



ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAMBIERS ASSOCIATION
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Report from the Executive Committee

On June 24th the Executive Committee met at the home of Jean Nicholls.

An interim report from the Treasurer shows a bank balance of \$165.00 to date.

Our Chairman produced particulars of trip insurance on a person per day to cover medical expenses in case of accident. This plan was received with considerable favour by the committee and has since been put to the club meeting where it had unanimous approval. The compulsory trip insurance is now in operation, it costs 10¢ per person per day and covers members on all organised trips from Calgary to Calgary.

Ron Smylie has, by general consent, been made an honorary member for the year 1958. This is in recognition of his generosity in allowing us to use his store for our meetings.

It was proposed to arrange a course of First Aid for those who are interested. If you wish to attend these lectures please communicate with Sandy Vair or Wally Drew.

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Members

The following have paid 1958 dues since the last issue of "The Pack Rat". Home 'phone numbers are given where available

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Chairman	R. A. (Sandy) Vair
Vice Chairman	Wally Drew
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Senior Trip Leader	Tom Moffat
Membership Chairman	Nancy Gay Stewart
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TRIP LEADERS

Senior Trip Leader	Tom Moffat	CH-4-4737
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For information about weekend trips call Senior Trip Leader, Tom Moffat, or Chairman Sandy Vair. For information about day trips call Day Trip Chairman Wally Drew. To cancel from a trip call the leader of that trip.

If you have any suggestions, criticisms, or contributions for the "Pack Rat" see the Editor, Wally Drew. We especially need feature articles such as camp recipes.

MEETINGS

Ramblers meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Alpine Smylie's, 1026 - 16th Ave. N.W. The main purposes of the meetings are organisation of trips and enjoyment for the members and guests in planned programmes and getting acquainted. Everyone is welcome at the meetings.

Following are the programmes presented during the past two months:

April 30th	Water safety talk and film by Ken Hodgert
May 7th	Two sound movies on France and on Hawaii by Eric Fester
May 14th	Talk on tents and their construction by Sandy Vair
May 21st	Movie on Hawaii, Fiji and New Zealand by Ernie Trent and John Ree, also movie on a scouting trip by Sandy Vair.
May 28th	Talk on camp cooking by Sandy Vair
June 4th	Slides of England and of Rambler Trips by Pat Mogford, Ruth Weisberg, Nancy Stewart, and others
June 11th	Slides of Central and South America by Bernie Taylor
June 18th	Square dancing at the de Waals' to the calling of Gus Yamauchi. Again we owe heartfelt thanks to the de Waals for having the large group of us in their home all evening.
June 25th	Colour sound movies on Banff and Yoho National Parks and on Rivers and salmon in British Columbia provided by Jean Nicholls and Barb Thompson.

SPRING HIKING AND CAMPING TRIPS

The weekend camping trip to the Cypress Hills scheduled for May 3-4 was cancelled when Sandy Vair found out that 2% of the ticks in that area were carrying Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Because of lack of interest due to the late spring, no substitute trip was held.

May 11th - Cascade River

This early spring hike in the Banff area was enjoyed by Bernie Taylor, Ruth Weisberg, Nancy Stewart, Pam Turner, Zen Cocalis, Roy Sward, Henk Ollmans, Charlie Neill, and Wally Drew the leader. The group walked north along the fire road to the Cascade River bridge and (after lunch by the river) returned along the Stewart Canyon of the Cascade River to Lake Minnewanka. That was considerably rougher going than the Warden had led us to believe. Nancy picked the trail and also picked up the most ticks - as usual. Nick Cocalis found his shoes too slippery and went bare-foot. Those snow patches were sure cold. The hike started with sun and ended in the rain.

Upon returning to Calgary all the hikers stopped at the Taylors' home where Bernie and her parents threw a surprise birthday party for Wally. The highlight of the party was the discovery of two more ticks in Nancy's hair.

Trip to Leancheil on the long weekend May 17-18-19.

On May 17th two cars of Ramblers travelled 14 miles west of Field to the Chancellor Peak campground arriving about noon. After lunch we all hiked over to Wapta Falls past the Ranger Station about three miles. This fall occurs as the whole of the Kicking Horse river plunges over a cliff about 150 ft. high. That night in the shelter the writer had just finished the story of Henri Blanchard when a freight train came roaring around the mountain blowing his whistle for the Leancheil station. "Damn that Henri Bleauchard".

Sunday saw all members of the party on top of the Mount Hunter lookout. It was a long dry climb and when someone mentioned that there was a bottle of Calgary stashed in a snow bank on the way down a wild rush for the snow bank followed. Monday was a lazy day. Breaking camp about ten we went to Emerald Lake for lunch where one of the party slipped on wet grass and made a rather damp landing. Also Charlie Neill got snowballéd. After lunch we made a leisurely trip home.

May 25th - Waiporous Creek and Mockingbird Lookout

This trip was scheduled for the Marble Canyon area, but changed because of the high fire hazard in the parks. Donna Paterson and Ted de Waal alerted the trip leader, Wally Drew, to the trail closing in the parks. Others on this North Forestry Road trip were Ruth Weisberg, Joan Nicholson, Win Heald, Pam Turner, Hettie Visser, Pat Mogford, Margaret Mull, Hannelou Pempé, Bernie Taylor, Walter Bodenmuller, Charlie Neill, Roy Sward, Nick Cocalis and Hank Oliemans. It was a warm sunny day. Bernie, Hannelou, Donna, Ted, Roy and Wally had a hot dry climb up to the Mockingbird Lookout, but the view was worth it. Bernie shared her lunch with the elderly bachelor who was manning the lookout. Meanwhile Pam led the others on up Waiporous Creek and they finally cooled off in a snow patch. Ruth found out that old granular snow slides down the neck easily - thanks to Charlie.

May 31st - Trip to Elbow Falls

The objective of this trip was to climb Moose Mountain. On Saturday we met (two carloads of us) at Elbow Falls. We climbed a small ridge some half mile above the falls and hiked up stream about two miles. We then returned to the shelter at the Ranger's Station where Charlie Neill met us about supper time. The tents went up and just in time as the rain came on during the evening. When it came time to go to bed it was found that there were nine people but only eight sleeping bags. Your chaffman made do with a blanket from Henk's car, a tarp, a coat and the bag from one of the sleeping bags. It was a bit drafty but not too cold.

Next day as it was wet and as we ascended Canyon Creek we got very wet and went home early. Roads were bad and chains necessary. Henk's car became a casualty with a punctured gas tank, ably mended with Nancy's only "Chicklet". We all got home.

June 8th - Sulphur Mountain

Wally Drew led this trip up the popular tourist trail near Banff as a conditioner for later ascents into the high country. Those making this 2,500 ft. climb were Ruth Kirk, Bernie Taylor, Pat Mogford, Win Heald, Joan Nicholson, Lucia Van de Werve, Olive Cox, Ruth Weisberg, Pam Turner, Jill Frampton, Dave Frampton, Charlie Neill, Henk Oliemans, Roy Sward, Joe Behringer, Nick Cocalis, Ted de Waal, Bob Tennant and Wally Drew. Due to the cosmic station the top was beset with the unusual hazards of radioactivity and high voltage electricity. The sharp rocks on the ridge proved to be more of a hazard for two of our young ladies who tore the seats out of their slacks! Try walking on your feet next time, girls. The day was predominantly warm and sunny with good views, but there were a couple of brief, light thunder showers in the afternoon. Many of the Ramblers enjoyed a swim in the hot springs after the hike. It was a thrill to drive the new Trans-Canada highway all the way from Banff to Bowness.

June 14 - 15, Ribbon Creek

Tom Meffat led a small but ambitious group of Ramblers on this very scenic off-the-road camping trip. Others present were Pam Turner, Lucia Van de Werve, Nancy Gay Stewart, Bernie Taylor, Sandy Vair, Ken Bailie and Wally Drew. Cars were parked beside the Kananaskis River. The hikers passed through an abandoned mining town before following the tricky trail up Ribbon Creek. The old barn at the junction of the two forks of Ribbon Creek was reached by lunch time just as it started pouring rain. The barn served as a shelter until it started to leak. The shower soon ended and we enjoyed a sunny hike up the fresh green, flower bedecked ridge to the north.

(Until the next shower hit).

Bernie, Tom and Wally went clear to the top for a fine view of peaks and clouds and a brilliant rainbow. Meanwhile the others had set up camp near the barn and cooked supper. Guess who did the dishes. Nancy and Pam had a fine system by the camp fire. They sat on a wobbly old bench. When one got up the other was dumped over backward. Because of the rain everyone slept in tents. The new club tent and Ken's tent were used.

Sunday was warm and sunny. Sandy gave the girls a thrill by blossoming out in shorts. Lucia was more concerned with the small tear in her brand new slacks. We headed for Hidden Lake at the source of Ribbon Creek and ate lunch at the foot of a big waterfall. Pam, Bernie, Ken, Tom, and Wally then climbed up to the alpine lake. Tom and Wally went wading and ducked in the chill waters. Pam also put on her swim suit, but not for the purpose of getting wet. She had carried her air mattress up and inflated it to serve as a raft. However she was not able to keep her balance and got a cold ducking. Wally had found some fossils on the way up. On the way back a stop was made so others could collect fossils. Prize find was Pam's ammonite. Bernie is probably the only girl in Ramblers history to have worn a birthday corsage all weekend on a camping trip.

June 22nd - Stanley Basin

Stanley Basin is a provisional name used by the trip leader, Wally Drew, for the cirque reached by a new trail running east from the Windermere Highway half way between the continental divide and Marble Canyon in Kootenay National Park, B.C. The Warden gave us permission to use the nearly completed trail. The lucky ones who pioneered this easy new trail and area were Bernie Taylor, Ruth Weisberg, Julie Hrapke, Ruth Fry, Joan Nicholson, Win Heald, Mary Hodgkinson, Pat Mogford, Donna Crosland, Elizabeth Warren, Kenk Olliemans, Mike Prime, Fred Schaffland, Murray McNamara, Tom Moffat, and Wally Drew.

An ideal sunny day helped us enjoy the spectacular scenery of peaks, glaciers, and waterfalls so high that some dissipated in mist before reaching the valley floor. Sometimes the wind would blow the mist back up making the waterfall appear to defy the laws of gravity. After lunch near timberline Donna, Tom, and Wally climbed up to Stanley Glacier. The others enjoyed loafing in the sun and getting some tan. Bernie's new plaid outfit was especially suitable for this purpose. It seems that the club now has someone who eats more than Ted or Wally. Fred included a whole fried chicken as part of his lunch.

June 28-29, Trip to Twin Falls.

The writer had scouted the area the week before with Pam Turner and Nancy Stewart, and found that the Lodge at Twin Falls was to be opened on the week we would be there by a good friend of our Senior Leader. We accordingly promised her that Tom would appear the following weekend. However, the attempt was foiled by the weather. On Friday June 27th Tom and two girls, Lucia and Pam, got completely rained out and came home on Saturday morning. Car two left Calgary Saturday morning in the rain but on finding the others gone from the trail head, diverted to Moraine Lake where we hiked between the rain drops to Consolation Valley and up the lake. Some very interesting flowers were photographed.

What They've Been Doing

Margaret Hartmann has moved to San Diego, Calif., she was sorry that she did not have time to personally say goodbye to all of her friends in the Ramblers.

Our Chairman forgot his sleeping bag on a recent Ramblers overnight trip to Elbow Falls. Sandy was leading the trip too. Could there have been a motive?

Peter Ziegler doesn't stay put for long. He is way up in the Arctic in the vicinity of Aklavik, N.W.T., doing field geology for Shell Oil. He just left the Sahara Desert last winter.

Jean and Mike Prime have moved to Hamilton, Ont. where Mike will be doing his residence. They visited Jean's parents in Vancouver before going East.

Bernie Taylor and Bob Norton have just gone to Edmonton for Summer School at the University. They will return in mid August.

Bob Tennant says that "Kananaskis" is Indian for "Is a male able to osculate?"