



Monthly News Bulletin

April 2018

Monthly Meet-up April 4th, 7:30 pm, Strathcona Community League

- **Presentation by Jo and Diane Eustace** - "*Cycling through Hills in Germany*". To get you in the mood check out this amazing video of extreme biking, called "One Shot."
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ud5T5I4XcA>
- A vote will be taken during this meet-up to approve the budget for the upcoming 40th year anniversary celebrations.

Executive Report

- A volunteer committee has been created for the 40th anniversary celebration in Jasper; June 1st to 3rd. A group campsite is booked at Marmot Meadows. The cost of camping is \$25 per person for the entire weekend. This cost also includes access to the Vibram Souls show being held at the Jasper Legion on Saturday night.
- **Summer Trips Planning Meeting. Wed, April 18th from 7-9pm:** will be held in the Community Meeting Room at MEC Downtown (11904-104 Avenue). Join us for some summer hiking and backpacking trip planning. All are invited. Have a trip idea but not sure if you are able to lead it? Something on your bucket list? Come and we will help find a leader. We will also have a refresher and Q&A on trip leading, and how to use the club calendar to post trips. Refreshments provided.
- GMMC's ACC Backcountry Hut Booking Procedure has been updated: The Grant MacEwan Mountain Club (GMMC) is a member of the Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) and enjoys member rates for the Canmore Clubhouse, Banff and Lake Louise Alpine Centres, and backcountry huts. On February 1, 2018, the ACC updated its group agreements. To book an ACC backcountry hut for a GMMC trip, trip leaders are suggested to refer to this new procedure, which will be available on the club's website shortly.
- **Environment:** What's So Bad About Cotton? Check:
<http://business-ethics.com/2010/08/07/1438-the-bad-side-of-cotton/>
- **Climbing:** Keep your eye on the GMMC calendar as more theory nights are added. We have a busy summer planned ahead, more details to follow in the upcoming GMMC quarterly newsletter. An entertaining article: "20 Differences Between Indoor and Outdoor Climbing", refer to:
<https://gripped.com/profiles/20-differences-between-indoor-and-outdoor-climbing/>



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- The club is collecting memories and photos for the 40th anniversary, and will publish them in the summer edition of the quarterly newsletter. Please send those to newsletter@gmmc.ca.
- The River Valley Alliance is hosting the second annual EPCOR RiverFest on August 11th (Edmonton) and 12th (Devon and Fort Saskatchewan). <https://epcorriverfest.ca/activities/>
We need volunteers to help represent our club through activities held during this event. If you'd like to volunteer please contact president@gmmc.ca

Important Dates

- Join us at Track N Trail Tuesday, April 3rd, 7:30-9pm for a Club Night with discounts: 20% off on select gear and apparel; 20% off all Petzl product in-store or on any special order items purchased that night (about ten days for delivery to Track N Trail); 20% off on up to 20 Patagonia styles.
- Free Talk: "Trespassing Across America: One Man's 3,000-km Hike along the Keystone XL Pipeline" Wed, March 28th.; It is a free event through MacEwan University but you need to register at: https://www.macewan.ca/wcm/Administrative/OfficeofSustainability/Events//SS_SUST_201_TRESPASSING

Additional Information

- FREE TO GIVE AWAY: 2 Pairs of 'wooden' X-Country skis with 3-pin bindings; and 2 Pairs of 'wooden' X-Country Backcountry skis with Cable Bindings. You can give Gerald a call at 780-720-7797 for further information on the items and, if interested, Gerald can bring them to the next GMMC meet-up.
- Bruce Zawalsky long awaited Survival Book "*Canadian Wilderness Survival*" published, check: <http://boreal.net/books/>
- There is still space on the April 14th trip "Spring Turns at Parker and Hilda Creek". If you are interested please sign up using the waiting list this week.



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Keep those trip reports and pictures coming to newsletter@gmmc.ca.

Thanks to the various club members for their pictures in this edition.