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DECEMBER 1995

Hiking, Backpacking, Climbing, Skiing, Cycling, Canoeing, Mountain-Biking, Snow Shoeing, Educational and Awareness Programs, Social Functions.

MEETINGS:

Weekly, Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bob St. John

The new Executive and the new Safety Committee are getting into the swing of things, and the next few months will see lots of stuff happening. Events will include a "ski fashion" show on December 6, the Christmas Potluck on December 13, the Winter Open House on January 19, five forums over the winter being developed by the Safety Committee, a two day avalanche course, and the Members Manual (promised for Christmas, but will the deadline be met????). Sounds busy, and it will be. We are however, ever willing to listen to ideas for the club brought up by members. Brenda Klassen would like to see some badminton nights this winter, and I believe the idea has merit. Only about one half of the total membership partakes in winter activities currently offered, with most members sticking with summer hiking. The idea would be to have 'social' rather than 'competitive' games. I will ask members at the next few meetings if this idea appeals to them.

Over the last year or so you may have noticed my plugs for CAOC events. I have represented the Ramblers for two years by being on the CAOC Board of Directors and by being their Programs and Events Committee Chair. I believe I gave it a good go, but I have always felt that CAOC could be improved. In October I presented some rather drastic proposals which I felt would make the organization more relevant and effective. Many Board Members privately agreed with much of what I said, but in the end my proposals were soundly defeated. I felt that my own time could be better used in other endeavors, so I have resigned from the CAOC Board. I intend to maintain and improve contacts with other outdoor clubs, and to see if there is a willingness to exchange ideas or to combine club efforts in areas of mutual interest. The evening program given by Tony Daffern to both the Norseman Ski Club and to the Ramblers is an example. I will still represent the Ramblers to CAOC and keep you informed of their schedule.

PHANTOM HIKER

"Not very many Ramblers are fashion conscious"

D.

October 14, 1995
Pigeon Mountain

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 1995

MINUTES FROM THE 1994 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The minutes of the 1994 Annual General Meeting were approved as corrected.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There was no business arising from the minutes..

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:

President, Bob St. John read out his annual report (copy attached). Bob remembered the loss of Ron Folkins on a club trip and paid special tribute to Dave Reid and the role he played both during and after the tragedy. He also thanked the other members of the executive and members who served on committees, social events and programs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

John Schleinich presented the treasure's report (copy attached) and answered questions about the report. John pointed out that we had a slight deficit for the first time in our history. This was due to losses at some of our social activities and the coffee shop. John said that we usually have between six and seven hundred dollars to spend above our normal operating costs, he felt that this money should be spent on outdoor activities and that social activities should be self supporting. John also said that we have a G.I.C. purchased out of savings that will yield us \$120 in interest which is not included in this report.

Moved by Dave Reid and seconded by Frank Stanley that we accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Passed.

REPORT OF COORDINATOR'S CHAIRPERSON:

Reg Fryling gave a summary of the past year's trip activities. Dave Reid took out the most people (268) and Alastair Sinclair took out the most trips (26). He congratulated Francisco Gali, Ron Hunter, David Ladoucer, Eric Stopford, and Marianne Wolters who are now full coordinators. Sheila Quigley and Linda Voycey are new assistant coordinators. Marianne Wolters in the new Coordinators' Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Change in the By-laws**

Moved by Bob St. John and second by Reg Fryling that the following be added to Section 11: "(e) All participants of Association trips are subject to the requirements of the Avalanche Safety Policy as determined by the Coordinators' Council".

Amendment #1

Moved by Darlene Weger and seconded by Alister DesMoulines that the motion be amended to "(e) All participants of Association trips are subject to the requirements of the safety policies as determined by the Coordinators' Council".

Amendment #2

Moved by Peter Fisher, seconded by Barbara Fisher that the motion be amended to: "(e) All participants of Association trips are subject to the requirements of the safety policy as determined from time to time by the Coordinators' Council".

Amendment #2 was defeated.
Amendment #1 was passed.

2. Thank you.

Wally thanked all the out going executive, especially our president, Bob St. John who did an outstanding job in leading our club through this year's tragedy and who put a lot of work into the Avalanche Policy.

Bob presented Reg with a personalized card thanking him for his service to the club first as the president and then as Chairperson of the Coordinators' Council.

3. Winter Rates

Moved by Reg Fryling and seconded by Barbara Mitchell that we adopt the rate of four cents a kilometer as approved by the Coordinators' Council. Approved.

4. Ramblers Pins

As approved by the Coordinators' Council, Dave Mulligan was presented with a silver pin. The gold pin will be awarded at the dinner and dance.

ELECTION OF THE 1995-1996 COMMITTEE

Wally Drew was the nominating Committee. Wally conducted the election of the new executive. The following were nominated and elected by acclamation.

President:	Bob St. John
Vice President:	Ron Hunter
Secretary:	Darlene Weger
Treasurer:	Anita O'Reilly
PackRat Editor:	Linda Eastwood
Program Chairperson:	Carol Perkins
Social Chairperson:	Sheila Quigley

Safety Committee:

The Safety Committee was started last spring. Standing members of the committee are: the president, the vice president, program chairperson, and Coordinators' chairperson. Bob asked for eight more volunteers to serve on the committee. The following people volunteered to serve on the Safety Committee. Wally Drew, Reg Fryling, Alister DesMoulins, Barbara Fisher, Dick Lowndes, Alice Laughton, Barnie Fritz.

Coffee Shop:

John Mitchi moved we elect Frank Stanley to continue to manage the coffee shop. All in favor.

Ajournment:

Moved by Steve Logos and seconded by Ken Watson that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor.

PHANTOM HIKER

"It gets heavier as it gets wetter"

D.

August 6, 1995
Hidden Lake Backpack
(It rained all weekend)

THE RISK OF OUR ACTIVITIES

by Wilf Twelker

The skiing season is on again and with it its inherent risks: frostbite, broken bones, avalanches, etc. As a club we did have our fair share of mishaps in the past, but frostbites were able to ski out, broken bones were helicoptered out, but avalanches are a different story, we did have our first casualty with Ron Folkins last winter. Was it avoidable? Doubtful. Avalanches are an inherent risk of skiing, like any other activity has its inherent risks: boats will tip over and people drown, golfers will get hit by lightening, airplanes will keep falling from the sky, (excuse my coarse language, please), and there will be avalanches and its victims. And staying home "safely"??, you may find you could die of heart fattening, watching T.V. Also staying home, sweet home, can have risks it own. A woman climbed on a footstool to change the light bulb in the bathroom. She lost her balance and falling she hit her head on the sink. She was dead when her husband came home from a "dangerous" hunting trip she warned him about as people get shot out there by accident every now and then. This is a true story and happened when I lived in Idaho years ago.

Back to our skiing activity. We can not avoid avalanches. Ski slopes have avalanched (Lake Louise) with the warden remarking, ... and I only skied the slope 1 or 2 days ago. Avalanches have come out of clear blue sky and spilled onto ski runs killing people. Prevailing winds of the last few days had deposited large amounts of snow above the ski run 'till it avalanched. And cars are know to have been swept off the road by avalanches.

All we can do is try to minimize the danger of avalanches. But then again, what slope is likely to slide and which is not? It takes a while to develop a "gut feeling" for it, if this is any worth at all. And digging a snow pit to examin the different layers of snow? This takes "university education" and then the decision..., is that glass of water still 1/2 full and we go? or is that glass of water already 1/2 empty and we can't go? And to say I don't ski dangerous conditions or slopes??? I think it is a bit of an irony that the avalanche last winter happened to the most conservative segment of our club.

Let's face it, avalanches will strike again, far away, perhaps close by, like it or not. The answer is to be equipped for this eventuality and find the victim as efficiently as possible, and in the shortest time possible. Avalanche beacons, commonly called "Pieps" and snow shovels should be sufficient with avalanche probes perhaps a welcome addition for pinpointing the buried victim. The Piep is to be of 457 wavelength and the shovel big enough to move fair to large amounts of snow (forget about the tailends of your skis).

However, working the Pieps will take practice. Try to find a buried Piep when you are out skiing. One party at the Bow Hut last year had a practice at night. This certainly opens your eyes, groping in the dark trying to find a buried Piep. And imagine 2 or 3 pieps buried close by. To top it up, your fellow companion is searching too, as eagerly and "efficiently" as you are, (as you bump into him). I bet you, your ears will be ringing "Pieps" all night in your sleeping bag. Funny? This may be as close as you can get to a real emergency.

Avalanch courses will teach you a few things. Fresh snow is supposed to settle for 3 days. Slopes on the lee side of a mountain are more likely to slide, etc., etc., etc. But (I feel) our best defense against avalanches will still be piep and shove, and the efficient use of them.

So long Ron, we will miss you.

Just a few more words.. Regarding the accident itself, I was utterly surprised when I heard Ramblers in an avalanche at Burstall Pass. It was the last place I would expect an avalanche at that time. I had to see for myself what happened and skied up to the place a week later. When I saw the picture, then of course being off trail, if only some 25 metres off the summer trail and following an older track below a steep bowl next to the top of the pass, with the wind constantly drifting over the edge depositing snow in the bowl. This snow will sit there, 'till it comes down. While the first party, breaking the trail was in the wrong place at the right time, our friends were in the wrong place at the wrong time. For me it was a lesson to be learned. I wished more Ramblers could have been up there to see the conditions themselves. This would help understanding an avalanche course much better.

ASSINIBOINE SKI TRIP

February 21 - 25, 1996

"Fly In - Ski Out"



COST: \$85.00 - \$100.00 + GST (Helicopter - 1 way)
 \$40.00 Naiset Cabins (\$10.00/night)

TOTAL: Approximately \$150.00 4 nights, 5 days

If this trip is as good as the last time I went it should be fantastic. Enjoy one of Canada's most beautiful places while staying in the rustic, cosy Naiset Cabins. Bring everything you need (maximum 40-50 lb.). We'll even be bringing in our own firewood!! Beautiful touring and telemarking abounds so plan to come on this once in a lifetime (for some) experience. We need a minimum of 4 people to make this trip fly (bad pun intended). Maximum 12 people. Everyone from lower intermediate to expert skiers can enjoy this trip. Avalanche transceivers will probably be required.

We'll be able to have our gear flown out (approximately \$2.00/lb.) so we can ski out with only a day pack.

If you can only go from Friday to Sunday it might possibly be arranged.

PAYMENT DEADLINE: Full payment due no later than Friday, January 19th.

Contact Ken Park: 244-6809

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS FROM PAGE 18

1. Glaciers
2. Cob
3. Chlorophyll
4. Amazon
5. They walk on the entire foot
6. I came, I saw, I conquered
7. Nimbus
8. Winds
9. Ursa Major
10. Tree-ring dating
11. Lichens
12. Ebb Tide
13. Stratigraphy
14. Amundsen
15. Truffles.

AWARDS DINNER AND DANCE NOMINATION FORM

Please complete nomination form and return to Linda Eastwood by October 4, 1996.

Best or most creative hiking/XC skiing outfit (Whose was it and describe outfit) _____

Most improved hiker or XC skier _____

Most interesting thing someone said on a Ramblers trip (who said it and what they said) _____

Most interesting item found in a pack (whose was it and what was it) _____

Best joke told on a Ramblers trip (what was it and who said it) _____

Best gossip/rumour (who said it and what was it) _____

Congeniality Award: _____

AVALANCHE EQUIPMENT

PRICES				
CAMPERS VILLAGE	HOSTEL SHOP	MTN EQUIP. CO-OP	TOTEM OUTFITTERS	VALHALLA

	MAKER	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	CAMPERS VILLAGE	HOSTEL SHOP	MTN EQUIP. CO-OP	TOTEM OUTFITTERS	VALHALLA
*TRANSCEIVERS	PIEPS	457	70 metre range. Has external speaker with earphone capability.	Lightest weight: 215 grams	\$255	—	\$255	\$255	—
	PIEPS	457 OPT: FINDER	Same as 457 but has light to indicate signal strength.	Weight: 220 grams	\$290	—	\$290	\$290	—
	ORTOVOX	F1 FOCUS	80 metre range. Has arrow indicator with green, yellow, red lights, idiot proof on/off switch. Earphone capability	Weight: 230 grams	—	\$330	\$330	—	—
	ORTOVOX	F1 PLUS	Same as F1 Focus but has single light indicator	Weight: 230 grams	—	\$330	\$330	—	—

	ORTOVOX	F1 CLASSIC	Same as F1 Focus but no visual light indicator	Weight: 230 grams	—	\$315	\$305	—	—
	ORTOVOX	F2	50 metre range. Picks up 457 or 2,275 signal	Weight: 300 grams	—	\$255	\$255	—	—
SHOVELS	VOILE	TELEPRO	Telescoping shaft "D" grip alum. blade (28 X 25.5 cm)	Weight: 810 grams	—	\$49.99	\$46	\$45.95	—
	VOILE	PRO	Same as Telepro but with fixed shaft. Weight 700 grams		—	—	\$37	—	—
	VOILE	TELEPACK	Telescoping shaft (13 cm shorter) 'T' handle, alum. blade		—	—	—	\$44.95	—
	VOILE	MINI	Telescoping shaft (shortest of all) smaller blade, 'T' grip, alum blade.	Smallest Weight: 600 grams	—	—	\$39	—	—
	VOILE	EXTREME PRO	Fixed length shaft, 'D' grip, alum blade		—	—	—	\$54.95	—
	LIFELINK		Lexan blade (synthetic)	Lightest Weight: 588 grams	\$43.99	—	—	—	\$45.95
	LIFELINK	III DX	Lexan blade, telescoping shaft, 30.5 X 23 cm blade		—	—	\$40	—	—

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AVALANCHE EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

					PRICES				
					CAMPERS VILLAGE	HOSTEL SHOP	MTN EQUIP. CO-OP	TOTEM OUTFITTERS	VALHALLA
SHOVELS (continued)	MAKER	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS					
	LIFELINK	HMX	Telescoping shaft, 'T' grip alum blade		—	—	\$42	—	—
	ORTOVOX		Telescoping shaft, 'L' grip left or right hand, polycarbon blade.	Multipurpose: hoe function, deadman anchor, emergency sled function. Weight: 600 grams	—	\$69.95	—	—	—
	SURVIVAL ON SNOW		Telescoping shaft, 'T' grip.	Weight: 875 grams	\$49.99	—	—	—	—
	SURVIVAL ON SNOW		Telescoping shaft, 'T' grip, alum shaft.	Has snow saw in shaft. Weight: 925 grams	\$69.99	—	—	—	—
PROBES	LIFELINK		3 metres, cable assembly.	Weight: 368 grams	—	—	—	\$120	\$105
	LIFELINK		2 metres, screws together		—	—	—	\$100	—
	ORTOVOX		3.2 metres, cable assembly.	Weight: 320 grams	—	\$101	\$101	—	—

	ORTOVOX		2.4 metres, cable assembly.	Weight: 250 grams	—	\$92	—	—	—
	SURVIVAL ON SNOW		2.8 metres, cable assembly.	Weight: 380 grams	\$90	—	\$92	—	—
	M.E.C.		3.0 metres, screws together.	Weight: 359 grams	—	—	\$76	—	—
PROBE POLES	M.E.C.	7075	Fixed length shaft, choose Alpine or Nordic grip and type of basket.	Nordic grip avail. probe length 7-9 ft	—	—	\$62	—	—
	M.E.C.	ALPINE	Adjustable length pole, carbide tip.	Alpine grip	—	—	\$63	—	—
	BLACK DIAMOND		Telescoping pole, break-away wrist strap, pole extender required.	Alpine grip	—	—	\$129 + \$24.95	—	—
	BLACK DIAMOND		Converts to 6 ft probe, telescoping shaft	Alpine grip	—	—	\$133	—	\$116
	KOMPERDELL		Fixed length shaft. Removable grips and baskets.	Alpine grip	—	—	—	\$59.95	—

*NOTE: (1) This is not a complete list of all equipment at all shops.

(2) The Hostel shop will give Ramblers a 10% discount on transceivers and other gear if a minimum of 5 transceivers is ordered as a group.

CAMPERS VILLAGE DISCOUNT: To Ramblers only on a group purchases 5 or more units, 10% on Pieps, transceivers, 5% on shovels.

Anyone wishing to be involved in a group purchase contact Ken Park at 244-6809.

LAKE LOUISE SKI WEEKEND

January 27 and 28, 1996



PLACE: Lake Louise International Youth Hostel

COST: Rooms for 2: \$22.50/person (mbrs)/\$29.00/person (non-mbrs)
Rooms for 4: \$18.50/person (mbrs)/\$22.50/person (non-mbrs)

Don't let the word 'youth' scare you away. Hostels are used by all ages and especially this one. This is probably one of the finest anywhere!! Enjoy rooms with private bath and hot showers, LICENSED cafe on site with full menu, laundry facilities, sauna, ski workshop, guest kitchen and a beautiful, huge open beamed ceiling reading lounge with a stone fireplace. Wow!

We will stay Saturday night only but ski 2 days. Lots of trails to choose from; Stanley Glacier, Mosquito Creek, Lake O'Hara, Skoki, Paradise Valley, Nigel Pass, Baker Creek Rockbound Lake, etc., etc.

The weekend will finish off with a dip in Banff Hot Springs and din-din in Banff (this portion is mandatory).

PAYMENT DEADLINE: January 6, 1996 (or sooner so rooms can be reserved). Maximum 12 people.

*Please Note: At RackRat press time I was not yet a designated trip coordinator. Should I not achieve that status maybe another coordinator will take these trips.

Contact Ken Park: 244-6809

KEN'S QUOTABLE QUOTES

"If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older."
-- ABRAHAM SUTZKEVER

"If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it!"
-- JONATHAN WINTERS

"I'd rather be a failure at something I enjoy than be a success at something I hate."
-- GEORGE BURNS

"Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a scoop of ice cream fall from the cone."
-- JIM FIEBIG

"For people who like peace and quiet: a phoneless cord."
-- ANNONYMOUS

"Just remember, when you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed."
-- CHARLES SCHULZ



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TRIP MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

September 28, 1995

Presented by Wally Drew

PRESENT: Wally Drew Barb Fischer Reg Fryling Fert Noer	Bob St. John Mary Taylor, Ken Watson Marianne Wolters
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Minutes of the past meeting: Minutes were not read.

Subcommittee on Trip Ratings Report

Presented by Marianne

Proposed trip ratings to be based on 2 criteria: technical difficulty and length of trip. Technical difficulty deals with such hazards as exposure, stream crossings. Length is the estimated number of hours of trip.

Discussion on how critical elevation gain and distance are in trip rating. We agreed that if the elevation gain is over 2,500 ft. it be mentioned and that length of trip include a distance factor as well as time. Guidelines for length are:

Long	30 km plus; 10 hrs plus
Medium	15-30 km; 6-10 hrs
Short	1-15 km; 1-6 hrs

1. No one should leave the group without permission from the coordinator.
2. There should be a sweep on all trips. The coordinator should not go home until all are out.
3. Pick a safe route and observe all warning signs, natural and man-made.
4. Hold a short briefing session with all trip participants at the trail head.

DISCUSSION:

1. Problem of very slow individuals.
2. Splitting some groups into 2 and coordinator stays with bulk of group.
3. Group equipment gear, such as first aid kit, and dividing it out to spread the weight.
4. More safety forums like the one on scrambling with summary published in PackRat. Proposed forums: ski repairs on the trail, trip management, transceiver searches.
5. Participants' Manual to be given out with membership and with looseleaf updates.

Next Meeting to be held after the AGM and election of new Safety Committee.

SUMMARY OF THE FALL COORDINATOR'S MEETING

Reg Fryling, Coordinators' Chairperson

October 5, 1995

A revised trip rating scale developed by the Safety Committee was approved in principle, and in a polished form would replace existing trip difficulty scales.

The Avalanche Danger Rating Scale was unanimously accepted. This scale includes a comprehensive rating of the of the many ski trips we normally take, and will be put to a sub-committee for further polishing.

COMPARISON OF TRIPS - 1995 AND 1994

YEAR	TRIPS	PERSONS	HIKES	X-C	CYCLE	B.PACK
94-5	231	1891	141	46	15	8
93-4	243	1864	130	63	19	11

There were also some snow-shoe, skating and car camp trips that are included in the totals. Dave Reid had out the most people (268) on 22 trips, and Alastair Sinclair took out the most trips (26) with 261 people. Wally Drew easily took third spot with 228 persons on 17 trips.

Francisco Gali, Dave Ladouceur, Marianne Wolters, Eric Stopford and Ron Hunter became Full Coordinators. Sheila Quigley and Linda Voicy became Assistant Coordinators.

Marianne Wolters became the new Coordinators' Chairperson.

Bob St. John will be awarded the gold pin, and Dave Mulligan the silver.

The volunteer winter car-pooling rate was set at 4 cent/km to begin with the ski season.

The number of trips taken out by each coordinator is as follows: Brieta Angus 2, Doug Campbell 8, Art Davis 17, Alistair DesMoulines 4, Wally Drew 17, Ron Folkins 1, Reg Fryling 16, Francisco Gali 4, Ron Hunter 5, Dawn Jones 5, Dick Jull 0, Kay Kittle 3, Dave Ladouceur 3, Del Lavallee 3, Steve Logos 5, Dick Lowndes 0 Peter McGill 0, Barb McInnis 6, Dave Mulligan 7, Tony Moran 9, Ger Noer 11, Helga Pattison 7, Dave Reid 22, John Schleinich 2, Ken Scott 1, Alastair Sinclair 26, June Sobon 2, Bob St. John 15, Eric Stopford 5, Mary Taylor 4, Wilf Twelker 1, Ken Watson 4, Darlene Weger 3, Brian Westcott 3, and Marianne Wolters 11.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

New Year's Party at Roger and Darlene's

1921 - 6 St. S.E.

8:00 p.m.

Pot Luck (Finger Foods)

B.Y.O.B.

Sign up at meeting or phone



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10, 1996
Winter Open House

January 17, 1996
Novice Evening Forum

February 14, 1995
Trip Ratings Forum

TRIVIA QUESTIONS



1. What are drumlins and eskers formed by?
2. What is a male swan called?
3. What makes grass and leaves green?
4. Which river contains the most fresh water?
5. Bears are "plantigrade". What does this mean?
6. What does "veni, vidi, vici" mean?
7. Any cloud from which rain is falling can be called which type of cloud?
8. The sirocco and the mistral are both _____.
9. The Big Dipper is part of what constellation?
10. Dendrochronology is better known as _____.
11. These flowerless plants grow on bare rocks, and tree stumps.
12. Following high tide the water flows back from the land. What is this known as?
13. What is the study of the sequence of rock layers, particularly in sedimentary rock is known as?
14. Who was the Norwegian explorer who reached the South Pole before Scott?
15. This is an underground fungus which is said to be an aphrodisiac.

Answers on Page 8

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CAOC - UPDATE

November 10, 1995

ISSUES

Liability - Several of CAOC's member groups attended a workshop called "Civil Liability of Sports, Athletic and Recreational Volunteers and Volunteer Organizations". A copy of the notes from this meeting is available in the CAOC office.

POINTS OF INTEREST

ACC Library Collection - This library is currently located at the Whyte Museum of Banff, and is considered one of the finest mountaineering collections in North America. Current funding allows the ACC to purchase new volumes but does not allow for the conservation of the existing publications. Bev Bendell, the ACC librarian, has asked that an appeal be made to the general public in case there are people who would like to help out. For further information contact the ACC at (403)678-3200.

ICORE '95 - The Annual International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education was held in Ithaca, New York at Cornell University. It was very exciting and an excellent opportunity for networking and job opportunities, information exchange and resource sharing. Highly recommend anyone who's interest is in the outdoors attend. Next year it is in Salt Lake City, Utah from November 7-9, 1996.

ARPA Update - The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association held their annual conference November 2-4. Excellent opportunity to meet others in the field and share information. There were a lot of strong keynote speakers, such as Sandy MacQueen who spoke on taking a better look at your life through humor, laughter and play, and Jeff Bercuvitz, who spoke on "Thinking big, starting small".

The Hostel Outdoors Group's travel night for this month is "Island Hot Spots". For further information call 283-5551.

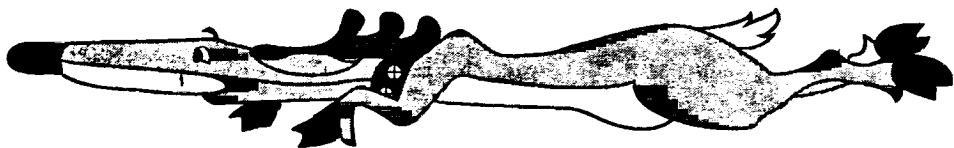
Welcome - CAOC would like to welcome their newest member Crownsnest Vacation Creations. CVC offers customized holidays in the Crownsnest area as an affordable and unique vacation experience. Their services range from hiking, guiding to cross country skiing.

Tour Leader Course - The Parkland Cross Country Ski Club in Red Deer is offering this Level I course this winter. These courses include trip planning, accident scenarios, emergency shelter building, etc. Contact Brian Davies for more info at (403) 343-2224.

For further information contact the CAOC office at 270-2262.

When the situation starts saying:
Lose your cool! Pack it in! Call it
quits now! Better go home `cause
now it's going to get really difficult,
that's when something comes up
inside me and says, `Ah, now it's
getting interesting.'

- Laurie Skreslet



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year