

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual ARMA Mountain Pacific Summit

It was a dark and stormy night in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada when we met. The old homestead was just waiting for us; empty and waiting. The 102 year old house had been moved to this site 2 years previously. Who knew what was at the site before Mission Creek Country Inn landed there; we think the house had ghosts. The Team (or what would become a team before the end of the weekend) entered the home and began introductions. Some of them were old friends and now some are new friends, but all of them are ARMA Board Members from the Mountain Pacific Region of ARMA Canada.



There is something almost magical that happens when 10 marvelous and talented people who share a goal get together. That goal is to make your Chapter the best that it can be. When that is accomplished your Region just naturally gets stronger. But we took that a little further; we created several joint ventures for our 3 Chapters; Vancouver Island, Vancouver and Calgary. Our 3 Chapters are geographically and fundamentally different but with our members in mind, we can't go wrong.

So here was the plan for the weekend. We met at the old homestead Friday evening for a meet and greet; we almost missed it due to the rainy night & poor signage. Most of us bunked here as there was enough room to accommodate all of us. Kelowna is Wine Country and you know how the saying goes; when in Rome.



The members that attended were: Anne Rathbone, Barbara Bellamy, Dierdre Bradshaw, Joane MacQueen, Jon Weston, Ken LaPointe, Ken Oldenburger, Margaret Russell, Pierrette Hodnett, and Zena Kimmel.

**Saturday was devoted to a very ambitious agenda that included the following items:**

- Welcome and Chapter Updates (boy.... do our Chapters Shine!!!)
- When will we hold another Whining About Records Conference
- 2012 Canada Conference update
- Communications plan for the Region's Chapters
- Marketing our Spectacular Region
- Budgeting @ the Chapter level
- Succession plans for boards
- ARMA Canada update
- ARMA International update
- Grants, Sessions of Month
- ARMA International Educational Fund
- And numerous other topics
- Wine Tasting at Spierhead Winery, just up the road



Saturday was jammed packed with great ideas for the 3 Chapters involved in the Region. One example may be a joint bursary or scholarship for the Mountain Pacific Members. We will be having regular conference calls. Data sharing, whether through our websites, newsletters, emails or conference calls that will help to strengthen our relationships as well as our Chapters. In turn, our Members benefit from this relationship through increased knowledge and a broader spectrum of learning material.

On Sunday we met for a light breakfast and started to disperse with promises to continue the excellent work that had been started under the guidance of Dierdre Bradshaw, our Region Coordinator.

**Article submitted by Barb Bellamy, Calgary Chapter President**  
**Photos courtesy of Ken LaPointe, – Calgary Chapter Archivist**

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**“It was a very fast paced and highly productive 'power' summit meeting of like minded professionals working towards a common goal. The friendships and social activities were a treasured bonus. The setting was a unique 100 year old B&B nestled in the Kelowna wine growing hills, complete with resident "spirits".” – Ken LaPointe – Calgary Chapter Archivist**

**“Thank you so much to all of you for making me so welcome and being so considerate (leg and birds). The weekend was truly productive and enjoyable and you are all “marvelous and talented people” really pleased to have met you.” - Pierrette Hodnett - Vancouver Chapter President-elect**



**Left to right: Ken O., Dierdre, Anne, Barb, Zena, & Jon**

**“Thank you to the Calgary chapter who provided the accommodation and meeting place and to ARMA Canada for Saturday’s breakfast & lunch. And a BIG thanks to all these volunteers who gave up a weekend to make this dream a reality.” – Dierdre Bradshaw – Mountain Pacific Region Coordinator, ARMA Canada**

**“Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for a most enjoyable and productive weekend, with a lot of fun and joking thrown in for good measure. For sure, friendships continued only more special from a personal point of view, and new friendships were started. Thank you so much Barb, for as always rising to the occasion of writing an article (and so well done!) that when people ask we can enlarge upon with great warmth and humour.” - Zena Kimmel - Calgary Chapter, Public Relations & Marketing**