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Thu Sep 06, 2012

Leader: **Chris Carter**

Co-Leader:

27 of us set out to fulfill my goal of celebrating my 80th. birthday on the ridge above Croteau Lake. The weather could not have been better ! Bill Brown joined us for lunch having made his own way to the Ridge. Doubtless by one of Bills bushwhacking routes. We iced the cakes Mary had cooked and with some basic geometry managed to carve the cake into an appropriate number of pieces. Candles were lit and blown out without too many burned fingers. It was a jolly day with lots of laughs and good companionship.

Many, many thanks to all who came along and made it such a special hike.

Chris

I hope others will add suitable photos !

Bill Brown led 2 of us on an alternate return from Battleship Lake to the Raven Lodge via the old Dove Creek Trail, or what remains of it. The trail is well defined in the forest, but becomes harder to spot in the cut blocks. Lots of blueberries slowed us down a bit too! We returned up the full length of Paradise Meadows, arriving at the vehicles just a little after the main group had left. Thanks Bill! (Bob)



*Pre[paring the cakes. Photo by
Don Deese
[Chris Carter photo]*



*Chris busy icing his own cake
[Carol Hunter photo]*



*Enjoying cake and brownies
[Carol Hunter photo]*



Pam presents Chris

*with a lifetime
membership
[Carol Hunter photo]*



*Gathering at the lake before
hiking up to the ridge
[Carol Hunter photo]*



*The alternate route back with
Bill Brown
[Carol Hunter photo]*

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