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Sat Mar 26, 2011

 Leader: **Bob St.John**

Co-Leader:

This trip turned out to be a pleasant surprise with a good workout, excellent views, fun bum sliding, cooperative weather, and great company!

Nine members forming a strong party allowed us to change the destination to a sub-peak of Mt Menzies further north of our original destination. Starting at the trailhead at 9:15, we reached the first snow 45 minutes later. Continuing on up with snowshoes, we had some interesting mini-canyons to negotiate where side streams cut across the road. The snow depth on the road varied from a couple of feet to what seemed to be 15 feet or more, depending on surrounding forest cover.

At the junction where a logging road spur headed up to the south summit, we all decided to make the trip longer by following a route Tim had gps'ed a year earlier on Pal Horvath's trip. The new route followed an old road on the plateau, with two peaks coming into view. We decided the one furthest north looked the most inviting, with its snow blasted summit glistening in the sun.

Yes, sun... we had the best weather one could hope for this day, with dark clouds staying just to the west, and blue skies appearing above and to the east. Up we went, and soon were on the summit by 1:00. The trees on top were sculpted into fantasy forms by recent wind and snow. Great views were had of Georgia Straight and the Coast Range Mountains. To the north, about an hour's hike away, was the true summit of Mt Menzies, crowned with a black communications tower. It was not much higher than our peak, and several of us thought it would be a worthy objective on another trip.

After much picture taking, and exploring the various bumps on the summit, we enjoyed some great bum sliding on the way back down from the peak. Our return trip went by quickly, with us arriving at the cars by 4:15. A stop at a DQ in Campbell River satisfied the sugar cravings of some participants, with a dinner at the Avenue Bistro rounding out the day.

Thanks everyone for your great company, and to Tim for suggesting and leading the extended section of the trip! (Bob)

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*GPS route map*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*This is where the road ends and  
the snow starts*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Tim & Geoff*  
[Len Wells photo]



*Snow Monsters*  
[Len Wells photo]



*Len, Geoff and Linda heading  
towards the summit*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Carol at the altar of the snow  
gods*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Panorama taken at our lunch  
stop*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Posing on the summit*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Summit looking to North Shore*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]

*The Ghost of Menzies*  
[Geoff Brameld photo]

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