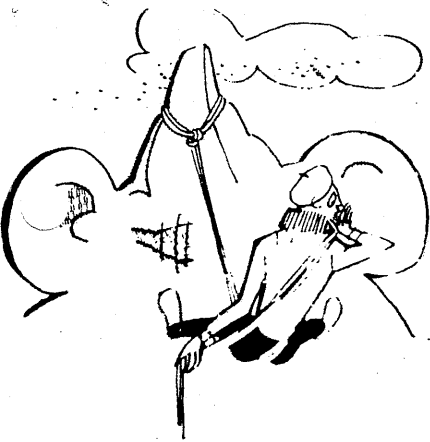


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MEETING \*\*\* DECEMBER 10, 1975.\*\*\* 7:30  
 W. Fed. Savings & Loan, Hwy. 93 S at the Time & Temp.  
Program: The December meeting will feature a general discussion about cross country skiing, equipment, and techniques by Bob Benson. In addition, Bill Morgan will talk about a research study he has done on the problems of human waste disposal in winter. Bob Brandenberger will show a slide-tape program on avalanches. There will also be representatives from sport shops in town showing cross country and ski mountaineering equipment.



#### TENTATIVE TRIPS

- Dec. 7 Day cross country skiing trip to Lolo Pass. Meet at bank at 8:00. Leader, Carol Butterbaugh. Phone: 728-9166.
- Dec. 14 Day cross country skiing trip to Hoodoo Pass-Roads and weather permitting. Alternative-family day trip to Sleeping Child Hot Springs. Leaders: Don and Raelen Kaag. Phone: 243-2982 or 777-5745.

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COMING UP...

With the winter season coming into full swing, a number of activities are simmering on the back burner--details yet to be developed. Most are awaiting the arrival of good snow.

Here are some of the possibilities:

A downhill ski weekend at Discovery Basin with lodging at Fairmont Hot Springs...

Downhill and cross country skiing at Maverick Mountain (near Dillon) and accommodations either in cabins at Elkhorn Hot Springs or at the Bedsread...

Ski touring in the Rattlesnake via Snow Bowl and the Grant Creek Basin...

A day cross country ski trip to Lubrecht...

AND...Someone has discovered the glories of soaking in a hot pool following a day of strenuous activity. It's the next best thing to cream cheese and Triscuits and paying off your mortgage.

AND...Rumor has it that there might even be a third (or is it fourth or fifth) attempt on El Capitan in the Bitterroot.

I will be the winter trip coordinator this year so if you have trip suggestions or want to lead a trip, please let me know.

Thanks!  
Dave Hohl

ANNIVERSARY FOR HAMILTON HIKERS

The Hamilton Hikers Club recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of the building of their lodge, "El Capitan", at Lake Como. On May 1, 1935, a special use permit was issued by the Forest Service for use of 0.8 acres adjacent to Lake Como with a yearly rental of \$12. The fee has gone up to \$70 for the current year.

In March of 1967 a new permit stating a termination date of March, 1982, was issued. The present lease is non-renewable and district ranger, Jerry Adelbue, doubts that a new one will be granted. The space, he said, "should be available to all--rather than to a limited group." He foresees the possibility of allowing use of the lodge by several different interest groups including Scouts and church organizations.

Over the years the group has sponsored many projects and the lodge, itself, has been well used by summer and winter outdoor enthusiasts.

ATTENTION SKI TOURERS

On November 22, 1975, Dave Line and Bill Morgan cleared the ski tour trail from Marshall Ski Area to Marshall Mountain. If you want more information on this trail or are interested in helping on further work parties, please contact Dave or Bill.















