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Meetings are held every Thursday night at the Otago Motorcycle Club rooms
3 Clark St at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

AUGUST TRIP PROGRAMME.

- 9-16 Craigieburn ski-weeklucky devils!
 - 16 Flagstaff exploration (E) with Jim Freeman 62 221
 - 21-24 FMC Wilderness Conference, Lake Rotoiti. Ron Keen 62 654
 - 22 OTMC ANNUAL DINNER GARDENS KIOSK (fe) social committee
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 - 23 Silverpeaks Huts Work Party - a great way to recover from the
night before's revelry.
 - 29-30 Snowcaving, Old Man Range (M) Pete McKellar 741 501
There will be a short lecture on how to build snowcaves
and igloos and equipment needed, a Thursday night prior
to the trip.
 - 30 Local Hills Day Trip (E) Mr and Mrs George (Russell & Rosemary)
phone 737 171
- SEPTEMBER
- 6 Poplar Hut- Big Stream- Taioma (M) Peter Mason 775 237

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS.

29 Champion St
St Albans, Chch.

Dear Colin and Andi,

I'm now working and living in Christchurch so I won't be able to see you or my other friends in the OTMC so often now. I don't know if there are any other members of the OTMC in Christchurch at the moment but if so perhaps we could form a Chch section of OTMC. If you or any of the many I know are ever in Chch drop me a line beforehand and come and say hello.

Reg ards
Pud.

Dear Editor(s),

The matter of the monies resting in the transport fund suggests a few thoughts.

- (1) Is the transport fund serving any useful purpose as such?
I think not as it would seem that there is very little support for the concept of club ownership of a vehicle. Most folk are much concerned with such considerations as maintenance, garaging, driving responsibilities and the like. I myself share these views.
- (2) Given existing funds I would suggest that the purchase or building of a permanent home for the club would offer such considerable benefits as to be a virtually unargueable proposition. However, reality is a much harder task-master and the on going problems of fund raising over a long period- paying due regard to the comparatively fast turnover of a high percentage of club membership year by year- makes such a project probably unattainable.
- (3) Is there a resonable alternative? Surely. How about for starters, seeking out and combining with, one or more organisations in a similar position - and there must be many - and pooling reseources to buy or build on a part share basis. Or, perhaps there is a group about who does already own a hall, club rooms or what have you but don't have the funds to refurbish same. How about using our transport fund in such an instance in return for part ownership

This way we get our permanent home and the right to put up our posters etc and others get some injection of both capital and enthusiasm into their own affairs.

Regards,
Don Greer.

Dear Editors,

We are getting sick and tired at your assistance that we write to you and give our opinions about things within the club. Can't you get it through your thick skulls that we (the royal we) are so apathetic that we don't care a damn whether the committee wastes the clubs' hard earned funds on buying some decrepid motor driven rust bucket that is bound to be very expensive to run and other yuk things rather than sensibly investing the cash or using it for other purposes. Can't you understand we have not got time to sit down and write to you, especially on a day like today, when it is far more interesting skiing the silken slopes of far off peaks.

Signed Ann, Nonn, an' Mouse.

Dear Ann, Nonn, an' Mouse,

Apologies for the spelling mistakes but we found your writing hard to decipher - it was obviously scrawled in a great hurry. Thanks anyway for your pathetic effort, with such enthusiasm the club has had it.

See you on those slopes
Eds

Dear Editors,

I am both amused and concerned at a trend in the club when it comes to putting names and preferred grades on trip lists. It appears that no one wants to be put into the slowest party so in a panic most people put their preferred grade as FE. Come on, there is probably only a handful of fit trampers in the club capable of doing a true FE trip, and I am not on of them.((but Reinhold is))

The true FE trip does not mean having a sleep in until 8.30am and an hour for lunch every day. Come on now, come clean. Not only are to many of the club an embarassment and burden to their party but they are also a danger, especaally during winter.

It appears thhat the solution is for people to be honest or for trip leaders to do a bit of vetting when organising parties.

Yours

Keith Hovell

P.S. I enjoyed the section in the last bulletin on wounds and bleeding. A few more articules of that type would be neat.

Dear Keith,

Reinhold tot lly agrees with you. :

T TRIP REPORTS...

Green Hut - Possum Hut.

Even though this was the weekend of the Leaning Lodge socialising, there were seven turned out for the day trip. It was a cold day with a few flakes of snow falling as we left the cars at High Top. The road from Double Hill to High Top was very greasy. I missed the old walk from Double Hill which was my first introduction to the Peaks, Good old days! It was cold and damp to Green Hut but the sun came out there. We had a slippery tramp down to Possum but at least the sun shone. After lunch sitting in the sunshine several energetic people tidied the hut and replenished firewood. Johnathan stopped frequently during the trip and pointed out places of interest to those who were newcomers to the Peaks, in fact he was virtually the trip leader as I left it to him and was lazy. We just beat the drizzle as we came out to the cars. One of the cars slipped into a hole and had to be pushed out with the help of a friendly passerby, and we arrived home early, looking forward to hot baths and hot food.

Jean Pettinger for Jonathan Lewis, Glenys Rankin, Mary Laveal, Vic Simmiss, Peter Gascoigne and Dave Elder.

Day Tripping With A Local Hills Day Tripper On A Local Hills Day Trip...

Sunday July 5th 1981.

If you are keen to get out on day trips then totally ignore the previous days or weeks weather. Huey can be very fickle with his weather.

Anyway fine and sunny dawned the day but only 4 came out to tramp and play. Teehee! Much frozen fluffy white stuff had frosted the Silverpeaks. We could have laid seige to Green Hut by surrounding it with snowmen but we snuck off to Yellow Hut instead. Ash and the others skipped on off up the ridge to try and locate ABC cave. I stayed put to bulge my belly with buckets of boiling brew and to reminisce upon my previous 99 tramping trips.... oh the memories (sigh!) As usual, all too soon the others were back and time then to retrace steps for home, stopping to check out one of the gold mining tunnels at the base of the ridge.

Jonathan Lewis for Ashley Tingle, Peter Gascoigne and David Elder.

Sun 19/7/81

What started as a day trip to link with the Family Group, turned out to be rather a tour of some of Dunedin's water facilities. Four of us left Clark St at 9.15, and by way of the Town Belt and Frasers Gully to Dalziel Rd, reached the Mt Grand Treatment Station by 11. There we were treated to morning tea and a one and a half hour explanation and tour by Trevor Buchanan, a City Council engineer.

We joined 7 of the Family Group and another of our own members at the road junction on the hilltop above for lunch. By 1pm we were off along the Wingatui Track and the down to Scurr's sandpit. From there the Family Group returned to their cars while we five came round into North Taieri Rd up Abbots Hill Rd, and round the pipeline to the southern reservoir.

The day started cool and cloudy but after lunch the breeze dropped and the sky cleared. It was a good tramp, and improved by our contact with the Family Group.

Steve Cathro, Kathryn Dodd, Pam Gibbons, Mignon Pickwell, Ian Sime.

"What do you like doing best in the world, Pooh?"
 "Well," said Pooh, "what I like best..." and then he had to stop and think. Because although Eating Honey was a very good thing to do, there was a moment just before you began to eat it, which was better than when you were, but he didn't know what it was called.

from The House At Pooh Corner.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

NEW MEMBERS: Gay Johnston. c/o Beach Lodge Motels, St Kilda. 55 043

RESIGNATIONS: Colin Sutcliff
 Jenny and Arne Cleland
 Tony Oliver
 John Cook

The following have been STRUCK OFF the list for non payment of subscriptions. Membership will resume only on receipt of all subs owing.

Suzie Allen
 David Ashley

~~Grant Fletcher
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 Graeme and Gillian Crosbie
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 John Cocks
 Margaret Deane
 Laura Gilchrist
 Colin Gillam
 Peter Jackson~~

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