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Halloween, Scary! I was out trick or treating tonight, with my little sisters, and low and behold a fire hydrant had been sprung. It was gushing water, and it was quite funny because my sister was dressed as a fat tourist. She looked like a snowman, and I thought to myself what a waste of water, I tried to imagine what it would be like if she was a snowman, because if she was the water would be ice, and snow would be flying. As you can tell, my sisters were doing the trick or treating while I was doing some day dreaming; in-between my polite requests for WUNDERBARS and Oh henry of course. Anyways, there is a point to this rambling besides the obvious internal desire I have to see some white fluffy stuff and that is my little sister looked a lot like a big fat 8. If you're keeping score you know why that's important. Oh by the way, one house we went to was giving away coupons for McDonald's French fries. Needless to say there was a line up of ghosts and goblins.

In this VOCene:

I. UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Anybody interested in taking on the organization of the smith rock climbing trip please stand up. Contact Trish p_stathers@hotmail.com if you are interested.

2. Slideshow Wed. Night. Janet Draganov. My Misadventures in South America Yeah we are all in the same boat, and it's called the work boat.

If you have something going on please post it on the message board

II. CLUB NEWS

1. Possibility of a slide show by professional climber Sonnie Trotter. Sign up on Message board if interested in attending.

2. Increase in Deposit for Plastic Tele-boots

III. Trip Reports

1. Brew Hut by Scott Nelson

IV. News from the outside world.

1. Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival

2. The Canadian Avalanche Centre Presents
Columbia Brewery Backcountry Avalanche Workshop

3. Climbing Slideshow Cuba

4. Ring of Fire Bicycle tour slideshow.

I. UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

2. Wednesday Slide Show 7pm in Clubroom

There is a show listed on the WIKI

Janet Draganov's Mis Adventures in South America. No recent word as of yet from Janet, so check the message board too see if it is going to fly.

II. CLUB NEWS

1. There is an opportunity for the club to host Sonnie Trotter for a slide show/presentation. Mr. Trotter is one of Canada's strongest climbers and his presentation would be of the highest quality. The club needs an expression of

interest from all those interested in attending (cost 5.00) prior to arrangements being made. The show would be scheduled for early DEC. Check the message board for a attendees list if interested.

2. The club has increased the deposit for the new telemark boots to 120.00 dollars for the coming season. So if you want to borrow them bring cash!

III. Trip Reports

1. Brew Hut this past weekend. By Scott Nelson

snow started at the top of the rockslide, and there was 30cm at Brew Lake on Saturday. Slogging through the white stuff slowed everyone down a bit, so we didn't make it to the hut until around 12:30pm in a total whiteout. We got the fire going, which warmed up the inside of the hut to about +20 degrees in only a couple hours. Despite the balmy temperatures inside, almost no snow was melting off the exterior because of the excellent insulation.

Saturday afternoon we reinstalled trim boards, shortened the table, built a bookshelf, built stone foundations for the porch and built the frame for the porch. Tools were put to new uses as we were doing the construction work in a cold, windy, snowy environment. For example, a carpenter's square makes a great scraper for removing ice from wood.

Saturday evening we made the old brew hut ladder narrower and installed it, installed the trim around the stove pad and put up the rest of the coat hooks. It got unreasonably warm inside the hut, so we let the fire go out just after dinner.

Sunday we finished the porch, built steps, built another bookshelf and installed a vent between upstairs and downstairs. Also, we slapped some junk plywood onto the old bench from the original brew hut to create Nanobrew - a test structure to test how snow drifts at a proposed outhouse location. Nanobrew is about 1m tall, and hopefully it will stick up out of the snow throughout the winter. We left the hut at 1pm (non-daylight savings time) to hike back to the car, which took 3 hours because of slippery conditions on the trail, as the snowline was a bit lower than on the way up. 40cm of snow at Brew Lake on the way out - ski season is coming soon.

Everyone put in a great effort and we accomplished a lot, despite having to work in a windy snowstorm for almost the entire weekend

IV. News From the Outside World.

1. Slideshow NOV. 8th ☺ Climbing in CUBA

In case your members (and alumni) are interested in another exotic climbing destination, I will be giving the BCMC slide show on Nov.8, 7:30, at the ANZA club. Topic: Climbing (and traveling) in Cuba. Beautiful steep to overhanging limestone karst formations, set among red soil bean and tobacco fields in the Vinales Valley southwest of Habana. This is THE next international climbing destination with new route development ongoing.(see <http://www.cubaclimbing.com> for photos, topos and details)

2. Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour comes to Vancouver on Dec. 1,2,3, 2005

Hot on the heels of the largest, and one of the most prestigious, mountain festivals in the world, the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour has hit the road, with stops planned in more than 250 communities and 25 countries across the globe.

This years tour features a collection of the most inspiring and thought-provoking active, environmental, and adventure mountain films. Traveling from remote landscapes and cultures to up close and personal with adrenaline-packed action

sports, the 2005/2006 World Tour is an exhilarating and provocative exploration of the mountain world.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is produced by Mountain Culture at The Banff Centre, and features award-winning films and audience favorites from approximately 300 films entered in the annual festival in Banff.

Join ROI Recreation Outfitters Inc. when the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour brings the spirit of outdoor adventure to Vancouver, at the Ridge Theatre (3131 Arbutus) on Dec. 1,2,3 at 7:00pm.

For tickets and information contact (604) 623-FILM www.bmffvancouver.ca and MEC

Media contact For local information such as the films shown in a local program, name of a local venue, time of show, etc., please contact:

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3. The Canadian Avalanche Centre Presents
Columbia Brewery Backcountry Avalanche Workshop

Follow this link for details:

<http://www.avalanche.ca/default.aspx?DN=352,15,3,Documents>

Vancouver: Saturday Nov 19th,

Ridge Theatre 3131 Arbutus

9:00am - 4:30pm

This workshop is for you! You're a backcountry skier, boarder, sledder or climber. Mountain adventure is important in your life and you want to enjoy your sport for many years to come. You've taken an avalanche course, or read some of the books, and you know that you owe it to yourself, your friends and your family to ensure your avalanche knowledge is as up to date as your mountain equipment.

These events provide an early season avalanche safety primer to help you start your winter right. This is an opportunity to get together with avalanche experts who will share their insights, introduce new ideas and tools, and help active winter travelers like you learn more about snow safety.

This year's workshop theme is:

Outsmart the Dragon: Avalanche Risk in a Changing World

Learn from leading Canadian and US avalanche researchers and experts including:
Jill Fredston: author of the new book Snowstruck: In the Grip of Avalanches and co-director of the Alaska Mountain Safety Center

Ken Wylie: IFMGA Guide; Adventure Guides Program, Thompson Rivers University

Grant Statham: IFMGA Guide; Avalanche Risk Specialist, Parks Canada

Lori Zacaruk: owner of Zac's Tracs Snowmobile Tours & Courses

Clair Israelson: Canadian Avalanche Centre

John Kelly: Canadian Avalanche Centre

Pascal Hoggeli: project manager, Avalanche Decision Framework for Amateur Recreationists; owner Avisualanche Consulting

Bruce Jamieson: NSERC Research Chair in Snow Avalanche Risk Control, University of Calgary

Tickets:

\$40 General Admission, \$20 Students; (Student ID required upon admission)

* CAA & CAC Members receive a 10% discount off General Admission when they purchase tickets through www.avalanche.ca or by phoning the CAA/CAC

Tickets are available at Mountain Equipment Co-op stores in Vancouver & North Vancouver; Ridge Theatre Box Office, online at www.avalanche.ca, by phone at 250.837.2435, and at the door.

For more information visit www.avalanche.ca or call 250.837.2435

4. Ring of Fire Ring of Fire Bicycle tour slideshow.

"Cycling the Pacific Ring of Fire", "volcano-hopping" by mountain bike around the globe's largest ocean is an expedition of epic proportions undertaken by Canadian adventurers Janick Lemieux and Pierre Bouchard.

Come and meet them as they share their tales and discoveries gathered during the second stage of this ambitious "cyclo-volcanic" quest: 11,000 kilometres and 18 months astride their mounts from Patagonia to Indonesia via the South Seas' fabled isles of paradise and fire!

As part of Pedal Magazine "Cycling the Pacific Ring of Fire part 2: a mariner's journey!" pan-Canadian series, the two globetrotters on wheels will stop over in Vancouver to present their inspirational and captivating expedition account at the H.R. Macmillan Space Centre Auditorium (1100 Chestnut Street) on Tuesday November 15, 2005 at 19:30. Admission: \$15. Tickets are available at MEC stores. Info: (604)872-7858.

Quote of the Week: "He who never fell never climbed." ☪ Unknown.

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