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Venue Change

**Tuesday, April 15th
7:30 pm
Strathcona Community
Centre,
downstairs
10139-87 Ave**

*Local Section member **Chuck Labatiuk** presents slides from his 1997 backpacking trip to Labrador's Torngat Mountains.*

It has been his most remote back-packing trip ever, and he claims it resulted in his heaviest pack ever!



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Submissions of trip reports, technical articles, opinion pieces and announcements are encouraged.

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Inquiries and submissions (preferably in Word file format) can be e-mailed to t_yevtukh@hotmail.com.

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TRIPS

EDMONTON SECTION CAMP FOR 2003

August 24 to August 31

August 31 to September 6

Place: Wheeler Hut at Rogers

Pass: 25 participants

Cost: Not set as yet, expected to be under \$300.

This year's camp is *Glacier National Park* between Golden and Revelstoke with attractions such as Canyon Hot Springs and a 200m walk to the highway from the hut. The hiking and climbing are both rated as excellent on quartzite rock. The hut sits at 4340ft. with the highest mountain in the area Sir Donald at 10,818ft. Most of the trails are short and steep, getting to the high alpine quickly. If this is not for you then Mt. Revelstoke can be driven to the summit and the area hiked. The first week will be hikers with the second week to be mostly hikers and some climber/scramblers. A cook will be making the meals and we will be eating good and well.

No guides will be used; however trips with others are easily arranged. Day trips are usually quite varied from easy walks to difficult long hikes. For climbing and scrambling info contact John Booth.

Week one registrations:
Bruce Morrison (780)-929-5656
e-mail: bnorgay@home.com

Week two registrations:
John Booth (780)-462-8014
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Looking forward to seeing all members on this camp as it is geared to all abilities and interests.

Announcements

ACC Centennial Celebrations Where Will You Be (in 2006) ?

It's not often that we're around when an important person in our lives celebrates a hundredth birthday. Well—guess who's turning 100—the Alpine Club of Canada! In 2006, the ACC will be celebrating one hundred years of mountain adventure. As ACC Sections, the backbone of the club, let's challenge ourselves to mark this important time in the history of Canada and mountain culture in North America in a special way.

The National Club has formed a Centennial Committee to generate ideas and recommend resources. Some of the national initiatives suggested to date include digitization of all volumes of the Canadian Alpine Journal, since inception; a Centennial Camp; an International Camp; hosting the Union of International Alpine Associations General Assembly; a Centennial Hut Project; special project under the National Water, Energy and Waste committee—and **SECTION INITIATIVES** to celebrate the ACC Centennial.

The ACC Centennial Committee includes a Section Sub-committee, to which it looks for ideas and proposals to help celebrate the Centennial. The Section Sub-committee has representation from western, central, and eastern Canada, including Quebec. The Centennial Section Sub-committee asks all Sections to consider the following:

1. What special activity or activities will our Section undertake to celebrate the 100th year of the ACC?
2. How can our celebration make a difference in our local mountaineering / outdoor community, and move forward our interests as alpinists and mountain wilderness enthusiasts?
3. When do we want our activity to occur? In 2005 (the lead-up year to the ACC Centennial), or in 2006 (the actual year of the Centennial)? Take into account that applications for funding to support activities usually need to be made in the previous year.
4. If our plans need funding, what resources can we access, and what do we need to do now to ensure we can get the resources required?

You may want to move forward with Centennial celebration planning through your Executive; or an individual in the club who wants to spearhead this; or through a mini-committee in your Section.

Whatever you do, please let us, the Centennial Section Sub-Committee, know. We will keep everyone up to date on what all Sections are planning; 2006 should be a fun year for all! For example, here in the Vancouver Section we have talked about hosting a Summer Camp in the Tantalus Range, at our Lake Lovelywater Hut, that would be open to Sections from across the country. A great opportunity to meet ACC members from across the country—in the Coast Mountains!

There will be some funding available from the National Club to support Section Centennial Celebrations, and we will need to receive an application from you for funding. So—start thinking and talking now. We will forward you details of how to apply for this funding before the end of

the summer. Please note that there is a limited amount available through the Club; you are encouraged to seek other funding sources as well.

The Centennial is an incredible opportunity to gain visibility for your Section in your community; to attract new members and grow your club; to make progress in mountaineering objectives and skills; and just to have a lot of fun!

Please send your ideas, questions, etc. to:

Fern Hietkamp

Email:

fern_hietkamp@hotmail.com

(ACC Centennial Committee;
Vancouver Section National Rep)



Worst resort name ever...

Summer Trip leader's meeting

Tuesday April 8th, 7:00 pm
Iron Horse Pub, Upstairs
8101- 103 Street

Spring is upon us and the winter season is coming to a close. Although we still have snowdrifts, it's time to thinking about summer fun! Join Summer Chair, Victor Chwieros, at the Iron Horse Pub for beer and munchies. Bring your calendars and pencils and help us plan the summer schedule.



Photo by: Shawn Wells

Many thanks to our past trip leaders. We hope you will join us again and support the section by leading even more trips! To those of you who haven't lead a trip but are thinking that you'd maybe like to start... Come on out and suggest a couple of trips that you'd like to see. If you're not comfortable leading by yourself, don't worry! You can always team up with an experienced member.

Avalanche Hazard

The Avalanche hazard remains high. There were two more deaths on Monday, bringing the death toll to 19. On average, there have been 13 avalanche deaths a year but "persistent instabilities" in the snowpack this year have contributed to the death toll, according to Evan Manners of the Canadian Avalanche Association. Please be conservative in your outdoor recreation choices.



Photo by: David Zemrau



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Edmonton Section Upcoming Courses

In the upcoming months, the Edmonton Section executive is happy to be able to provide more leadership and training courses and workshops for its members. Two of the courses, "Rock Rescue Essentials" and "Alpine and Rock Leadership", are specifically designed for members who are already leading Section trips or are committed to leading in the near future. For those two courses, applicants are required to send a letter to the Course Coordinator, stating your experience, skill level, and commitment to being a section trip leader. The Section offers a 75% subsidy/rebate to those participants who fulfill the commitment of leading section trips within 18 months of the course date. The participants for leadership courses will be chosen by a committee, based on the application letter and, perhaps more importantly, the applicants' commitment to the section.

The rest of the courses are open to any and all members. Space is limited on all courses, so be sure to register as soon as possible. Your spot on the course will be secured upon receipt of payment by the Course Coordinator. In the unlikely event of course cancellation, you will be fully refunded. To register for these courses contact the Course Coordinator by email:

course@alpineclub-edm.org
or by telephone: **439-1776**.
The only exception is for the **Navigation Course**.

The Annual Bouldering Clinic will be put on hold for the time being, due to the state of uncertainty regarding the future operation of, and access to, the UofA climbing wall. Stay tuned.

If members are interested in putting together other courses, please contact the Course Coordinator with your suggestions and requests. If there is sufficient demand and if we can line up an instructor, we will run a course.

Spring/Summer 2003

Rock Rescue Essentials for Section Leaders: May 17 – 19, 2003

An introduction to "Self Rescue SRT" systems for climbers. The focus is on safety, escaping the system, raising, lowering, and self-rescue. Rappel safeties, improvised stretchers and carries will be covered. Every leader should have this course plus First Aid!

Prerequisites:

Basic Rock plus good knowledge of anchor building; commitment to leading section trip within 18 months.

Course instructor:

Cyril Shokoples

Location will be in Jasper (Morro Slabs, Hidden Valley).

Course costs will be \$175 each, before section rebate, plus transportation and accommodation. Six participants. Send application letter to Edmonton Section Course Coordinator.

Navigation Course

The aim of the navigation course is to provide section members with the basic navigational skills to lead club or personal backcountry trips. The three night Map and Compass course will be held from 7-10pm on May 14th, 21st and 28th at the Lion's Senior Citizens' Centre, 11113-113 Street (free parking available). The course syllabus includes use of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Grid system, adjusting for magnetic declination, navigating with a map and compass, locating a position by resection and many practical exercises. All materials are provided, however, participants with their own declination adjustment compasses are encouraged to bring them.

Cost is \$20 and enrollment is limited to 20 people. Cheques, made payable to the Edmonton Section ACC, must be received to confirm registration in the course.

Club members can contact Rob Hafer at 430-1473 or via e-mail at Hafer.R@Forces.gc.ca for further information or send payment to #201, 7404 108 Street, Edmonton, T6E 4L5 to register.

Alpine and Rock Leadership for Section Leaders: June 28 – July 1, 2003

A four day extravaganza combo of both the Alpine Rock and Alpine Snow / Ice Leadership courses. The first day will be rock skills training with the second day spent doing rock climbing of an alpine nature (or a rock peak) near Jasper. The third day will be snow and ice skills training, with the final day being a snow and ice peak near the Columbia Icefields.

Group management and short roping on club outings will be two key ingredients of this course. This is not a course on hard multi-pitch climbing, but rather a course on "alpine leadership".

Prerequisite: Intermediate rock course or equivalent and glacier/snow and ice experience on several peaks. Commitment to leading section trip within 18 months.

Course instructor:

Cyril Shokoples

Location: Hidden Valley, a Jasper peak, Columbia Icefields.

N.B. Since July 1st is a Tuesday, course participants must be able to take both Monday June 30 and Tuesday July 1 off.

Course costs will be \$175 each, before section rebate, plus transportation and accommodation.

Four participants.

Send payment to Edmonton Section Course Coordinator.

Fall 2003

Emergency Mountaineering First Aid: October 4 – 5, 2003

This specialized course addresses common traumatic and environmental injuries encountered by climbers and skiers. It is mountaineering first aid NOT standard urban first aid. Included in the price are critical components of a **proper mountain first aid kit**. This is one of the best attended courses offered by Rescue Dynamics. Highly recommended by past participants.

Course instructor:

Cyril Shokoples

Location TBA (in Edmonton).

Course costs will be \$100+/person, which includes a complete first-aid kit

4th Annual Bouldering Clinic

May 25 and June 1, 2003

UofA Climbing Wall

Two consecutive Sundays

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Maximum 12 participants

\$40 per person

contact Mike Lezarre: lezarre@shaw.ca

This is a great opportunity to improve your climbing skills. The basic moves of bouldering are covered and advanced techniques are introduced. These skills are essential for bouldering and sport climbing, and directly transferable to alpine climbing. Improve your skill, confidence and safety at the beginning of the climbing season. Your spot in the clinic is secured upon receipt of your payment. You must be a member of the Edmonton Section and proof of membership should be included with your payment.

(non-negotiable).

Minimum twelve participants.

Send payment to Edmonton Section Course Coordinator.

Leadership Workshop: November 8 – 9, 2003

This new two-day workshop will be held in Edmonton and will focus on leadership theory and preparation. Good not just for new leaders, but for the old dogs as well! The agenda will include risk management, trip planning, group management, conflict resolution, route planning, emergency situation management, check-lists, and a whole lot of vital items for section leaders.

The cost will be determined by group size and venue cost.

Course instructor:

Cyril Shokoples

Twelve to twenty participants.

Send payment to Edmonton Section Course Coordinator.

Searching for Old CAJ's, etc.

I am interested in acquiring the following vols/editions of *The Canadian Alpine Journal*, the *Alpine Club of Canada Gazette*, and *Accidents in North American Mountaineering*.

I can be reached at 1(780)452-9118 or by e-mail at: jchigham@shaw.ca

Canadian Alpine Journal

vol. 11 (1920)
vol. 12 (1921 & 22)
vol. 16 (1926 & 27)
vol. 29 (1944 & 45)

Alpine Club of Canada Gazette

#1 - #30
#32 (1938)
#37 (1941)
#40-43 (1944-48)
#60 onward

Accidents In North American Mountaineering

1948 - 1956
1984 onward

The Neil Falkner Memorial Fund



Neil Faulker was a member of the Whistler section of the ACC. Neil Falkner of Whistler, B.C., died in a skiing accident in the Canadian Rockies on April 12, 2002 at the age of 32. Neil was a ski patroller on Whistler Mountain for 3 years and a volunteer patroller previously. A lover of the outdoors, he was an avid mountain biker and motorcyclist, leading motorcycle tours through the back roads of B.C. in the summer, and back-country and downhill skiing in winter.

“There’s value in a life fully lived”
Neil Falkner

A Memorial Fund in Neil’s memory has been established with Outward Bound Canada. Neil’s Outward Bound experience in 1986 gave him self-confidence and led to his love of the wilderness and back country skiing. He told me many times that sending him to Outward Bound at age 17 was the best thing I’d ever done for him. It was the beginning of the life he so fully lived. So it seems fitting to establish this fund to provide similar opportunities for young people, who might otherwise be unable to afford such an experience.

Outward Bound Canada is a leader in outdoor education providing wilderness expeditions with a wide range of activities for people of all ages. Participants are challenged to experience physical and emotional successes, pushing beyond their ideas of what is possible. Students not only learn the technical skills demanded by travel in the wilderness, but they also develop adaptability, responsibility, confidence, integrity, persistence, and the ability to work with others.

The Neil Falkner Memorial Fund will provide an Outward Bound scholarship annually to at least one student at Britannia High School in East Vancouver, where Neil attended his secondary education. Additional funds will go towards Outward Bound programs for youth in Whistler. Scholarships will be provided equally to young women and men.

You and/or your organisation are encouraged to donate to the memorial fund in Neil’s memory. An annual contribution will help ensure opportunities for years to come by keeping the fund solvent. You are also encouraged to pass this message to other individuals and/or organisations who would be interested in making this legacy a reality. A tax receipt for donations of \$20 or over is provided by Outward Bound.

Your donation should be sent to:

The Neil Falkner Memorial Fund

Outward Bound Canada
996 Chetwynd Road
RR # 2, Burk’s Falls, Ontario,
P0A 1C0

Attention: Jennifer Brown

Our hope in establishing this fund is to create a living memory of Neil and to enable young people to appreciate their connection to the mountains and wilderness of British Columbia and gain the desire and skill to experience it safely with the love and respect that Neil developed in his lifetime.

Judy Lynne, mother of Neil Falkner.

On behalf of the memorial fund committee – Greg McDonnell, Chris Roscoe, Dave Gindhu, Judy Lynne.

If you have any questions about the memorial fund, are interested in attending or organising a fund raiser, want to donate a prize for a fund raiser, or provide assistance in any way with helping build the fund, please contact me at (604) 253-7330 in Vancouver or email me at jmlynn@lightspeed.ca In Whistler you may contact Chris Roscoe at 604-935-2996 or at his email - roscoe@whistlercamping.com

TRIP REPORTS

Mount Rainier 14,410 ft (4392 m)

Rompin' on Rainier

The eight-hour drive from Kelowna moves from Canadian "Okanagan" to American "Okanogan" through many small towns, past interminable apple orchards. Lunch was at Dryden, WA., where we were introduced to God, plus the Stars and Stripes, worn on every sleeve. We checked in with Rainier Mountaineering Inc. (RMI) about 5 PM, at their world headquarters in Ashford, WA. This is, indeed, RMI's world. RMI lays claim to 3,000 of the reported 8,000 summit attempts on Rainier annually. The Whittaker family (mainly Lou) has set up a well-organized outdoors empire, including buses, trailers, clothing stores, rental facilities, coffee houses, bunkhouses, etc.

RMI's picture gallery includes Lou Whittaker (and occasionally Jim Whittaker) plus 10 guides, 9 Assistant Guides, 15 Senior Guides and 17 Apprentice Guides, many of whom have many Rainier summits, including two boasting 400+ and 300+ ascents of Mount Rainier. Our Senior Guide, Jeff Hanson, had 75 ascents of Rainier under his belt.

Jeff, and partner Brandon, lead us on the compulsory first day of ice and snow training on the lower reaches of Rainier. Concurrently, they were judging how the group of nine would cope. Another RMI guide took pictures of ice and snow activities for display on the RMI website. We all passed muster, and returned on the RMI shuttle bus back to Ashford to prepare for the 30+ hour ordeal to come.

On its hospitable days, Mount Rainier is a non-technical (if gigantic) snow and glacier trudge, up 9,800 feet from Paradise (5420 ft). However, in the previous week the mountain had shown its ugly potential, killing three in a storm near the summit.

By 10 AM on the Sunday, Jim and I had joined a crowd trailing upward against the brilliant sky, to Camp Muir at {10,188 ft (3105 m)}. RMI has two shelters at Muir, including bunks, mattresses(?), helmets, harnesses and avalanche beacons. RMI takes no "rest" breaks, only moments where everyone is urged to ingest food and beverage, don sunscreen and begin practicing breathing properly in order to handle the 10,000+ coming. A scavenging grey fox joined our 11 AM "Maintenance Break". There were three more breaks prior to arrival at Muir at 5 PM. Two more RMI guides had been added to our repertoire, Peter and Paul.

RMI have their own style. They trudge straight up the snowfields. None of that traversing stuff. They discourage tapping crampons to clear snow—use scraping. As well, no tethers tied to ice axes. "Learn to hang on to your axe", we were told.

At Muir, the guides had their own hut, with stoves, and they brought hot water down to our hut. Nearby, one could spot a ranger's cabin, plus a snowfield filled other climbers' tents.

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We were encouraged to try to get some rest prior to our departure and, beginning about 6 PM, we attempted to doze off. At 1 AM, the lights came on and we donned the gear. By 2:30 AM, under clear skies, three teams had been put together to head up and over the Cowlitz Glacier. Jim, Wayne, and Connecticut's Steve and Annette (the marathon runner), were tied into Brandon's rope. RMI had done some preliminary work and the trail was stomped out, clearly visible in our headlamps. Higher up, RMI people had chopped steps in order to preclude the need for ice screws and other protection (so long as the weather held). Almost immediately, one fellow dropped out, and Jim moved to Jeff's rope.

We cramponed our way upward through the Cathedral Rocks and on to the Ingraham Glacier. After more

"maintenance" at 4 AM, dawn light began to appear and we moved straight up the Ingraham Headwall. My breathing had become erratic. I could hinder the crew's summit potential and, at the next break (appropriately?) at Disappointment Cleaver (12,600 ft), I insisted that I be left behind, to await the teams' return. After digging out a platform, I clipped into a snow stake and climbed into a sleeping bag. By 6:15, the teams were off, to return to me four hours later. The weather breezy and sunny, great for climbing and photography.

Later Jim told me that the trail got no easier. Because of Rainier's continued volcanic overtones, the smell of sulphur becomes more obvious as you move up the Headwall. There was a "High Maintenance" break about 8 AM and the groups staggered over the summit at 9:00. The bowl-like summit area is very large, with a 45 minute trek across to the summit register, for those who chose to make the effort. Some of the group broke into tears from the resolution of their efforts. The crew departed the summit at 9:30.

We were back at Muir by 12:30 PM, and, after an hour's preparations, were off downward, plunge-stepping and glissading. One more "Maintenance Break" and we were back to the Paradise parking lot by 4 PM.

The climbers included New Yorkers, Ingo, Richard, Chris and Brandon (#2). That group had stayed at the Paradise Inn on the mountain, planning to take the shuttle to SeaTac Airport the next day. Jim and I took our sunburns back to our car at Ashford. We went on to Seattle that night and the next morning, we visited Cyril Shockoples' stomping grounds, the Space Needle. Then it was off to Vancouver. The next day we were back to Edmonton by 7:30 PM (Wednesday, June 5).

— by Wayne Vibert,

August 21, 2002

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 2002

At the beginning of the year, responses were sent in on the BC Kakwa Wildland Park Management Plan.

With B.C.'s re(dis)-organization, this has now been put on the back burner - i.e. toast?

Responses were sent in to questionnaires and letters on industry development and OHV access in the Bighorn, and a later presentation to the Regional Committee (see separate article). Result: OHVs, industry -1, protection in the alpine zone - nil.

There was much discussion about the ACC's Access and environment (small e!) Policy at the beginning of the year. The western reps. on NAEC more or less agreed with our suggestions. Result: ACC status quo. So we quit flogging a dead horse and produced our own Edmonton Section policy, (which just happens to be the same as the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC's policy): 'to promote non-mechanized recreation and conservation concerns, through sound management of Alberta's mountain parks and outdoor recreation resources'. This gives us a more concise and definitive statement of the Section's objectives than the ACC policy, to present to government bodies and others, when making presentations such as at Kakwa and Bighorn.

A Questionnaire was sent out to members in the May Breeze to find out what ESEC should be doing and how much emphasis

should be on Access for climbing activities, or on Conserving Mountain Environment. The small response (5%) did not give reliable statistics, but the majority of those who did respond, were clearly more concerned with conserving the mountain environment, even if it might mean some restrictions, than promoting access alone, and were unanimous in emphasizing the importance of maintaining wilderness areas. This suggests that the statement above does reflect our members' opinions more adequately than the ACC's A/E Policy. Or perhaps it was only the few who really cared who responded?

A brief summary of the other points from the questionnaire: Most would accept closures for environmental reasons, feel access for climbers is OK but would justify limitations on others (e.g. OHVs) because of higher impacts; over half were willing to share the trail with horses and mountain bikes, but not OHVs. (Several negative comments here!) Most were concerned with addressing access and environment concerns in management plans. Actions for ESEC were more evenly divided, though providing detailed info and writing letters, individually or on behalf of the Section, or representation at meetings etc, was felt to be most appropriate. By and large, judging by this small sample, we haven't been too far off the mark!

After two months away in the early summer, I found a Recreation Corridors Legislation Review sitting in my e-mailbox, with a deadline of less than two weeks. (Usual scenario!) Nobody had heard or knew

anything about this, even government officials, so it was difficult to get any information, We responded to the very poorly worded questionnaire on the Government website with a lot of additional comments as it was not clear who or what this was aimed at - Trans-Canada Trail type problems, OHV access, or local recreation areas. Failing grade for government communication. Look for further developments and make your voices heard! *

**(Jan. update - no decision at present to proceed with new legislation; municipalities will continue to determine land use in their jurisdiction, and recommendations from the committee will be released to the public for further feedback; hope they address corridors in public lands as well this time)*

Whitehorse Wildland Park Stewardship. I made several visits to the Park to monitor conditions etc. The Parks manager is trying hard to improve information, has provided biffies at the Divide parking lot etc, on minimal budget. Our OHV neighbours continue to trash the trails and reclamation areas on the Divide itself.*

**(Jan. update: Forestry has now built a gravelled highway up to the treeline in Cardinal Headwaters, to make the designated OHV route more sustainable! It was previously 8 km. of eroded bog, and the OHV Association now has to maintain it (?). Over 140 OHVs were recorded at the long weekend, before the road was improved and before Hinton's advertising itself as an Outdoor Recreation Centre, for OHVs, hunting, snowmobiles etc. How long will the CHW alpine tundra last??*

The latest spanner in the works - Cardinal River Coals wants to build a private haul road to transport unprocessed coal from the Cheviot Mine to their plant at nearby Luscar Mine. This would be a cheaper alternative than building a new plant at Cheviot and rebuilding the old railway to take clean coal out. We sent in a submission on this (two 3 in. binders of new material to digest!).

(**Note:** ACC Edmonton and Alberta Native Plant Council, our co-stewards, have always responded independently of the other environment groups, CPAWS etc., as, unlike them, we have a direct status as intervenors because of our stewardship of the adjacent Whitehorse Wildland Park)

I will be carrying on with my own Stewardship of the Whitehorse Wildland Park, but Lucy Scharfenberger and Terry McIntee will continue the ACC's involvement (I hope)!

Finally, - and I mean that! - this is my last appearance for the Environment Committee. Felt it was high time we got some new blood in and new ideas to stir things up a bit.

IS ANYONE OUT THERE INTERESTED?

Please contact me if you are **(437-7183)**. We really need at least a contact person who can relay messages to myself and to the ACC Edmonton Section Executive and take advice and direction on future environment subcommittee projects. I will be consulting with the incoming contact person over the next year to help ensure a consistent approach on ongoing

issues affecting the ACC Edmonton section's interests. How much more is done depends on the individual, time and circumstances.

But I can't go without thanking the other members of the Committee for their valuable help and moral support, without whom it would get all too depressing! Sincere thanks go to Graham Walker, Anne Anderson, Roderick Hazelwinkel, Lucy Scharfenberger and Doug Bezovie.

And the last words come from two eminent ACC members, one nearly a hundred years ago, founder member Elizabeth Parker, who in 1907, saw the ACC as a protector of the environment, "*a national trust for the defence of our mountain solitudes against the intrusion of steam and electricity and all the vandalisms of this luxurious utilitarian age;* for the keeping free from the grind of commerce, the wooded passes and valleys and alplands of the wilderness. It is the people's right to have primitive access to the remote places of safest retreat from the fever and the fret of the market place and the beaten tracts of life."

The other, more recent quote is from the first VP Environment, Bruce Fairley, who also was responsible for setting up the ACC Environment Endowment Fund. In the Breeze, Nov.1990, he says: "*my view is that untrammelled industrial development is the greatest threat to mountain wilderness today and that our Environmental Committee should be proactive as much as possible and not simply reactive. We should put as much energy as*

possible into promoting wilderness preservation through advancing proposals for parks, wilderness areas and wilderness management, and not fall into the trap of spending all our time reacting to government studies and initiatives." (My italics).

I hope these will still be relevant guidelines for the ACC in the future.

Alison Dinwoodie

Outgoing Chair,
ACC Edmonton Section
Environment Committee