

# AVALANCHE ECHOES

Next Meeting: **Tuesday September 25th at 7:30 p.m.**  
**SCOTTISH CULTURAL CENTRE - 8886 HUDSON STREET IN VANCOUVER**  
**(HUDSON & WEST 73RD AVE)**

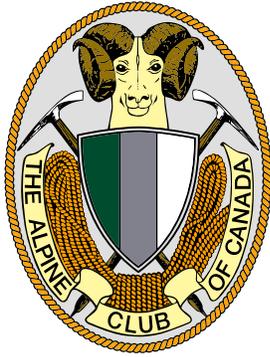
## Bugaboo Climbing Adventures

slide presentation  
by Jay MacArthur

### *Upcoming Presentations*

*October:* Linda Bily presents "Extreme Sightseeing: Ski touring among Baffin's glaciers and rock towers"

*November:* Richard Keltie presents "Siffleur and Clearwater Wilderness National ACC Camp 2007"



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This newsletter is the official publication of the Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Section. It keeps members informed on topics of interest to mountaineers including activities within the club, equipment, techniques, access, and environmental issues.

The club meets monthly, usually for a slide presentation, at the Floral Hall in VanDusen Gardens, W 37th and Oak St., at 7:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except in July, August and December.

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We encourage submissions of writing, photography, drawings, etc.. If possible, articles should be submitted by e-mail (about 500 words). Photos and slides are always needed (JPG format is preferable). Deadline for submissions is the last day of the previous month.

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### Announcements

#### September Meeting Location Changed Due to the Civic Strike

Please note that the September ACC meeting will be held at the Scottish Cultural Centre located at 8886 Hudson Street in Vancouver. (Hudson & West 73rd Ave).

#### Down but not Out

Best wishes for a complete recovery to Lance Mitamura and Ilze Rupners, both of whom were involved in separate accidents while on the Bugaboos Summer Mountaineering camp.

Lance suffered injuries to his hand and foot when a large boulder pulled loose while on a climb. Ilze stumbled while hiking down a steep moraine, twisting her ankle, and later determined that she had a fractured lower leg.

For more on these events and other summer campactivities, join us at the September social at VanDusen Gardens.

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## Access and Environment News

The following issues are being acted upon by the Federation of Mountain Clubs' (FMC), Recreation & Conservation Committee, on behalf of all members of the FMC.

### Brohm Ridge Ski Resort, Squamish

A ski resort on Brohm Ridge bordering Garibaldi Park is far advanced in the planning process. FMC members have attended Open House sessions for the resort, and the Recreation & Conservation Committee will meet with a representative in September to discuss backcountry access and use issues with the new resort.

### Snowmobiling at Mount Sproatt, Whistler:

Mount Sproatt was designated non-motorized in the backcountry accord reached by the winter recreational users in the Sea-to-Sky Backcountry Forum ([www.backcountryforum.org](http://www.backcountryforum.org)). Now the BC Government gives much of Mount Sproatt to commercial snowmobiling to compensate the operator who will have to move out of the Callaghan Valley for the 2010 Olympics. This removes the only remaining non-motorized area in the backcountry accord that is an attractive day ski trip. The FMC has sent a letter to the Ministry opposing the unilateral changing of the Backcountry Forum results



### Logging at Elk-Thurston Trail, Chilliwack

The proposed logging road at Elk-Thurston in Chilliwack is very close to the trail and crosses it. As a result ATVs would be able to get to the alpine using the new road and the existing trail. The FMC is asking for buffers to the road and no crossings of road and trail.

### Rainbow Mountain Heli-biking, Whistler:

The FMC opposes an application for a heli-biking operation from Rainbow Mt because of the noise impact and the increased potential for further trail cutting on Rainbow ridge. A letter has been sent to the Ministry responsible.

### Mount Waddington Heli-skiing

Knight Inlet Heliski has been awarded tenure for heliskiing except in the immediate vicinity of Mt Waddington. Knight Inlet Heliski will receive tenure for Mt Waddington once an agreement is reached with all stakeholder groups. The FMC's goal is to make Mt Waddington non-motorized except for access. The FMC is working with environmental groups and commercial operators and associations to achieve this aim.

If anyone would like to bring any access or environment issues to the attention of the ACC/FMC, please contact Antje Wahl at [antjewahl@yahoo.com](mailto:antjewahl@yahoo.com) or 604-988-6486.

## Workshops and Courses

### Ice Climbing Practice

**Location:** Mount Baker

**Dates:** Sept. 29-30

**Contact:** Don Serl ph: 604-872-4244 cell: 778-231-5000

Practice ice climbing on seracs that are part of the Coleman Glacier. A few places will be reserved for "newbie's". One or two days depending on weather and interest.

Call Don Serl early to reserve a spot.

### Evening Leadership Workshop

**Location:** Canada Room MEC Head office 149 West 4th Avenue

**Date:** November 8th, 2007 from 6:30 to 9:30pm

**Cost:** \$20 (ACC members) or \$30 (non-members)

**Contact:** Susan Baldwin 604-732-4562

Rick Davies will be running a leadership evening workshop to enhance the safety and enjoyment of our trips. We have run this workshop in previous years and the ideas learned have been extremely useful in field applications, both in normal running of our trips and in emergency situations. During the evening you will have the opportunity to identify and build on your own natural leadership style.

This workshop is directed to those leaders and potential leaders of hikes, backpacking and mountaineering trips. It focuses on people-skills and group management and will give you the best in practical procedures built up over years of Alpine Club experience.

This workshop is especially aimed at members who would like to lead a trip but who feel they need to gain a little more confidence and competence before they try.

To register, please send a cheque for \$20 (ACC members) or \$30 (non-members) made out to the Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Section to:

Susan Baldwin  
222 - 2680 West 4th Ave.  
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## Old Geezers on Mt Rainier ( 14400ft)

by Karl Boerner

The plan was to rally some seniors to climb the Tahoma Glacier Route. The approach to the route was damaged by heavy rains. A rainfall of 18 inches in 36 hours at Paradise in November '06 caused heavy damage to roads and trails.

Four persons showed interest; only one was at the end ready to try the Emmons Glacier Route with me, a route that I had done twice and that is generally not difficult, and that has a reasonably-easy access.

We drove to Enumclaw, followed Highway 410 into the National Park, paid climbers' and entrance fees ( \$30 and \$5 US each), and parked the car at the White River Campground. The idea was to camp the first night at Glacier Basin, the second night at Camp Schurman on the Emmons Glacier, and make the summit on the third day and hike out.

The trail into the Basin was washed out for about a mile and rough, but well-marked with yellow tape. We had the campground to ourselves and enjoyed the visit of a friendly deer in the evening. The hike to Camp Schurman at 9500 ft is a grind. While it took about two hours to get to the Glacier Basin Camp, gain of 1600 ft, it took four hours to gain about 4000 vertical feet. The tents are put up in a snowy, windy saddle and a good sleep demands a good tent.

We started the climb at 0110 h with several other ropes. Lack of moonlight forced us to use headlamps. Everybody wore crampons. The route had been changed and seemed endlessly steep and tiring. It took us eight hours to get to the summit crater. Had I known about the change, I would have chosen the Camp Muir route, which I have done twice but which is not as scenic and more crowded. Descending was easy; we got back to Camp Schurman in three hours. The ice had melted a bit and the crampons bit easier. Glacier travel means one has to dance around a few crevasses, but they were well wanded, and we were careful.

Some remarks: there are toilets at Glacier Basin and Schurman Camp; drinking water (creek) can be found at the Basin, none at Schurman.

Some parties rope up on the Inter Glacier on the way to Steamboat Prow and Camp Schurman. On my three trips I have never roped up and observed many people do sitting glissades on their way into the valley.

The Grey-Crowned Rosy Finches at Camp Schurman pick up crumbs around one's feet.

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*Participants: Participants: Ian Ross (63), Karl Boerner (74).*

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### The Jim Haberl Hut

## First Impressions

*Submitted by Liz Scremin*

The Vancouver Section's newest hut, the Jim Haberl Hut, opened on June 29, 2006. As of August 2007, the hut is faring well. Recently members of the hut committee completed some maintenance tasks and took time to peruse the growing entries in the hut's guest book. The following is a small selection from those entries.

The hut has been very well received, and thanks are due once again to all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and hearts.



*August 2006*

Without Jim, I would have never been introduced to the mountains. Climbing and ski touring have made my life much richer and for that I am grateful. This is an amazing hut. Thanks.

*-Adam Brovender*

*Sept 23, 2006*

I didn't have the opportunity to meet Jim but have heard many stories about what a kind caring person he was. This incredible hut is a testament to how much he was loved and to his friendships. This has been a fabulous experience - made even better by sharing it with the man I love. Enjoy this slice of heaven - and take a few minutes to reflect on the man whose life you celebrate. Thank you to Jim's family and friends.

*-Barbara*

*July 10-12, 2007*

None of our party had known Jim, but in our stay in the cabin we got to know a little bit about him and have been enriched by the experience. Thank you to Jim's family and friends and all the other volunteers who have left this jewel in the mountains.

*-Rhys Gibb, Jim Fraser, Tracy Langham and Rob Burns*

*July 24-27, 2007*

It is wonderful to finally visit this impeccably finished hut. The different views invoke feelings of

a weather tower, an observatory, a lighthouse and a shrine. I think Jim would be utterly amazed at the energy and love gone into his tribute. Thank you ACC Hut Committee, Sue, Haberls, and all who made it happen. This hut is in a magical place and sure to be well used for a long time!

*-Scott Flavelle and Erika Janackova*

*July 7, 2006*

As I spend these days risking my own little adventures and my nights reading Jim's, I am overwhelmed by the love and respect that created this beautiful hut. Thank you to the Haberl family and friends and to my teammates, Natasha, Peter and Gary. There is nowhere I would rather be.

*-Rebecca Turner*

*July 23-28, 2006*

Fine days in the mountains in a beautiful hut. Congratulations to all who made this hut happen. You should be proud.

*-Ian Brown and Reinhard Illner*

*August 11-12, 2007*

Finally arrived at the Haberl Hut, which I have been looking forward to for years. It's amazing and makes climbing in the Tantalus Range an even better experience now. Respect to all the people who put effort into making this happen. It's a great tribute to Jim, this sanctuary in the mountains where we remember him and share in his passion for adventures in wild places!

*-Sean Easton, Jason Wheeler*

## Lake O'Hara

by Rob Brusse



## Volcano Tour

by Ron Dart

The power of hills is on thee

William Wordsworth

The original plan for the volcano tour trip was to climb both Mount Shasta and Mount Adams. We left Abbotsford early on June 17th, and the weather was cloud thick, wet and miserable. The drive through Washington and most of Oregon was done in haste, and by the time we reached southern Oregon, the clouds parted and a blue canopy pampered us. We camped at Valley of the Rogue State Park in southern Oregon to wind down our first day on the road.

We rose early on the morning of June 18 and drove with much anticipation into northern California. We soon spotted the reigning monarch. Mount Shasta (14,162 ft) stood tall, white and stately, the only massive peak in the sprawling valley and not to be missed. We all felt the lure and excitement of the summit. We picked up the 'Mt. Shasta Summit Pass' at the Ranger Station in Mt. Shasta City, then did the long drive up to Bunny Flat trailhead (6862 ft). It did not take long to hoist heavy knapsacks on backs and take to the trail. The trek from Bunny Flat to Shasta Alpine Lodge took us over an hour. We were met by a friendly host and fresh drinking water. We could see before us the demands of the day, so after a brief rest, we were on the trail again. The long upward swing and ascent to High Camp at Helen Lake (10,443 ft.) took its exacting toll. The day was hot, we were soon on snow, and the slope became steeper and steeper. We could see the plateau at Helen Lake, but the slower we hiked the further it seemed. We all, finally, managed to reach the plateau high above the tree line by about 4:00 pm. Needless to say, we were all quite drained and exhausted. Most of us wondered how we would handle the trek the next day. A member of our group was quite ill.

June 19th began at 2:00am. We rose, stars thick in the sky, ate, dressed, headlamps and crampons firmly installed, ice axes ready for the yet steeper ascent up the frozen snowfield of Shasta. A few other groups left before us.

It did not take long for two from our group to descend; both felt quite ill. They made the wiser decision. The high altitude was taking its toll. Members from other teams were also turning back. The long trek up past the heart into the narrow chute took a few hours. The higher we went, the slower the pace. Dawn joined us as we edged through the chute up over Misery Hill to the false summit. The higher day star rose, the warmer the day. The final ascent to the turret like summit of Shasta (another member found the last leg too much) was thick with anticipation. The few of us that made it to the peak were offered a visual feast. It took us 7 hours from Helen Lake to the banqueting table of Shasta. We took many a photo, feasted on the scenery, then the descent began. We glissaded down thousands of feet with much speed. It took between 2-3 hours to reach Helen Lake. We decided to leave Helen Lake and take to Castle Crags State Park for



the night. The day was long, and we finished it celebrating Noel's 27th at a quaint restaurant in Shasta Lake City.

We rose early on the 20th and headed south to Lassen Volcanic National Park. We camped at Manzanita Lake, and the highlight of the afternoon was the drive to the trailhead of Bumpass Hell and the hike across snow and solid trails to such a hellish place. The active hydrothermal water made for quite a sight. The barren moonscape was thick with steam and boiling water.

The scent of the scene and the boardwalk round the place reminded me of Yellowstone Park. We had a more relaxed evening on Manzanita Lake.

Each day we were up before day star, and June 21st was no different. We had yet another volcanic peak to ascend. We were at the trailhead of Lassen Peak (10,457 ft.) by 8:30, and were back at the trailhead by noon. The trek to the summit of Lassen was well worth the effort. Lassen was the volcanic Mt. St. Helens of 1915. The crater like area at the summit of Lassen is still void of much other than rock and snow. The climbing clan took many a fine photo from the summit of Lassen, and we could see Shasta with much clarity on such a blue bonnet day. We had many miles to go before our journey of the week was over, so we left Lassen and drove much of the day to Valley of the Rogue State Park again. The day was late when tents were pitched, and we were grateful for a place to rest weary bodies and souls after a long day.

The early morning of June 22 offered much promise. There were many things we had yet to see. The more we headed north, the more we spotted hints of clouds in the sky again. The journey from southern Oregon north to Crater Lake National park took us to yet another volcanic site. We had hoped to climb Mount Scott (8929 ft) at Crater Lake, but the road to the trailhead of Scott was still thick with snow. The deep azure colour of Crater Lake is most mesmerizing. The volcanic eruption that created Crater

Lake many a century ago has truly made for a wonder of the world. Crater Lake is one of the deepest lakes on the earth, and, while there, I managed to pick up a few fine books by John Muir on mountains and mountaineering.

We lingered for a delightful season at Crater Lake National Park, then we headed round the rim northward. Our goal was to spend the night in the Mt. Hood area (apparently the most climbed and visited mountain in the world next to Mt. Fuji). We reached Mt. Hood by late afternoon, but the clouds were dark and threatening, the temperature hovered about freezing and rain or snow was afoot and threatening. We would not be denied, though. We drove to the base of Mount Hood, spent some pleasurable time at the luxurious and historic Timberline Lodge. The wind was blowing in gusts, and a team was about to leave to summit Hood at midnight. Most of us knew we would return to Hood to sit on such a summit, but not on June 22nd.

We hastened north, and as we dropped lower and veered east into Washington, the weather became kinder. We decided to camp at Silver Lake State Park for the night in

anticipation of our trip to Mt. St. Helens volcanic area in the morning.

The clouds were hovering low when we awoke at Silver Lake on June 23rd.

Our goal was to drive to Johnston Ridge and visit the Observatory from which the devastation of Mt. St. Helens could be graphically seen so well.

We left the campsite by 8:00 am, headed up the new highway (built between 1988-1994—the previous highway was destroyed in 1980 when Mt. St. Helens erupted). We stopped at Coldwater Ridge Visitor Centre (it was not yet opened but the view into the devastated Toutle River was obvious), then we continued ever upwards to the Johnston Ridge Observatory. We arrived about a half-hour before the opening of the Observatory, so we wandered the ridge. The sights of the imploded St. Helens dome and gaping crater spoke volumes about a stone wind that wrecked violent havoc on much. Life was returning, though. Small flowers were working their way through the soil, and tree striplings were inching ever upwards. We managed to make it into the Observatory for the first showing of the Mt. St. Helens tragic tale at 10:00 am. The movie is well done, and it recounts, in vivid and frightening detail, the two month warnings and final explosion of Mt. St. Helens.

We left Johnston Ridge Observatory about 11:30, and we were back in moody and wet Abbotsford by 4:30 in the afternoon, the volcano tour behind us. The power of the hills had been on us, and such hills, mountains, volcano lore and peaks taught us much. The trip was well worth the effort.

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*Participants: Frank Wawrychuk, John McLellan, Jerry Unruh, Ron Dart, Irene Hofler, Astrid Marini, Peter Murphy, Noel West*

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Trip schedule – Please see [www.accvancouver.ca](http://www.accvancouver.ca) for the latest updates

Date	Trip Description	Grade	Contact	Phone
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
8	Crown and Camel	C2	Rob Brusse	604-224-0747
8 or 9	Cypress Peak (date depends on weather)	B3	Chris Drotar	604-317-9247
14-16	Watercolour Painting En Plein Air at Mt Baker Lodge	N/A	Liz Scremin	604-921-2651
16	Williams Peak (Joint ACC & BCMC Trip)	B3	Zoran Vasic	604-438-9066
20	Reel Rock Tour at the Ridge Theatre at 7:00 pm	N/A	Dustin Hines	604-222-2171
29-30	Ice Climbing Practice at Mount Baker	B4	Don Serl	604-872-4244 or 778-231-5000

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA GRADING GUIDELINES

- A - Less than 6 hrs travel/day (not strenuous)
- B - 6 to 8 hrs travel/day (moderately strenuous)
- C - 8 to 12 hrs travel/day (strenuous)
- D - More than 12 hrs travel/day (extremely strenuous)
- S - Slower-paced trip, (suitable for seniors)

- 1 - Gentle slopes. Travel on trails over fairly level terrain.
- 2 - Moderate slopes. Travel may be off trail. Intermediate skiing ability recommended. Easy climbing.
- 3 - Travel in mountainous terrain. Steep forest and glaciers probable. Backcountry equipment and intermediate skiing experience required. Moderate climbing.
- 4 - Travel over difficult mountain terrain. Advanced backcountry and mountaineering experience, ability and equipment required. Advanced ski mountaineering or moderate to difficult ice or mixed climbing. Ropes and belays required.
- 5 - Technical ice or mixed climbing. Advanced climbing experience required.

Please contact trip organizers by the Wednesday prior to the trip or earlier to express your interest. Non-members are welcome to participate once or twice before joining, and are accepted on a space available basis.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings at 7:30pm in the Floral Hall of Van Dusen Botanical Gardens, W. 37th Ave. & Oak St in Vancouver on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except July, Aug, Dec).

Trip organizers are required to have participants sign the ACC waiver which can be obtained from the climbing schedule organizer, or from: [www.aebc.com/acc](http://www.aebc.com/acc).

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