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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) SLIDESHOW: Denali - by Laura M., Mike D., Christian C., and Geoff M. ☺
Wednesday, February 15th

This past summer, 4 VOCer's made an attempt on Denali, the highest peak in North

America. Come hear there tale, sure to be packed with hilarity and useful tips for your own high-altitude mountaineering aspirations.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=237>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82402>

2) 2-Day Backcountry Ski Trip: Mt. Rohr with Anne and Veronika 📅 Sat. Feb. 18th - Sun. Feb. 19th

This will be a weekend trip up to the beautiful Mt. Rohr! RAWR!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=235>

3) Reading week: Sphinx Ski Camp 📅 Sat. Feb. 18th - Sun. Feb. 26th

As usual , we'll be having an informal ski camp at the Sphinx hut during Reading Week. From the trip description: "Back in the day, the VOC used to swarm up to Sphinx Bay for their annual Spring Ski Camp - this generally happened during exams, but it was a large event, often involving food drops by aeroplane to extend the party". We probably won't be having any food drops, but there will be plenty of skiing and merriment as the good times roll.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=219>

4) Reading week: Red Rocks reading-week climbing road trip 📅 Sat. Feb. 18th - Sun. Feb. 26th

From the trip description: "Some people like to ski during reading week, but some of us want to climb rock. This is a loosely organized road trip to Red Rocks near Las Vegas to get our climbing fix. The climbing there is world class with everything from short sport climbs to long multi-pitch traditional routes, all on some very cool and funky sandstone."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=211>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Red_Rocks_Trip_2012

5) Beginner friendly snowshoe daytrip to Eagle Bluffs 📅 Sunday, February 19th

Here is your sweet redemption, snowshoers!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=232>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82015>

6) Annual VOC Climbing Competition 📅 Tuesday, February 28th

From the trip description: "It's back! Once a year, the VOC climbing competition brings together climbers of every level to test their climbing prowess, rope skills, balance, and boldness on the climbing wall behind the Norm Theatre in the SUB. Entry fee is only \$5, most of which will go towards awesome prizes." This competition will involve the world famous sports of speed-prusiking crate-stacking.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=240>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82699>

7) Slideshow - Nevermind the bouldering: Trad cragging in the UK - Wednesday February 29th

Presented by Jon L. and Jenny W:

"By Canadian standards, the UK is a tiny group of islands with way too many people on them (it's practically shoulder to shoulder, that's why we stand up in pubs).

What could there possibly be of interest for the adventure seeker?
This is not a slideshow on why trad climbing is better than bouldering, that's just a silly musical joke that I couldn't avoid. This is about what makes climbing in Britain, Great, from the perspective of two individuals with an accumulated 35 years of experience"

As usual, 7:30 in the clubroom unless otherwise noted.

8) Xtreme Yak and Zoa dual day trip ☼ Sat. Mar. 3rd - Sun. Mar. 4th

Stoked by Veenstra's double daytrip this past weekend, Norkio is organizing to do it again, this time actually on the Coquihalla (at least in theory).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=245>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82684>

9) Movie Screening: Long Road North, 7pm (Norm Theatre) ☼ Tuesday, March 6th

"Seen from the handlebars of a bicycle, the world is a lot smaller than they ever thought. Leaving behind his office with no windows, a young Canadian dreams up an adventure to travel halfway across the planet at a human pace and experience the story of the road. From the mountains of Patagonia, through Latin American megacities and small-town America, to the sparse reaches of the Canadian arctic, the people and places he comes to know will forever change his perspectives about the world and the choices he decides to make. At the Norm Theatre (in the SUB), doors at 6:30pm, screening at 7pm. Tickets can be bought at the door, \$5 - the proceeds to be donated to the VACC (Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition)"

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=242>

10) VOC Spring Gearswap ☼ Wednesday, March 7th

We'll be having another VOC gear swap; the last few have been a huge success! All outdoor-related gear is appropriate, and it's open to non-members.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=215>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,81464>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Leslie W. and another are looking for some climbers to help fill their car down to Smith Rock, Oregon over Reading Week! <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82258>

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

- A crew went up and skied Rohr and Vantage ridge as two day trips, with some nice weather: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82376>

2) From the exec's desk

So, our situation regarding the liability of club members on trips has turned out to be very different from what we thought, and what it used to be. We're still determining exactly what that situation is, and what to do about it. This is definitely a conversation to stay on top of: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82446>

IV. Miscellaneous

1) 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!!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Discounts_for_VOC_Trip_Organizers

2) Call for Slideshow Presenters

Have you been on some crazy adventure lately, or do you have some advice to share? Consider attaining instant fame by giving a VOC slideshow this semester:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80896>

3) 21 Mile Creek User Survey

From Scott N: "The 21 Mile Creek drainage is a non-motorized zone and snowmobiling is prohibited. The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC is conducting a user survey to measure the frequency of illegal snowmobile use in 21 Mile Creek. The results from the survey will guide compliance and enforcement actions by government conservation officers." Please take a brief moment to complete the survey, if you've been on a trip to 21 Mile Creek.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80729,80729#msg-80729>

4) Mammut Pulse 3.2 Firmware Update - Available Now from the VOC

From the message board post: "The VOC can now offer firmware updates to Mammut Pulse beacons. This is handy because firmware version 3.2 was recently released. Why is the VOC offering this service? Because no one else in Vancouver does and because the same tool that lets us do this also lets us record the health of our new rental beacons. The cost for getting the upgrade through the club is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82371>

5) Matt's Awesome Maps

Matt P. has been putting together some super access maps for our huts, which are printable high quality PDF's. Check them out an the subsequent discussion here:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82415>

V. Ms. Manners

Dear Mrs Manners,

This past weekend I was on a backcountry trip. Often when I go out to the backcountry my digestion seems to get messed up. This weekend was particular bad! Unfortunately we had no wind at all and you know when skinning up in the same track one after the other for the sake of the people behind you, you can't just let go, can you? I heard other people having the same problem, so i figured maybe other people would appreciate some suggestions.

Regards,

Biogas plant

Dear Biogas Plant,

Thanks for your question. While I'm tempted to explore the implications of your name for renewable fuel, I'm not sure I have the stomach for it.

Your question has stirred a deep emotional response within my bowels. That is because I answered a nearly identical question as my very first Ms. Manners in this VOC year (VOCene #2, 2011). Since then, I have degraded to a level of inanity I thought myself incapable of just 10 short months ago. As I will be reincarnated into a different (and much nicer) body in just two months, perhaps it is high time for some preemptive nostalgia. So, I hope you will pardon me copy pasting my answer from one April 19th, 2011, in order to reflect on how all things come full circle (including the ones we eat).

Dear Bean Eating,

With all those quarantining layers coming off, springtime is a particularly difficult time for the flatulent VOCer. Especially so if you are skiing uphill, following a narrow skin track where your victims have no easy escape to either side. I can assure you that you are not alone however, as uncontrollable farting is something that Ms. Manners has many years experience with.

Unfortunately, your options are few. One method of escaping embarrassment is to pick the downwind side of the skin track and pretend you are so hardcore you need to break a new, parallel trail. If you are talking, this sometimes has the bonus effect of making whoever you are talking to feel really special. Another idea is to pretend you need to stop for a drink as soon as you feel a fart-storm emerging. If somebody stops with you, stall for as long as you can until the end of the group arrives. Then bring up the rear and gloriously pass gas into the uninhabited abyss behind you. If you are trying to build a reputation for speed, take care to create the appearance that you are in the back of the group in order to help beginners, rather than because you are moving slow. Of course, there is always the option of either announcing your farts loudly to all around, or acting so nonchalant about them that the world simply accepts you for who you are.

Also, "fart" is ski wax in French, but I'm not sure how this helps

In Solidarity,
Ms. Manners

For the record, I like to just let it go and hope for forgiveness.

Sincerely,
Ms. Manners

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