



The Silver Ice Axe

The Newsletter of the Jasper/Hinton Section of the Alpine Club of Canada

November 2006

SECTION MEETING

The Jasper Hinton section will hold a fall AGM at the Jasper Yellowhead Museum on **November 30, 2006**. It will run from 7:00pm to 9:30pm.

We will have a copy of the Historical video produced by the Club, and as well there will be a few other videos from the GMC this summer, Yoho Valley Centennial Camp and members are encouraged to bring any media from the summer. This will be a fun evening reminiscing about the great summer we had and looking forward to a great winter.

Note from Chair

Hi it's Peter Amann here, just sending a note along with the newsletter, and hopefully you all got out and enjoyed the mountains during some of the great weather we had this summer.

The section had a good summer with a number of trips reported. As always we ask for your input on the planning of our schedules.

If you don't know it's broke, you can't fix it.

Send your queries, questions and suggestions to me. By mail: Peter Amann, Box 1495, Jasper, AB, T0E 1E0 or by email: pamann@incentre.net

If you didn't receive the last newsletter by email link then your address does not work in our database, or you are a new member. Regardless we would like to hear from you.

This winter we would like to try to do some "digital updates" through out the season. Leaders don't always know their schedules for the whole winter. We will send this updates by email only. If you would really like a paper copy of the updates contact me as well.

If you would like to keep updated between newsletters contact Jean Weadick at: jweadick@telus.net

Jean is taking care of membership services.

100 Years Old

As we all know this year the Alpine Club of Canada celebrated its' 100th anniversary. Numerous celebrations were undertaken throughout the mountains of Canada, and participants on camps enjoyed the climbing and activities associated with the Centennial projects.

I was very fortunate to be involved in three of these camps I spent two weeks at the General Mountaineering Camp, one week on the Yoho Centennial Camp, and as pictured here, on the Summer First Summits camp.

I feel honored to be a member and able to celebrate with a club who has been leading people into the mountains for 100 years!



Canada Day on Mt. Olive

Jasper Section Centennial Camps

By Wayne Campbell



Weather proved a problem for the Mummery Glacier Centennial Camp held from July 9-16. Three participants took in the camp all from Hinton, Wayne Campbell, Dave Pors and Mike Meagher.

Shortly after getting set up in the campsite on the Blaeberry River it began to rain. As it was socked in the next morning and still threatening the group opted for a couple of hikes in and around the neighboring area. The first foray was up the Howse Pass trail to just below Fisher Peak. This could be a way off the Fresh field and onto the Wapta Icefield. This would take one up Wildcat Creek, which was the hike the group walked in the afternoon.

On the 11th the trio made an attempt of Mt. Mummery. After a great morning of approach and a steep climb onto the toe of the Mummery Glacier the group decided to turn back from the 3000 meter point due to the in climate weather and encroaching thunder storm.

The 12th was a reconnaissance day to the ridge below Mt. Laussadat to check out the approach to the SE ridge. The following day the group made an attempt of the ridge but again the weather moved in and the team was again thwarted. A good number of photos of the flora in the area were taken to be added to the trip collection.

The group then moved camp to the Lake Louise Hostel and split up the next day. Dave left for a trip to the Stanley Mitchell hut and an ascent of the Vice President. Mike went of on a holiday to Radium area and Wayne went to the ACC general meeting in the Rodger's Pass. After the meeting a climb to Avalanche Crest was completed.

All in all it was a very good trip in spite of not getting to the destined summits

The second camp was held August 5th to 12th, 2006 in the Tonquin Valley at the Wates Gibson Hut. This was slated as a family camp for all ages and skill levels. It was also advertised as a per night fee for participants so they could spend one night or all week if possible. The main office was very accommodating and helped us greatly, including, a rate to help keep the cost down. This made the trip very affordable for a number of summer seasonal students who came mainly for the long weekend having to get back to their jobs.

Participants: Dave Pors, Wayne Campbell, Mike Meagher, Leslie Tinge, Terri Singbell, Seth Harper-Heir, Ben Harper-Hier, Bill Heir, Christina ? Justin Barlett, Monica Dorenbos. Rory and Ann MacDonald, Barb and Marshal Hoke, Scott Fiddes, Al Dalziel, Marilyn Campbell, Jean Loates, Kathy, Jennifer, and Charlene Pors, and Kelly Giffard.

August 5 15 of the participants hiked into the Wates Gibson Hut. The previous day we had a porter pack in meals and some of the gear we would require for the first couple of days. We also had an outfitter bring in most of the other food for the week and the remaining gear. Part of the first group into the hut then went over Amethyst Lake to collect these supplies.



Winter Schedule 2006-2007

AST (Avalanche Safety Training) Courses.

I will be running a number of AST courses over the winter and are open and recommended for members new and old looking to get more into the backcountry in the winter. A 10% discount is offered to members of all sections. (Remind me when you book!) For further information and dates see: www.incentre.net/pamann/courses.html

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November 25, 2006 **Top of the world Ice climb and potluck.**
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November 26, 2006 **Skiing Parkers Ridge**
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November 22 & 29 7:00pm **Avalanche Transceiver practice** at Centennial park
Everyone welcome. Bring your own transceiver. 8:30pm
Mark Kolasinski 852-5546 mailto:mark_k@telusplanet.net

December 3, 2006 **Bow Summit Early Season Warm-Up.** A good day out to get the cobwebs off and put in a few turns. This trip involves travel in avalanche terrain, so you must bring avi gear and know how to use it.
Greg Nelson 403.886.5980 nelsgn@hotmail.com

Dec 9, 2006 **Introductory Ice Climbing** Spend the day getting an introduction to ice climbing. This day is designed for people with some previous basic rock climbing skills (belaying and knots, etc.). There will be limited technical equipment available on a first call first serve basis.
Contact Dave Pors 865-8808 porsfamily@shaw.ca

December 13,14or15, 2006 **Hilda Ridge** Introduction to ski touring. First time out? No problem. Some discussion and instruction on basic safety. Let's go try it out and get some nice easy turns.
Chris Argue 780 852 1965 argue19@yahoo.ca

December 16-17, 2006 **Leadership Development course for ACC leaders.** This will be a 2 day course held in the Jasper area. The first day will be indoors at the Jasper Museum. We will discuss group management, risk management, trip planning and some basic park practices. We will also work on winter avalanche skills and look at some new ideas in the industry. 2nd day will be a ski tour in the field, location TBA.
Cost for this course will be \$75.00 for ACC members. This course will help develop skills in leading ACC groups.
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Dec 16-17,2006 **ACC Waterfall Ice Leadership Course** (through Edmonton Section)
Waterfall Ice Leadership is for the intermediate level climber who is aspiring to become a leader and wishes to lead ACC Section Ice Climbing Trips. \$212 or \$85 for active section trip leaders. David Thompson Country. Follow link for details. <http://www.rescuedynamics.ca/courses/lead/EdmontonLead.htm#iceleader>

Dec.16, 2006 **Lovett Scout trail to Bald hills loop.**
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December 20, 2006 **BS Canyon Traverse. An easy and fun day.** We will head up the first canyon and continue up to the upper canyon as well. This trip is for beginners-intermediates. Should have some basic rope skills.
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January 6, 2007: **Robertson Glacier.** We will Ski up towards Burstall Pass, then head up the Robertson Glacier. Good trip for views and skiing. 16km round trip, 500m-elevation gain. This trip involves travel in avalanche terrain, so you must bring avi gear and know how to use it.
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January 14, 2007 **Tangle Falls** - Join me for a relaxing day of ice climbing. This is a beginner trip where we will use top ropes to introduce or reacquaint people to the fun sport of ice climbing. Required equipment: warm cloths, boots, crampons, one set of tools for every two people, two prussic, helmet, harness, belay device and locking biners
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Jan.20, 2007 **Marmot Pass loop**, up Whistlers Creek, down Portal Creek.
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January 24, 2007 **Ski Mountaineering - Evelyn Peak in the Bald Hills.** Explore deeper in the Bald Hills area. Considered by Rob Hachey to be the "best day ski touring I've had in the Bald Hills. "A good introduction to ski mountaineering involving a10 meter section of 5th class and a small cornice. Participants should have some mountain and skiing experience.
Contact Jeff Andrews (780)852-5975 <mailto:jeffandrewso@yahoo.com>

Jan 27, 2007 **Ski Tour – Sunset Peak / Little Shovel Pass** This is a full day out. Ski from Maligne Lake over the top of Sunset Peak (east of Little Shovel) and down past the Shangri La Cabin down Jeffery Creek to the Maligne Road. Intermediate Ski Tour
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Feb 2-4, 2007 **Ski Tour - Roger's Pass** Spend the weekend skiing in the pass some objectives may be Young's Peak, Seven steps of Paradise, or Sapphire Col. This trip is for intermediate/advanced skiers. Our base camp will either be the Wheeler Hut or the Best Western at Roger's Pass.
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February 16-19, 2007 **ACC Ski Leadership Course:** (Edmonton Section) Avalanche Skills Training Level II (formerly ARAC) This course is for the Intermediate ski tourer who is aspiring to become a leader and wishes to lead ACC Section Ski Touring trips. An Introductory Avalanche Awareness Course (CAA RAC) or the new AST Level I is a prerequisite for attendance.
<http://www.rescuedynamics.ca/courses/lead/EdmontonLead.htm#ASTlevel2>

Feb.17, 2007 **Over Little Shovel Pass** and down Jeffery Creek. Long day.
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February 18, 2007 **Ice climbing at Lac Des Arc.** We will climb as much ice as possible then scramble up Heart Mountain to wrap up the day. WI grade 2-3.
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February 23,2007 **Ice Climbing Shades of Beauty.** Classic Rockies ice climb up to grade 4.
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Feb 24, 2007 **Ice Climbing – Kerkeslin Falls** Classic grade 2 and 3 ice in a stunning setting
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March 1-4, 2007 **Asulkan Pass** - Roger's Meet at Asulkan trailhead, approximately 5 hour ski into cabin. Objectives, Young's Peak, Seven steps of Paradise, ski out via Saphire Col. There should be lots of great skiing in the area at this time of year. This trip is for strong intermediate and advanced skiers. Participants

must be familiar with avalanche rescue techniques and equipment. You should be able to ski deep powder with an overnight pack. If conditions or hut availability become a problem, we will relocate base camp to Best Western at Roger's Pass.

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March 3, 2007 **Cline River Gallery** 30m II, WI2-4 or Balfour Wall 20m II, WI2-4.
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March 9-11, 2007 **West Ridge hut Good skiing** and an easy approach to small club cabin. Lot of good tree skiing the vicinity of the cabin, as well as some interesting alpine tours. This trip is for strong intermediate or advanced skiers. Participants must be familiar with avalanche rescue techniques and equipment. Must be able to ski deep powder with an overnight pack.
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Mar 10, 2007 **Ski Mountaineering - Mt. Jimmy Simpson**
This is a long day for strong intermediate skiers. We will probably stay in one of the hostels the night before as it is a big day return from Jasper.
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March 11, 2007 **Boundary tour** - This is a beginner/introductory trip where the goal will be a casual day to get some turns right on the Jasper Banff boundary. Required equipment; ski touring gear (skis/snowboard skins daypack), transceiver, shovel and probe.
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March 14,15or16, 2007 **Circumnavigation of Indian Ridge** –Leaving from Marmot Basin’s peak we ski down the backside and then climb and descend three passes on this ski tour. Anticipate a full day with some fun skiing and ever changing views!
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Mar.24, 2007 **Ski ascent of Tangle Ridge.** Intermediate
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April 1, 2007 **French Haig Robertson traverse.** This is a 20 km day, with a good chance for turns on the way back out. This trip involves travel on glaciers and in avalanche terrain, so you must bring avi gear and know how to use it, as well, you must have crevasse rescue skills.
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April 1, 2007 **Mount Hector –** Mount Hector is a classic ski mountaineering ascent, with a spectacular view from the summit. This is an intermediate trip requiring glacier travel, and good skiing/snowboarding skills. Required equipment: touring gear (skis/snowboard, skins, daypack), transceiver, shovel, probe, as well as glacier travel equipment (harness, at least on long and one short prussic, large sling or anchor material, locking and non locking biners) crampons and a mountaineering axe are also recommended as well as basic knowledge on the use of this equipment.
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April 13 -15, 2007 **Mini Wapta Traverse** one night at Peyto hut and one night at Balfour Hut. This trip is for intermediate and advanced skiers. Participants should have some previous experience with glacier travel and crevasse rescue systems.
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April 16-18, 2007

Mt Majestic tour. On this 3 day trip we will ski up Portal Ck and camp below the NW ridge on Mt Majestic. The climb is straightforward but with some exposure. Crampons and axe will be needed. For intermediate level participants with winter camping and basic mountaineering skills. Other options are also possible from this camp.

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March 29 - April 1, 2007

Mt Columbia Ski up the Saskatchewan Glacier. Attempt to climb Mt. Columbia if conditions are OK. This trip is for advanced skiers who have some glacier travel and winter camping experience.

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