

# **South Canterbury Section**

**P O Box 368**

**Timaru**



## **March 2010 Newsletter**

### **March Section Meeting**

**Peter Cammell**

**How to do lots of climbing successfully from an Auckland base  
Success on Tutoko, GT of Cook, Yosemite and North rib of Hicks  
Where the NZAC is heading in the next few years**

**Thursday the 25th of March at 8pm.**

**Police Social Room, North Street.**

**(Top floor of the Police station, access via back door adjacent to the  
vehicle entrance on North Street)**

# Peter Cammell Climbing Bio

Peter is the President of the NZAC.

He began climbing actively 35 years ago, cutting his teeth at the Quarry and on Mt Ruapehu.

His first trip to the Alps in 1980 was successful through a combination of luck and determination. Once he had acquired the necessary survival skills on the Fox, at Arthur's Pass and the Nelson Lakes, the Mt Cook region in winter, with its' high mountains, steep terrain and extreme cold became his preferred destination. During many winter trips to the Hooker valley, Peter climbed multiple routes on Mt Cook, Dampier and the South Face of Hicks.

(1<sup>st</sup> winter ascents of:

- White Dreams South Face Mt Cook
- Central Buttress Gully of Sheila face Mt Cook
- Maori Route on Mt Dampier
- 2<sup>nd</sup> winter ascent The Curver on Mt Hicks)

Peter has climbed Mt Cook by 10 routes.

Peter, with Kim Logan climbed in the winter Darrans

- 2<sup>nd</sup> ascents of Cul-de-sac and JC Crack on Talbot
- 1<sup>st</sup> ascent (winter) of 'Tiki Tour' on the South Face of Marian.

He has also climbed Mt Tasman 4 times including the Balfour in winter from Plateau(2004), and had many trips to the head of the Fox and Franz to climb and ski-tour.

During his three year OE, Peter climbed in East Africa, summiting many mountains in the Ruwenzori, as well as Kilimanjaro (Heim Glacier) and Mt Kenya (Diamond Buttress).

He also climbed in the Alps in both summer and winter. Notable climbs include Walker Spur, Dru, North face Aiguilles de Plan, Gervasutti Pillar Mt Blanc and North face Droites winter.

Peter has visited the Himalayas to climb, a number of times.

- 1<sup>st</sup> ascent of PanchChuli 1V in 1995
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ascent north face Kusum Kanguru 1991
- unsuccessful attempt on Namla Karpo in eastern Tibet 1999.

In 2007 he climbed the North Face of Half Dome and attempted The Nose on El Capitan in Yosemite, California.

His climbing in New Zealand of late has been extensive with ascents of Tutoko SE Ridge, Sabre North Buttress, D'Archiac winter, Mt Pembroke, Hicks North rib, Nazomi and last week a West Ridge GT of Mt Cook.

## **European Hut Fee Discount Stickers**

As the first 25 European Hut Fee Stickers sold out, we are buying in a further 20. The stickers attach to the back of your NZAC membership card and entitle you to pay only member rates at huts managed by the Swiss, Austrian, French, Italian and German Alpine Clubs, and the Spanish Mountaineering Federation. Tickets are valid for the 2010 calendar year and can be prepaid - \$100 each (no holds). Please contact Margaret at National office to purchase.

Note re previous notices about damaged books – all now sold out apart from the Ebenezer Teichelmann's that can still be ordered online



# Assistance Required

2183A Simson St,  
Christchurch 8024  
8th Feb. 2010

The Secretary NZ Alpine Club.  
This is an unofficial plea for help in conjunction  
with your normal activities

You may remember Ryan Moynihan flying a red and white  
Cessna 180 ZK FMP vanished on a return flight from West  
Melton to Waitoto River - 15 nautical miles SW of Heast -  
on 8th Nov. 1997.

Karyll Sherwin the Auckland rescue pilot who found  
the Erecg helicopter has devoted many hours working and  
re-working the Cessna's track and invariably comes up with  
Mt. Peel

This unofficial request is to ask you to be on the  
look-out for the aircraft - of course - but failing that one of  
several clues listed in the attached.

A real concern is that someone may have seen, or  
will see, something "out of place" and not realise its significance

With thanks

Stan W. Harris

Of course you may not be the right people to contact so if  
you know of persons or clubs more relevant please let me  
know

Our phone 03 980 2681 or as above

Thank you

Stan Harris

The Direct to line runs between Mt Peel 5718 feet and Middle Mt Peel 5196 feet, the last radar position is 3.1 kms away in the basin on the north eastern side of Mt Peel. Because the aircraft disappeared off radar within the basin I believe the aircraft has collided with the terrain very close to where the radar plot has ended. The area was never searched because the information from the radar plots only became available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> days of the search. Because of the witnesses' reported sightings and the hearing of an aircraft, the search was concentrated in those areas of the witnesses' reports.

**The North Eastern basin of Mount Peel was never searched.**

Ryan's red and white Cessna 180 ZK:FMQ was never **positively** identified by anyone.

### Cargo carried

**The cargo carried at the time of the disappearance was believed to be:**

1. A two cartons containing plastic pottles which whitebait is packaged into.  
(See page 7)
2. A stack of plastic buckets and 4 to 8 plastic baskets.
3. Carton of vegetables.
4. There was a possibility that 3 or 4 red 20 litre jerry cans of aviation fuel were being carried. It could not be confirmed that this was the case. ( see page 7)

### To the searchers:

During the search of the Mt Peel basin it is very important to look for anything that would seem to be out of **Place**, such as bottle tops, broken bottles, glass, plastic containers, pieces of paper or metal. etc

Any area where the vegetation seems to be different from the surrounding vegetation, it may have been burnt and re-grown or a bare patch of soil that has died off because of avgas contamination.

I have included some photographs of aircraft that have gone missing in N.Z and that have been found at a later date. (See pages 8 -11)

The search of this area is a one shot deal, your vigilance and skills will be very much put to the tested. With an ounce of luck, Ryan's disappearance may be solved this weekend.

## Howdi

Please excuse this block email- im putting out a mass appeal to everyone I know for votes for the 'Toyota I Believe Award'. Im one of three finalists and the winner of the three thousand dollars is the finalist with the most e-votes by early April.

I put in an application to fund my expedition in Sept to make the first ascent of Jankuth, Northern India. Tried this mountain in 2004 with Marty Beare and some Brits. This time im the only Kiwi on a British expedition but really want to have another go at the peak. But as usual, raising the funds takes a huge effort.

You can read more about the expedition and the other finalists on:

<http://www.believe.co.nz/toyota-believes/scholarships>

This site will also tell you how to vote- its very simple, just a click of a button. Id also appreciate if you would forward this on to other climbers or people you know who might sympathise with my cause and who might also give me a vote. The competition is rather daunting.

Unfortunately the expedition is slightly conditional for me at the moment- I took a fall rock climbing last weekend and have a spinal fracture and am looking at 6 weeks in a back brace recuperating. But im sure I can recover and pull the climb off.

Many thanks in anticipation for our vote...Pat Devoll

## **DVD and Video Lending from the NZAC National Office**

We are trialing a new lending system for a growing collection of DVDs (and a few old videos) we have in our collection.

Items may be lent for a refundable bond of \$10 each and for an extra non-refundable \$10 we can courier items to you and include a return courier package.

The list is quite small at the moment, but we hope to purchase more DVDs as funds are raised from Movie Nights held in the National Office from time to time.

For a complete list please see this website page, under the Activities header:

[https://alpineclub.org.nz/activities/DVD\\_Video\\_lending](https://alpineclub.org.nz/activities/DVD_Video_lending)

Contact Margaret at the National Office for lending enquiries.

## **Access Opened Up - Evans Pass Crag**

Thanks to negotiations with the Port of Lyttelton Company by Club member, Michael Blaxall, climbers will now have access to this crag, which has been off-limits for many years.

Access may be limited at times during March whilst some blasting work takes place and we hope to have these dates posted on our homepage as soon as they are provided.

Further information on this crag can be found in the Port Hills Climbing guide (pages 42-46), available for purchase online here: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/product/port-hills-climbing>

## **For Sale – The Climber mags**

Please contact Byron Skinner if you are interested in purchasing the following Climber mags (\$30 lot, or \$1 each)  
phone: 03 354 9490  
Issues: 15-35; 42; 48-55; 59 – (postage extra)

## **Mt Olympus 2010 Ski Season**

Mt Olympus 2010 Ski Season ~ late June to November  
To follow in the snowy footsteps of last year's exceptional team, we are looking for staff with outstanding personalities:

- Snow Safety Manager with AVO 2 +
- Chef for meal planning co-ordination of prep and hut duties
- Admin/Canteen Manager with computer and retail skills, general hut duties
- Ski Instructor and entertainment officer
- Staff and Field Manager / Boss with AVO 1+ , mechanically minded with excellent people skills

Applications to [jobs@mtolympus.co.nz](mailto:jobs@mtolympus.co.nz)

## **For Hire**

The section has ice axes, crampons, snow shovels, avalanche transceivers, snowshoes, snow stakes and now, a second Personal Locator Beacon for hire. Contact Gary Brehaut (03) 688 9399

## **New NZAC Webpage -In Memoriam**

As the current NZAC Journal index only goes up to 1987, an ongoing obituary index has been created covering from 1988 until the present day.

These articles have been a valuable resource not only as a memorial to our members, but as a record of their contributions to climbing in New Zealand.

The following page can be found under the 'History' header on the Club's website: <http://alpineclub.org.nz/history/memoriam-obituaries>

And here's another new webpage on NZers who have made successful ascents of Mt Everest:

<http://alpineclub.org.nz/history/Everest-ascents-by-New-Zealanders>

## **Check your mountain conditions**

[www.avalanche.net.nz](http://www.avalanche.net.nz)

[www.metvuw.com](http://www.metvuw.com)

[www.metservice.co.nz](http://www.metservice.co.nz)

## EVENTS

Section Meeting	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Police Club
Committee Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> April	Nick Wall
Mt Evans or Whitcombe days	T.B.A	Syd Woods
Paparoas – northern section traverse/sea cliff climbing/caving	T.B.A	Nick Wall
Avalanche Transceiver Refresher course evening only	T.B.A	Gary Brehaut
Canyoning training trip, Mt Somers	T.B.A	Nick Wall
Canyoning trip, Wilson Gully Haast Pass	T.B.A	Nick Wall

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