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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Garibaldi Neve ☺ Fri. Jul. 1st - Sun. Jul. 3rd

This trip is in a bit of a reorganization mode, and could still definitely use some experienced folk and/or some drivers to help make it happen. Pre-trip is tomorrow!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74208>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=41

- 2) VOC Monthly Summer BBQ - July edition ☺ Wednesday, July 6th

It's almost that time of the month again! Come down to Spanish Banks at the end of Tolmie St. at 6:30 to hang out with all of your favourite VOC friends and eat their food.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=75

- 3) Annual Veenstra Moderate Friendly Summer Traverse - Valentine Gates ☺ Sat. Jul. 9th - Sun. Jul. 10th\

Christian Veenstra has developed a bit of a reputation, among other awesome

things, for his summer "moderate-friendly" trips. Rest assured that this will be a gong show in all of the right ways.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=63

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,73379,73379#msg-73379>

4) Self-propelled Squamish Climbing/ Hike the Chief Weekend 📅 Sat. Jul. 16th - Sun. Jul. 17th

It's time to usher in the post-car era and you know it. Join Kathrin L. cycling up to Squamish for some rock climbing!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=80

5) Brew Work Hike 📅 Sat. Jul. 16th - Sun. Jul. 17th

Work-hikes are the glue which hold the VOC hut system together. Propel yourself into karmic glory by helping out the club and the outdoor community as a whole. And don't worry, a work hike is more fun than you think!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=78

6) Crown Mtn Hike/ Scramble 📅 Saturday, July 16th

Join Chris Yuen on this classic North Shore scramble!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=82

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74548>

7) Capilano River Kayak (Class 3) - Ongoing on Wednesdays

Snow melt & Long day light = Wednesday Evening Cap runs (after work in May & June)...

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=19155&t=19155>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=62

II. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

- James M.'s trip up Mt. Matier was a blast, sources say. The group summited in a cloud but had beautiful weather on the descent. TR will be up here soon:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,74093>

- Everyone else: come forward with all ye trip reports, I know you've been out there doing something fun!

III. Miscellaneous

1) 2010 journals available for pickup

If you haven't grabbed your VOC Journal yet, you are really missing out! This year's journal is packed with epicness, hilarity, and thought-provoking discussion about the outdoors, the VOC, and everything in between. The cost of the Journal is included in your membership fee, so you owe nothing for your first copy. If you'd like more than one, extra copies are available for \$20.

2) Rewards and incentives for trip organizers

Woohoo, prodeals for VOC Trip organizers! In return for leading trips, you now get not only immense satisfaction, but cheap gear too!!

IV. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms Manners,

People keep reminding me to take the batteries out of my beacon over the summer, so that they don't drain or leak and ruin it. But when does the summer start? Isn't it still ski season? There seems to be a lot of snow, and it's cold all the time, do I still need it?

Batteries in Beacon

Dear BiB,

Thanks for your question. It's a good one, especially this year with a late snowpack. The choice of whether to bring avalanche gear on any snowy trip is a subjective one (although there are times when you'd be supremely stupid not to). Unavoidably, the decision comes down to how much additional risk you are willing to take, given all sorts of objective things like how the weather has been, what the terrain is like, and how much of a weight-weenie you are. This time of year it's not so clear cut. But in Ms. Manners' opinion, you should never hang up the beacon for the year and say "I'm definitely done with this until the winter". Rather, you should consider each trip as its own decision, and discuss it with your trip partners. Avalanches don't always get the same amount of summer vacation, and the dates are somewhat flexible. For what it's worth, Ms. Manners has still been taking avi gear on her trips.

That being said, taking those batteries out when the beacon is sitting around isn't a bad idea. Just don't forget to put them back in and turn the beacon on to check them before you leave for each trip. And don't depend on club batteries if somebody has left theirs in there. Keep a set on hand yourself exclusively for avalanche beacons, so you know that they are all at the same level of charge and haven't been used for any unsavoury things, like powering your hand-held global domination device.

Sincerely,
Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it to to your friendly neighbourhood VOCene editor and he'll forward it to Ms. Manners for review. Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, so ask away.

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