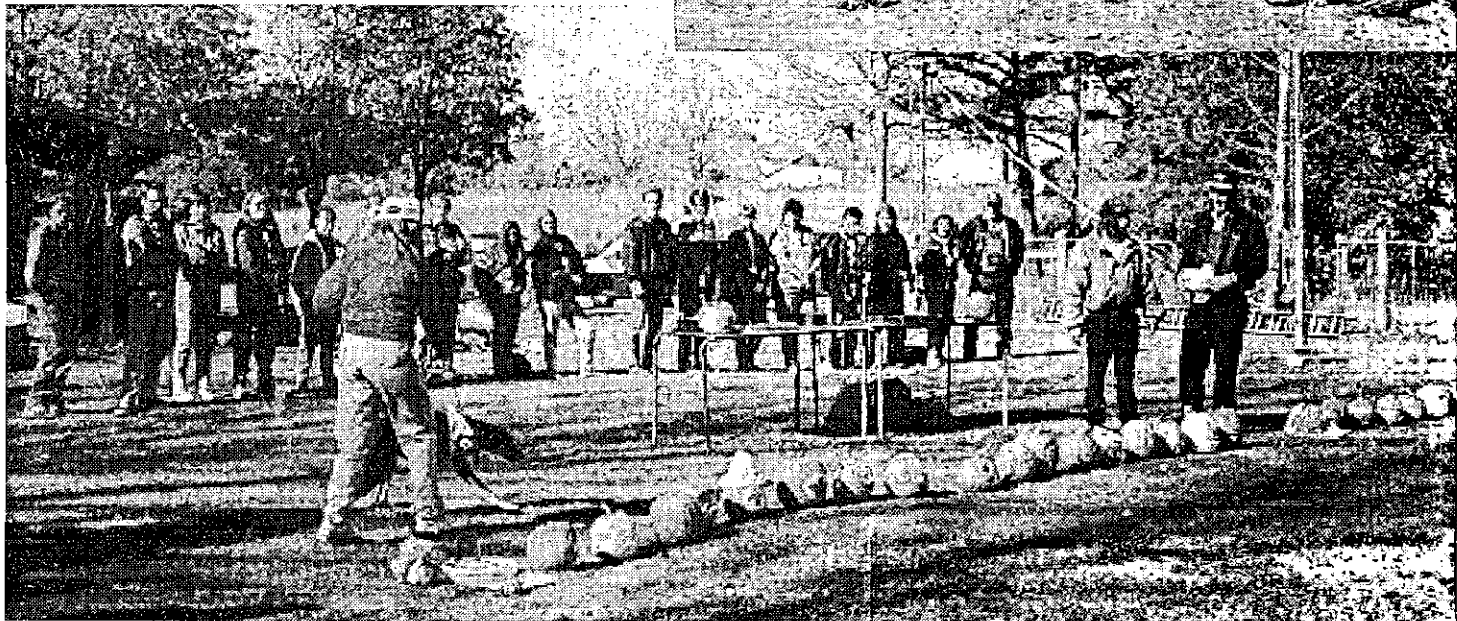


(Maybe someone should tell him that his fly's undone.)

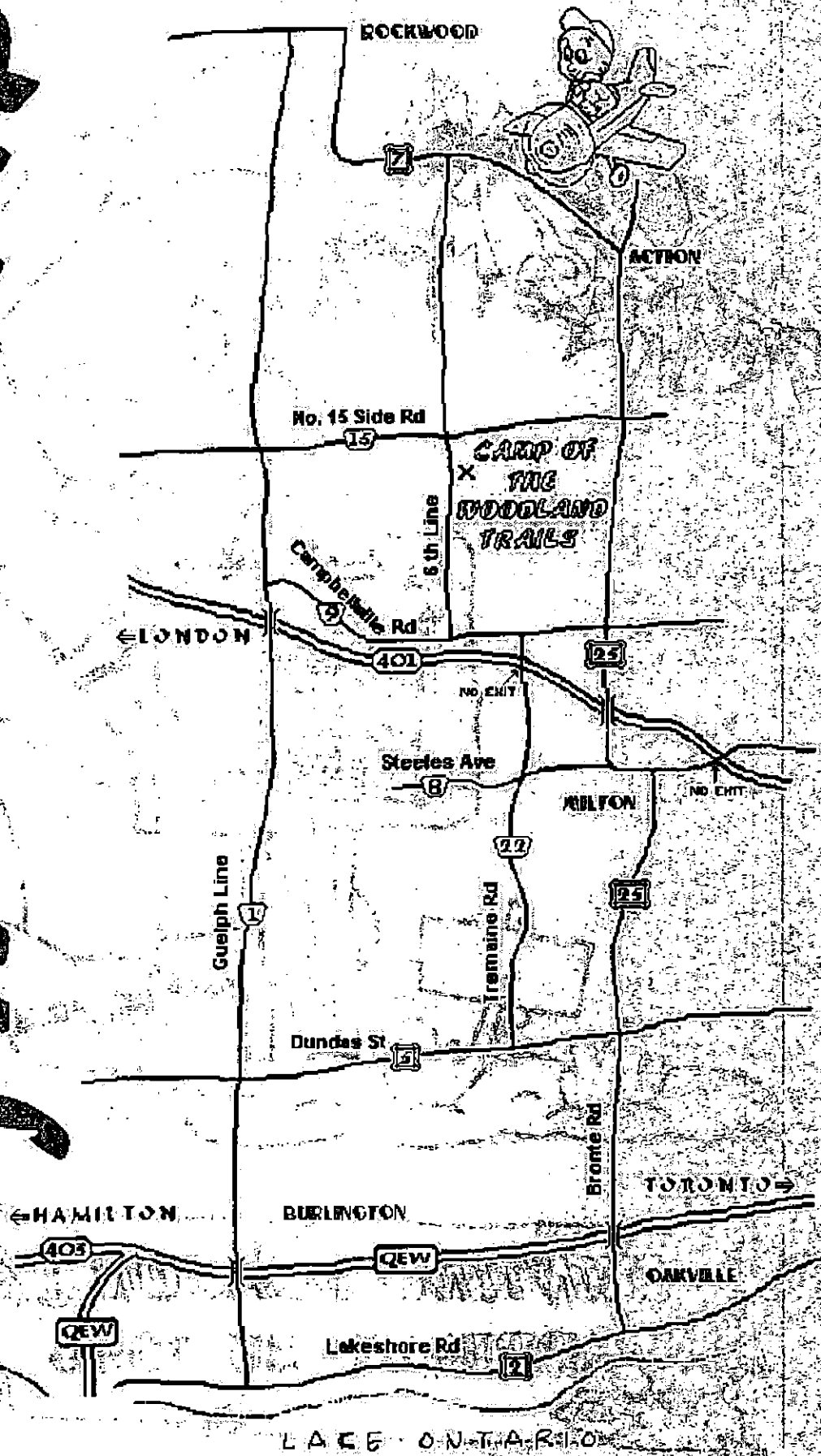
*You'd think after all these years
Michael would get that damned boat rowed ashore!*



*You mean to tell me that after all that work,
these aren't dominoes?
We can't knock them over?*



THE MAP



*The Black
Panther Rovers
Presents*



HUNTING SEASON ~~OPENS~~
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TO: ROVERING MAGAZINE
FROM: IAN MITCHELL - NATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR
RE: DISCOVERY OF THE FUTURE (D.O.T.F.)
DATE: DECEMBER 2, 1994

Dear Sir:

Please find attached a copy of the synthesis of the feedback from D.O.T.F. In an effort to keep all Rovers up to date, I would ask that, if possible, you include the document in your next magazine.

The following Notice of Motion to the May 1995 National Council was concluded from the synthesis document.

Notice of Motion:

"That the Rover Program be enhanced by integrating the Contemporary Rover Design into the existing Rover Program. Considerations include:

- A three year development phase based on a flexible Contemporary Rover Program;
- Following this initial three years development stage, there will be a period of practicum consisting of practical experience, service and mentoring; and
- Rover section age should be defined as "typical" age 18 to age 26."

Please thank all those who participated in the review to date and let them know that they should be hearing from us soon.

IM:dc

Enclosure

cc. John Peach, National Program Committee - Rovers

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LOONEY TUNES

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of your Crew, Company, Post: _____

If you are a Venturer Company, could you give us your Rover sponsors name _____

Rover sponsor must be in attendance.

Number attending Weekend _____ Day _____ Dance _____

Registration fee per person:

\$10.00 Before April 1, 1995

\$12.00 At the gate, After April 1

\$ 7.50 Day rate (crest, included)

\$ 3.00 Dance Only (crest, not included)

Total of registration (# people X \$10.00, \$12.00, \$7.50, \$3.00) _____

Name and phone number of responsible adult attending camp _____

Looney Tunes Moot will be held at CAMP OF THE WOODLAND TRAILS
MILTON, ONT. on the weekend of APRIL 21-23, 1995.

If information is requested about registration, please contact Brian or Harry at
(905) 827-3694

Cheques payable to: 2nd OAKVILLE ROVERS

Send to:

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THREE DISSIMILAR PERSPECTIVES:

The feedback from the respondents has three dissimilar perspectives as to what the decision makers within Scouts Canada should do. For an organization that clearly prefers to have consensus when making major decisions this reaction will be distressing.

1. **ROVER ADVISORS** - Approximately half of the responses came from Rover Advisors. One Advisor, who has been a mainstay in his Provincial Rover movement for many years, reflected the comments of a number of other Advisors when he wrote that he fully supported the elimination of the upper age limit for Rovers while emphasizing the "service" theme as this would just be consistent with the reality of the Rover movement anyways. He also went on to add that he recognizes the need for a separate program for the 18-21 year old, as their development in his experience has often been stifled by older Rovers. "It could well be used as a period when leadership skills could be honed, fostered, and become a natural transition from the lead to the leader, building on the Venturer program.

There was also considerable support expressed for changing the present Rover program with aspects of the contemporary program design. One such recommendation was to adopt the "Inter-relational Model", which the respondent described as being "intuitively attractive" as this approach permits both intrinsic and extrinsic skills development so that as the individual grows, so grows the group.

In contrast, another Advisor suggested that the "Discovery of the Future" should be rejected in its entirety and that a new committee be formed based in his home Province. This would appear to be an isolated perspective. Unfortunately, on the whole, approximately half of the Advisors did not support any change to the status quo and where they did, it amounted to tinkering with what is already there. Many took the opportunity to express their complaint that the real problem was the lack of resource materials for the Rover program.

2. **ROVERS** - Not surprisingly, in a Crew setting or individually, many Rovers expressed sentiments similar to that of their Advisors. In large group settings such as Roundtables or special meetings held to discuss the issues, in all but one Province, they held firmly to their belief that a new program section was not necessary, but that the existing Rover program could simply be adapted to include the contemporary program design.

They continued to embrace the premise that there is less wrong with the Rover program than there is with the distorted perception of the program held by the outside world. Essentially, Rovers said that they are happy with the program they have, but they don't think that Scouts Canada is doing enough to promote it. Faced with the contention that there is something wrong, they then embrace a blending of the old with some of the new. One author quite succinctly stated "Rovers don't want the Section to be dramatically changed, and they certainly don't want it to be closed."

3. **NEW ROVERS AND VENTURER-AGED YOUTH** - It was the new Rovers and Venturer aged youth who expressed the most support for and interest in the contemporary program design. For these individuals, most recognized that while all of the details had not been fleshed out, they could see the potential of a structured program tailored to suit their needs. In Forums where there was a mix of youth and young adults, the older young adults tended to quickly discard any suggestion by the younger members that there was merit to some of the document's suggestions. I found it particularly interesting that when I would receive the written notes for the meeting sometimes later, these often did not reflect any of the viewpoints put forward by the younger members. Not surprisingly, at many of these meetings the participants were frequently clustered by their relative age within the group.

One Venturer who went out and sought the opinion of his fellow Venturers wrote:

"It appears that senior Venturers who want to continue on in Scouting are still looking for a challenge. They would like to participate in a program that allows them to do their own thing, yet still has some structure. For the most part, Venturers did not have much to say about Rovering and its future, by many did feel that there was something about the present Rover program that needed to be changed."

Others responded that there is a need for a structured 18-21 year old program, although many felt that there needed to be flexibility in terms of the age, but to stay with a three year program. They then went on to say, that if Scouts Canada concludes that change is necessary, then they should ensure that Rover Crews survive, but in a restructured format, as they are a valuable resource to both Scouting and the Community.

SYNTHESIS OF FEEDBACK ON "DISCOVERY OF THE FUTURE"

"No question is so difficult to answer as that to which the answer is obvious."

Since last May, when the National Program Forum approved the release to the field of the discussion document "Discovery of the Future", I have taken the opportunity to meet with Rovers and their Advisors in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. I have also received an impressive array of written correspondence from all five Provinces with a significant Rover population. This mail has been primarily from three sources:

1. Rover Advisors, many of whom have been involved in the Rover Program for a considerable length of time.
2. Rovers who have indicated a strong commitment to the present program and generally have been involved for a number of years.
3. Venturer-aged youth and new Rover-aged young adults who have not yet formed any sort of allegiance to the present Rover program.

If the test of whether or not good discussion has occurred, is if there have been as many questions as answers, then I have been administered the test. Significant and considerable discussion has occurred both through my personal meetings and by way of correspondence. The response has been varied to say the least.

OVERVIEW OF CONCERNS:

A number of respondents indicated that the National Program Committee had raised some important issues and had been creative and timely in the resolution of same. It was with the notion of our "resolutions" where the diversity of response began.

1. **AGE** - The concept of changing the age structure of Rovers and creating a new section with a clearly demarcated age was the number one issue for respondents. The overall reaction to removing the upper age limit for the Rover Section has not met with popular favour. Many within the present Rover Section did not want the upper age level removed or raised, but preferred to see it stay the same. There was also a strong response that the age twenty-one demarcation as the end for the new program section simply did not permit sufficient flexibility. Many instances were related of young adults who felt that this age twenty-one barrier should be more pliant and allow for a new program participant to join between the ages of 18-21, but still be permitted to complete the three years of programming.
2. **BLENDING OF CONTEMPORARY PROGRAM INTO EXISTING ROVER MODEL** - Many Rovers proposed a blending of the precepts from the "Discovery of the Future" proposal into the existing Rover program. This would see a more structured three year developmental stage followed by a period of "practicum" experience. This practicum stage would allow Rovers to practise and learn to teach the skills they have developed while still in the supportive environment of their peer group. The older Rovers would serve as mentors to the younger Rovers in the developmental phase. This model provides sufficient flexibility to accommodate young adults who join at a later age to participate in the developmental phase and perhaps still have time to commence a period of practicum before they become too old for the section.
3. **VOLUNTEER SERVICES** - The National Volunteer Services Committee does not feel that they should develop a parallel service arm of Scouting which would consist of Rovers over the age of 21. The Rovers also enunciated that they do not want to become a B.P. Guild, but have a strong desire to maintain their own identity and mandate. Rovers do not want to advance into some obscure adult volunteer service section, which as of yet, has a nebulous mandate. The feeling was very strong, even from the non-Rovers, that steps must be taken to ensure that Rover Crews are recognized as a valuable resource and that Scouts Canada provide them with the necessary support.

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