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Every Thursday night at 7:30pm, the OTMC meets socially in the Clubrooms of the Otago Motorcycle Club,at 3 Clark St(1st street on the right up High St. from the Exchange). All are most welcome to attend. 30c at the door,please.

EDITOR'S RAVE

"...I'd just like to say before I start, that it's one of the pleasures of my life to be up here typing for you people tonight! Yeah!..."

Well I never thought I'd ever attend a Special General Meeting as short as the one of Sept.11! Remember the marathon epics of a few years back(and in the old Dowling St digs too...) when a tenacious core of keen bods amended amendments of the amendment of the motion till nigh on mid-night?! The night must surely enter the record books as the shortest SGM. The meeting resulted in the sucessful culmination of about 6 years attempts to change or delete Object (b) of the Constitution. The motion presented was passed unanimously!

Now that we have patted our collective back over the healthy state of our finances as per the Annual Accounts, I would like to draw your attention to a rather large bucket of cold water suspended precariously over our revelment. If due care is not taken, then our profit will soon evaporate to a loss. The winter Routeburn trip was a case in point. On the night when the triplist came down there were 38 names on it. 10 bods pulled out during the course of the evening! Now they were quite within their rights to do this, but with such a mass exodus at the 11th hour there was nought time to arrange other transport. Our Chief Guide, Stu Mathieson - whose trip it was- asks us all to be more considerate in signing up for future trips: if you're not sure you can make it for the trip, should you sign the triplist...??? I agree with Stu, and invite your comments on this or any other matter. Letters To The Editor, PLEASE!!

-Ah;Bbrrrrrrrrritt:-Bonnng!(Spring!)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

about the articles in last months bulletin about BYOS evenings. Well I couldn't agree more with the majority of the general notice, but in my mind good quality slides of good quality cars(i.e.FIAT'S) are not out of place with quality general interest slides.

-Brian Davies.

Dear Jonathan,

I'd just like to say that I enjoyed the Sept. Bulletin! I like the extra anecdotes etc. "Bradfords Hollyford" was brilliant, but I thought that the "baby joke" was in bad taste -eh??!

-Regards, Tony Dowden.

(Dear Tony, Thanks for dropping me the line. Glad to hear that you're a fan of "Bradfords Hollyford". Unfortunately he met with a nasty accident on Lake Te Anau last week when Granny Graysons cross-cut punt capsized in the 5th Fiordland Cunning Stunts Competition. We hope to have Brad back on deck for next months issue. -Ed.)

OTMC IDIOT TROPHY AWARD

I could hardly believe it when I actually got FOUR returns...! So it is with the greatest pleasure that I award this Trophy to Paul Olsen, Lawrence McKay, Tony Dowden, & David Barnes who by the very act of reply selected themselves unopposed as OTMC Idiots Of The Month!!! Teach you to believe everything you read in this or any other Bulletin...! -Ed.

TRIP PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

10-11th OCTOBER CATLINS AREA(E-M-F) Two of the three options have had to be cancelled due to shortage of numbers interested in going to this Magnificent area. As of going to print, I need THREE more bods to sign on! Please phone me N-O-W!!! -Jonathan Lewis 775664.

11th JUBILEE-HOMESTEAD HUTS(E) Take time away from all the boring old swotya doin' Breathe in all those summer breezes which ~~rage~~ waft through the Silvers this time of year! Alister Metherell ist mein host Ph.776 576.

18th BURNS TRACK-HIGHTOP(E) Ifya fergot'n wot mud feels like then this day-trips fer yew, mate! Ya culd also check out the old sawmill track -lottsa fun till the old fella with the 12-Gauge blastsya back ta the cars... Anyways it's all on Ross Duncan Ph.778 495.

24-26th LABOUR-WEEKEND PORT CRAIG AREA(ALL GRADES) This is the last of the big away trips until Xmas rolls around. A wide choice of trips are offered. This area is on the edge of the proposed Waitutu Wilderness Area the extent of which can be realized from atop the Hump Range. Mark Hanger has the honours of leading this A-1 tramp, and he wants to see at least a bus-load sign on! Ph.710 484.

25th SILVERPEAKS(E) A day trip for all who maybe can sneak away from your swotting and exams and all. Perhaps you could cruise into Poplar hut...? Anyhow Dick Brasier is the man to contact for this one. Ph.62 572.

1st NOVEMBER BULCHER HUTS-ORBELLS CAVE(E) True summer ramble into the northern reaches of the Silverpeaks. Could be a HOT day eh Huey...? Steve Cathro is the leader here.

8th ROCK KLIMBING DAY By behest of the Committee.

TRIP REPORTS

ROCK AND PILLARS : SKI-TOURING September 12-13th By Jenny Greene

It could only take Dave Craw to find the best transport for a cross-country ski-ing trip: -George Crossland's truck. Well, a good way for carting some skis, packs and people(those with any sense dived into the cab -sure enough woman sense!) to the Rock & Pillars.

Puffed up the hill to the snow and on with the skis -wow what a good way to travel! Untill some cheeky person, Bruce Mason, caught me negotiating a turn on top of a tussock. He said as he easily flipped his skis around "Skis are for snow!" Got to Leaning Lodge for the first of many good cups of tea. Ewen Patterson was the first to brave the outside, from the nice warm hut, to do a bit of ski-ing in the snow and wind. When it cleared up a bit he came back in and went to bed for the rest of the day -(that must be male sense!). But he wasn't the only one though! The rest of us went ski-ing and had a great time. I found out how to turn.

Double-bunking is not always very comfortable but never mind it was suddenly Sunday morning and breakfast in bed. Then we hit the slopes again to a lovely clear and very windy morning. The snow had turned to ice overnight, so it was side stepping most of the way up to the top. But we got our rewards; some very scenic ski-ing -it was glorious! Sure was fun trying to ski back down to the hut. I collected another set of bruises having just got rid of my Craigieburn ones and ended up taking my skis off and walking back. After lunch a few keen skiers decided that a ski over to the Old Ski Hut sounded like a pretty good idea. By this time the wind was starting to howl so I jumped back into my pit and had more cups of tea. Then they all returned one by one had made it there -except accidently Steve Cathro.

The wind was really raging on the way back down and we got thrown in all directions. Couldn't believe the truck could seem so welcoming when I got to the bottom. A really great trip thanks Dave.

For: Dave Craw, Ewen Paterson, Steve Cathro and the others.

GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS

FRAMES, the local boot-makers will give OTMC Members a Discount IF you produce a membership card.....!!!

WINTER ROUTEBURN TRIP September 26-27th

1.TRIP REPORT By Ian Sime Our plan was to walk the North Branch on Saturday and the Sugarloaf track on Sunday. With heavy soft snow above bushline all weekend we were lucky; -most other groups got in very little tramping apart from going in and out.

It took us 2 hours to walk in to the Flats Hut early on sat. morning straight off the bus. We had 3½ hours sleep before heading up the North Branch with shallow snow all the way, and showers of rain & snow as we went. At noon when we reached the scrubby climb at the end of the top flat it was snowing so we lunched briefly and returned to the hut.

Peter was keen to be tramping at daybreak on Sun. so we rose at 4.00am and were off down to the roadend shelter with just enough light at 6.00am not to need torches in the bush. With a snack under our belts, we carried only parkas and scroggin up the Sugarloaf Track. It seems to have been recently re-marked and was easy to follow to bushline in 1½ hours(that's without packs I hope! -Ed.). We climbed in knee-deep snow up to the 2 orange warratah markers, and could then see to the Pass about a mile away across a basin. No other markers were visible between us and one on the Pass.

A very good weekend was had by the rest of my party, Peter Gascoigne, Bill Provan, and Vic Simmiss.

2.TRIP REPORT By Rosemary George Arriving at a half Bryants Lodge in pouring rain at 1am, we found we were the only party with an ounce of sense and hit the hay waving 'bye' to all the others. Our party of 4 had grown to 5 when Faye joined the bus at Nevis Bluff -just as well cos she helped carry and eat the stack of Hank type food. Rumour has it that even so his buying had been curbed somewhat!!

Spent Sat. am tramping to the falls and the pm recovering! I actually slept while the rest played 500. We made it to the tarns on Sun. when we had sunshine and a beaut view -really neat spot and well off the track. Great weekend away -even better when I came home and found Russ ironing! For: Hank, Wendy, Ian and Faye.

3.RANDOM RAMBLINGS TWIXT TWO WALLS OF WEATHER

Half of my party boarded the bus in Clark St. wondering if the other half would show up in Q'town and with what food. Roxborough provided a chance to stock up on pure meat in the form of chicken&chips and a beefburger. Missed out on all the action in the pub -shoulda seen the tide of youth flow out the windows when the boys in blue entered via the back door. Thanks to Wayne Hodgkinson, the word 'rhubarb' will never be the same again in Roxborough's drinking fraternity. And Jenny Greene having to surrender her age... Piled out of the bus into the drizzle and dark then pitched tent by the Sylvan Lake track. Just inside the National Park.

6am and Huey is playing tattoo-you on the tent. Back to sleep. Lake Unknown can wait. Till summer or something. Finally away an actually tramping at 10. Am suprised to find myself on an old bush tramline. Mark knows much of its history, so the day is spent following up for relics. The first wall of weather had gone by the time we'd reached Sylvan Lake, but parts of the track were still very wet underfoot. Also found an old scheelite mine and decaying ironwork. Crashing down offa terrace at the end of the cut-over bush, provided three assaults on the visual senses. A wide sunny expanse of rocky riverbed, the second wall of weather enmassed above Chinamans Bluff, and a magnificent sunlit snow-shrouded west face of Earnslaw. Rapid progress was made up to the confluence of the Rockburn and Dart rivers. Only two rivercrossings were necessary. The hut indicated on the map, proved to be well on the way to non-existance. Bad siting laid it open to the ravages of recent flooding. So we pitched the tent and supped inside the hut. The small-boy penchant for idle play surfaced unchecked within us as we tried to sink hunks of foam floating out from the gorge. I scored the only direct hit.

Only a light overnight drizzle to marr the calm and keep the beech leaves moist. Much fresh snow had blanketed the tops so any idea of going out over Sugarloaf was abandoned. Good weather made for good time in returning and sun bathing before the bus arrived. Nice to spend a Winter Routeburn trip out of the Routeburn and away from most of the sign s of winter.

-Jonathan Lewis for Mark Hanger.

SMUT n. 4.a plant disease in which certain fungi form masses of black

SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

October 8th VARSITY GYMN +OTMC Ropeclimbing Champs +Volleyball 50 CENTS
VARSITY GYMN +Basketball +Trampolines +Badminton 50 CENTS
+varsity gymn+ +Can you make it up the Rock Wall...? 50 CENTS
VARSITY GYMN Meet down at Club first Bods with cars 50 CENTS
please as well: 7.30pm or at 7.45pm at 50 CENTS
the Gymn itself. SUPPER to follow at 83 Clyde St. 50 CENTS

15th PORT CRAIG: a neato preview of Mark Hanger's Labour Weekend. Double-featured with XMAS TRIP review of Alister Metherall's Matukituki-Rees-Dart Botanical Epic! Great slides from the heat of last summer.

22nd BRING-YOUR-OWN-SLIDES. Back to winter! Ski trips, Routeburn, and any others you have(subject of course to the conditions imposed last month...eh? -Ed).

29th "ALL THE WAY UP THERE!" One of N.Z.'s best mountaineers Graeme Dingle recently took a [illegible] cerebral palsied paraplegic man up Mt.Ruapehu. We have the film of this special event to show. PLUS! "THE VIEW FROM ABOVE" a visual essay on Hang-Gliding by Keith Boon.

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If you need transport or have room in your car, then meet at the Clubrooms at 8.00pm.
Further info from Barry Flamank: Ph.737 046
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Coming Next Month:- Should the National Parks be mined in?
Cooking hints and COMPETITION!
Another OTMC CLUB DEBATE

SLIDE COMPETITION '81

This hallowed event is once again being organized. Entries are now being accepted for the following categories.

ALPINE LANDSCAPE NATURAL HISTORY PORTRAIT HUMOUR

Please title each entry clearly and state which section you wish it to appear in. Place each slide in an envelope and write your name, and category on the outside. Give your entries to a Social Comm. member by Nov. 5th. Results will screen on Thurs. 12th nov. 1981.

If you have any suggestions or requests, then please ring me at 774 834 Volunteers are needed to help with the Procession Float for Festival Week, 1982. Also any ideas on a Band for the XMAS SOCIAL. OTMC Song-Books are on sale for $1.00 each on Clubnights. Get one for Nov.5th.
-Michelle Green, Social Committee Convenor.

MEMBERSHIP & PEOPLE

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Steve Cathro, 72a Arthur St. Dunedin(P.O.Box 1541 Dunedin).
Erle Justice 148 Gladstone Rd. Mosgiel.

Resignations:
The following resignations have regretfully been received from Barbara Markby and Graham & Marianne Park.

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THANKS to all for keeping us informed of your whereabouts, but please could you let us know your PHONE NUMBER as well. This would be much appreciated by all. Thankyou. -Henri Rawlings,Membership Sec.

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LAST-PAGE-DEPT: Not one heck of a lot of room for this. Thanks to all who have helped me with this issue. Don't forget about Daylight Saving from 0200 N Z.S.T. 25th October when time goes forward 1 hour. -J.R.L.-Editor.