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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Reading week: Sphinx Ski Camp ☺ Sat. Feb. 18th - Sun. Feb. 26th

Some of the first groups are back and more are heading up for this coming weekend!
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=219>

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

I guess it's too late to join in this adventure, unless you have a plane or know

someone who does.

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

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

3) Tetrahedron ☼ Sat. Feb. 25th - Sun. Feb. 26th

From the trip description: "The cool weather is making me think it will be a good weekend to explore Tetrahedron Park on the sunshine coast. There are four huts to choose from, but Mt. Steele Hut looks like the best destination with skiing terrain around "the Tet.""

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=253>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83015>

4) 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>

5) 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.

6) 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>

7) 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>

8) 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>

9) Ice Breaker Pro Deal Night - Thursday, March 8th

Katherine exercised superhuman powers in organizing this buy night for us; come get 50% off Ice Breaker gear!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=249>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82903>

10) Revived Annual Girls Just Want to have Fun Ski Trip! 📅 Sat. Mar. 10th - Sun. Mar. 11th

A newly revived tradition! Unfortunately, Ms. Manners will not be in attendance. From the trip description:

"This trip will involve:

- No-tan-line sunbathing, skinning and skiing
- Laying beautiful curves in the powder
- Hot chocolate and baileys
- Pillow and tickle fights at night"

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=241>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Jaime W. is looking to head up to Hollyburn on Saturday, on ski or snowshoe:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83026>

-The Radical Reels film festival will be coming up, March 15th: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82969>

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

-For a summary of avalanche conditions this past weekend basically everywhere around, see this thread from Nick C.'s Brew trip last weekend: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82757>

-Anne V. and Veronika S. led a VOC trip to Mt. Rohr.

-A group of VOCer's snowshoed Eagle Bluffs on Sunday.

-Phil T. posted a trip report from Chief Pascale: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82916>

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>

Update: There's a new Neve one on the Sphinx Camp thread!

V. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

While up at Sphinx this past weekend, a thoughtful person emerged with a cake and declared that it was somebody's 70th birthday. Then it turned out that this somebody was sitting right next to me. And then it dawned on me, how many people

get to celebrate the beginning of their eighth decade up in an alpine hut bearing their name, beneath the toe of a glacier, and surrounded by a crew of Attractive Young Ladies?

Earnestly Yours,
Youngster

Dear Youngster,

I know not the secrets of the VOC's cherished Useful Person. Indeed, his wisdom exceeds even that of Ms. Manners. If I had to guess though, I would surmise that it all has something to do with his unique brand of humility, the way that he's not too serious by default, and his obvious refusal to "grow out of" having fun. Thanks Roland, for showing us how to look forward to our seventieth birthdays and beyond.

I'll leave you with some lyrics from Ms. Manner's favourite British-ex-punk-band-turned folk-artist ever, Frank Turner. Just substitute "tents" for "tunes" and "Trooper" for "beers", and there we have it:

"So you sort the tunes and I'll bring the beers
And on my seventieth birthday I'll see you right here
And together we'll watch the sun set"

Happy belated birthday to our Useful Person and President both!

Sincerely,
Ms. Manners

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