



Murray Anderson 1919–2010

by Becky Cousins (Chinook Outdoor Club) and Klaus Jericho (CCWC)

Editor's note: Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition lost one of its earliest members and past Board member this past May at the age of 90: Murray Anderson. CCWC was not only lucky enough to receive Murray's photo library but Murray very kindly named us as one of the many charitable beneficiaries in his will. We thank Murray and hope you will enjoy a little insight into his life:

Murray Anderson November 15, 1919 to May 10, 2010. Murray was born in Saskatoon, SK on November 15, 1919, and grew up on the family farm near the community of Plunkett, 100 km east of Saskatoon. Murray's mother died of cancer when he was just six years old, and his father never remarried. He had one brother six years older who is now deceased. Murray's life on the farm had no frills and it involved much hard work. Murray recalled, as the youngest of the family, being stuck with some very unpleasant chores, such as cleaning out the fox cages during the time that they raised foxes for the fur market. He also told of skiing to school on homemade skis in the winter, and of riding one of the farm work horses to school in the snow free months.

Murray graduated from high school and then attended Normal School for teacher training. Subsequently he taught for two years in rural one roomed schools, and very much enjoyed this experience. In 1941 he was drafted into the army and became a wireless operator. He spent two years in Victoria, BC intercepting Japanese wireless messages, another two years instructing wireless operators, then finally finished the war in northern Australia.

Murray returned to Canada in 1946 and eventually attended university in Saskatoon, majoring in physics. Upon graduating he made his way to Ottawa and after a few years began working for Atomic Energy of Canada in the Commercial Products Division, a position that he held for the next 25 years. He specialized in designing shielding for gamma radiation equipment used in industries and in hospitals.

While living in Ottawa, Murray traveled in Europe and also regularly participated in a number of outdoor activities including canoe trips, sailboat racing, cross country and

downhill skiing. At one point Murray heard about an upcoming Alpine Club of Canada trip to Baffin Island. In order to be qualified to go he joined the ACC and participated in his first General Mountaineering camp in the Rockies. After that he was bitten with the mountaineering bug and took part in many summer climbing camps as well as winter ski camps. He even skied the North Face of The President in Little Yoho!

Murray retired in 1979, and then in 1982 chose to move to Lethbridge. He immediately joined the Chinook Outdoor Club and became a regular participant in summer and winter activities. He bought a home, and single-handedly, totally remodelled the basement, building storage areas for his outdoor gear, his tools, as well as a darkroom to accommodate his lifelong love of photography, and a woodworking area for his newly acquired hobby of "wood turning" (using a lathe). He joined the local photography club and curled with the local seniors, and he was also active with McKillop United Church men's group.

Murray lived his life with the belief that he was never too old to take on new activities, to learn new skills, or to follow new interests. In his late sixties Murray learned how to telemark ski, and he became so good at it that he could go back and forth between telemark turns and parallel turns using his telemark gear. Murray continued to take various backpacking and backcountry skiing trips with the Alpine Club and with the University of Calgary recreation department well into his seventies and early eighties. He also joined the U of C for an excursion to New Zealand and he made two polar bear photography expeditions to Churchill, MB. Murray loved the freedom of jumping into his van, which he had camperized himself, and heading off to the mountains for a day or much longer to explore and take photographs. As well as becoming highly familiar with Waterton Park and with the Castle River drainage area, he made many road trips to Banff and Jasper, to BC and the Yukon, and to the south western US. In his later years he also began teaching woodworking at the Lethbridge Seniors' Centre.

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Upcoming Meeting

Members are welcome at directors meetings.
 Contact the office to be put on the notification list.

Membership

Note the CanadaHelps button on the website for donations by credit card—and thanks to those who have used it already!

Newsletter

Editor: Carolyn Aspeslet.

This newsletter welcomes comments and/or submissions from members and others. Please send submissions by mail or e-mail to the office. Please check with the office for submission deadlines.

The opinions, evaluations, claims and assertions contained in articles appearing in the Castle Wilderness News are the responsibility of their authors, and may not reflect the policies of the Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition. The office takes responsibility for articles, notices, etc., for which an author is not identified.

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*Donations to CCWC are tax creditable
and greatly appreciated.*

*Alberta's new Community Spirit Program
means that both you and CCWC will benefit
more from your contributions.*



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Murray was an early member of the Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition. A few months after its formation in October, 1990, Murray became a Director of the CCWC. He remained an active member throughout the '90s. Murray's insights, conservation concerns and thoughtfulness were much needed in the difficult early years of the CCWC. His carefully worded contributions were essential for purpose definition of the CCWC. It was the mark of a wise man to listen to him.

Murray brought the essential qualities of skilful outdoor exploration, attention to technical details and love for photography to the communication of the value of the Castle watershed to society. He used his vehicle and camera collection extensively in this cause. He essentially single-handedly created the original CCWC slide collection and its catalogue. He camped and hiked, frequently alone, into any part of the Watershed to capture its attributes. His attention to detail took him to the same site many times, just to catch the moon in the right place. He wanted to show the Castle watershed to Albertans and that we need to take care in its use. His mountaineering and photography skills are captured in the CCWC slide collection. Murray was a conservationist in honour of Nature.

When deteriorating eyesight robbed Murray of his driver's license a few years ago, he found it very difficult to lose the freedom of driving, however he didn't become bitter or depressed, but soldiered on in his usual practical and uncomplaining manner and became an expert at using the Calgary and Lethbridge transit systems. Murray was a natural teacher and was always very encouraging of others. Murray lived his private life alone. He was a very positive, thoughtful, and independent individual who held high moral standards. •



Upcoming Events

Forestry Management & Logging a Community Conversation

December 7, 2010 at the Heritage Inn Pincher Creek, AB
 6:00 PM Poster Session, 7:00 PM Presentations, 8:30 PM
 Moderated Question & Answer Session. Hosted by: Southern
 Alberta Sustainable Community Initiative (SASCI)

Winter Speaker Series

Watch for information on the web site for our upcoming Winter Speaker Series. If you have presentation you would like to give or something you would like to know more about let us know and we will do our best to set it up.

Stop Castle Logging

Watch the web site and your email for updates on Stop Castle Logging or visit www.stopcastlelogging.org



Castle Special Place Citizen's Initiative

With grant funding from Yellowstone to Yukon, CCWC in partnership with CPAWS and Sierra Club Canada has published a new brochure and poster on behalf of the Castle Special Place working group. Our thanks go out to Y2Y for believing in our concept and the grant to make this possible.

Many people from the Castle Special Place working group were involved in the creation and development of the brochure and poster and we would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. A big thanks to Dianne Pachal of Sierra Club Canada for her time spent on compiling the information and data entry, circulating it to the communications committee, making necessary changes, technical work on maps and coordination of proofing. We thank Sarah Elmeligi of Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society for supplying us with the final maps for the project. We would also like to thank Murray Coppold for all his hard work and volunteer time to format the information into a beautiful pamphlet. Global Resource Efficiency did a great job in creation of the poster and we thank Chris and Will for their volunteer time and a great poster (see page 4). These are both downloadable from www.cwc.ab.ca or www.castlespecialplace.ca. If you have some time to help distribute the pamphlets and posters in your area please contact Carolyn Aspeslet at 403 627 5059 email: office@ccwc.ab.ca or Dianne Pachal 403 234 7368, email: dpachal@telus.net.

ERCB Hearing—Waterton 68

The hearing for the Waterton 68 applications began on October 19. The original schedule for the hearing was three weeks however the ERCB advised us on the first day that they planned to have the hearing completed within two weeks. This led to two gruelling weeks with the hearing sitting as late as 11:45 PM on one night. Three groups of interveners were represented by legal counsel, one by an environmental consultant and several people presented on their own. Shell's presentation was lengthy and highly technical with a consistent statement of "in the unlikely event of an incident we would have hours if not days"; those who live in the area know firsthand that incidents happen without notice. When interveners told their stories of incidents that have happened and what it is like to live in an area with sour gas wells and pipelines it was highly emotional and very compelling. Our experts told of their findings and gave their recommendations. All in all I believe that CCWC, the other groups, individual interveners, and all the experts gave a valid argument to deny these applications. It is now in the hands of the ERCB Panel to make their decision. The decision should be announced by the end of January or the first part of February. The hearing for the Castle River applications will begin sometime in April.

Give a Membership for Christmas

A CCWC Membership is a great Christmas gift! Or give a CCWC T-shirt, \$20, an Andy Russell video *Bear Country* \$15, or Rob Kershaw's *Exploring the Castle* book, \$26.95 or for members the special price of \$20. We also have a limited number of Robert Bateman *Get to Know* calendars \$12.95. Memberships help us to offset the costs of the hiking program the newsletter and speaker presentations. You can also make a donation on behalf of yourself or as a gift in the name of a friend. All donations receive a charitable tax receipt. As an organization that relies on that vibrant giving spirit to carry out our important work, the Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition would like you to know about a new program that could make it even more worthwhile to support your favourite non-profit charitable organization.

The Community Spirit Program.

If you make a donation to a Canada Revenue Agency-registered charity, you will receive a non-refundable charitable tax credit when you complete your annual income tax return. When the provincial and federal charitable tax credits are combined, Albertans receive a 50 per cent non-refundable tax credit for every dollar donated over \$200.

For example, if you donate a total of \$500 to four or five charities over the year, you will receive a combined federal and provincial charitable tax credit of \$200. As a result of the charitable tax credit, we hope you will consider donating more to your favourite charities.

More support from you also means there is a greater opportunity for CCWC to obtain a provincial grant to support our work in the Castle. The donation grant component of the Community Spirit Program allows our organization to apply for a grant based on the amount of money donated by individuals over a 12-month period. The more donations received, the better chance we have of receiving a grant to support our operations, as well as the delivery of programs and services.

Your donation counts! Through your support you are helping to support restoration and awareness for long term protection of the Castle Special Place.

For more information, please call Carolyn at 403 627 5059. For information on the Community Spirit Program, please visit: www.communityspiritprogram.ca •



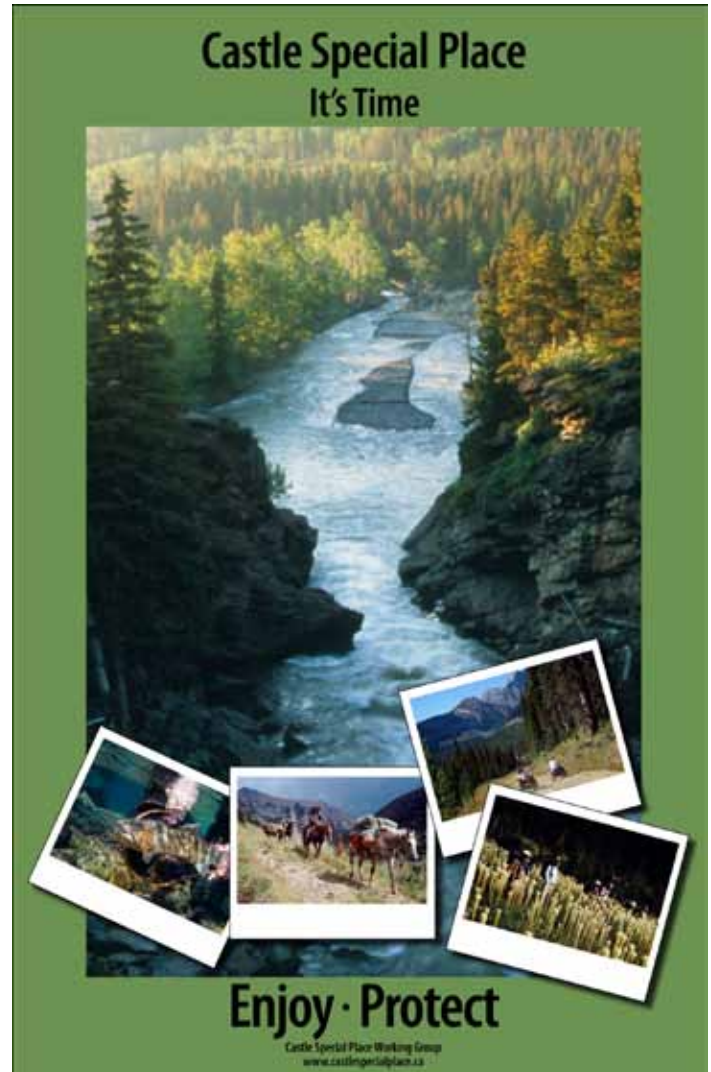
Executive Director's Report

by Carolyn Aspeslet

My heartfelt thanks go out to Wendy Ryan who made our summer programs so successful. In her role as Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator she recruited many volunteers to help with stewardship in the Castle, set up speaker presentations, and worked with James Tweedie to organize the hiking schedule; thank you James. Wendy's knowledge and initiative is an asset to CCWC and has been invaluable to me in my first summer.

This year we hosted the 3rd Annual West Castle Wetlands Ecological Reserve Weed Pull. The event was well attended with 38 volunteers coming out to take part and pulling 66 bags of noxious and invasive weeds within the reserve. Taking part in the event were volunteers from Alberta Parks and Recreation, CCWC, Waterton Lakes National Park, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Katimavik, West Castle Community Association and the general public. Keep the date open for next year (July 28). We have also hosted smaller weed pulls and joined other groups with their weed pulls, seed gathering, and planting events and went out with Multi-SAR on the annual Harlequin Duck Survey.

CCWC is working with the Bert Riggall Foundation and Heidi Eigel at AB Parks to offer a monthly speaker series, please keep an eye on the web site for what's up and coming. We collaborate with many other environmental groups who are active in the protection of the Castle-Crown area. This past summer we attended many meetings, seminars and conferences to help us further our goal. One of the most invigorating was the Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent held in Waterton. Over 200 people gathered to share information and ideas on protection, restoration and stewardship of this valuable ecological area. It gave us a chance to see what is being done on both sides of the border, meet some of our funders and share our ideas of how best to proceed toward our goal of a healthy Castle. •



Chris and Will at Global Resource Efficiency did a great job in creation of the Castle Special Place poster (see page 3).



Volunteers had a great day at the 3rd Annual West Castle Wetlands Ecological Reserve Weed Pull.



Thanks

CCWC again sends warmest thanks to our members, funders, donors, and volunteers. Castle-Crown projects and programs are made possible through the continued support of our funders. Our major grant funders are: Wilburforce & Fanwood Foundations, Yellowstone to Yukon, Alberta Stewardship Network, Alberta Ecotrust, Mountain Equipment Co-op, Alberta Conservation Association and the MD of Pincher Creek Weed Warrior Fund. Thanks to you all. •