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The seasons turn like a
kaleidoscope here. The
weather is a different thing
every day.



Each season brings a
different sense of wonder,
a different taste in the air
and a fantasy of different
colors to your eyes....

The Rocky Mountaineers of Western Montana, Box 1575, Missoula, Montana 59801, welcomes all persons interested in the out-of-door activities of hiking, camping, ski-touring, snowshoeing, river floating, bicycling, and technical climbing--summer, winter, autumn, and spring. Subscription to the Mountain Ear is by membership: \$4.00/yr., single; \$5.00/yr., family; or \$2.00/volume to out-of-town addresses. Eight issues per volume.

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President John Walker.....549-0286
Vice Pres. Dave Hohl.....549-5396
Secretary Karen Fogg.....549-6839
Treasurer Myra Bair.....728-3616

Mountain Ear Staff: Virginia Vincent,
Annette Walker, and Pat Hill

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NEXT MEETING: March 9, 1977, at 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Western Federal Savings & Loan, Highway 93 South (at the time and temp. sign)

PROGRAM: "Sights and Sounds Along the Trail"
Three-part slide presentat'ion: Wildflowers by Bill and Essie Duckworth; Birds by Virginia Vincent; Conifer Flowers by George Howe.

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NEW MEMBERS: Richard, Carol, Mike and Steve Adler Jackie Tipp
302 East Beckwith, Missoula 1700 Defoe St.
728-2627 549-2777

RENEWALS: George and Betty Heliker; Ben Engelking; Larry Clawson; Robert Storm (704 High Terrace, DeKalb, IL 60115); Charlotte Gill (1000 Longstaff, Missoula, 543-8454)

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THANK YOU, Adele Wolff for having done an outstanding job as summer trip coordinator for the past several summers. Adele is "retiring" from the post this year, so this opportunity is taken to recognize her efforts, which kept our summer schedule running smoothly. Of course, that means the job is open, so anyone who wishes to step in is urged to contact John walker. Summer schedule plans will be getting under way in mid-April. Even though that's several weeks away, please be thinking about summer activities you would like to see scheduled and particular trips you would like to lead. The planning meeting date will be announced at April's meeting.

YOUR TALENTS ARE NEEDED!

Election of next year's officers will be coming up next month. Volunteers for the nominating committee may step forth at this month's meeting. More importantly, persons interested in running for an office are encouraged to speak up. We'd like to have at least two candidates for each office. No special qualifications are necessary--only some measure of enthusiasm for our organization and its activities, and a sincere interest in promoting outdoor activities. Don't wait to be drafted. Your talents are needed!

I have an appointment with spring. She comes to the window to wake me, and I go forth an hour or two earlier than usual.
--Thoreau

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OUR WINTER/SPRING ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE is self-destructing as we approach May (when our summer schedule will appear), and you will notice that some trips do not have a named leader. If you wish to volunteer, please do! Trip classifications are interpreted as follows: the number after the trip indicates a one-day activity, a weekend activity, or longer. The letter means (E) Easy, generally under 8 miles round trip and suitable for family participation; (M) Moderate, approximately 8-16 miles; possibly steep terrain or off-trail travel, overnight backpacking, recent experience desirable; (T) Tough, long, steep, or indefinite mileage, rough trail or bushwacking, unpredictable conditions, should be experienced outdoorsperson in good physical condition. PLEASE contact trip leader in advance.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader(s)</u>	<u>Destination/Classification</u>
Mar. 12	John Walker 549-0286	Miller Creek. Bring lunch; meet at K-Mart parking lot, 9:00 am. 1/E
Mar. 13	Virginia Vincent 543-8078	Lolo Pass. Leave K-Mart/IHOP at 8:30 am; may swim afterwards; 8+ mi. Call Virginia to be certain trip is going. 1/M
Mar. 11-13	Bob Benson 549-3596	El Capitan in the Bitterroot. Conditions will determine details of trip. Call Bob to be certain of destination. 3/T
Mar. 19	Karen Fogg 549-6839	Jerry Johnson Hot Springs. Karen wants to go <u>early</u> . Call for details. 1/E
Mar. 20	leader?	Pattee Canyon. 1/E
Mar. 26-27	Myra Bair 728-3616	Ski Cabin, Little St. Joe. 2/T
Mar. 27	Don Kaag 1-777-5745 or Karen Fogg 549-6839	Sleeping Child Hot Springs. 1/E
Mar. 30	leader?	Roller Skating at SkateHaven on Reserve Street; adult night. E
Apr. 2-3	John Walker 549-0286	Packer Meadows. Winter/Spring (?) camping. 2/E
Apr. 9-11	leader?	Elkhorn Hot Springs. 3/E
Apr. 13	---	Rocky Mountaineer Meeting
Apr. 16	Myra Bair 728-3616	Lolo Pk. 1/M
Apr. 23-24	Karen Fogg 549-6839	Ski Cabin, Little St. Joe. 2/M
Apr. 27	leader?	Roller Skating at SkateHaven.
Apr. 30	Martha Yale 549-2163	Hagle Pass. 1/M

FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS, of which we are a member, has published its winter issue of "Outdoors West". Thirty resolutions were approved at the 1976 convention held Aug. 27-29. Of especial interest to our interests was their concern shown in #2 Wilderness System Additions, #6 Montana Roadless Study Areas, #14 Routing of Pacific Trail, #16 Logging Practices--Retention of Snags, #22 Repeal of Mining Act of 1872, #25 Sanitation in the Wilderness, #27 Off-Road Vehicles, and #28 Mining in Nat. Parks & Monuments. Persons wishing to refer to complete Resolutions may obtain copies from FWOC secy. Judy Davis, 3015 Hudson, Longview WA 98632.

Last year the FWOC initiated an Outing Program which sold out. For the summer of 1977 they are offering more trips which are planned to be of reasonable cost.

Desert Wildflower
Base Camp
southern California
presently scheduled
for May 15-21
about \$165/person

Write: FWOC Desert Tour
Hasse Bunnelle
Berth 7, Yellow Ferry Harbor
Gate 6 Rd., Sausalito,
Calif. 94965

Wild Valleys of Molokai
Hawaiian swimming
vacation
small boat transport a-
long wilderness seafront
beach camping, day hikes,
skin diving, spearfishing

Write leader: Robert Wenkam
1319 Kalakaua, #2
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

* North Slope Brooks
* Range, Alaska
* 8 days departing
* June 20
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* Gates of the Arctic/
* Arrigetch Peaks
* Alaska
* several base camps
* with day hikes
* July 23 for 15 days
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* Gates of the Arctic/
* Walker Lake
* Alaska
* nature study camp
* fly in - day hikes
* Aug. 20 for 8 days
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* Write: FWOC Alaska Tours
* 1628 Ninth at Olive
* Seattle WA 98101

ELAD TIDINGS - Among some of FWOC's resolutions were items that Montana Wilderness Assoc. has also been working on. The following accomplishments will give better protection some Montana areas: wild & scenic river status for the free-flowing section of the Missouri and the 3 forks of the Flathead; a BLM organic act; single-agency administration for C.M. Russell Nat. Game Range; wilderness designation for portions of UL Bend, Medicine Lks., & Red Rocks Nat. Wildlife Refuges, & wilderness study status for the Gt. Bear & Elkhorns roadless areas.

