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Fri Jul 22 to Sat Jul 23, 2016

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader: **Petra Strougal**

The members met at my house, we signed the paperwork, collected the \$ for T.W., did the truck pooling thing, and we were off to the East Fork Main Line, around Comox Lake. The cross ditches seemed less deep this year, so they were easy to get thru. At the end of the road, we then picked out spots for the tents and got set up and ready for the early morning.

We got up just after 5 am, to a very foggy or low cloud ceiling. We could not see very far. We had breakfast, packed up and headed out by 6:40 am. We agreed to go as far as the Castlecrag junction and see what the clouds were doing by then. On our way up we ran into 3 guys who started at 3:30 am from Raven Lodge, and did Mt. A. Edward and were going around to Moat Lake and out in a day. They said the weather was clear in the early am, up higher. We could see the weather was good to keep going.

With the clouds holding off, we made it to the summit of Mt. Albert Edward by 11:45 am. A 6.32 kms hike from our trucks. The clouds were all around us, so we did not see Mt. Washington or any distance mountains. On this hour, we had the whole summit to ourselves !! We left at 12:55 pm, going back the same route as we came up. We stopped at 1:40 pm for a water break and mini rest.

We made it back over the shoulder of Mt. Frink and down towards Castlecrag Mtn. 4 members went up to the Castlecrag summit, and the 3 other members stayed at the trail junction to wait for them. We left there at 4:25 pm and were back at the trucks by 5:35 pm. Having a cold drink of pop or fruit juice, change of footwear, put our gear into the trucks, we were heading back down the road by 6 pm.

All in all , another great day in the mountains. Thanks to the members who signed up for this hike.

Our starting elevation was 1, 200 meters.

Top of Mt. Albert Edward is 2, 095 meters ( round it up to 100m.)

Elevation gain and loss of 1,100 meters.

40 kms of driving one way on logging roads.



*George V Mountain with low cloud.*  
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*Ptarmigan eggs, 5 made it and 1 did not.*  
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*At the summit, with Jim looking back down the ridge.*  
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*The summit shot.*  
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*Petra hiking up with the cloud all around.*  
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*Mom Ptarmigan to the right of the big rock.*  
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*Up we go, back towards Mt. Frink  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]*



*Starting off in the morning, in the fog/cloud.  
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*We had to be careful while descending steep slopes*  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]



*Ken and Tony, looking towards the summit of Mt. Albert  
Edward.*  
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*The sign says it all.....Joe says "just joking", not for real.  
[Ken Rodonets photo]*



*Majestic Albert Edward Mt. Still quite farawy to the  
summit.  
[Lubosh Kloucek photo]*

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