



Alpine Club of Canada

Edmonton Section

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Message from the Chair

The weather in early September makes it hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. The smell of fall is definitely in the air and while the warm fall weather should allow for a bit more rock climbing or hiking our thoughts should turn to winter. The Winter Trip Planning Meeting is less than a month away (October 6) and it is time for trip leaders to think about plans for the coming ice climbing and ski season.



Let's try to make it a good season with many trips for all levels and activities. Beginner course and leadership courses for ice climbing and skiing

will be part of the schedule again. These courses are a great opportunity if you want to expand your horizon.

The section board met in early September to plan for the next year. Communications remains one of our major concerns. We are still in the process of improving our communications. We decided to discontinue the printed edition of *The Breeze*. The communications committee is working out the details, but we will likely return to a monthly newsletter format, merging *The Breeze* and the e-News and distributing it via e-mail and the website. Only members who have no e-mail listed with the club or who specifically request it will be receiving a printed copy. In order to make all of this happen we are looking for more volunteers to join the communication committee and the section board. We are looking especially for volunteers with interest in editing and computer skills to put together and distribute our newsletter.

We are also looking for volunteers to work with the Access & Environment Committee. The section is still a steward for the Whitehorse Wildlands Park and we anticipate it may be time to show our presence there again.

As the climbing season is winding down fall will see plenty of section meetings. The September General Meeting will be the traditional “*We know what you did last summer*”, where everybody is invited to show their pictures and share their adventures from last summer. At the October General Meeting we will host special guest Rob Owens together with the UofA Outdoors Club. Winter Trip Planning Meeting, Trip Leader Orientation, Election Night at the November General Meeting and finally the Awards Night and Photo Contest are all being prepared.

Speaking of awards, the Alpine Club lives from volunteering; it is our volunteers that make trips and everything else happen. The club has a number of awards for both service and leadership. If you find somebody especially deserving of an award

please consider nominating that person.

Since May I am also the chair of the national club’s safety committee. One of the roles of that committee is to review all accident and incident reports. I was happy to see that this was not an arduous or time-consuming task. There were very few incidents throughout the whole summer season, a few broken bones and no life-threatening injuries. What we are doing as a club for safety in mountaineering through training and promotion seems to be working at least to some extent

I hope everybody will still get a chance to enjoy the fantastic fall weather in the mountains, but please start thinking about the winter plans.

On behalf of the Edmonton Section Board

Ernst Bergmann

**Chair, Edmonton Section,
Alpine Club of Canada**

<u>Mark Your Calendar:</u>
<u><i>General Meeting</i></u>
<i>Tuesday September 15, 2009 – 7:30pm</i>
<i>“We know what you did last Summer”</i>
<i>All members are invited to share photos and stories from the mountain adventures of the year. Please let Lil Masse know if you are bringing a</i>

presentation. Presentations preferred in PowerPoint format.

Location: Varscona on Whyte, Rutherford Room

Trip Leader Appreciation Weekend

Sept 18 & 19 at Koutenay Plains Campground.

The section is providing camping & burgers. Side dishes, appetizers & deserts are pot luck. E-mail Lil Masse @ ksmith_818@hotmail.com for confirmation.

Winter Trip Planning Meeting

October 6, 2009 – 7:00pm

Location TBD (watch the web site)



Announcements:

Wanted: Website author and mailserver maintenance, for ACC-Edmonton Section website

We're looking for a volunteer to join our team that updates content on our website, and broadcasts our latest events to our membership. You are familiar with HTML, ASP, and know how to create and maintain a listserv/mailserver.

Our website is our primary means to reach our membership: your work will help to keep our membership informed about upcoming and past events, and help to improve what our section can offer.

Please contact:

Dave Kymlicka
Director of Communications, ACC Edmonton Section
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The section has acquired two light-weight “SPOT” personal satellite locator beacons. These devices can be used to activate a rescue in an emergency pretty much anywhere in North America. They are available immediately but exclusively for trip leaders on club trips. Contact the Equipment Manager *Luc Fortin*.

Leo Grillmair will be the Patron of the 2009 Guide’s Ball at the Rimrock Resort Hotel on October 24, 2009. Ticket information is available on the Alpine Club of Canada website at <http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/support/guidesball.html>

The section is looking for a volunteer to fill a Board position as newsletter editor. Please contact Ernst Bergmann ernstb@shaw.ca if interested.

The Access & Environment Committee is also looking for more members to help with their activities. Rumors have it these future activities may take place in the mountains. Contact Chris Dyck dchris@ualberta.ca

Please return the waivers from all summer trips to the Safety Director Duncan McColl. We need to archive the waivers from the section trips. Turning in your waivers is also required to be eligible for the draw prizes for trip leaders at the November Awards Night.



2009 General Meeting Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>September 15, 2009</i>	Section Members	<i>We know what you did last summer!</i>	Varscona on Whyte Rutherford Room
<i>October 20, 2009</i>	Rob Owens	<i>Alpine Mixed Climbing in the Canadian Rockies</i>	TBD
<i>November 17, 2009</i>	Election Night	<i>TBD</i>	Varscona on Whyte

Wall bookings for 2009 (6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.)

September 13

October 4

November 8 & November 29

December 13

****Please check the website for complete details.**

The Summit Series

Dear Friends and Mountain Enthusiasts:

RESEARCH WITH ALTITUDE!

Please come to the inaugural programming event of a new research collective at the U of A: the Mountain Studies Initiative. This group of faculty members, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students from six Faculties seeks to make interdisciplinary mountain studies foundational to the University's project, and to that end we are offering a four-part series of talks, THE SUMMIT SERIES, on mountain environments and cultures. The first set of talks, sponsored by the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, takes place Thursday, September 10th, at 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. in Room E-120, Van Vliet Centre and features:

Dianne Chisholm, English and Film Studies: "Home, Home on the Deranged: A Field Guide to the Colliding Landscapes of Alberta's Front Ranges"

Alastair Hodges, Physical Education and Recreation: "Human Physiology at Altitude: Lung Function and Gas Exchange as it Relates to Performance and Altitude-related Illness"

Jeff Kavanaugh, Earth and Atmospheric Science, "Slip Slidin' Away: Investigations into the Motions of Glaciers"

Wine & Cheese to follow in the East Wing Lounge!

The series continues on the first Thursday of the month in October, November, and December.

Everyone welcome!

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