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T'ang Dynasty packframe
(around 684 A.D.) from
a temple carving at
Ch'ang-an, China

The pack frame legs are
long enough to keep the pack
out of the dirt when it is
resting on the ground. The
forward overhang shelters from
rain and snow. Any guesses
about that object on a string--
fire holder for charcoal, smudge
pot for mosquitoes or compass.
-from an old Sierra Club Bulletin



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MEETING

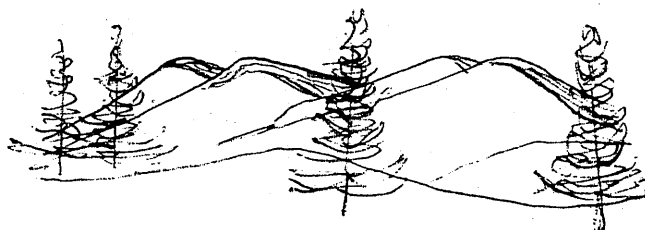
Wednesday, October 9, 1974
7:30 PM
W. Fed. Savings & Loan, Hwy. 93S
(time & temp. sign, downstairs.)

PROGRAM

Mike Koeppen will show movies and slides of a kayak trip down The Grand Canyon of the Colorado

Membership renewals are:

S.A. & S.E. Braxton
Harley R. & Mary E. Schwartz
John M. McCabe
George Heliker



TRIPS: There is still time for a few hikes before the elk and deer hunters take over the woods. Anyone want to lead one?

Oct. 12 - One day hike to Hidden Lake via Glen Lake in the Bitterroots. This is a re-run of one which was rained out in the Spring. Call Dave Line - 549-8444.

Oct. 19 - Sheafman Creek in the Bitterroots-fairly short and easy-lots of botanical information. Call Virginia Vincent - 543-8078.

The University of Montana Recreation Department has published a brochure written by Dave Line, which maps and describes seven nearby hiking trails. It is being distributed by sporting good stores, the visitor information center, and the University.

The Montana Wilderness Association needs funds for hiring legal help to pursue such controversies as the Moose Creek timber cutting problems. Any contribution would be appreciated, and should be sent to: Montana Wilderness Assoc. Legal Fund, Box 548, Bozeman, Montana 59715.

Construction of a ski cabin on Little St. Joseph Peak has begun under the direction of Bob Benson, who is designated as master builder and chief of choppers. So far twenty logs have been laid. Weekend volunteers can call Bob at 549-5325 for work scheduling. Not many people are needed at the moment, but as the snow accumulates bigger crews will be working.

1974 SUMMER TRIPS

- June 1 Bicycle trip East Side Highway in the Bitterroot Valley. This was a very successful trip. 11 people, good weather, a 30 mile day which included a visit to the Wild Life Refuge, St. Marys Mission, and a side trip up Three Mile Road and back Ambrose Creek Road. Carol Butterbaugh was the leader.
- June 9 Family hike to Morrell Falls near Seeley Lake. 34 people and very few mosquitos, easy fording of the creek, beautiful weather. Some of the party found a path around the main falls and hiked to three upper falls. Virginia Vincent was the leader.
- June 22 Crown Point in the Kootenai Creek area. 13 people started at 7 AM, reached the top at 3:00, were home at 8:00. Weather was hot, flies were plentiful and in all sizes, snow as gone. The view great. The climb was one mile in elevation from the trail head. Charles Hamma was the leader.
- July 4 Squaw Peak. Beginning at 9:30 and returning to the cars at 5:30 for a watermelon feast. Weather good, snow at the top. 41 people ages 3 to 65 & 3 dogs. Adele Wolf was the leader.
- June 30 Hike up Bass Creek trail to Lappi Lake. 6 people packed out equipment stored in The Mountaineer cabin which is going to be destroyed by the Forest Service this Fall. Eugene Stuart was the leader.
- July 4-7 Three hikers and one dog went up Tin Cup Creek and over South Canyon wall into the Chaffin Lake drainage. (This trail at this season is bad for dogs; the animal nearly drowned, and later fell into a five foot snow moat.) The party made rendezvous with the Chaffin Creek hikers and came out with them. Eugene Stuart was the leader.
- July 6-7 Overnight trip to Middle Chaffin Lake. (Met some fellow and a dog coming over from Tin Cup) Still snow above lake. No flowers. Bill Morgan was the leader.
- July 13-14 A hike to Heart Lake in the Scapegoat Wilderness and a climb to the top of Red Mountain. Highest mountain in the Scapegoats, magnificent views of Bitterroots, Missions, Pintlars. Flowers in full bloom, good fishing in Webb Lake. 10 hikers. Carol Butterbaugh was the leader.
- July 27-29 Four experienced hikers made a strenous cross-country trip to No-Fish Basin in The Missions. Camped above Grizzly Lake (frozen over), climbed Mt. Nehr, Lowry Peak, St. Marys and High Park Peak. Martha Yate was the leader.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES CONTINUED-

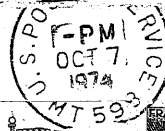
- July 27 Stark Mt. to the Lookout to visit Virginia Vincent by way of Cedar Creek in the Ninemile area. 10 people. 8 AM to 5 PM on the trail. Hiking time includes harvesting a phenomenal crop of huckleberries. Dave Line was the leader.
- Aug. 3-4 Bear Creek to Bryan Lake, 5 people. Flowers in full bloom-heather, mountain azalea. Good weather. George and Myra Howe took some outstanding pictures from the top of Sky Pilot. Eugene Stuart was the leader.
- Aug. 10-11 Four people climbed Lolo Peak via Lantern Ridge. Good overnight. Bill Ballard was the leader.
- Aug. 31-
Sept. 1 For the third year in a row the weather was too rainy and foggy to climb El Capitan & Lonesome Bachelor on Labor Day weekend. Party of four camped at Kerlee Lake, explored and picked huckleberries-bumper crop this year. Tom Kumpf was the leader.

VACATION AFTER THOUGHT

I have made my peace in the mountains
And I face my task with a will;
I have stretched my limbs on the ledges
And I've counselled wise with the hills;
I have cast my cares and my worries
Into canyons deep and afar;
I have turned my eyes to the heavens
And I've sworn my faith to a star:
I have grasped the hand of a brother-
Of a tree of the timberline:
I have bathed in a mountain fountain
And I've slept in the arms of pine;
I have seen the world from the summits
Like a god of my own affairs:
I have sung with thrush in the ev'ning
And I've roamed the trails with the hare;
I have met the storm with a challenge,
And I've list to the silent still;
I have made my peace in the mountains
And I face my task with a will.

-contributed by Barbara Honkala

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