



the BREEZE

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ACC Edmonton Section

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The BREEZE

The BREEZE is a monthly Edmonton Section publication (except summer months and December) containing trip reports, mountain articles, photos, and club events.

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<http://alpineclub-edm.org/breeze.asp>

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Fall / Winter Trips Schedule

Fall trips remaining. Check them out at: <http://alpineclub-edm.org/2011/trips/summer/AccEdm-SummerTrips2011.pdf>



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Message from the Chair

What a summer it's been! A short Spring followed by an extended monsoon season, two weeks of good weather at the end of August, three days of thirty-degree weather in early September and now it smells already a lot like Fall. I don't think many of the big mountaineering objectives ever got in shape this year at all. September long weekend the snow was already low on Mt. Mitchener and the nights were getting cold. May be this year will actually add some volume to the Rockies' glaciers after a spell.

With Fall in the air our social activities start up again and it is time to plan for the coming seasons of powder slopes and frozen waterfalls. September is our annual "What You Did Last Summer" theme at the General Meeting with everybody invited to present their best pictures and stories from the season. October we will host section member Zac Robinson, a history professor at the U of A, who will talk about the controversy surrounding the claimed early mountaineering on Mounts Hooker and Brown. Also, through October and November we will have the winter trip planning meeting, trip leader orientation, photo contest and awards night. Check the web site for updates as things progress.

Our web site has been completely redone and is still being upgraded. Like many IT projects, it will remain a work

in progress for some time. Many thanks to Colin Tobin for undertaking this task. It is a part of a new effort to increase publicity, improve our public image and grow our membership in time for the Section Centennial in 2012.

So get out for those last Fall days on rock, start planning for the winter and come out to the September GM with your best pictures from the summer.

Ernst Bergmann

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

Blurb from the editor:

I am humbled by the people that volunteer keeping the ACC - and particularly the Edmonton ACC - the vibrant organization it is today - their time, effort and attention of the few planning and executing those plans for the many. There are many exciting things happening in the upcoming Centennial year of the Edmonton ACC. And, there are many opportunities to help out with the club. I encourage helping out in whatever capacity.

As Jimmy Buffet once said, "changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes . . ." - I too have a change in attitude, lamenting my lack of change in latitude. I have come to the decision to focus on other matters. My time is not what it was when I took on the task of editor of the BREEZE almost two years ago.

There is new blood in the Edmonton ACC section. This is critical for the

health and vitality of this dynamic body. Capable and talented people have volunteered their time and energy for this purpose. I am unable to commit the time – my plate is full. My hat (tuque) is off to these people.

So, the short of it is that this is my last contribution as editor. I wish the best to all of you in your adventures and endeavours. It's been a slice.

ed. 'nuff said.



Photo: D. Hallet

Anybody who has any ACC club equipment out from Track 'n Trail, please advise Rob Denson, our Safety Director at: equipment@alpineclub-edm.org Rob needs to catalogue it. We are currently missing at least one SPOT GPS Emergency Beacon.

Thanks!

ACC Winter Trips: Planning Meeting

It's time to start planning our winter adventures: come and join us for a trip-planning meeting. Want to lead a trip? Bring your ideas, or brainstorm with others. We supply the munchies and bebies.

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2011,
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location:

Boston Pizza - Team Room
4804 Calgary Trail
Edmonton, AB
T6H 5H5

Open to:

All ACC-Edmonton Section trip leaders (old and new) wanting to brainstorm/submit trips, and past trip

Mark Your Calendar:

General section meeting Tuesday, September 20th, 2011:

Topic: What You Did Last Summer.

Date: September 20th, 2011 6:00 pm

Location: The Strathcona Community League Hall - 10139 - 87 Avenue

Open to: All paid up ACC members and newcomers.

Centennial Planning – As many are aware, there is some very ambitious work for the upcoming Edmonton section Centennial. Lend your expertise and abilities to this cause – further details will be forthcoming. Activities include fund raising, building activities of a proposed wall and the gala festivities themselves in 2012!

Contact Neil Bosch, *Centennial Committee Chair*

or Ernst Bergmann, *Section Chair*.

“honour our past, celebrate the present and leave a legacy for the future”

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Get Involved. Add Value. Volunteer.***

2010-2011 General Meeting / Events Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Location</i>
September 20 th (Tuesday)	Various / General Meeting	What You did last Summer	Strathcona Center for Performing Arts
October 18 th (Tuesday)	Dr. Zac Robinson,	Deception in High Places: The Brown- Hooker Problem	Strathcona Center for Performing Arts
November	Wine and Cheese and Photo Contest	Food! & Photo contest.	TBA

Announcements:

The Edmonton Section ACC Leadership Courses: The Edmonton Section offers the many leadership courses for trip leaders or potential trip leaders:

The North Face (TNF) Summer & Winter, Summer Mountain Leadership (Summer, 2012), Ski Leadership, Rock Rescue, Mountain Navigation, Scrambles Leadership, Rock Course, Rock Rescue, Avalanche Safety Training, and Emergency Mountaineering First Aid. For more information see our website at: <http://alpineclub-edm.org/>

Contact: leadership@alpineclub-edm.org for information and applications.

Looking to participate in a happening, action-oriented group that promotes your common interest in alpine activities??

Let us know your interest! Contact an executive member on the front page.

Wall bookings for 2011 (6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.)

Resumes at the U of A. Oct. 2, Oct. 23; Nov. 6, Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 *Sundays* - we have exclusive use of the wall from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm on these nights. There is no charge to Edmonton section members other than belay test fees that are required at Urban Uprising. Complete information is posted on the ACC Edmonton section website. These nights are a great time to get some exercise and meet other members, not to mention plan the odd outing. For additional information, please contact Rob Denson ****Please check the website for complete, updated details:**
<http://alpineclub-edm.org/wallclimbing.html>

Please return the waivers from all winter trips to the Safety Director Rob Denson. We need to archive the waivers from the section trips. *Turning in your waivers is also required to be eligible for free entry to the annual BBQ in June and draw prizes for trip leaders at the annual November Awards night.*

Out of the Ordinary

(or, why do I do these things??!)

by Dan Hallet

Whether it is through the ACC or otherwise, it seems innate for some of us to pursue out- of-the-ordinary activities.

One's motivation may be varied, with roots in personal background, experiences, friends – whatever. So, I was drawn into a late night photo shoot with a professional and a semi-pro photographer up around Mt. Bourgeau, near Banff.



Photos: D Hallet

The PLAN:

- ⇒ Motorbike to trail head with backpacks laden with camera gear – no tent.
- ⇒ pics in the evening,
- ⇒ return to trail head and transportation.

We did hike up to the peak of Mt. Bourgeau. We took some great pics and returned the full distance, losing a 1,000 m altitude difference to the trail head – the return trip to the trail head that seemed to go on and on and on . . .

So, of the three photographers, a lot of pictures came out on this fortunately digital pics or else we would have burned through a lot of film. My measly Nikon D5000 – a single lense



camera with lightweight, short tripod– as compared to the onerous weight of 3 camera bodies with lenses and full tripod by another photographer. Everyone and their dogs were on the trail head going up and on the return, but no one stayed late into the night for out-of-the-ordinary pics of the evening.



Of all the souls that made it up and back from the trail, one particularly small dog – Chihuahua cross with very short legs made it all the way up and still with energy to spare, returned under his own power. Not like us. We were whipped. Not whippets.

- Dan Hallet

Photos: D Hallet





Recall for Replacement: GRIGRI 2

Concerns all GRIGRI 2's (D14 20, D14 2G, D14 2B)
with the first five digits of the serial number between 10326 and 11136



D14 20



D14 2G



D14 2B

Background

Petzl has discovered that exerting excessive force on the fully extended handle of the GRIGRI 2 can cause internal damage, such that the GRIGRI 2 handle may become stuck in the open position, as pictured in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1

When the handle is stuck in the position shown in Figure 1, the assisted braking function is disabled. A damaged GRIGRI 2 in this configuration will function similarly to a manual belay device (e.g. tube-style device).

When using a damaged GRIGRI 2 with the handle stuck in the open position, failure to control the braking side of the rope will dramatically increase the risk of an uncontrolled descent, possibly resulting in injury or death. A GRIGRI 2 with a damaged handle must be immediately retired from service.

Please note that failure to control the braking side of the rope is a misuse of the GRIGRI 2 under any circumstance (See the GRIGRI 2 Technical Notice).

As of June 20, 2011, seven damaged GRIGRI 2 units have been returned to Petzl through our worldwide distribution network. Petzl has no knowledge of any accidents resulting from a damaged GRIGRI 2 handle.

Petzl Response

Because the safety of our users is our primary concern, as a precautionary measure Petzl has decided to take the following actions:

- Ask users to immediately stop using all GRIGRI 2's with the first five digits of the serial number between 10326 and 11136.
- **Recall all affected GRIGRI 2's and replace with new, revised versions.** Petzl will pay for all shipping costs to complete this replacement.
- Increase the mechanical strength of the handle on all GRIGRI 2's from serial number 11137 onward.
- Begin shipping replacement GRIGRI 2's immediately. Users will receive replacements in the same order they return their old units to Petzl.

Every one of us here at Petzl is committed to resolving this issue as quickly and efficiently as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Visit www.petzl.com for complete and updated information.

The previous generation GRIGRI is NOT affected by this recall



If you have a GRIGRI 2 (D14 20, D14 2G, D14 2B) with the first five digits of the serial number between 10326 and 11136, stop use immediately and contact Petzl America to initiate an exchange.

Contact Petzl America in one of two ways:

- **By phone: 1 (800) 932-2978 (toll free)**
- **By email: grigri2recall@petzl.com**



Petzl will pay all shipping costs associated with this exchange

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Celebrating A Century of the Alpine Club in Edmonton

Celebrate. Connect. Commemorate.

Almost 100 years ago, a small burg on the vast Plains became home to the eighth "local committee" of the Alpine Club. The seven before were Winnipeg, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Vancouver Island, New York and London UK. They were renamed sections and eight are listed in 1913 with E. Fuller listed as the first Chair of Edmonton. Today, the ACC- Edmonton Section proudly boasts a membership of over 400, a diverse roster of learning opportunities and a calendar offering trips across the full spectrum of ages, abilities and interests.

1912



2012

Gala Dinner and Dance

Take a break from your technical, all-weather wear and step into something more celebratory. Join fellow members – old friends, new friends and soon-to-be friends - as we applaud the achievements of the Edmonton Section and honour past and present leaders and members for their contributions to the club and the community.

Silent Auction and Tasting

Plan to do your holiday shopping, or pick up one of the always popular to-me-from-me gifts, at a live and silent auction featuring merchandise and services donated by ACC-Edmonton Section members and supporters.

Commemorative Publication

Club historian PearlAnn is researching and verifying the club evolution, trip journals and captured interviews to bring them together and preserve them for them for the future.

Celebratory Camps

Plans will be laid to hold special section camps and at settings that offer access to some of the finest classic hikes, sport climbing and mountaineering routes in the Rockies.

Mount Edmonton "Expedition"

Nearly 350,000 names are recognized by the Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC) for official Canadian use. Mount Edmonton is not one of them! The unofficial Mount Edmonton is among the outstanding peaks in the Canadian Rockies that cannot be seen from a road. ACC-Edmonton Section Executive will seek commemorative naming from the GNBC to honour and memorialize the Section in the official geographical names record.



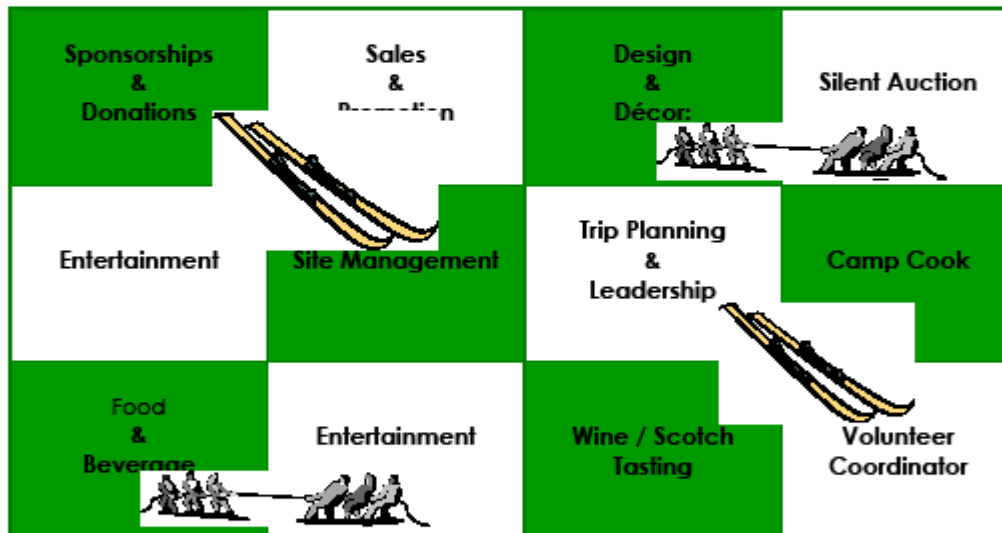
Celebrating A Century of the Alpine Club in Edmonton **Celebrate. Connect. Commemorate.**

Help your club celebrate 100 years of mountain passion on the prairies and share your personal enthusiasm for outdoor adventure with members by becoming an active member of the Centennial Gala subcommittee.

Whether you are a hiker, backcountry skier, snow-shoer, ice climber, rock climber or mountaineer, you already have core competencies needed to help make the Edmonton Section Centennial Celebration memorable . . . your enthusiasm and your energy.

Get Involved. Add Value. Volunteer.

It's a year to look forward to, and it will take more members to co-ordinate and deliver a Centennial Celebration that remembers the past, rewards the present and leaves a legacy for members in the years ahead.



If you have any questions about how you can get involved, or you want to volunteer early to lead, follow or have the pick of the job jar, please contact:

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