

The Edge

Monthly Newsletter

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Blair Suffredine Visits The Edge

On Saturday afternoon Blair Suffredine found the time to come visit us at The Edge and sit down at one of our computers to go on line. He also found the time for Perry Jones to show him the CDC project and was in fact, very impressed with what we have accomplished and what we still have to come.

—Christina Hilborne



Internet Service Provider

The Edgewood Community Internet Society (ECIS) has applied to the Columbia Mountain Open Network (CMON) to become a broadband Internet Service Provider (ISP) in the Edgewood and Inonoaklin Valley area. The CMON initiative promises to bring high-speed Internet to communities throughout the southern interior of British Columbia. It has backing from the provincial government, and the Kootenay Association for Science and Technology. ECIS operates the Community Access Program in Edgewood, known as "The Edge", and also manages the KootenArrow Network, which coordinates the CAP program for a large majority of the southern interior area. If ECIS becomes an ISP, they will be able to provide high-speed Internet access to the citizens of the community, and run their own Internet services from inside the network. This would give web hosting opportunities, advanced e-mail service, as well as many other services that would be beneficial to the local communities, and conducive to a vibrant "connected" economy. —Tim Totten

Identification Party!

These past few months at *The Edge* people have been working hard, gathering old photographs from helpful Edgewoodites. Some of these photos are a complete mystery even to their owners, so we are inviting all who feel like coming in, to help try to identify these mysterious pictures! Refreshments and snacks will be present to reward this hard work, so please come visit us June 17, at 1 PM! We look forward to your input! —Jennie Jones

KAN Road Tour: Trout to Sheep

With KootenArrow Network's ever shifting size and boundaries, we have found it is important to keep up network morale and do site visits. This last month, two specific sites were visited. The first to be visited (and set up) was Meadow Creek. Along the way, many pictures of the shy Gerrard Trout tails were taken on our way to the excited citizens of Meadow Creek (there were children loitering outside the hall waiting for the computers to be set up). The next leg of the road tour focused on Radium Hot Springs, their CAP site has been running for a little while now, but the excitement in that town has not died down. A full log book and donation box were met with there, as well as a charming herd of Big Horn Sheep lounging about outside the site. Congratulations to Meadow Creek and Radium Hot Springs on a job well done! —Jennie Jones



MP Visits The Edge!

In a continuation of governmental visits for the month of May, *The Edge* welcomed a visit from our district's MP, Jim Abbott. He arrived early Tuesday the 25th of May, and stayed for coffee, and a tour of the site. Not only was Mr. Abbott impressed with our project history, the studio, and the amount of work put into the site, but he also enjoyed looking at our newest taste of history; the Virtual Museum. A special thanks goes out to those who helped set up the visit, and those who furnished *The Edge* with cream and coffee!



Jennie Jones, Perry Jones, Howard Maxson, Jean Bassett, Tim Totten, Karen Gaudet, Jim Abbott, Christina Hilborne

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