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----- About the Vocene -----

This is the sometimes-weekly newsletter of the Varsity Outdoor Club. If you don't want to receive it any more, go to www.ubc-voc.com and edit your preferences.

----- Wednesdays -----

Tend to be Frizbee at the beach nights, except for the first Wednesday of the month, when they're BBQ + Frizbee. Today Frizbee (and fireworks). Next Wednesday, BBQ + Frizbee.

----- This Weekend -----

This is a long weekend, so we have enough time to do something a little bit bigger. Hoping for suitable weather, because going to a car-camping campsite and paying to sit in the rain, kill mosquitoes, and breathe wood smoke, is mostly not in the plan. It looks like the weather will be ok, and the slide across the Squamish Highway should be passable in time.

Trip to Tantalus is very much alive. People are honing their river-crossing skills. Hopefully this will not be a repeat of the Pemberton Music Festival crowds, with everybody trying to cross the cable at the same time.

A small and somewhat beginner-friendly party is planning to cross the Garibaldi Neve, starting at Elfin Lakes parking lot and ending at the Barrier parking lot. This does require at least one day of really good weather. If you want to do this, get onto it asap.

If you are not planning to take advantage of the long weekend, you might want to join the AMS cystic fibrosis fundraiser this weekend. Read about it on our web site.

----- Things being planned -----

Veenstra has finally "come out" with the beginner-friendly trip you're all waiting for. The plan is to hike around Garibaldi lake. This is no beach walk, as there's not a lot of beaches around Garibaldi Lake. This should be similar to the Veenstra-induced Mt Price traverse of last year, so you don't want to miss it. It would be good to embarrass Veenstra with a turnout of thirty people or so. Weekend of August 16-17.

----- Ask Ms. Manners -----

Regarding last weeks' question about getting your date to pay for gas, the consensus is expressed eloquently by Hobbles:

"Steady, Your new girlfriend should now be offering to pay for gas on trips but it is a bit tacky to ask her. So your best bet is to fill up and not ask her and if she has any manners she will offer. It is NOT okay to charge other car-mates extra for gas to make up the difference, especially if you want to have car mates for the next trip."

A minority opinion concludes "He should pay for both but she does dinner".

This week's question comes from "Weekend Warrior", who asks the following: "Because we never plan trips before Thursday noon, it's usually Friday evening before I have a confirmed ride. I don't buy my trip food until I have a ride, and by then all the stores are closed. I spend most of Friday night packing, and by Saturday morning I am all sleep deprived, and I have to survive the weekend on whatever food was in the cupboard at home. Can you tell me what I am doing wrong?"

Please help out Ms Manners with answers to these sticky questions. Please help out Ms Manners with some questions. How about somebody, preferably female, writing up "How Can I Miss You if you Won't Go Away"? Or "I'm Concerned About Global Warming. Most of my carbon emissions happen when I'm driving to/from the mountains. Should I Stay Home and Watch TV Instead?"

----- Clubroom and gear hours over the summer -----

If you want to take out or return gear, or hang out in the Clubroom, or join or renew your membership, do this on Monday, Thursday, or Friday at 12:40, when Piotr is there. Piotr will be off climbing somewhere from the 9th to the 24th of August and thus won't be around to do gear hours. And Lee is gone for all of August. Maybe somebody can volunteer to take up the slack?

I won't do a VOCENE after the next one, because Ms Manners and I are taking off to the Rockies together on Aug 8th.

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