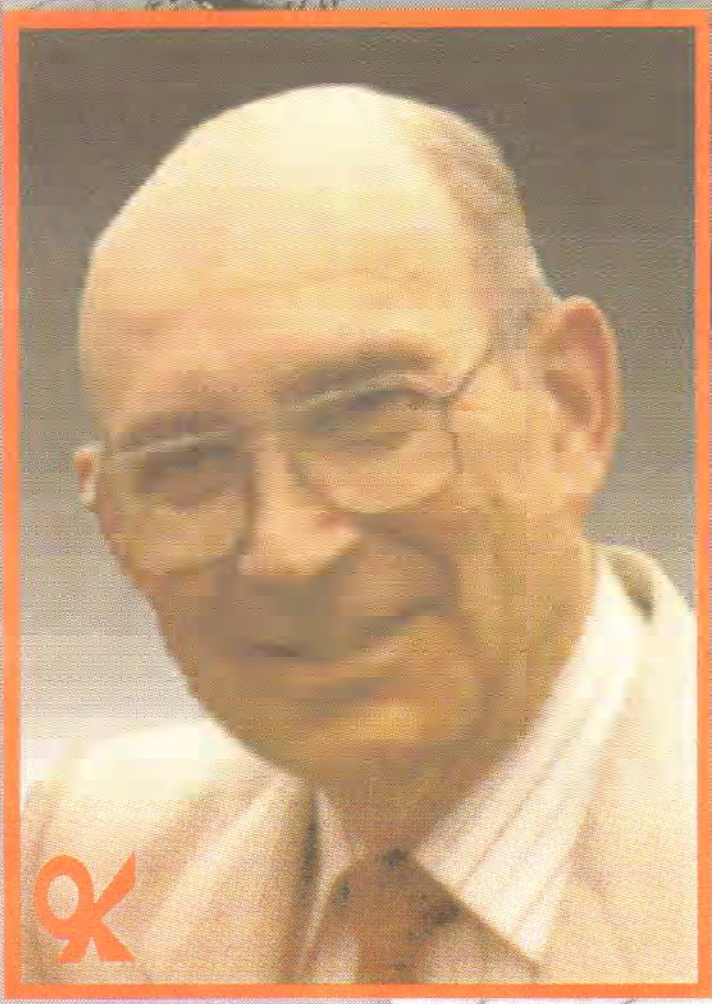


ROVERING

MAGAZINE

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AND THIS TIME IT'S SON JOHN'S FAULT.
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It is finished.

Donald Allen Sitler

October 19, 1931

July 15, 1995

FINAL ISSUE

UPCOMING EVENTS



ONTARIO

October 13, 14, 15

HALLOWE'EN MOOT (1st Burford Rovers past and present and 38th Brant and Friends)
 contact: Stu or Mary Murchie (519) 449-2289) or
 Carla Patterson (905) 891-5925

QUEBEC

OCTOBER 6,7,8 and 9

Grunt Moot 1995

Theme: Animal House (The Movie)

Site: Tamaracouta Scout Reserve (north of Montreal)

Cost: \$25.00 per person which includes:

*one free Grunt quality t-shirt, *camping fees,
 *Saturday night supper, *Monday morning breakfast,
 *a wealth of moot activities (moot games, movie night,
 dance(toga), night ramble(bring compass))

There will be the turkey launching event (build yourself a launcher and see how far turkeys can fly)**

Deadline is September 15, 1995. Any registration after this date will forfeit the t-shirt meals and our respect (quote from flyer) Cash payment will also be required after the deadline.

Make cheque payable to:

The Granny Grunt Rover Crew

1050 Addington, Montreal, Quebec, H4A 3G4

**simulated turkeys will be used for the event

B.C. Rovering

November

Fraser Valley Moot

B.C./Yukon Rover Roundtable

AUSTRALIA

December 25 - January 7, 1996

The Oz Moot
 Sydney, Australia

SWEDEN

July 15 - 26, 1996

10th World Rover Moot
 Ransberg, Sweden

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Please be reminded that this is the final issue of this publication. Some concern has been raised by the Rovering community as to its continuation. Anyone interested or has questions regarding subscriptions in general is advised to contact:

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The Roger Awards

9th Kitchener Rovers and Donnacona Rangers are pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Roger Awards:

For Dedication to Rovers: Ben Warren
 For Dedication to Rangers: Debbi Flewelling
 Best Feature Article: Rambling Duo
 Best Continuing Article: Godstuff
 Best Big Moot: Hallowe'en Moot
 Best Small Moot: Attawondernk
 Roland Dell Memorial Award: 1st Burford crew



Dear John:

We didn't meet at your dad's funeral because I was out of the country at the time (something I'm very sad about) but I knew him through our Scouting-Guiding contact for eight years. I heard from my daughter Amy (a Rover) that you're putting out one more issue of *Rovering* as a tribute to your dad and felt I had to send you my impressions. You may be deluged with copy and can't actually print it, but that's OK. It

begged to be written regardless.

Don and I met eight years ago when I became advisor to Donnacona Rangers. Over the eight years my respect for him has grown and grown as I learned what a caring, thoughtful, generous, and genuinely good man he was. I didn't realize it at first, but as we worked together with Donnacona Rangers and 9K Rovers he became my mentor, and how to stay cool (relatively) in the face of all the confusion that can result when Rangers are learning to 'run their own show'. But he never lectured -- just showed me by example how it's done.

Could 'Donnacona' come along with the Rovers to the moot and share their equipment? Don was the first to offer.

Did Don have room for a Ranger in his van when mines was full? "Sure!"

Would he print up some flyers for me? "No problem!" And when he gave me the order he wouldn't take any money, but what about the cost of the paper? "I had some left over from another order," he said, and still refused to charge me.

Would he advertise Donnacona's 25th anniversary in *Rovering*? Again, no charge.

Who came to Ontario Ranger Regatta to cheer us on? Don and Ruth.

Few people know how very much Don did for Donnacona Rangers over the years -- and for me.

I like to think that Don and Ruth and I have become friends, not just acquaintances in Guiding and Scouting. I will miss him deeply. Peace and healing to his family and friends! I hope Scouting sees fit to honour his memory in some significant way. It's lost a valuable supporter and a Scouter worthy of the highest honours because he lived the ideals of Scouting to the fullest. We've all lost a very special friend.

Yours Sincerely,
 Lorraine Green.

Ed: Thank-you, Lorraine, for these kind thoughts. As you've probably noticed, yours is the only letter that I received outside of e-mail. That doesn't matter as the 300 Rovers who were in attendance at Dad's funeral were all the testament that he needed. Here it is, the beginning of September, and I still find these words hard to write.

REPORTS



Another beautiful sunny day here in this paradise we call Lotus Land. Paul, Marc and Leanne here to liven up you bedtime reading. We have received complaints from a certain Burnaby Region Rover that we are always mentioning that we are late. Just to clarify, we are usually late with our submissions, but the kind folks at Rovering Magazine hold the presses for us on a regular basis. However, bowing to public pressure, we will no longer mention the fact that we are late, even though we are....again. But we won't mention that.

Fraser Valley Region:

Not much seems to be happening over with the cow breeders and chicken farmers. We suppose that their election either has happened or will soon be taking place. Sadly, nobody seems to care enough to let us know the scoop. Speaking of scoop, some double chocolate fudge brownie ice cream with real chunks of fudge (are we feeling a little repressed?) would go down rather well right now. Sure is hot out.

Hi Colleen. It seems that she was too distracted by her battery powered toys to be sure that the following election results are accurate:

Mate: Doug Hastings
 Vice Mate: Cynthia Ruggles
 Treasurer: Cynthia Ruggles
 Secretary: Dawn Blank

We couldn't confirm Dawn's last name. Perhaps she is following in the Madonna or Cher tradition. The only information we could confirm is that Laura is out. Come meet her at the tentatively scheduled (Do they do everything tentatively?) Fraser Valley Moot/Provincial Rover Table coming some time in November to an unknown location near you. Contacts to be announced.

Colleen invited everyone to join her at "Fetish Night" at some abandoned warehouse in Vancouver. BYOT.

Burnaby Region

The Burnaby Roundtable has been resurrected. Too bad this wasn't in time for the Easter edition. Only two positions are needed to satisfy this group:

Mate: Janette Tilley
 Treasurer: Alec Morse

They will be hosting a BBQ meeting June 17th 2pm at Warner-Loate Park. Bring your own flesh, everything else supplied. Rovers in the region are busy with many camps, activities and service projects.

Vancouver Coast Region:

The Vancouver Coast Roundtable AGM was cancelled due to lack of interest.

The annual BBQ and meeting will be held June 25th at Woodward's Landing from 12-3pm. Fully catered courtesy of the Roundtable.

Once again FREE FOOD! Show up.

Islands Region/Victoria Region/Sketer Report:

The slackers running Skeeter this year haven't bothered to send us a report yet, so we'll just tell you what happened. The weather couldn't have been better. They set a record for attendance with 547 participants. This year had a wedding theme. Many a pregnant bride was seen waddling around the site. One wedding procession was led by bagpipes. Laura will be very glad to know that Joe looks great in her flower trimmed sun hat. The medical staff was kept busy treating campers with "Volleyball Arm" and extended exposure to sun. It was suggested that glow in the dark balls and nets be supplied next year so that the games may proceed well into the night after the 10pm sundown. Full report and photos to follow in the next issue.

New Jersey Report:

Other than tending bar for a bunch of old farts, not much is happening in Jersey. Tracey is happy to announce that she has her Masters and is diligently working towards her PhD. Other than responding to a few emergency calls for dead bodies, it's pretty slow on campus during the summer term.

Australian Report

Our last remaining Aussie is defecting. She seems to have taken the theme from Skeeter to heart. Her local lawyer Rover is back in town for the summer. Way to go Janine. But tell us, what is it that you see in him that we don't? :)

Speaking of Australia, every one going to OZ moot? If your going, please contact Leanne Johnston at (604) 941-2601 as she is attempting to compile a list. It's not to late to apply.

Provincial Roundtable:

The BC/Yukon Rover handbooks are now available from Laura. This 87 page oeuvre is the result of many hours of hard work by several BC rovers. Special thanks to Laura McCrea for all her hard work. Call her at (604) 291-1649 to order your copy for only \$10.00 + shipping and handling. TAX FREE!

Still looking for nominations for the AGM to be held in conjunction with the aforementioned Fraser Valley Moot.

The BC/Yukon Moot AKA the "Disco Mountain Biking in a Haunted House" moot will be held over the Labour Day long weekend at Ruckle Point on beautiful Shuswap Lake. Cost is \$10.00/person. Register before August 7th. Contact Colleen "Tank Girl" Vince at 942-4129.

World Moot Report:

Since Sweden hasn't sent us any new

information, we'll throw what little news we have in here. Ever since our article appeared in 'Leader Magazine', we've had numerous enquiries about the Moot from across Canada.

Marc is going to Sweden on June 16 to attend the Pre-Moot and hopefully get his hands on the registration packages before he leaves. If we're lucky, we'll have registration packages ready for the next edition of Rovering Mag.

We have had three badge designs submitted so far. The first is from Rick Holman on Vancouver Island. Despite the fact that it took us a couple of months and several software packages to read the file he sent us, we finally managed to get a look at his outstanding badge design. He has incorporated the Swedish and Canadian flags as well as the Scouting theme.



We have also received two great designs from Mrs.P Davis of Oshawa, Ontario. She is cub leader and read about our contest in 'Leader Magazine' As soon as we get the designs scanned in, we'll publish them as well. Thanks to Rick and Mrs. Davis for their hard work, and they will both be getting a copy of the official crest when it is finalized. Keep those designs coming in!!!

Report just in that Bruce has been lending out his red garters to Tanya. No comment from Bruce at press time.

Too bad that the Canucks are the only team left in the Stanley Cup playoffs from Canada. What happened to the rest of the Canadian teams. Can you say choke! Hopefully they won't be knocked out in the second round. Mind you, with an overtime loss in game three, it doesn't look too good. The only comfort is the thought that Toronto and Montreal were all out before the Canucks! :)

From the sunny west coast of our great nation, we bid you so long....until next time.....

Rover Diary
by
Marc St-Pierre

Since the summer of 1994, a committee of seven has been working hard at "reinventing" Rovering. Their duty: Get us out of this "Nebulous at best" state. After more than a half-dozen meetings and hours of homework, they presented a report defining clearly WHAT, WHO, WHY, WHEN, WHERE and HOW is the Rover Program. But the work is not finished just yet.

The next phase is just beginning. Time and time again, Rovers complain about the lack of resource material available to them. The Rovering Program Committee will address this need by producing their findings in a series of books. Rovers, Advisors, Crews and Service Scouters will be able to procure these publications in the months to come. As you read this, the RPC members are hard at work.

Unfortunately, I will not be in on the heat of the action. As of the January Quebec Rover Round Table, I resigned as RPC chairman. Instead, I will continue my research and work into the Rovering Program from a distance. Independently, I will write commentaries and research papers to be published through the various communication channels. Indeed, I leave reassured that the work will proceed in the right direction. The QRRT accepted my nomination of Paul Beaudet as my successor. He has proven to be full of fresh ideas and commitment.

To Paul and the other committee members, Tracy Griffith, Don Buchan, Stephanie Hamon, Glenn Bradley and Jim Fogerty, I wish continued inspiration. They will have to keep a close watch on the developments at the national level. John Peach's committee is gearing up to make changes to our beloved section. Fortunately, it was arranged for Paul to partake in John's committee. No doubt will he bring the concerns of Quebec Rovering, but also of every Rover across the country.

Rovering

"Who are you and what do you do?" Rovering differs from region to region across this country and the world. So who are Rovers? Are they: future Scouters, party animals, or "Nebulous at best"?

At the last National Meetings, we were told that we are "young adults of typical age 18 to 26". That's a start. But, this is still a very vague definition. Are we Venturers moving up through the ranks, or "newbies" to Scouting? Does it matter? It is critical to identifying what we intend for these Rovers?

Scouting's mission is to "contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national, and international communities through the application of our Principles and Practices."

The development through our Principles and Practices needed by the Venturer and the "newbie" is not equivalent. Obviously, the "newbie" will need to learn all about Campcraft and Scoutcraft. A veteran Venturer already possesses all this training. What the Rover Program "is" must consider this fact. Rovering will take young adults at any level and guide them to the next stage.

What is after Rovers? The scouting program was designed to be circular. B.-P. defined Rovers as "the institution to complete the sequence of the Wolf Cub, Scout, and Rover".

"The training of the Cubs and Scouts is largely a preparation for rendering Service which is consummated in practice by the Rover. Such Service in many cases takes the form of helping in the administration and training the group. Thus the progressive cycle becomes complete from Cub to Scoutmaster. In this way the Scoutmaster, while retaining the young man under good influence at the critical time of his life, gains valuable help for himself in his work, and, in such cases as are fit for it, he turns out further recruits for the ranks of the Scoutmasters, while for the nation he supplies young men trained and qualified for making good useful citizens."

What better way to assure the leadership survival of our organization. Scouters must keep this in mind: Your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers will take over your leadership one day. Teach them well so that they may in turn teach others. Train them well so that they may in turn train others. B.-P. said "Teach them, train them... let them lead".

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How shall Rovering achieve its goal to develop the leaders and the responsible citizens of tomorrow? There are three models: Traditional Rovering as per B.-P., Modern Rovering, and Discovery of the Future Rovering as per John Peach. By now, everyone is familiar with Modern and Discovery of the Future

Rovering. But, who among us is well-versed with the original ways of Rovering? Does anyone know what "Rovering to Success" is all about.

Let's not blame ourselves for our unknowingness. Fact is, *Rovering to Success*, the book by our founder outlining the spirit of Rovering, is out of print in Canada. You would have to import it from the U.S., Britain or Australia. As in *Scouting for Boys*, Baden-Powell transmits through *Rovering to Success* his advice for rover-aged young men.

His fatherly advice aims at teaching Rovers the basic values and life skills such that they become "responsible citizens". All Rovers though and trained by this book will develop themselves in accordance to the new Mission of Scouts Canada. Coincidence? Of course not. It was B.-P. himself that defined what Wolf Cubs, Scouts and Rover Scouts should be educate as. His objective, as a military man, was to create an "Army of God's Little Gentlemen". Today, the Mission of Scouting continues to reflect the importance to act in accordance with human dignity.

"To help other people at all times". Such are the words of the Rover Promise. Consequently, the Rover Program must teach and train its members so they may comply with their promise.



Please note: The remainder of this series was originally intended to carry through to December. All installments are presented here as one article: each separated by a line.

"Holy postponement, Batman, it's time for the performance!" That's right, and in this, the 5th, instalment of the *Campfire Musicians' Workshop*, we'll also talk a little about the fire itself.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION - An open, solitary, windless spot with no view of buildings, roads, tents, or other activities is best. A view of the night sky can add real magic. All this may sound impossible, but virtually all Scout camps & campgrounds have a designated spot which fits the bill. Make sure that the entrance & pathway are free of obstacles, especially head-bumpers & toe-stubbers. Make sure lots of dry, insect-free logs are in place so that your guests will be as comfortable as anyone sitting on a log can be. Whenever possible, use an existing campfire circle - there's no point in spotting the area with blackened, sterile circles. Never start a fire in severely dry or windy weather, and always make sure you're prepared to extinguish the fire when you

re done. You should also be prepared to control spreading, so have sand, water & shovels on hand.

THE FIRE - You'll need a fire that lights quickly, burns brightly, and last as long as the campfire program. *Never leave a fire unattended and never leave a fire to burn out on its own.* See Scouts Canada's *The Campfire Book* for proper construction of Pyramid, Log Cabin and Teepee fires.

O.K., IT'S TIME TO PLAY - Before - First, make sure you have gum and drinks on hand (see *Your Voice* in the next instalment). Next, meet all the campfire musicians and jot down their names, addresses, phone numbers, and Crew names. This will allow you to introduce everyone to the audience, and will start (or add to) your networking list. Now, look at each other's books to get a feel for your collective repertoire. Also, discuss tagteaming. This is exactly what it sounds like. If you all play at one, too many guitars will drown out the singer's voice. Tag-teaming will also allow one person to play (from his own book) while another person picks out the next song (from his own book). This means that you won't end up with 'dead tim' while everyone flails to find the next song. Also, discuss the omission of 'questionable' content as discussed in instalment #3.

During - Always make sure you're chewing gum and drinking (see *Your Voice* in the next instalment). Take note of which songs 'work' and which ones don't. Are you playing any songs too quickly or slowly: Are any too long? Do you need to develop better 'patter' between songs? You can take notes with your pen and paper while you're not playing (another advantage of tag-teaming). This is also a good time to jot down songs you want from other people's books. Lastly, be sure to tune regularly.

After - Take a moment to introduce everyone again. Wipe your guitar and strings to remove condensation and ashes before returning it to its case. Be sure you haven't left any strings, picks, tuners or

garbage behind. Lastly, see to it that the fire is put out.

CAMPFIRE ETIQUETTE - We've already covered 'questionable' content and introductions. The only other thing I can think of is 'professional courtesy' - Don't talk or goof-off while someone else is playing (I'm probably the worst offender here). Oh, be sure to encourage/compliment/applaud the other campfire musicians - it'll go a long way.

Up next ... Your voice and how to keep from losing it (your voice that is).

Guten Morgen! Here's instalment #6 of the *Campfire Musicians' Workshop*. Last time we dealt with the fire, the performance and campfire etiquette. Everyone's voice sounds different, but voice problems and solutions are common to everyone. Let's take a look, shall we?

WHY YOU LOSE YOUR VOICE - The three biggest contributors to voice loss, at any time (other than during illness), are throat dryness, over-work and poor technique. We can do a lot about throat dryness, a little about over-work, and very little about poor technique.

THROAT DRYNESS - A campfire radiates blistering heat and almost completely dehydrates the surrounding air, both of these results are extreme and can be cataclysmic. The first thing to do is to always chew gum when you're singing! Always! Anywhere! Any time! You see, saliva is the best lubricant for the job (that's why it's there), and no-stop chewing means non-stop salivation, and that means non-stop lubrication of your mouth, throat and vocal chords. You should also constantly sip. Water is a good choice, since it moistens with no side-effects. My otolaryngologist (ear, nose & throat guy), who only caters to singers and actors, recommends camomile tea with unpasteurized honey for the following reasons: 1) camomile is a natural relaxant, 2) honey lubricates, coats and soothes, 3) honey provides a little natural energy, and 4) the moist heat help to relax your vocal chords and keep them loose. He says another good choice is flat cola. The syrup and sugar lubricate, coat and give an energy boost. The reason it's gotta be flat is that the carbonation in fresh cola irritates your throat and stomach. Usually, I use the tea, honey and gum and am amazed with the results! Camping, I usually use the water and gum or flat cola and gum, since I'm too lazy to make tea when I'm at a campfire.

OVER-WORK - A few hours of singing can burn anyone's throat out, but a campfire can make things downright brutal. The best way to avoid over-work is to

take regular breaks, and the best way to do that without interrupting the program is to use the tag-teaming method I described in instalment #5. While you're taking your regular tag-team breaks, you can jot down notes and locate songs. Tag-teaming will also help to make sure that you're not trying to sing over any more guitars than necessary. Singing over one or two guitars is much easier than singing over 5 or 6.

POOR TECHNIQUE - As I said, there's not a lot you can do about poor technique, unless, of course, you want to devote a few year of your life to the study of vowel formation and modification, consonant placement, breathing and breath control, and diaphragm training. However, one thing you can do is a simple warm-up. You don't try to run a 4-minute mile without warming up, an you don't try to sing for 2-8 hours (under excruciatingly trying conditions) without warming up either! For at least 15 minutes before you start to sing, just hum. It doesn't matter what you hum, but don't stop! This is a nice, easy warm-up that works pretty well. Be sure e to start your gum chewing at the same time. When you do start to sing, make the first few songs easy ones.

Finally, if you feel you're usually losing your voice too quickly, despite the help I've offered here, see your doctor. If you don't have a problem when you're not singing, it probably nothing, but you're better safe than sorry.

Well, tune in next time, when we'll look at standard chord diagrams for guitar.

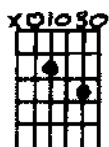
Okee dokee! Here's instalment #7 of the *Campfire Musicians' Workshop*. Last time, we talked about your voice, and as promised, this time we'll look at standard chord diagrams.

I've seen three different standards for chord diagrams, but they all have several common elements, as follows: 1) all 6 strings are drawn vertically, 2) 5 frets plus the nut are drawn horizontally, 3) the guitar's nut is the top horizontal line, 4) the 'low E' string is on the left, and 'high E' string is on the right, 5) an 'O' indicates an open string, 7) a curved line across two or more strings indicates that those strings are held down with a single finger (this is called a 'bar'), and 8) if necessary, a number to the left of the diagram indicates the fret number at which the chord starts.

Of the three different chord diagram standards

I've seen, the only one I'll show you is the one I recommend. A dot on the fingerboard shows you where to 'fret a string', or in layman's terms, where to press down. A number above the top of a string indicated which finger to use on that string. Note that the X's and O's also appear above the corresponding strings. Be sure to show the chord name above its diagram.

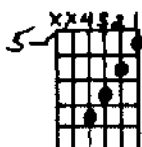
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This format shows all of the relevant information in a very easy-to-read fashion.

Now then - when you learn a song with a chord that is new to you, draw a chord diagram and include it in the top-right corner of the song-page. I guarantee that you'll forget every new chord at least the first 900 time you try to use it, so this will save you from having to look it up in a chord dictionary every time. When you draw chord diagrams, be sure to use a ruler or a template for the grid, so that all of your diagrams are legible and consistent in appearance. Oh, I mentioned chord dictionaries (also called chord encyclopedias) - These are invaluable and go for anywhere from \$10 to \$40.

Once you get used to using chord diagrams, you'll be able to expand your arsenal of chords more quickly than before, thereby greatly increasing the number of songs and song style so you'll be able to learn. Trust me, this really is worth learning.

In the 8th (final) instalment, I'll show you how to change the key of a song which may be too high or low for you to sing comfortably.

G'day, g'day, g'day! So far in the Campfire Musicians' Workshop, we've looked at your songbook, compiling and 'lifting' songs, 'questionable' content, practising, supplies, your guitar, the fire the performance, campfire etiquette, your voice, and standard guitar chord diagrams. For this, the 8th instalment, I've included the Chord/Key Transporting Wheel I designed for the original workshop, (*inside back cover*). This original workshop took place at Eh! Canadian Provincial Moot - Rovering From Sea to Sea, in the late summer of 1994.

Just take the page form this book to your local full-service photocopy place. Have them photocopy it onto white card stock and then laminate the entire page with 3-mil laminate. Cut out the two pieces, and cut or punch a small hole in the centre of each. Insert a pin through the two holes, with the printing on both wheels facing the same way. You should now be able to turn the wheels on each other with some ease, but not too easily. Now, just follow the instructions on the wheel! It'll help you re-write a song into any key. Using the wheel will take a little practice, but I think it'll be worth it.

If you and someone else are playing the same song from two different books, check to be sure that both versions are in the same key. If not, use only one book for that song.

On the wheel, you'll notice that many letter names have #/b options. While both letter-name options do mean the same thing, they are not - technically - interchangeable. The reasons for this are understandable only to those with a solid knowledge of music theory and key signature architecture. Suffice it to say that it'll probably be best to use only #'s or only b's in any one song. It'll be much less confusing than mixing-and-matching #'s and b's in the same song.

This is the final instalment of the *Campfire Musicians' Workshop*. I sincerely hope that some of *Rovering Magazine's* fine readership (that's you!) have been able to use the information herein to improve their skills as musicians.

Yours in Scouting,
 Dan Mclean Jr.,
 43rd Canadian BP Guild (at large)
Quando Omni Flunkus Moritati

P.S. Many of you have inquired as to the meaning of *Quando Omni Flunkus Moritati*. I have included these words at the end of every instalment. Well, it's the motto of the Possum Lodge (from the Red Green TV show) as well as that of the Red Green Fan Club, of which I am a lifetime member. Roughly translated, as Latin always is, it means, "When in doubt - play dead".



Humour From The Internet

In the beginning there was the computer. And God said
:Let there be light!

#Enter user id.
:God

#Enter password.
:Omniscient

#Password incorrect. Try again.
:Omnipotent

#Password incorrect. Try again.
:Technocrat

#And God logged on at 12:01:00 AM, Sunday, March 1.

:Let there be light!
#Unrecognizable command. Try again.

:Create light
#Done

:Run heaven and earth
#And God created Day and Night. And God saw there
were 0 errors.

#And God logged off at 12:02:00 AM, Sunday, March 1.
#Approx. funds remaining: \$92.50.

#And God logged on at 12:01:00 AM, Monday, March
2.
:Let there be firmament in the midst of water and light
#Unrecognizable command. Try again.

:Create firmament
#Done.

:Run firmament

#And God made the earth. And God saw there were 0
errors.

#And God logged off at 12:02:00 AM, Monday, March
2.

#Approx. funds remaining: \$84.60.

#And God logged on at 12:01:00 AM, Tuesday, March
3.

:Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto
one place and let the dry land appear and
#Too many characters in specification string. Try again.

:Create dry_land
#Done.

:Run firmament
#And God divided the waters. And God saw there were
0 errors.
#And God logged off at 12:02:00 AM, Tuesday, March
3.

#Approx. funds remaining: \$65.00.

#And God logged on at 12:01:00 AM, Wednesday,
March 4.

:Create lights in the firmament to divide the day from
the night
#Unspecified type. Try again.

:Create sun_moon_stars
#Done

:Run sun_moon_stars
#And God saw the day and the night. And God saw
there were 0 errors.
#And God logged off at 12:02:00 AM, Wednesday,
March 4.

#Approx. funds remaining: \$54.00.

#And God logged on at 12:01:00 AM, Thursday, March
5.

:Create fish
#Done

:Create fowl
#Done

:Run fish, fowl
#And God created the great sea monsters and every
living creature that creepeth wherewith the waters
swarmed after its kind and every winged fowl after its
kind. And God saw there were 0 errors.

#And God logged off at 12:02:00 AM, Thursday, March 5.

#Approx. funds remaining: \$45.00.

#And God logged on at 12:01:00 AM, Friday, March 6.

:Create cattle

#Done

:Create creepy_things

#Done

:Now let us make man in our image

#Unspecified type. Try again.

:Create man

#Done

:Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that creepeth upon the earth

#Too many command operands. Try again.

:Run multiplication

#Execution terminated. 6 errors.

:Insert breath

#Done

:Run multiplication

#Execution terminated. 5 errors.

:Move man to Garden of Eden

#File Garden of Eden does not exist.

:Create Garden.edn

#Done

:Move man to Garden.edn

#Done

:Run multiplication

#Execution terminated. 4 errors.

:Copy woman from man

#Done

:Run multiplication

#Execution terminated. 3 errors.

:Insert woman into man

#Illegal parameters. Try again.

:Insert man into woman

#Done

:Run multiplication

#Execution terminated. 2 errors.

:Create desire

#Done

:Run multiplication

#And God saw man and woman being fruitful and multiplying in Garden.edn

#Warning: No time limit on this run. 1 errors.

:Create freewill

#Done

:Run freewill

#And God saw man and woman being fruitful and multiplying in Garden.edn

#Warning: No time limit on this run. 1 errors.

:Undo desire

#Desire cannot be undone once freewill is created.

:Destroy freewill

#Freewill is an inaccessible file and cannot be destroyed.

#Enter replacement, cancel, or ask for help.

:Help

#Desire cannot be undone once freewill is created.

#Freewill is an inaccessible file and cannot be destroyed.

#Enter replacement, cancel, or ask for help.

:Create tree_of_knowledge

#And God saw man and woman being fruitful and multiplying in Garden.edn

#Warning: No time limit on this run. 1 errors.

:Create good, evil

#Done

:Activate evil

#And God saw he had created shame.

#Warning system error in sector E95. Man and woman not in Garden.edn.

1 errors.

:Scan Garden.edn for man, woman

#Search failed.

:Delete shame

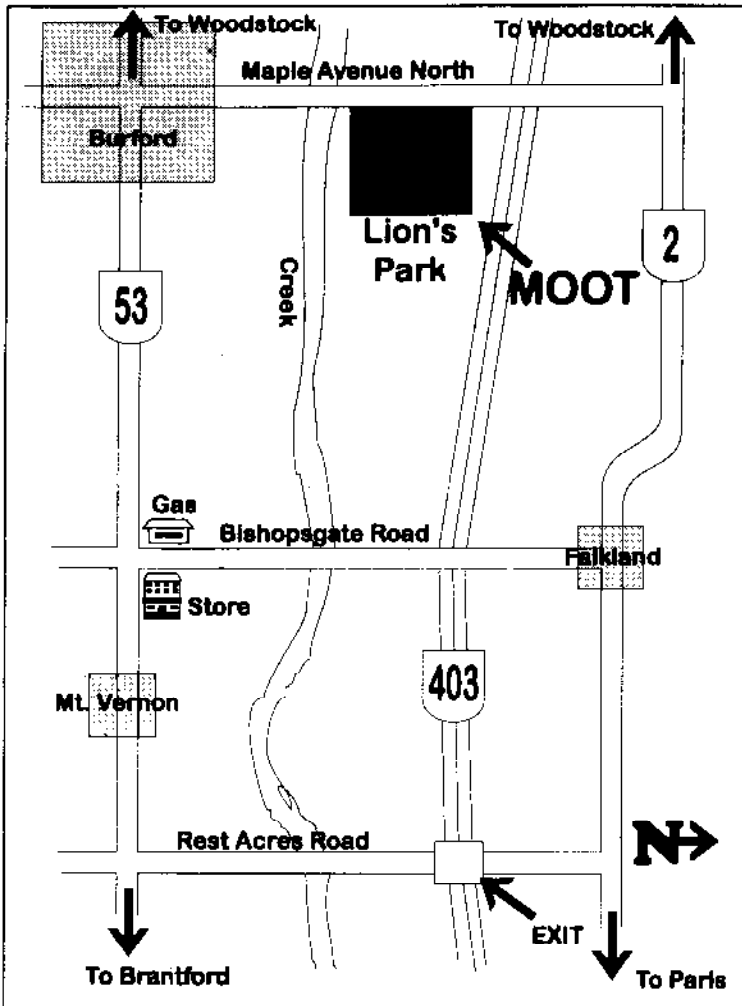
#Shame cannot be deleted once evil has been activated.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF HALLOWEEN MOOT

WITH BURFORD AND FRIENDS



FRIDAY THE 13TH
OCTOBER 13-14-15



Toronto/Hamilton Region: Use the Rest Acres off ramp on Highway 403, (turn left to Highway 53).
London/Windsor Region: Use Highway 401 to Highway 403 to Highway 53 East.

Preregistration Form:

Name of Crew, Company or Post: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal or Zip Code: _____

Name of responsible adult attending camp: _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

Advance \$5.00 (received on or before September 30, 1995)

Gate Registration \$12.00.

Day Registration \$12.00 until 3 pm, after 3 pm \$6.00 (no crest)

Number Attending: Weekend _____ Day _____

Children under 5 years of age attending with parent (free) _____

Children over 5 and under 10 attending with parent (\$5.00) _____ (receive lunch and a crest)

Please enclose a list of the names of those attending.

Please make cheques payable to: Hallowe'en Moot

Send to: 1st Burford Rovers, P.O. Box 337, Burford, Ontario, Canada, N0E 1A0

Hallowe'en Moot 1995

Presented by 1st Burford Rovers past and present and 38th Brant and friends

Problems or questions please call Stu or Mary Murchie at 519-449-2289 or Carla Patterson at 905-891-5925

Friday, October 13

12 noon - Registration opens

5:00pm - Supper

8:00pm - Variety Entertainment

12:00midnite - Bonfire & Bedtime Stories

2:00am - Curfew

Saturday, October 14

9:00 am - Official Camp Opening

9:45 am - Group Events

12:15pm - Lunch

1:30pm - Car Rally & Crew Events

3:00pm - Demonstrations / Displays

5:00pm - Supper

8:00pm - Form in parking lot for dance

8:30pm - Costume Dance

1:00am - Bonfire

2:00am - Curfew

Sunday, October 16th

10:00am - Rover's Own

11:30am - Closing & Awards

All old time Rovers, Rangers and Leaders; Welcome Back. You can bring your children. Events will be run for the kids up to 10 years old, parental help welcome. Please register your children.

Bedtime Stories: Tell us a good ghost story around the campfire and you'll get more points for the main trophy.

Car Rally: Waiver forms will be available at registration immediately after opening.

Dance: Prizes will be awarded for best costumes. The dance will be held in a heated hall in town; directions will be supplied. An alternative is available.

Jack O' Lantern Carvings: Pumpkins will be distributed upon arrival at the moot (one per group). Carved pumpkin must be turned in at registration by 10:00pm Saturday. Pumpkins will be judged and points will go toward the main trophy.

General Information: A tractor with trailer will be provided to haul gear to the campsites. All groups come self-contained. There are a limited number of motorized camper sites available, please preregister and prepay if you would like one. There will be a canteen selling hot and cold beverages, and snacks, in the pavilion. A Saturday lunch will be provided for everyone. Bring plate and bowl. The main Moot Trophy will be awarded to the group with the most points at the end of the weekend. The trophy will be engraved accordingly.

Rules and Regulations

1. All Rover and Ranger Rules will be in effect.
2. Anyone found consuming, in possession of, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs while taking part in camp activities, risk arrest and the immediate expulsion of their entire group from camp.
3. Cutting of live trees will not be tolerated, wood will be provided.
4. NO GROUND FIRES! Fires must be eighteen (18) inches above ground.
5. The staff of Hallowe'en Moot are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles.
6. The moot is open to all registered Rovers, BP Guild, Explorers, Posts, Rangers and Venturers.
7. Rangers wishing to attend, must obtain private sanction.
8. Venturers must be sponsored by a registered Rover crew. Sponsoring crew and Venturer company must camp beside each other. Rover crew is responsible for all members in attendance. Problems from either group could result in immediate expulsion of both groups from camp without refund. Both groups should participate in weekend activities together.
9. Rovers, Rangers, Venturers, and Explorer Posts must be age 16 or older (ID required). Groups not following the rules will be asked to leave with no refund.
10. Car permits will be issued upon arrival. Permits must be shown when entering / exiting moot. Vehicles parked on site must stay on site. Sites assigned upon arrival.

:Destroy freewill
 #Freewill is an inaccessible file and cannot be destroyed.
 #Enter replacement, cancel, or ask for help.

:Stop
 #Unrecognizable command. Try again

:Break
 :Break
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#ATTENTION ALL USERS *** ATTENTION ALL
 USERS: COMPUTER GOING DOWN FOR
 REGULAR DAY OF MAINTENANCE AND REST IN
 FIVE MINUTES. PLEASE LOG OFF.

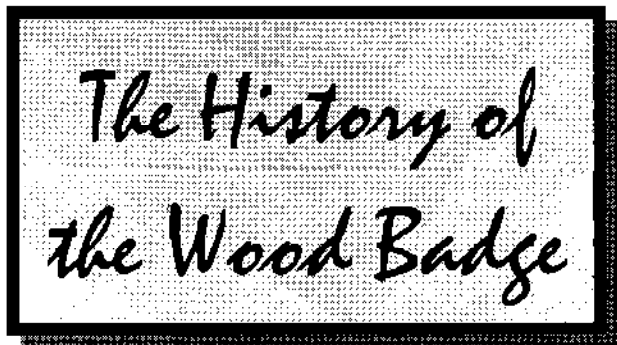
:Create new world
 #You have exceeded your allocated file space. You must
 destroy old files before new ones can be created.

:Destroy earth
 #Destroy earth: Please confirm.

:Destroy earth confirmed

#COMPUTER DOWN *** COMPUTER DOWN.
 SERVICES WILL RESUME SUNDAY, MARCH
 6 AT 6:00 AM. YOU MUST SIGN OFF NOW.

#And God logged off at 11:59:59 PM, Friday, March 6.
 #Approx. funds remaining: \$0.00.



by Stephen R. Breen

Ed: This article first appeared in *The Leader*, January
 1984.

When I was in the field, many people asked me
 about the history of the Wood Badge. I felt it was
 important enough to devote this month's training article
 to it.

TRAINING

As early as 1911, four years after the launching
 of the Scout Movement, the Founder recognized the need
 for some system of adult leader training. He encouraged
 commissioners all over the United Kingdom to
 experiment with training courses for Scouters. In 1913,
 he devised a set of notes for use at Scouters' training
 camps.

The onset of the First World War delayed any
 further action, but B.-P. did not forget about it. In 1918,
 when Mr. W.F. DeBois MacLaren offered to provide a
 camp of the Scouts in London, B.-P. suggested it might
 also be used as a training site for Scouters. Mr.
 MacLaren agreed and, in 1919, Gilwell Park at
 Chingford in Essex, England, was purchased. On
 September 8, 1919, the first training camp for
 Scoutmasters was held. It was patterned on what B.-P.
 used in 1907 at the first camp for boys on Brownsea
 Island, on notes he had written in the *Headquarters
 Gazette*. He described the framework of training at
 Gilwell in *Aids to Scoutmastership*, published shortly
 after the first training camp.

The Diploma Course for the Wood Badge, as B.-
 P. called it, had three parts.

- Theoretical - aims and methods of Scout
 training as defined in *Aids to Scoutmastership*,
Scouting for Boys and *Rules*.
- Practical - four weekends or eight days in camp.
- Administration - practical administration of his
 troop for a period of 18 months.

Although the method of organizing the camp
 was based on B.-P.'s 1913 notes, as time has passed, the
 content has changed to keep pace with changes in
 Scouting.

Today, Wood Badge courses are conducted in a
 variety of ways. Some are set up for individual program
 sections over a series of weekends or during a week-long
 experience. Some councils conduct multi-section Wood
 Badge courses and others present a family Wood Badge
 where spouses and children are included and participate
 in a program of their own.

From the small beginning in 1919, Wood Badge
 training has developed and become internationally
 accepted. Holders of the Wood Badge, who all are
 members of the 1st Gilwell Park Group, are recognized
 around the world.

The World Conference considers Wood Badge
 training one of the major unifying factors in World
 Scouting and has repeatedly reaffirmed its belief in the
 value of this type of training.

WOOD BADGE INSIGNIA

When the first group of Scouters completed

their training, B.-P. believed there should be a form of recognition to identify the level of training achieved. he looked through some of the souvenirs from his military career and came across a necklace of wooden beads, and a leather thong.

The necklace consisted of 1,000 or more beads strung on a rawhide lace. The beads were made of a South African yellow wood with a soft pith so that, when they were shaped, the pith made a natural nick at the end of each bead.

Such a necklace was distinction conferred on royalty and outstanding warriors. This particular necklace was worn by Dinuzulu, King of the Zulus, and was given to B.-P. when he defeated the Zulus during hostilities in Natal Zululand.

B.-P. obtained the lather thong during the Siege of Mafeking. Things were not going well. An elderly man who met him asked about his unusually depressed appearance. Then the man took the leather thong from around his neck and placed it in B.-P.'s hand. "Wear this," he said. "My mother gave it to me for luck. Now it will bring you luck."

B.-P. took two beads from the necklace and knotted them on the thong to create what is now known worldwide as the Wood Badge.

Replicas of the beads were made from beech wood at Gilwell Park in London. Originally, the Wood Badge was worn around the brim of the stetson, to hold it in place. Later it was removed from the hat to be worn around the neck, the woggle and neckerchief were added.

THE GILWELL SCARF

The neckerchief, known as the Gilwell Scarf, originally was grey (the colour of humility) on the outside and a warm red on the inside. Today the outside of the scarf is the earth-tone colour beige.

On the peak of the scarf is a small patch of the Maclaren tartan, a reminder that Gilwell Park was bought and presented to the movement by Mr. Maclaren.

THE WOGGLE

In the early days of Scouting, the scarf was fastened at the throat by a knot but, in 1920 or 1921, the scarf slide came into use. It is said the name 'woggle' was invented for it by Gidney, the first Camp Chief of Gilwell.

In those days, the lighting of fires by friction was very much of a novelty and, for many years, was demonstrated on Wood Badge courses. The main piece of equipment for this activity was a leather thong. When not being used for fire-making, the thong was long enough to make a two-strand Turk's head woggle, which is what

we wear today.

When you present Wood Badges in the future, consider including some of the history behind the insignia in your presentation. You might be interested to know that, from September 1982 to August 1983, your national office distributed a total of 3,395 Wood Badge laces and beads to the field.



WHAT IT IS

Names: Cocaine, rock cocaine, coke, "C", flake snow, stardust, Peruvian marching powder, The devil's dandruff.

Type: Central nervous system stimulant.

Forms: Leaf of coca bush (ritual form) White crystalline powder as cocaine hydrochloride. Vapour as cocaine freebase. Dried lump of combined baking soda or ammonia and cocaine processed as freebase "crack" or "rock." Solution diluted in water.

Combinations: With heroin, "dynamite," "speedball," or "whiz-bang." With morphine, also "whizbang." Dissolved in liquid and drunk.

Usage: Chewed (leaves) Smoked (paste and freebase lumps). Sniffed or "snorted" into mucous membranes of nose (powder and vapour). Applied to mucous membranes of mouth, vagina, rectum (powder). Injected into bloodstream (in a water solution).

Legal Status: Illegal unless used by licensed physician as a local anesthetic. Also used in Brompton's cocktail to treat terminal cancer patients.

WHAT IT FEELS LIKE

Orgasmic "rush", then energetic, alert, with no need for food or sleep, talkative or peaceful, self-confident, in command, quick, agitated, anxious, unhappy.

WHAT IT DOES

To Your Mind: Stimulates rapid, intense general euphoria.

To Your Body: Slows, then increases heart rate and blood pressure, constricts blood vessels, increases breathing rate, dries mouth, dilates pupils, exaggerates movements.

Special characteristics: A cocaine "spree" may lead to a "crash" with severe depression, lethargy, hunger. Freebasing results in severe burn accidents.

HOW IT CAN HURT YOU

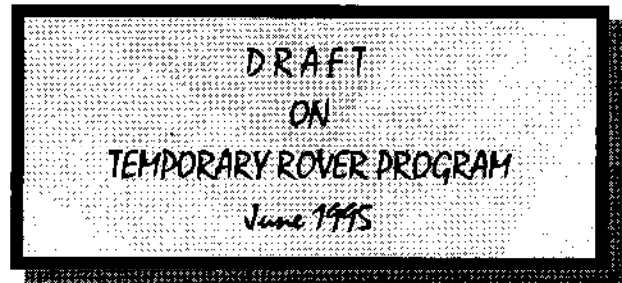
Shaking, muscle twitches, seizures, severe anxiety, compulsive repetition of movements. Paranoia, psychosis, heart related effects, nausea and vomiting. Changes in breathing, increase in body temperature, cold sweat, dramatic mood swings. Hallucination, sensation of insects crawling under skin and other continuing psychotic effects. Eating and sleeping disorders, impaired sexual performance, destruction of nose tissue, ongoing respiratory problems, needle infections such as endocarditis, hepatitis and AIDS.

Death from overdose and heroin combination, suicide, homicide, fatal accidents while under the influence. Snorting can be fatal.

WHEN TO GET HELP

- Do you use cocaine regularly?
 - Do you freebase or inject cocaine?
 - Do you use it in the morning or at regular intervals?
 - Do you lie about how much cocaine you use?
 - Are you spending more on cocaine than you can afford?
 - Are you having problems at work or school or with family and friends?
 - Do you try to "buy" friendship with cocaine?
- One "yes" and your common sense tells you it's time to get smart about drugs and the rest of your life.

Fact: Cocaine may be the most addictive drug of all.



PROGRAM GOALS

To meet the Mission of Scouts Canada, the program is based on activities that assist individuals to:

- *Become self-directed and responsible;
- *Blend personal freedom with one's responsibility to a group;
- *Develop and demonstrate Leadership Skills;
- *Plan and carry out activities in a group setting;
- *Contribute positively to community needs and the environment;
- *Participate in challenging outdoor activities; and
- *Explore individual spirituality in conjunction with one's personal values.

NOTES

In addition to service, camping, and socialization, these Contemporary Program Goals accentuate:

- P personal development skills;
- P Program structure through planning;
- P learning about and contributing to community needs;
- P team skills; and
- P linking of spirituality with personal values.

These program goals are linked to those of the Venturer program.

MOTTO

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ACTION

NOTES

A motto is still viewed as being very critical as it provides a short statement of what it is that you do. The message being conveyed is that this program section promotes "the best you can be through effort and continuous improvement".

PROMISE

On my honour I promise that I will do my best To do my duty to God and the Queen, To help other people at all times, And to carry out the spirit of the Scout Law.

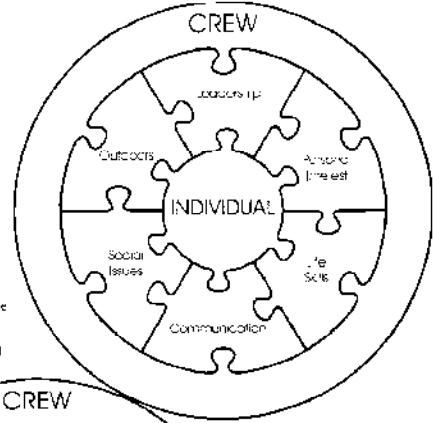
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To align Rovers as adults it is felt that they should commit to the same Promise as all other adults within the organization. This "Scouters Promise", already in place, will also ensure that the Rover section is in compliance with the Mission statement.

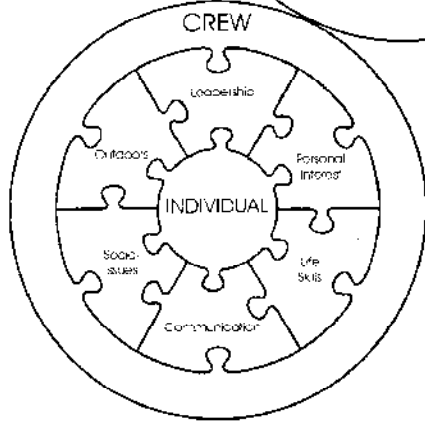
CONTEMPORARY PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

The Committee believes that, as a result of participation in this Contemporary Program, a young adult should be able to exhibit a reasonable degree of proficiency in the application of skill sets which are contained in the following six elements. The skill sets of an individual's program within each of the six elements is to be decided upon during the setting of personal goals.

- 1)Leadership Skills
 - conflict resolution
 - situational leadership
 - problem solving/decision making
 - planning
 - empowerment
 - accountability
 - interpersonal relations etc.
- 2)Life Skills
 - health/nutrition
 - literacy
 - personal planning
 - banking
 - vocations
 - employment preparation
 - physical fitness etc.
- 3)Communication Skills
 - listening
 - public speaking
 - interviews
 - teaching/instructing
 - marketing/P.R.
 - Petc.444)
 - Social Issues
- 5)Personal Interests
 - spirituality
 - environment
 - citizenship
 - cultural awareness
- 6)Outdoors
 - sexuality
 - camping
 - socialization etc.



The six skill sets combine to form the basis of the individual and connect the individual to the Crew and the world at large. Like a puzzle, if one of the pieces is missing, the individual is not complete.



NOTES The six elements combine to form the basis of the individual's program and connects the individual to the Crew and the world at large.

CONTEMPORARY PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS:

The new contemporary program will consist of:
 An Introductory Consultation
 A Development Phase, and
 A Practicum Phase II

INTRODUCTORY CONSULTATION:

This face to face discussion should take place between the new member, sponsor and Advisor. Its purpose will be to:

- confirm membership requirements (Mission, Law and Promise)
- assess candidate's attitude, skills and knowledge;
- present program goals to candidate;
- determine the expectations of the candidate;
- and
- convey the expectations of the Crew.**** (to be completed within 6 weeks)

DEVELOPMENT PHASE:

This phase will normally include the first three years of a new member's program. The new member's sponsor will play a major role!

in #1 and #3. The phase will consist of:

- 1) Setting Personal Goals for Development (to be completed within 3 months) level of participation; individual/core program elements and skill sets of; training; and monitoring process for individuals progress (crew support).
- 2) Working Towards Achieving Personal Goals (attaining skill sets)
- 3) Self Evaluation and Assessment on a Defined, Ongoing Basis * (#1 and #3 to be completed at least annually)

PRACTICUM PHASE:

This phase will normally include the final years of a member's program. The Crew Advisor will play a major role in #1 and #3. The Phase will consist of:

- 1) Setting Personal Goals for Practicing of skills areas may include:
 - assisting Phase One members in realizing their goals and/or providing MEANINGFUL community service and/or other
- 2) Ongoing Skills Development
- 3) Self Evaluation and Assessment on a Defined, Ongoing Basis.*** (#1 and #3 to be completed at least annually)

TERMINOLOGY (NOMENCLATURE):

It is recommended that standard terminology be used in resource materials that reflects the purpose of the position. This however should not inhibit those Crews who work under a specialized theme from using appropriate terminology (alternate terminology is not an issue).

EXAMPLES

<u>Alternate (Knighthood)</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
(Fire Crew)President	Mate
Chief Secretary	Scribe
Lieutenant Treasurer	Keeper of the Purse
Lieutenant Advisor	Advisor
Advisor	



This summer I have been very fortunate to have quite a lot of supply preaching which has allowed me to do a series of sermons based on the writings of Paul. Paul focused in all his writings on the unity of the early church and the acceptance of people. Both topics which we still face today.

All one has to do is to look at history and you can see countless wars fought on the basis of religion. Wars fought against other religions or within the same religion. These wars can do more to divide than to unite.

People belong to the tradition that they do in their particular religion because that is the one they feel is right for them and that they are comfortable in. There is nothing wrong with this unless it leads to people saying that their tradition is the only right one.

Paul was arguing against just such ideas. People in the early church were saying that to belong you had to believe this way or go through certain rituals beyond your baptism. Paul saw that in the long run that these attitudes would cause more harm than good. When this was combined with antionalism it meant that you had to belong to a certain nation to be admitted and that those from a different country could not get in.

The ideal that Paul was striving for, unity in the world, albeit in the Christian religion, was something that the Scouting movement picked up on. An old book that I have has a cartoon in it that calls Scouts the first

internationalists. In a sense this is true. Scouting strives to accept all people no matter what their race, creed, or national origin. There are certain requirements to join, but anyone can join.

Several years ago my Scout troop had three youth join after they had fled El Salvador. They did not have to be reinvested, but were accepted as members of the worldwide brotherhood of Scouts. To see this action, go to any jamboree. In Canada we are a bit disadvantaged in our international scouting; since, we are next to the U.S. At CJ'93 I met and became friends with a group of Scouts from Austria. They had contacts all over Europe and were able to show the unity that we have as member of the world wide Scouting family.

Like the early church, Scouting strives to overcome the barriers of nationalism so that people might get to know each other. As Paul states about the early church, so is true about scouting, "There is neither Jew, nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." In Scouting we are all part of the same movement no matter where we are from as in the church we are all part of one family no matter where we are from.

Surgite
Michael Diegel

From a Scouter's Son

It is finished. These are the last words spoken by Christ as he hung dying upon the cross. These are also the words I used as the subject line when I posted my e-mail to co-workers, telling them that I wasn't coming into work on the following Monday. These are also the words of the subtitle of this last issue of *Rovering Magazine*. It was Don's wish that this publication not become subject to the editorial influence of any Round Table or Committee. I am honouring his request and terminating publication. I guess this will be the first year that there won't be any more 'Diamonds for Christmas'. Because of his illness, the June issue did not appear in time before his death. This issue takes the place of it. Some articles that were to appear concerned Don's

illness and have been removed. Since many subscribers paid for a full year, the balance owing will be calculated and repaid.

The obituary from the *KW Record* reads:

SITLER, Donald (Don) Allen - At London Regional Cancer (Victoria) Hospital, on Saturday, July 15, 1995, age 63 years, of Kitchener.

Don was a lifetime member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener; was a printer at Kitchener Printing for 46 years. He was also involved in Scouting for over 50 years; Rover Skip 9th Kitchener Rover Crew.

Dear son of May Sitler of Kitchener and the late Allan Sitler. Beloved husband of Ruth Mainprize; loving father of Linda Niklaus and her husband Wilf of Cambridge, John and Michael, both of Nithburg, David and his wife Sue and Marc and his wife Ellen, all of Kitchener; proud grandfather of Tammy and Tegan; brother of Joan Demeuleneare and her husband Harry of Bloomingdale. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

"He will always be remembered by his dog Gillie."

The Sitler family will receive friends at the Edward R. Good Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., Waterloo, on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, with the Rev. Donald Pond officiating. Interment in Memory Gardens, Breslau.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, St. Peter's Lutheran Church or Boy Scouts of Canada would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

I beg the reader's indulgence and patience since I am using this space to reflect upon the person of Donald Allen Sitler. All of my immediate family members have been, in the past, somehow connected to or touched by the Scouting Movement. What follows are my comments alone:

My cubmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Rover Skip, father and friend was in my eyes a metaphorical collage of characters. He was Tarzan, James Bond, Jean-Luc Piccard, and most of all; King Arthur. My brothers and sister and I could never bring ourselves to call him 'the old man'. Being so young in spirit, that popular term simply seemed out of character. My own involvement in Scouting was more expectation on the part of my parents, than it was voluntary from me. So strong was Dad's belief in the principles of Scouting that it never occurred to him to think otherwise. *Rovering* principles and the mystique of the Arthurian legend permeated everything he did. I remember when he installed a CB radio in the car. His handle was naturally:

King Arthur. He then assigned handles to the rest of the family based on the court of Camelot. I became Gawain. As a little boy, I adored him and I believe that from an early age, I could sense the regard in which he was held by the Scouting community. It didn't matter to me what other people outside of Scouting thought of him.

To me, he was a model to follow. I do not make this statement lightly. For years, I was referred to as 'Don's oldest son'; his identity being so much stronger than mine. What was it like to be Don's son? Not easy. It's not easy growing up in the shadow of a giant.

I had asked the other family members to write a short piece on how they viewed Don, from their own unique perspective, as a section to this article. This is now September and even now we find it hard to put pen to paper. They tell me that they've all been too busy, but, I know better. It's just too difficult and too soon to close the chapter of our lives that includes Don. Even as I write this, I'm expecting the phone to ring and to hear my father's voice nagging me for copy to feed the presses.

I can only guess how each family member saw Dad, but one thing I can say with certainty is that both our parents made sure that they raised four independent individuals. When I think of the lifestyles that each of us lead; each of our households is so very different. This is how it should be. Three brothers and a sister, each belonging to someone, each with our own homes, all of us more or less financially solvent. Our parents did a damn good job.

I must ask myself, what were the ingredients that made up this Super Scouter? As I think about where he came from and where he was headed, Don Sitler, was in many ways a mirror of our changing society. Older Rovers will remember well, his fight over letting Crews go co-ed. As his sons became teenagers and beyond, we brought home the new ideals of a changing society and Dad came to realize what these changes were and adapted accordingly, not just in thought, but in deed as well. He did not, however, plunge headlong into these changes. What he felt was useful, he assimilated and what he thought would be of detrimental value to himself and would allow him to treat others in a detrimental fashion, he discarded. In essence, he was King Arthur, dressed as Jean-Luc Picard. The very modern man with nobility of spirit.

I believe that each of us, family, friends and you the reader always came away with something from Dad.

In a very Christian way, he gave until it hurt and then he smiled to himself that he done a good job. Work and service to others was a passion that he enjoyed. Often his only reward was "thank you". Those are the two words he loved most.

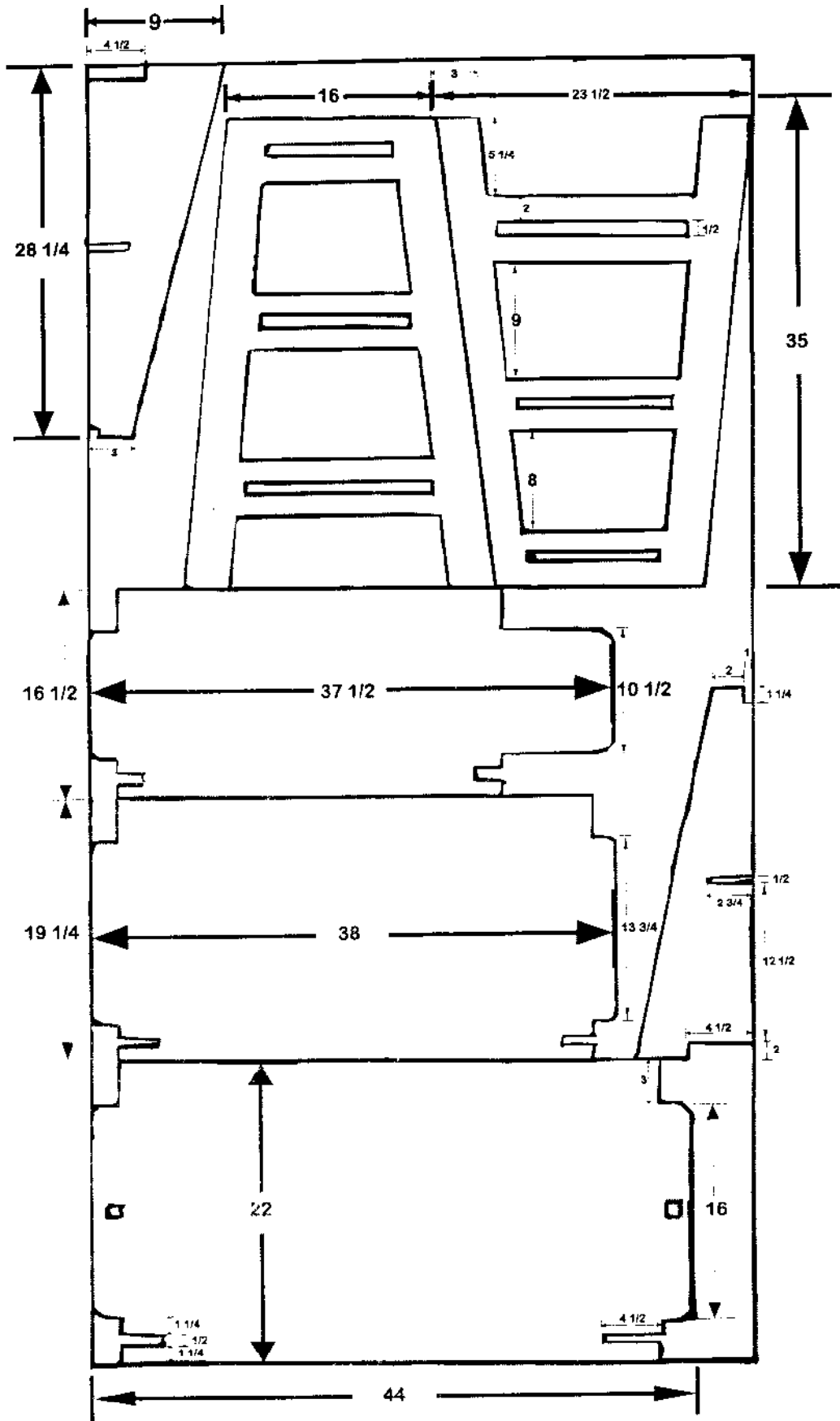
When Dad approached me to help on the magazine, I agreed. We had become partial strangers over the years. My relationship with my father was beginning to heal and Rovering Magazine was bringing father and son back together again. That's what has made this issue and this article so difficult. In my heart, Dad will not have died, until this issue is in the mail.

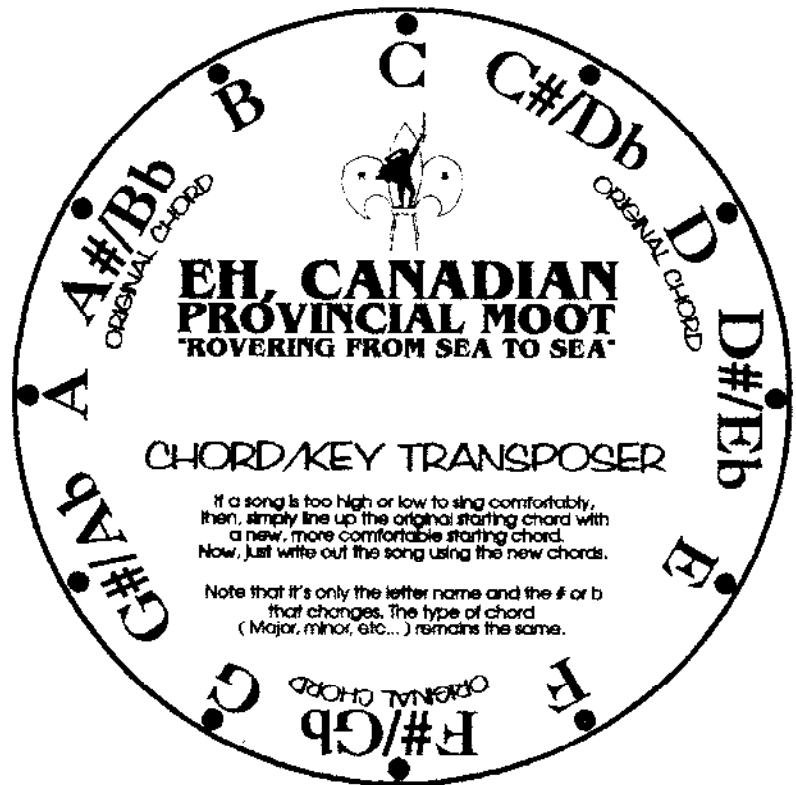
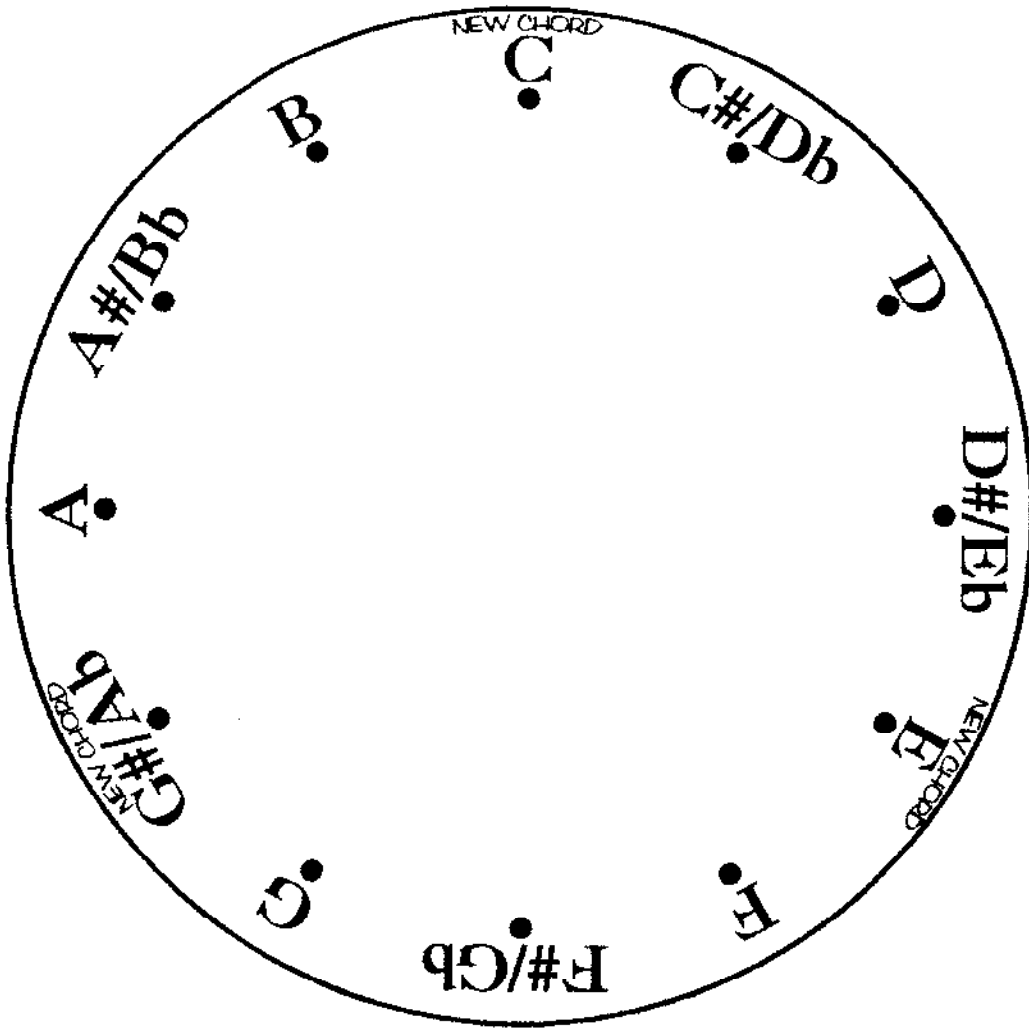
The rest of the family are duly impressed with the showing made by the Rovering community at his funeral. I am not the only one in the family who thought that the TV cameras should have been there, but then that's not the Rovering way. I have said on the pages of this magazine before that King Arthur was alive and well and living in the person of Donald Allen Sitler. People in Rovering: the King has gained the Grail and has passed to Avalon and I, his Gawain, admonish you to:

Keep on Rovering.
Sincerely,
John Allen Sitler

The 'Knock-down' Kitchen

All measurements in inches.
Cut the pieces from a single sheet of 4' x 8' plywood.





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