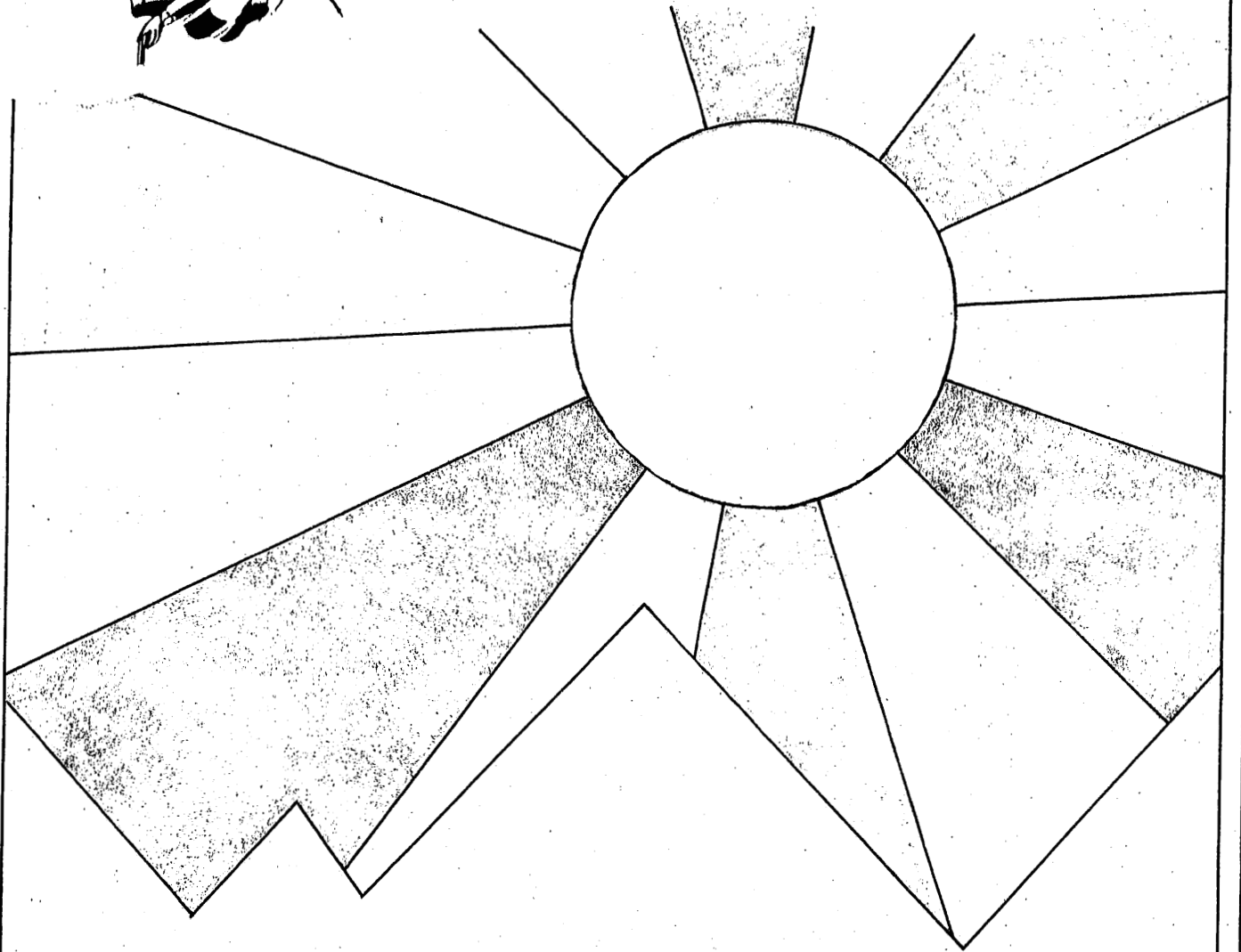




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OF WESTERN MONTANA



# WINTER

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The Rocky Mountaineers of Western Montana, Box 4262, Missoula, Montana, 59807, welcome all persons interested in the 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 of out-of-town addresses. Eight issues per volume.

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NEXT MEETING: February 8, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Hellgate High School Cafeteria  
 PROGRAM: "Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail": a 2,600 mile trip from Mexico to Canada. Presented by John Hallsten.

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## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

These are the adventure-packed trips scheduled for February, March and April. There will be more! If you wish to put something on the schedule, contact the winter trip coordinator, Sharon Stephenson, at 543-6885.

Please contact trip leaders in advance to determine trip conditions, meeting place, and degree of difficulty of trip. The leader has the option of limiting the number of participants on the trip.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Details</u>
Feb. 11	Dave Line, 549-8444	Cross-country skiing at Marshall Ski Area. Take the lift up the mountain. Planned as day trip, but could be done as an overnighter. Moderately difficult.
* Feb. 18	Tom Lukomski 728-6906	Photography and cross-country skiing either up the Rattlesnake or on the Boyd Ranch. Limited to 6 people. You should have a camera with long lens. Call for trip information.

\*The Izaak Walton Inn trip which Kaye Lyons had scheduled for Febr. 11 weekend had to be cancelled. No room at the Inn.

(activities schedule continued on page 2)

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Feb. 19	Virginia Vincent 543-8078	Cross-country skiing down the Pack Creek Road from Lolo Pass, 8 miles, easy to moderate. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot, 9:00 a.m.
Feb. 18-20	Brian McGiffert 721-1923	Cross-country/snowshoe to Cabin on Little St. Joe. Call for trip information.
Feb. 25	Charles Hamma 549-0463	Cross-country ski trip in Lubrecht Forest, 6½ miles, easy. Meet at the west end of the East Gate Shopping Center parking lot. Call for trip details.
Feb. 26	Myra Bair 728-3616	Cross-country trip up Twin Creeks, up Gold Creek in the Blackfoot. Easy trip, much of it is up a road.
Mar. 4	Mary Ambrose 543-7566	Cross-country skiing, destination undetermined. Call for details.
Mar. 11	John Walker 549-0286	Hike or ski, depending on conditions, up Spring Gulch in the Rattlesnake. Details at March 8 meeting, or call.
April 1-4	George Howe 543-6885	Downhill skiing at Grand Targhee, west slope of the Tetons. See January Mountain Ear for details, or call George. Deposit must be in George's hand by February 8!

# The Birch Wood

MISSOULA'S HOSTEL - Corner of S. Fourth and Orange Streets

DORMITORY ACCOMMODATIONS - \$2.50 and up/night  
Kitchen - Showers - Laundry

Hours: 4:00 p.m. to  
9:00 a.m.

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Missoula, MT 59801  
or call: (406) 728-9799

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to these new members: Allison V. Easterling, 1924 Dixon, 728-5145; Ted Eisele, 147 West Main, Apt. 12; Kathy Reavley, P.O. Box 3814, 721-3696.

Renewals (new addresses): Bob Benson, Larry Clawson, Esther Foss (608 N. 4th Street West), Raelen Williard and Don Kaag, Art Shigley, Helen Williard.

## SKIING THE MONASHEES

by George Howe

Canadian Mountain Holiday's Heli-skiing Handbook says the Monashees skiing is the steepest and deepest. It also warns that the Monashees are no place for the first-time helicopter skier. The handbook does not exaggerate.

The Monashees are also no place for a fat man. Dragging my not-so-trim body out of the arm-pit-deep snow consumed energy enough to ski for hours.

Even when I was on my skis, my legs often refused to operate as I thought they should. For instance, I thought my legs should carry me around the trees. They didn't always.

Sometimes my legs failed, but more often the trees were too thick. My brain kept telling me that 5' of powder on 80% slopes was no place to be skiing through trees 4' apart! For me it was compression turn, crash, worm turn, kick turn, repeat.

We did have a few marvelous runs: the upper part of Home Run (open trees) the afternoon we found a hole in the fog

# Hi Country



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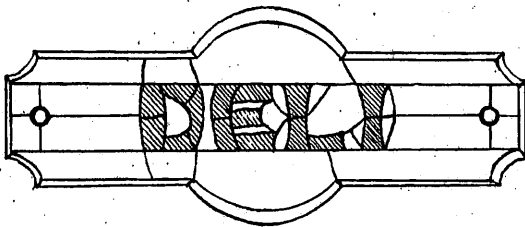
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HOURS: Monday - Saturday 9am - 9pm  
Sunday 11am - 4pm

## West Alder



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7 days a week

layer and skied above it in bright sun; Champs Elysee and its neighbor, both wide and open. These helped me feel I'd been skiing my 13 years, instead of 13 minutes.

We spent a lot of time in the trees because we 1) spent a lot of time on lower slopes due to low ceiling 2) stayed off steep open slopes due to unstable snow.

Both conditions were a function of the time of year, and are erased later. If I go to the Monashees again, it will be in March. It wasn't all bad: the food was incredible!

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### GOT A COLD?

Roast red pepper in front of a fire, powder it, cook into a tea and add pure white corn liquor, then drink.

Take a three pound can of pine twigs and rabbit tobacco. Boil together and strain. Drink some every three hours, taking no more than one full juice glass within a twelve-hour period.

Take as much powdered quinine as will stay on the blade of a knife, add water, and drink.

from The Foxfire Book  
"Home Remedies"

## CLUB OFFICES AND STAFF JOBS DEFINED

For the club's information, and for the record, the following job descriptions have been agreed upon by the Executive Board. (It's not too soon to begin thinking about running for an office for next year, or volunteering your services for an appointed spot.)

OFFICERS (elective positions):President:

1. Responsible for scheduling regular monthly meetings (may be delegated) and Executive Board meetings. (Board includes incumbent elected officers, immediate past president, and Mountain Ear editor or representative.
2. Leads executive board in policy setting.
3. Ensures that other officers and staff carry out their assignments.
4. Presides over regular monthly meetings (may be delegated).
5. Appoints staff
6. Solicits trips from 1/5 of membership list. Submits trip information to Trip Coordinator not later than two days before Mountain Ear deadline.

Vice President:

1. Responsible for arranging programs for monthly meetings.
2. Submits written description of next monthly program to Mountain Ear editor by deadline.
3. Solicits trips from 1/5 of membership list. Submits trip information to Trip Coordinator not later than two days before Mountain Ear deadline.
4. Serves on Executive Board.

Secretary:

1. Responsible for recording minutes of regular monthly meetings and Executive Board meetings.
2. Reviews incoming and prepares outgoing correspondence.
3. Solicits trips from 1/5 of membership list. Submits trip information to Trip Coordinator not later than two days before Mountain Ear deadline.
4. Serves on Executive Board.
5. Prepares and distributes media announcements.

Treasurer:

1. Receives and disburses all club monies.
2. Keeps accurate records of financial transactions.
3. Maintains current membership list and, as needed, submits list to Mountain Ear staff.
4. Solicits trips from 1/5 of membership list. Submits trip information to Trip Coordinator not later than two days before Mountain Ear deadline.
5. Serves on Executive Board.
6. Collects membership dues.

Immediate Past President:

1. Solicits trips from 1/5 of membership list. Submits trip information to Trip Coordinator not later than two days before Mountain Ear deadline.
2. Serves on Executive Board.



