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Vancouver Island Spine Trail Relay (event)

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Tue Jun 15, 2010 Leader: **Bob St.John**

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Cumberland Community Rally: CDMC members comprised the majority of those who turned out in support of the Vancouver Island Spine Trail Association (VISTA) rally on Tuesday, June 15 at the Cumberland Recreation Hall. CDMC members William, Tim, Karl, Stella, Valerie, and I heard Gil Parker and Andrew Pape-Salmon give an update on the current relay from Cape Scott to Victoria. It's a big job they have taken on, but one that will benefit communities like Cumberland if the trail becomes successful like the Pacific Crest or West Coast Trails.

After the rally, most of us went on a very informative walk on community trails west of Cumberland, visiting old coal shows, and the remains of Chinatown. A lot of history in our backyard, brought to life by our excellent guide Gwyn Sproule. We later enjoyed lunch in Cumberland.

You can read about the relay on <u>Andrews blog</u>, and view photos of the <u>historical</u> walk in Cumberland.

Beaufort Relay Section: The section from Mt. Clifton over the Beaufort Range to Port Alberni has been postponed to September because of the still considerable snow pack. VISTA hopes that the CDMC will adopt this section of the Trail. Lets hope we get a good turnout in September for this scenic backpack! (Bob St. John)



group photo before the walk
[Andrew Pape-Salmon photo]

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