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Meetings held every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Bob's Book Store, 211 - 16th Avenue N.W. C27-0907.

JASPER, May 16th, 17th and 18th.

The three day weekend was well attended with Ray Haganan, Gail Magle, Chris Macock, Pam Turner, Bonnie and Dieter Mohr, Stuart Lunn, Lillian Garland, Ted deWaal, Leslie Morrison, Sheila Davies, Daphne Smith, Don Hopkinson, Paul Tremlett, Virginia Bullis, and Fay Rutherford.

The new Banff-Jasper highway being complete to within fifteen miles of Jasper, a most pleasant drive was afforded the group along some of the most beautiful scenery in the Rockies.

After coffee at Lake Louise, stops were made at various points along the highway such as Nigel Creek bridge, Parker Ridge, Athabaska and Sunwapta Falls. Some of the group went skiing at Parker Ridge and on the Athabaska Glacier.

Evening camp found the Wabasso Camp Ground highly organized this year with lots registration, etc. and the first day ended with visits to the local taverns and a weiner roast on the banks of the Athabaska.

Outings on Sunday were taken to Yellowhead Pass and Yellowhead Lake which proved very scenic and provided Sheila with a swing ride at some unknown person's mountain cabin. Stuart also showed his skill at chimney climbing. (A real chimney at the same cabin.)

Don Hopkinson led a trip up a snowy trail on the way to Amethyst Lake but had to turn back after a couple of miles and later travelled to Yellowhead Lake.

Later in the day, trips were made to Pyramid Lake and Maligne Canyon where a new tea house provides a limited menu and limited service which caused Stuart to gulp his beloved cup of tea, causing him to miss the canyon trip.

The evening was again spent around the fire after an excellent supper prepared by Lillian who is to be thanked for her work and kitchen craft. Some had a not so excellent supper which consisted of stew made in a pot containing an unknown quantity of soap. The chief chef involved was not to blame as it turned out the dishwashing staff had not done a very good rinsing job.

Paul did a fine job of leading a sing-song around the fire and introduced some new tongue-twisters which proved quite amusing.

On the third day, the return trip followed in much the same line as the first day with skiing at Parker Ridge and Athabaska Glacier and some of the group met in Banff for supper.

- Ted deWaal.

MT. YAMNUSKA, May 24th

In spite of the unsettled weather in Calgary, twenty-four hikers were on the trip to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the club's first climb up Mt. Yamnuska. These included Sandy (leader), Hugh, Henk, Marg, Ann, Jannis, Harry, Helge, Don, Fred, Daphne, Ruth, Tom, Wally, Ray, Roy, Ron, Sharon, Kay, Alice, Pam, Bob, Jack E., and Jack S.

We left Calgary at 8:00 a.m., stopped for coffee at the new Hollowood Ranch and hit the trail around 10:00. It was raining when we started, but after we had hiked a short distance through light bush and had started up the slope toward the cliff, the rain turned to snow. It snowed periodically until we reached the cliff. When we reached the base of the cliff, we hiked to the east end, then up the north slope to a false summit where we had lunch. The trip took 2-1/2 hours to this point. It was quite chilly whenever the sun went behind the clouds but when the sun was shining, it was very warm. The surrounding mountains were very clear and their tops were covered with fresh snow. We could see east almost to Calgary.

After lunch, most of the group decided to head for the summit, but only Harry, Wally, Ray and Fred made it. About the time the four climbers were reaching the summit, the rest of us decided to head back. When we reached the east side of the cliff, we followed a ridge to the east into the Indian Reserve and a trail back to the cars. It was sunny and warm for all of this final stretch. The leaves were about half out and there was a strong, fresh spring smell in the air.

- Don Hopkinson

ROCK SCHOOL, May 31st.

Up until now the R.M.R.A. has done very little technical climbing, but now a new section of the organization has been formed to satisfy the requests of members who have an interest in technical climbing.

The section, under the leadership of Ted deWaal, ran the first of many (we hope) trips outside of the hiking schedule to the cliff band on Yam Nуска. Approximately 25 members and guests turned out; leaving Calgary at 8:00 a.m. and arriving at Ft. Chiniquay for coffee between 9:00 and 9:30. During the morning Ted instructed in technique, method and precautions of belaying, climbing, traversing, rappeling and use of the rope.

After all necessary pitches were completed it was decided by some to jaunt up Heart mountain and by others to return early to Calgary; since the majority of the people intending to go up Heart were familiar with the route it wasn't necessary to keep together and as a result each would proceed at his own pace. But typical spring weather descended upon us in the form of rain squalls and dampened the inclinations of all but four to continue to the top. A short stop again at Chiniquay and then on to Calgary.

On behalf of all who benefited from this rock school, which was most certainly all of us, I would like to thank Ted for the excellent job of instruction.

- Stuart Lunn.

HILLSDALE PASS, June 7th

At 7:30 Sunday morning, 14 Ramblers left Calgary for a day trip to Hillsdale Pass. The group led by Wally Drew consisted of Adele, Daphne, Kay, Pam, Lillian, Sharon, Ron, Tom, Ruth, Fay, Alastair, Alice and Helge.

The weather was ideal for hiking, raining just enough to keep us cool. After hiking for about two hours we reached the summit where we had lunch. Just when we started lunch, the rain stopped and the sky began to clear. We could even see that we were in the mountains. Wally started a nice fire and we all got around and dried out. Wally's thermometer showed 45 degrees and after the fire was started, it showed 46.

After Wally finished eating his strawberries, the fire was put out and we started on our way again. The rain started too. We soon came upon a large meadow with a trail through it which showed several moose tracks.

After hiking about a mile we started back. About half way back about five of us noticed a waterfall and set out for the foot of it. The other nine continued on their way back to the cars.

We spent about fifteen minutes at the falls and for the first time of the day we were able to really admire the scenery, as it cleared up. But as we started back down to the cars, the rain started too. All 14 of us arrived back at approximately the same time. The nine who set out before us lost the trail and ended up bushwhacking. They said they saw mountain goats on the mountain side but maybe it was us they saw when we were at the falls.

We all went to the Banff Cafe for supper before starting home.

- Ron Bowie.

MT. NORQUAY, June 6th & 7th.

Ann Turbayne, Harry Good, Don Hopkinson, Ray Hageman, Stuart Lunn, Dave Marshall, Leslie Morrison, and leader Ted deWaal climbed Mt. Norquay on Sunday, June 7th.

The trip started on Saturday when everyone left Calgary about 2:30 in the afternoon. Upon reaching Banff, the tents were set up in the Tunnel Mountain Campground. One party went canoeing on the Bow River while the other one went swimming at the Upper Hot Springs.

After supper everyone toured downtown Banff with those of age visiting the Beer Parlor. Sunday morning found everyone up bright and early. With breakfast over, the climb was started about 8:00 o'clock.

As the climb was started, rain clouds started coming in for the beginning of a very wet day. The trip soon evolved into a fast party and a slow party. The fast party, consisting of Ann, Harry, Ray, Stuart, and Dave made it to the top. The other group didn't quite make it. Coming down was quite an experience as the gully was very steep and full of rocks. Finally everyone made it down to the Trans Canada Highway where the cars were parked. Everyone was drenched and some were very tired and others were invigorated after the day's climb.

One party went for another swim at the Upper Hot Springs. Finally everyone set out for Calgary and home.

- Leslie Morrison.

DID YOU KNOW?

Harry Goode was at one time apprenticed to become a Swiss Guide?

Paul Tremlett is a member of "The Take 4's", a folk-singing group from Edmonton to be featured at the Calgary Stampede this summer?

Pam Turner's mother will be coming out from England to visit her this summer? Pam will be bringing her to meet everyone at a Rambler meeting.

Frede Jensen has gone to Morocco and France this summer and will be back at the end of August? Then he goes to Los Angeles to form a one man at U.C.L.A. His department will be that of Ancient Romance Philology (study of ancient languages.)

Harold Briggs graduated with a E.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from Queen's University this spring and is now working as an electrical engineer for Canadian General Electric at Peterborough, Ont.?

Our Chairman, Wally Drew, will spend the next three months in the Arctic. His address, c/o J. C. Sproule & Assoc., Resolute Bay, N.W.T.

HIKING BOOTS FOR SALE

Paul Tremlett wishes to sell one pair of black Italian (Vibram Brevetta-Rocia) ankle height boots. They were \$26.00 new and have been used one year. They are European size 40 (approx. 8-1/2 Canadian) and medium width.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE, 1964

May 30-31	Rock School (Compulsory <u>all</u> trips).
June 6- 7	Mt. Norquay.
June 13-14	Mt. Rundle (Compulsory for Loughheed trip).
June 20-21	Mt. Loughheed.
June 27-23	Mt. Hiles, Mt. Daly (From Sherbrooke Lake trip).
July 4- 5	Cascade.
July 13-19	Ice School, Mt. St. Nicholas, Mt. Olive. (Compulsory for Joffre and Victoria.)
July 25-26	Mt. Aylmer.
Aug. 1- 2	Pilot (Compulsory for Victoria).
Aug. 8- 9	Joffre (Compulsory for Victoria).
Aug. 15-16	Victoria - Lefroy.
Aug. 30-31	To be announced.

SOME RECENT PROGRAMS

Some of our more recent programs at Wednesday evening meetings have included:

Slides on Arctic Islands Exploration by Dr. Jones of J. C. Sproule and Associates; lecture on Leadership by Wally Drew; slides on Russia and Poland by Mr. Kemp; Square dance at Wally's, called by Gus Yamauchi; outdoor camping demonstration by Sandy Vair and Tom Thurston; slides on Indonesia by HARRY GLEDE

Marg and Stuart are doing a fine job and we owe them a great deal for their efforts.

NEW MEMBERS

52. Bowie, Ron	1919 - 30 Ave. S.W.	244-2036
53. Bowie, Sharon	" " "	"
54. Kittle, Kay	2516 - 15 St. S.W.	244-0710
55. Sinclair, Alastair	304, 1020 - 8 Ave. S.W.	262-7511
56. Bambrick, Elaine	606 - 101st Ave. S.W.	252-4001
57. Elliot, Jack	1717 - 10A St. S.W.	244-3276
58. Portigal, Lawrie	615 - 30 Ave. S.W.	243-0744

NEW PHONE NUMBERS

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Bodensmuller, Walter - 273-4533.

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