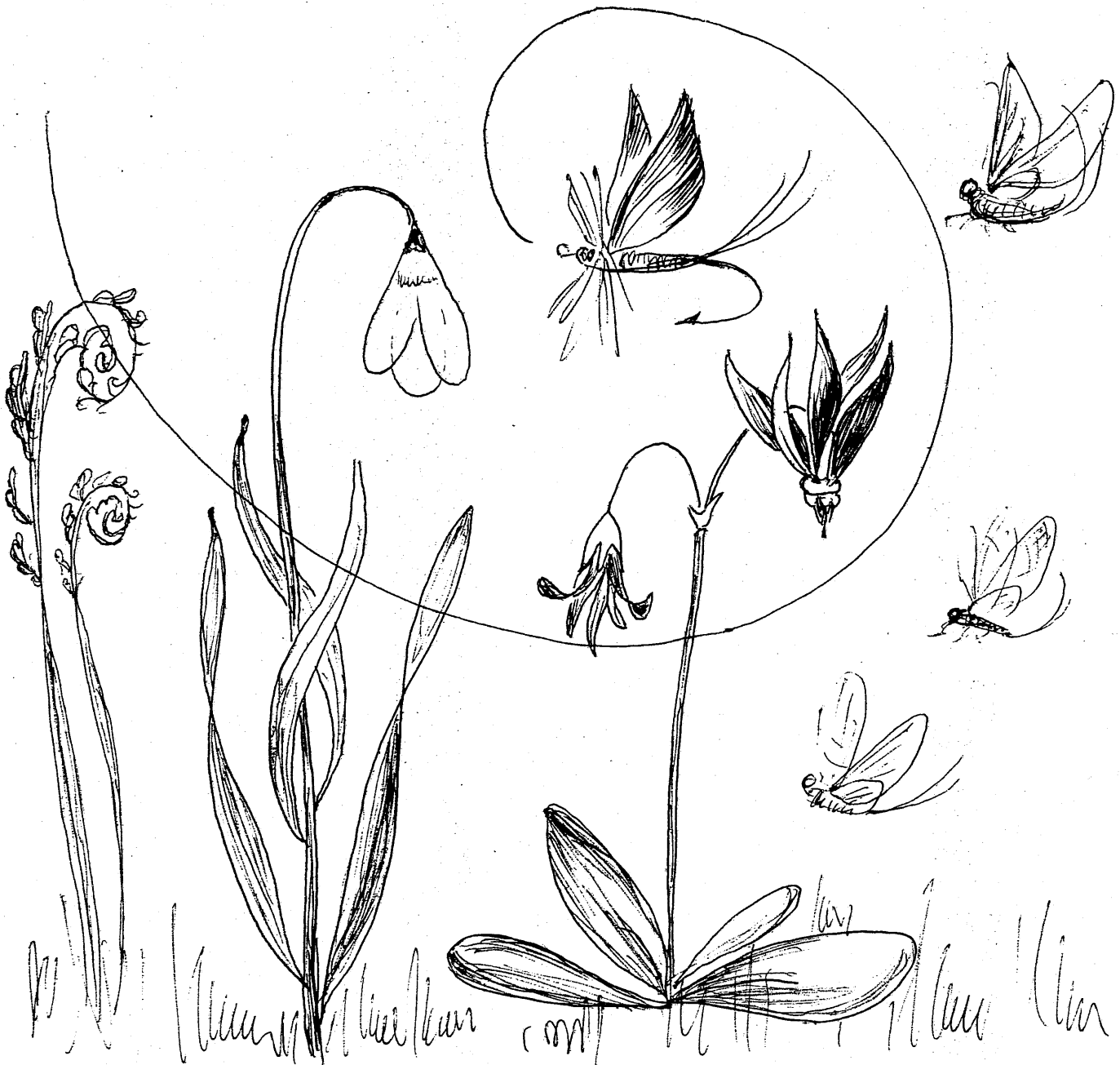


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OFFICERS: for 1975-76:

Pres. Carol Butterbaugh...728-9166
 Vice-Pres. George Howe....543-4200
 Secy. Kaye Lyons..... 549-1507
 Treas. Myra Howe.....543-4200

At this time we want to express many thanks to the out-going officers for a good club year; Dave Line, Bob Benson, Annette Walker & Charles Hamma.

SUMMER SPECIALS !!

Membership Get-togethers each month on the 2nd Wed. evenings -

June 11 - Picnic at Lee Cr. campground 1 1/2 mi. above Lolo Hot Spr. 7 p.m. George & Myra Howe will be there a little before starting fire, etc. Bring potluck dish enough for selves & 4 others. Swim later if you wish.

July 9 - Johnsrud Park on the Blackfoot R. just upstream from McNamara bridge. Bring rafts, your own meat & a dish to pass for "cook-out supper". Hostess: Kaye Lyons (549-1507 after 5 p.m.)

Aug. 13 - Raelen & Don Kaag will host a potluck supper followed by baseball, volleyball, relaxation starting at 6 p.m. Their house is at the w. end 3rd St., Stevensville. Rae can be reached at U/M 243-2982 daytimes. (House is log.)

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, of which we are a member will have their 1975 Convention deep in the Salmon R. canyon at Shepp Ranch, Aug. 27 thru Aug. 31. There are plans for hiking in, rafting in, horse or fly. Brochure is with Kaye Lyons.

MAY MEETING
 Wed. 14th
 7:30 pm
 West. Fed. Savings & Loan
 Hwy. 93 S at the time and
 temperature sign---
 Jerry Oltman
 will present a pro-
 gram on
 "Trail Deterioration and
 Trail Maintenance in the
 National Forests."
 Refreshments- Trip plans

Call for ski-touring cabin work party - post-construction clean up, etc. - early June - give Dave Line a call at 549-8444 if you're headed that way.

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

Bob Hammond, 268 Miller Hall, U/M, 243-4665
 Ralph Matuska & family, Grant Creek, 549-3253
 Bert & Jean Pfeiffer & family,
 Paul Jensen, Mike Stickney,
 Al & Cari Day & family, Charles & Gloria Horejsi & family.
 Cleve J. Moore, Jr. family, 529 Spruce Dr., Naperville, ILL.

*Front page by
 Mona Frangos
 showing left to right -
 fiddlehead fern, yellowbell,
 & shooting star.*

SPEAK UP !!!! On May 9th the MONTANA WILDERNESS STUDY BILL, S 393 had its Senate hearing. Almost a million acres of wild Montana must be studied for inclusion in wilderness classification before they are lost to exploiters. Write NOW to Sen. Lee Metcalf, 1121 Dirksen Bldg., & to Sen. Mike Mansfield, 133 Russell Senate Bff. Bldg., Wash. D.C., 20510, pro or con; ask that it be made part of hearing record. ALSO contact Rep. Max Baucus, 226 Cannon House Off. Bldg., & Rep. John Melcher, 1224 Longworth House Office Bldg., Wash. D.C. 20510 urging them to get up a House Bill for our 9 study areas.

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1975 SPRING & SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
Rocky Mountaineers of Western Montana, Box 1575, Missoula

- Sat. May 10 - Canoe-Kayak Trip-Bitterroot River-Chief Looking Glass Rec. Area to Lolo. Meet at K-Mart at 9:30 A.M. Bring lunch, life jackets, own equipment. About 5 hour trip. Contact Dick & Del Wolff-549-4923
- Wed. May 14 - Club Meeting
- Sat. May 17 - Club Picnic-Pattee Canyon Rec. Area. Wildflower Exploration(Easy family hike) at 3:00. Meet near large picnic area near big meadow. Picnic at 5:00. Bring own picnic with a salad or cake to share. If weather is intolerable we will change picnic to Sun. If you have questions call Adele Wolff-549-4923 or Virginia Vincent-543-8078.
- Sat., Sun., Mon. North Fork of Blackfoot in Lincoln-Scapegoat Area(near
May 24, 25, 26 Ovando). Moderate Hike and snowshoe, overnight, 2 or 3 days according to interest of group. Meet at Tempo 8:30 A.M. Sat. Bring fishing gear. 7 mi. to camp spot. Must contact leaders George & Myra Howe-543-4200
- Sat. May 31 - Bike Hike. Bitterroot East Side Hwy. from Florence to Stevensville. Stop at Wildlife Refuge & St. Mary's Mission. 20 mi.(plus) r.t. Bring lunch and water. **ALL TYPES OF BIKES!** Meet at West. Fed. Sav. & Ln.Hwy. 93So. 9:00 AM. Must contact leader Carol Butterbaugh 728-9166.

JUNE

There will be a work-party on Little St. Joe in June or July. Contact Dave Line-549-8444 if you can volunteer help.

- Sat. June 7 - Sweathouse Creek-Bitterroots-Easy family hike 5 mi. r.t. Meet at Missoula K-Mart, leave 9 A.M., then remeet at Victor Bar, Victor, Montana at 10 AM. Bring lunch. Call Kay Lyons-549-1507 or Leader Raelen Kaag, Stevensville-777-5745 evenings.
- Sat. June 14 - Trapper Peak-Bitterroots. Mod. Hike, 10 mi. r.t. Meet K-Mart 8:00 A.M. Call leader Ralph Klawitter-728-4778. This will be a long-day trip.
- Sun. June 15 - Botany Hike, Blodgett Canyon, Bitterroots, Mod. Hike, some off trail. Bring lunch. Meet West. Fed. Sav. & Loan, Hwy 93S at 9:00 A.M. 6 mi.r.t. Leader: Virginia Vincent-543-8078.
- Sat.-Sun. June 21-22 - Little Rock Creek Lk. in the Como Pks. area Bitterroot Mtns. Moderate backpack 12 mi. r.t. Contact leader: Bill Borgan, Big Sky Trailer Village #23, Hamilton, Mt. 59840 (363-5339) or Raelen Kaag, days, 243-2982.

HIKING CLASSIFICATION-Terms used in the 1974 summer schedule----

Easy Family

Under 5 miles-easy walking, not much ascent, all abilities including pre-school age.

Family

Under 8 mi.-fairly easy, mostly trail walking, school age on up.

Moderate

8 to plus 16 mi., may include steep terrain or some off-trail hiking-some overnight backpacking, some recent experience desirable.

Explorer

Long, steep or indefinite mileage, rough trail or bushwhacking-prepare for unpredictable conditions, exper. hiker/back-packer in good physical condition.

Strenuous Explorer

Long, steep, rough & indefinite mileage, expect very difficult hiking cond. much exper.-must contact leader as to your ability & to learn of trip cond.

DIRECTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS AND LEADERS ON TRIPS:

Contact leader - This is strongly recommended for your benefit and the leader's. It is mandatory for Explorer trips, and when requested in schedule.

Leader has the option to limit number of participants.

Gear -

Sturdy, lace shoes (hiking boots strongly recommended & a must on difficult trips); heavy, preferably wool, sox. Clothing adequate for changing weather conditions-wool sweater, parka, long pants. Sun & rain protection, own first aid kit, lunch. Knapsack suitable for the trip.

Liability -

Because there is no charge for trips led by Rocky Mountaineers, each person is responsible for his or her own person or child and/or equipment.

Leaders -

Should gather the group at beginning of hike to give description of trail, plans, etc.
Leader will sign trail cards for the group when necessary.
You will be contacted before your trip by trip coordinator Adele Wolff or Benny Engelking. Summer trips will be advertised so public may attend, unless leader objects.
After your trip, PLEASE give head count and a few particulars to Florence Elliott, 922 Turner, Msl., 549-9430.

Thank you very much & have a pleasant trip.

For BICYCLERS -

- May 24-25 TOYSRV Tour of the Yellowstone & Stillwater R. Valleys - Billings - Red Lodge - Columbus - Billings - approx. 150 miles check with Braxton Bike Shop, Missoula for details
May 31- June 1 Missoula's own TOSRV Tour of the Swan R. Valley 200 miles plus - Missoula - Swan Lake - Flathead Lake - Arlee contact your bike shop or Bikecentennial office, 721-1776.

