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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

"And in the Spring, as the last few snows lay melting on the tussock grasslands, the door opened an inch in Leaning Lodge high on Rock & Pillar Hill. Red mutant eyes gazed down on Strath Taieri Plains -no more twoeditors- digits the size of fists smashed down on keys the size of knees and clubmember tramploids split into small factions coveting the highest of the sterile spaniards -like rucks of springboks assaulting the glass fronts of OHB Offices- packing and re-packing ethics and constitutional clauses -now dacron leg warmers- feeding bags of scroggin and cracked chocolate -any day now- the return of the PrintAndBeDamned! "
-apologies to David Bowie '74.

Hello an' Hi an' Welcome to the new financial year of the OTMC. And financial indeed it could be if the Annual Accounts just out are anything to go by. That the Club finished well into the black is due in no small part to the efforts of a small team of arm twisters who recovered nearly all outstanding trip fares from as far back as 1974!! I know that we're a non-profit outfit but that shouldn't mean that we must finish the years with our head underwater and holding our breath...? I fully support any efforts to at least maintain our present state of buoyancy, and would hope that you do too. All the best then to the new Committee and may you serve them well!

Here I am again in the Hot Seat of the Club. It may take a bit of getting used to; for starters it is larger than before having been occupied by two! Thanks for keeping the flagship flying in my absence, Andi & Colin tee hee hee! I shall unavoidably be adding my own personality to this job but I would hope that the bulk of the contents of this and future issues will come from you the Club Membership or the 'Great Unwashed'. The deadline for copy will be the last Thursday night of each month. The Bulletin workparty will be on the following Tuesday night, downstairs at 7pm. To save costs, the Bulletin will be handed out first Thursday of the new month. Finally, I hope that you'll all give me the support that I'll need to keep this show on the road...CHEERS!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw to your readers attention an important feature of the new ten dollar notes. All the serial no's begin with N.A.H. which are the initials of one Nicola Ann Hodgson. Although the likeness between the good lady pictured on the notes and N.A.H. is but fair; all must surely realize that these notes have been printed as a tribute to our Club's former treasurer. She had a mysterious way of creating money for the general fund which to this day remains unexplained.

I would like to commend the Reserve Bank of New Zealand for this move in honour of a Clubmember.

Yours Faithfully
The Observer.

Dear Sir,

It has come to the attention of my sharp little ears that some of our Committee Members feel themselves to be above the obligation of paying 30c at the door on Thursday nights. Is there any substance to this rumour or are my little ears simply too sharp?

Yours etc., Sharp Little Ears.

(Dear Sharp Little Ears,

This matter has been raised with the Committee and is currently being considered by them. Therefore I cannot comment at this stage. However in general, the Committee would rather that such matters be drawn to their attention first and in writing before being addressed to public property in the bulletin. -Ed.)

YEAH MOGHIE ITS SNOWING OUTSIDE this puts paid to the date on the
YEAH MOGHIE ITS SNOWING front page when you think about it. i'm
YEAH MOGHIE actually typing this on the 5th of september...-Ed.

@@@@@ A.G.M. AFTERMATH @@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@

In addition to those elected positions typed up on page 1 here are the results.

- VICE PRESIDENT: Colin Harris Ph. 771 504
- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Janet Girvan Ph. 771 504
- TREASURER: Ross Duncan Ph. 63 408
- CHIEF GUIDE: Stu Mathieson Ph. 34 359
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Henri Rawlings Ph. 877 322
- ASSISTANT TREASURERS: Colin Harris Ph. 771 504
- Pam Cardno Ph. 728 533
- TRANSPORT: Bill Needs Ph. 776 576
- GEAR HIRE: Bill Needs Ph. 776 576
- S.A.R. REP.: Richard Pettinger Ph. 771 060
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE CONVENOR: Michelle Green Ph. 774 834
- FUND RAISING CONVENOR: Ross Duncan Ph. 63 408
- OUTDOOR RECREATION CONVENOR: Lynn Dalton Ph. 739 034
- MOUNTAIN SAFETY REP.: Stu Mathieson Ph. 34 359
- PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE: Ross Flamank Ph. 737 046
- LIBRARY: Janet Girvan Ph. 771 504
- CLUBROOMS: Ross Flamank Ph. 737 046
- PUBLICITY: Jan Hudson Ph. 877 163

Quite a big team on crew this time. I trust you'll be giving them your help when called upon.-Ed.

@@@@@ BRADFORD'S HOLLYFORD @@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@CLARK ST TRUTH

Those who were away snowcaving would have missed the wedding of former President, Steve Milne to Val Sim, and no doubt will join the committee in wishing them all the best for the future... Mr Albert R. Byrd, grandnephew of the famous Antarctic explorer, and whose middle name commemorates the man whose name was given to the Ross Sea, flew into Dunedin recently. He was last seen jumping off Tairoa Head amid thunderous flapping of wings... Dave Crow and Karen Donaldson were married last month despite warnings of a riotous assembly in the foyer of the State Fire Insurance Bld. Congratulations anyway... Great to see Kelvin Liggett back in form again and flexing his boots... A big brick-bat and no bouquet to the person who didn't invite Club Member Bruce Clark along to speak about his part in the N.Z. expedition to China recently. A piece of Club history has all but faded away due to thoughtlessness... If you have trouble 'rising with the lark', try ballooning off Flagstaff... And yet another word from the wise: 'The producers of poultry should postpone the census of their juvenile fowls till the period of incubation is fully accomplished.' Reminds me of some committee meetings... And who was it who said recently on committee; "OK. We'll burn that bridge when we come to it."... informed sources close to the action tell me that stand-up comics Peter Gascoigne and Wayne Hodgkinson are taking each other to court over who should take the lead role in David Barnes' new film 'Idiot Wind'. The film is based on the novel 'Dry Ice Latitudes' by Lawrence McKay, and tells the story of a 4-man British snowcaving expedition to the Algerian Sahara... A Big welcome home to Colin Brodie the incessant traveller -look forward to seeing some good slides soon... Former tramper for OTMC, John Begg is now tramping for multi-national mining concern CRA in Papatoo country. Guess we get our wilderness experience any ways we can... Congratulations to Ngairé and Rod Witte on the Happy occasion of the birth of their son. Another tramper is born?... Another traveller who should have lots to interest us about Nepal, having worked there a year or two, John Cocks has returned home. Great to see you back John... See what shifting to Wellington can do? Brian Craig has recently admitted that he is getting MARRIED in January... When will it ever end??!

Q. What can't get through revolving doors?

A. A baby with a javelin through its head.

~~TRIP PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER~~

- 6th SEPTEMBER POPLAR HUT-BIG STREAM-TAIOMA An interesting route to tie up these places. (ARRGH! -this has been and gone...!)
- 12-13th SKI-TOURING No, this is not a tour of the main Sth. Is. ski resorts. The skis required for this trip are long & thin. Come and make haphazard scars on the back of the Rock & Pillar Range with Ross Duncan Ph. 63 408 (M)
- 13th (E) GREEN HUT If playing Bigfoot ain't your idea of a sweet Sunday stroll, then this is for you. Visit yet again our oldest establishment. Hostess is Mignon Pickwell 779 350.
- 18-19th SAREX -WEST TAIERI Come and play hide & seek in the bracken, broom, gorse, and scrub. Market gardens are fun if you don't get caught! Seriously though, if you're on the SAR Call-out list, this will be a valuable outing. Note: anyone found hiding in the Outram Pub will be sent home to bed. Ph. Richard Pettinger 774 060. (E-M)
- 20th (E) CRAIGLOWAN FALLS This is returning to the fore as a popular spot to visit. Thimble to a pin that it becomes even more so in future. Cute wee hut along the way too: -almost as cute as the leader! Henri Rawlings Ph. 774 504.
- 26-27th WINTER ROUTEBURN This has become the tramping experience of the season. Little can compare with the beauty of the R.E. Flats with the snow sprinkled softly through the beeches. Must fill a bus. Stu Mathieson Ph. 34 359. (ALL)
- 27th SILVERPEAKS(E) A wander into the Painted forest from Big Stream: uphill going in and downhill to return. Phone Gordon McDonald 63 401.
- 4th OCTOBER DEEP CK. -ROCKLANDS(E) A borderland excursion into the tor and tussock country of the Strath Taieri. Beware of red mutant eyes. Ph. Dave Breen 741 993
- 10-11th CATLINS(E-M-F) My trip of the month! I plan to run 3 separate trips concurrently. 1. The Wisp - Tawanui return (M). 2. A series of short walks during the 2 days (E) 3. Tautuki - Waipati - Long Beach (F). The latter is a coastal cliff-top bush and beach bash of great scenic beauty. Can only be done when tides are right and is of 12 hours duration. Sign up NOW! Jonathan Lewis Ph. 775 664.

OH HAPPY TRAILS HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU MY FRIEND HAPPY TRAILS

~~TRIP REPORTS - STROPER PIET~~THE CRATER: REVISITED July 26th By Jonathan Lewis

June 24th 1979, was a day for me to not forget in a hurry. That was the occasion when I'd left my camera on a rock on our way in. 2 years and a month later I chose not to tempt fate, and left it back in town. The day started out fine, but later clouded over. It did not rain however. It was observed over lunch, that all three sections of the Club were represented amongst those present. Quite by chance that was too. David and Mignon were also on the first trip and so there was a reunion aspect to the day as well. Having made good time up, we wandered SE along the ridge towards The Sisters. Good views were had of the country towards MacRae's Flat and of the snow-dusted Rock & Pillars. A strong wind drove us back to the cars near Redan Stn. We completed the day with ice-creams and milkshakes at the Middlemarch store.

For: David Elder, Mignon Pickwell, David Barnes,
Mr & Mrs Tingle, Gordon & Marie McDonald.

CHALKIES DAY TRIP August 9th By Stephen Cathro

We left the Clubrooms at 9:10 and headed over the much pot-holed road to the Chalkies. The 5 of us rushed up the hill and were at the top by 11:30. We were soaked going up in the wet and it wasn't till later (about 12:30) that things cleared up enough to see Waldronville and Mosgiel from the tops. We circled around and lunched at the Pyramid Hut site, then completed the circle by descending through Blackmans gully. Thanks to Paul for leading us on such a wet day, and to David Elder for the use of his car. It was a good friendly trip.

Those who went along were; Paul Olsen, David Elder, Vic Simmiss
and David Barnes.

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1. AN IGLOO:FAST-TRACK STYLE!

The weather was excellent, so any ideas (which probably didn't exist anyway) of creating 'the igloo of the year' were abandoned. We were happy enough to be 1st finished in creating our snowy abode. A 'cosy' igloo for 5, which survived the ultimate test of being stood on -on Sunday of course!

Then it was out to make the most of the good weather; on skis or foot. Making excursions to higher parts of the Old Man Range in search of good views, good snow, and on Sunday, to escape the fog around the residential zone. Our efforts were rewarded on all counts. A candle was lit on the top of the range and glowed with little wavering. This, according to Dave, was the ultimate in good Old Man Range weather.

I think all our party enjoyed the weekend except for a touch of the cold shoulder for those in old or summer weight sleeping bags on the Saturday night.

Karen for: Dave, Linda, Franz and Graeme.

2. AN IGLOO:THINK BIG STYLE or THE ELEPHANT:A MOUSE BUILT TO GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Long before we arrived at our destination, Paul had made up his mind and ours as well, that we were going to construct an igloo this year. We really had no choice in the matter as the lack of suitable snowdrifts ruled out any attempts at building a decent snowcave. With one person cutting up snowblocks, two as couriers, and the fourth assembling them, rapid progress was made in the murky conditions. Everyone managed to keep warm despite the 1/2" of ice which formed in our large billy of water after only an hour.

As work progressed, the two couriers had an uncomfortable job propping up each successive circle of blocks. Near the end of the building exercise, we wondered how the blocks were going to stay in place. Ken Mason, an experienced igloo constructor, wandered up to our effort and casually let know that we might have to re-evaluate our intentions: i.e. abort and start again. But on we went however, and Paul had the Honour of placing the final block into position. For this superhuman effort, the edifice was christened 'St.Pauls', with a warning notice "DO NOT PASS WIND WITHIN" inscribed above the entrance way. We even placed a cross on the dome.

Our cave was by far the largest, I could even stand up in it without stooping. Despite it's size, our igloo was not cold and it even passed the ultimate test of being both stood on and skied over without colapsing. On Sunday morning, we spent an extremely enjoyable three hours tramping over to the West Otago side of the range from where we could see both the Garvies and the Remarkables. All in all, this was an extremely enjoyable and worthwhile weekend. Special thanks must be made to Peter McKellar, a Roxburgh orchardist, & to Huey for supplying the goods.

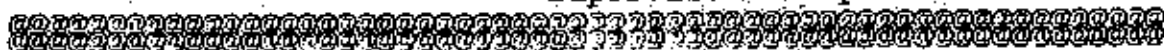
Dave Breen for: Stu Mathieson, Paul Olsen and Wayne Hodgkinson.

3. TO LET TO LET TO LET TO LET TO LET FAR CALL REAL ESTATE M.R.E.I.N.Z

A delightful residence in a lovely sunny location. Constructed by skilled craftsmen on very solid foundations. Beds with built-in pillows. Sleeps 5 comfortably(provided none require a plastic underblanket!). Excellent neighbourhood and situated next to several of the very trendy imitation eskimo abodes. Could do with some tidying up in the front "garden". Possibly a slight elevation of the ceiling wouldn't go amiss.

Don't pass up this tremendous offer. Be in before the spring thaw puts skiing out of your mind.

All enquiries to Bill Needs Supervisor of Operations.



4. PREVIOUS TENANTS OF 'FAR CALL REAL ESTATE'

Why should any able-bodied person grovel into a snow bank for four hours, producing a pile of avalanche debris outside and a cavity six feet wide by twelve feet long inside? Although this may be beyond the comprehension of most rational thinking people, five normally sane people embarked on such a project, on a site in the Old Man Range on the 29th of August 1981.

Stranger still, in the afore mentioned snow bank other people of varying degrees of sanity in three parties were building igloos. The reason was that our particular bank, unlike others in the vicinity had enough drift for a substantial snow cave to be constructed. This particular one scored a 'D' for darkness due to depth, along with the standard 'C' for coldness. The snow cave while providing protection from the elements is also an exciting abode. A rumour was cultivated for Glenys' benefit that the roof was slowly falling in. The most amazing feature was the total insulation and isolation from the outside world. We were able to sleep soundly once the initial problems of space and comfort were sorted out and looking forward to a day of skiing, tramping and fun in the snow.

Alister Metherell for: Bill Needs, Glenys Rankin,
Steve Lewis, Barry Simpson.

5. RANDOM THOUGHTS.....ON SNOWCAVING '81 By Trevor Payton

- ...What hard work it is walking through snow...
- ...The person who advised: it was going to be cold up there don't take shorts, wear longs....
- ...Hitting ground just after you start digging...
- ...How to get snow out of a confined space with a big shovel...
- ...Watching the igloo builders trying to get the last few blocks to stay up...
- ...Just how warm you can be in a snow cave...
- ...The quiet of a snow cave...
- ...The blues and greens of the ice in the sunlit entrance tunnel...
- ...Richard Pettinger's knees on the top of the Old Man Range...
- ...Being passed by skiers as you trudged through the snow...
- ...The Brilliant weather...
- ...Pete McKellar trying to demolish an igloo by standing and jumping on it...
- ...How cold it gets when the sun goes down...
- ...The incredible view from the top of the range.

-Helped by Ian Sime, Chris Barnes
and Peter Stewart.

6. A WEEKEND IN THE WHITE STUFF

After a painfully early start, our bus load of intrepid snowcavers faced the white-stuff slopes with anticipation. Only 2000 feet to climb before we had to start burrowing. We forged on up the hill at a slowly decreasing rate of knots. Just as well it wasn't another 100ft or we would have stopped altogether. After a few excursions into knee or waist deep holes in the snow -these didn't worry Terry in his snowshoes- our party arrived at what looked like the ideal spot for a cave. Shovels appeared and snow began to fly, until we hit the 'brown snow'. we then had to hunt for another ideal spot. Fortunately this time we found one. Our cave was soon under construction, using the unique 3 tunnel method. We were fortunate to have in our party a couple of human digging machines; -Terry and Neville. The left Lawrence and I for dead. In no time at all we had an excellent cave. Sunday meant time for an exploratory wander and a great view of the Garvie Mountains before trudging down that sod of a road to the end of another excellent snowcaving trip.

-David Barnes for Terry Butt, Neville Kennedy
and Lawrence McKay.

QUOTABLE QUOTES UNUSUAL UTTERANCES

From Don Greer at the AGM; "There are very considerable advantages in combining with other bodies."

SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

- September 11th As you will already know, this is the Special General Meeting to present the Financial Accounts.
- 17th AT LAST! Colin Brodie -former club member will talk on his overseas climbing and tramping. Great slides! This'll be the TALK OF THE MONTH! Worth coming to town for.
- 24th ACCIDENT SIMULATION XXX -Try out your First-Aid on some 'real' cases. All the blood and broken bones you ever wanted!
- October 1st BRING YOUR OWN SLIDES -Sift out the shots of grandma and the dog, and bring along all your best photos from your recent winter trips. e.g. R & P, Craigieburn, Snowcaving, X-C.S.

Please remember to pay your 30c at the door each Thursday night and the Club needs the money to pay the rent etc.

NEWS FLASH...NEWS FLASH...NEWS FLASH...NEWS FLASH!!

At it's meeting the OTMC Committee, on Monday 7th, put itself to the vote on the issue of wether or not it's members should be exempt from paying the door fee. The outcome was unanimous; ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MUST PAY THE FEE. Hope that settles the issue with all in the same boat.

There is a list up for Supper Duty every Thursday. Please take your turn. It's not a difficult job and you get to eat the biscuits and poison your fellow club members!

WHO ARE WE ALL THEN...EH?

Your bright, keen, hard-working Social Committee 1981 are:

- Michelle Green Ph.774 834, Jan Hudson Ph.877 163, Jenny Greene Ph. 773 023, Barry Flamank Ph.737 046, Tony Bunting Ph.771 504, Henri Rawlings Ph.877322, and Graham Johnston Ph.36 837.

If you have any bright ideas on what you'd like to have on the Thursday night program, or would like to give a talk yourself come and see anyone of those people above or ring them up.

- Michelle Green, Convenor.

INTERESTING COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.

The following letter arrived quite out of the blue and seemingly from the dream-time. It comes as feedback on the efforts of that small dedicated team mentioned in praise in the Editor's Rave.

Otago Tramping & Mountaineering Club.

To whoever is Secretary.

My sincere apologies for not squaring up this account. As well as this I have a pair of crampons belonging to the club which I will return as soon as possible.

Please convey my greetings to anyone in the club who remembers me. Sorry for any inconveniences caused.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

J. Zoutenbier.

Enclosed in the letter were monies outstanding for trip fares going back a few years! Gee thankyou ever so Jack. We really were suprised to receive your line. Happy Trails friend!

WANTED URGENTLY!
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THE HOCKEN LIBRARY IS LOOKING FOR A SWAG OF MISSING OTMC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. FROM 1948 - 1952.

If you can help in this matter, then please let us know. An important part of our history is not where it should be; in the archives of our nation. -The Committee OTMC.

MINIMUM IMPACT CODE

The aim of this Code is to minimize your impact both on the environment and on other visitors to the area.

- 1. Plan your trip to minimize rubbish: avoid bottles and cans.
2. Pack out what you pack in: carry out all rubbish not completely burnable.
3. Keep to formed tracks where provided, avoid taking short-cuts, or trampling the vegetation alongside the track.
4. Keep party sizes reasonable. Large groups create degrading pressures on the environment, particularly at campsites.
5. Minimize campsite construction: Carry your own tentpoles or use dead wood for poles. Do not cut vegetation for a mattress.
6. Toilet wastes: dig a hole within the top soil layer, well away from open water.
7. Streams and lakes are everyone's water supply. Avoid polluting them with detergent, wash-water and food scraps.
8. Use portable stoves rather than fires. Dead wood is an important part of nature's cycle and is scarce in many places, particularly in sub-alpine areas.
9. If you must use wood fires: Keep small to conserve wood. Use only dead wood. Completely extinguish after use and bury ashes.
10. Activities should be carried out without undue noise or disturbance to others.
11. Do not blaze trees.

REMEMBER:

TAKE NOTHING BUT PHOTOGRAPHS - LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS

NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CALENDAR 1982

Dave Bamford & John Nankervis have again produced an excellent calendar, now on sale. As there aren't enough order forms to go round, those of you who miss out can send \$5.50 to: ALPINE CALENDARS, P.O. BOX 2264 WELLINGTON (Price is for 1 copy & incl. postage)

THE OTMC IDIOT TROPHY

This trophy will be awarded monthly and will be given to the person who on any Club trip shows excellence in the field of pure idiocy & stupidity. The holder must be loud mouthed and totally mindless at all times. He/She must do His/Her utmost to get all Club Members utterly hacked off.

Nominations for this coveted award are to be in the hands of the Editor by the publication deadline of the next Bulletin. Please use the official entry form printed below. The recipient will be judged by majority vote. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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THE OTMC IDIOT TROPHY VOTING FORM

I hereby nominate.....for the coveted title of OTMC Idiot Of The Month.

Name of proposer:.....Date:..../..../..

MEMBERSHIP AND PEOPLE

Henri Rawlings has been co-opted to the Committee as Membership Secretary. Jean Pettinger who was elected to this Committee at the AGM has since resigned from this position. Welcome to the fold Henri, and take care: the Club is literally in your hands! However did you make it through the swing doors last Thursday night with that tonne of folders?

Missing Members: Does anyone know the present addresses of the following; -

Margaret Deane formerly of 197 Ravensbourne Rd. Dn.
David Grant formerly of 17 Blacks Rd. Dn.

New Members:

Ewen Cadzow, c/o Andersons Bay Post Office Dunedin. Ph.43 547.
Steve Lewis, 31 Londen Street Dunedin. Ph.778 214.

A warm and hearty trampers-type welcome to you both, Long may you stride with a pack on your back in the rich enchanting hills....!

Resignation:

The Club accepts with regret the resignation of Mrs Wendy Brasier from our membership. Hers has been a long and fruitful association with our activities.

Clubmember BRUCE MASON expended much energy and dedication in preparing a case for the designation of proposed wilderness status for the Garvie Mnts. This case to present at the F.M.C. Wilderness Conference. The proposal received a cold, rude rejection which left Bruce rather dissipated. Don't give up Bruce, there's support for you enough round here.

The buoyant dial of one BRIAN DAVIES has been absent of late about the place. Reason has been due to a rather nasty accident at work. We're all thinking of you Brian and fervently wish you a steady return to good health. Box on, mate!

@@@@ ADVERTISEMENT @@@@

FOR SALE: 1 x TWO MAN TENT
WELL USED ONLY 30\$\$. Phone Peter Gascoigne 55 435 evns.

QUOTEABLE QUOTES & UNUSUAL UTTERANCES

At the last Committee meeting our noble President was having trouble co-ordinating mind and tongue. Best gem of the conflict came during disc'ssion on a suggested new Membership Catagory. We think he meant to say 'country married members' but all heard this: "...curried weakly members."-or was he refering to the 'spice of life'??

GENERAL NOTICES (For the eyes of Generals only...)

BRING YOUR OWN SLIDE EVENINGS: Please don't wait till the night you walk up to the projector to have a first look at your slides. There is no pleasure in our seeing all your rejects! Slides that aren't in focus, or not exposed properly, or were taken to finish your film off (i.e. photos of the cat, pot plants, motorcars etc.) are not really desirable when there is someone waiting to show some really good photos of recent trips.

BYOS evenings are not very interesting to the new-comers -so please show slides of general interest, preferably edited. If the evenings don't interest people, we shouldn't really continue having them. -Richard P.

END OF THE ISSUE DEPT. Well, that's about it for the month. Hope there is something in here for you. About all that hoo-naa and poppy-cock above -I don't agree with it and intend to ignore most of its edicts. I should elaborate but; -no room. Write to me on this topic for next month.

HAPPY TRAILS, -Jonathan Lewis, Editor OTMC.