

THE ERSARA CALL OUT



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ERSARA Fundraiser

By Denis Babin

Edmonton Regional SAR held its annual concert and silent auction on November 15, 2008. The fundraiser was held at On the Rocks at 11740 Jasper Ave. Rules of Nine hit the stage at 10pm and put on a great show for the crowd. There were lots of great comments regarding the auction prizes, including the tickets to a Metallica concert and Oilers hockey games.

With the support of On the Rocks, Rules of Nine and family and friends we were able to raise just over \$10,000. Thank-you to all who helped put on a great fundraiser.

If you have any questions or comments about this or other ERSARA fundraising activities, please contact Denis Babin at denis.babin@ersara.com.

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Upcoming Fundraisers

Edmonton Regional SAR has two major fundraisers coming up this spring. Everyone will be needed for these events so please make room on your calendars!!

Please e-mail Dar if you have any questions.

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Edmonton Oilers 50/50 - April 2

Casino Night - July 12 & 13



Mt. Victoria Lake Louise Alberta

3464 m (11,365 ft)

By George Harman

My friend and I just finished climbing Mt. Edith Cavell in Jasper about 3 weeks ago which became a bit of a drama because of the weather. Eating dinner at Earls around midnight we decided that we needed to finally bag Mt. Victoria. I had tried this peak on 6 different occasions and have been weathered-off each time. BUT

Sandy, Howie and I caught the Lake O'Hara bus on August 8th. After a 20 minute ride we hiked into Abbot Hut, 9700+- feet at the continental divide. Weather that day was gorgeous.

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At 0500 on Saturday the 9th, we set out from the hut in, questionable weather, to tackle Mt. Victoria. We had easy scrambling on fairly solid rock then reached the ridge, which is a combination of rock, ice and snow.

There is a loonnngggg drop on either side of the very narrow ridge. We walked this for approximately 3 hours until we reached the summit at noon. The weather started to clang in so we took a few photo's, then booked outta there for the hut. We were hit with the full fury of the mountain at about 1530 hrs.



Horizontal hail, sometimes blowing down and back up, winds gusting to over 100 km, heavy rain, and the worst, lots of thunder and lightening. Howie and I were commenting on the way down that "(she) never lets it be easy". We arrived back at the hut at 1700hrs, soaked and beaten to the bone.

We cooked dinner, quaffed a few dramns of Scotch and told old climbing stories with other visitors to the hut. There was 4 fella's training for their full alpine guides test. Great guys.

We stayed an extra day to lick our wounds and see if we could bag Mt. Lefroy but the weather did'nt cooperate.

We hiked out on Monday the 11th, in lousy weather, drove to The Outpost bar in Lake Louise but it was closed so we had a meal and a beverage at the Rose and Crown in Banff.

All in all a great couple of weeks.

Also to anyone who wants to get a very easy intro and try this I will plan a trip to Bow Hut next year. 3 days. We will try to climb a peak but if we cannot the views to the hut alone are spectacular. The hut holds 31 people and is very comfortable. This time I will post dates, costs, etc well in advance

George M. Harman, CFE
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Committee News

Mohawk/Husky Rebate Cards

Mohawk/Husky rebate cards are a great way to help raise funds for [ERSARA](#). When you fill up or make a purchase at any Mohawk/Husky gas station, 2% of your purchase goes to [ERSARA](#).

The best thing about getting a Mohawk/Husky rebate card is that it does not cost you anything. If you would like a card, please contact Denis Babin at denis.babin@ersara.com and he will send you as many cards as you need.

Program Development Committee

Training Updates

March 14 – 1400H Sherwood Park RCMP

Get to know ERSARA Equipment Day
Come out and learn how to use the generator and tour the new bus!!

Equipment Committee

Why I love ERSARA

By Denis Babin

There are many reasons why I love SAR. I became a member of Edmonton Regional SAR in 1997 and have enjoyed every aspect of SAR since.

The training we have received over the years has included Search and Rescue related courses, Emergency Response and Management courses and Civil Emergency Response. Being involved in SAR has also given me the opportunity to take additional courses that have helped me in my personal life.

There are also all the highly motivated people involved in SAR. This includes members from ERSARA, other SAR groups plus the members from the Edmonton Police Service, the RCMP, National Park Wardens and the people from the Emergency Preparedness Office.

Provincial SAR Conference

April 24-26 at Camp He-Ho-Ha

On behalf of SAR Alberta and hosted by [Parkland SAR](#). For more information, e-mail normanmathew@xplornet.com



"We all work together to help those in need and help families get back to their loved ones."

When there is a Search call out or a Disaster, we all work together to help those in need and help families get back to their loved ones.

Working with all these different organizations is a wonderful experience and that is why I stay involved in Search and Rescue.

Another reason I love Search and Rescue, I get to wear nice bright orange pants.

Denis Babin
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Backcountry Gourmet

Mushroom–Asiago Veggie Burgers

- 1 cup Nature's Burger veggie burger mix (6 oz.)
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 large cremini mushrooms
- 1/2 cup grated Asiago cheese
- Olive oil (optional)
- 4 large burger buns
- Condiments, such as mayo, ketchup, mustard, lettuce, onion, and tomato

At Home Pack buns in your cook pot or a smash proof plastic container. Do not dice or wash mushrooms, as this can accelerate spoilage.

In Camp Place burger mix in a heat-safe bowl. Add boiling water, stir and let stand for 10-15 minutes or until mixture is cooled and set. Dice mushrooms and work into mix along with cheese. Form into four patties. Pan-fry in a non-stick skillet (with olive oil, if using). Fry each side until browned and burger is cooked through. Add bun and fixings. Serves 4.



Sincerely,

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