

# Mountain Ear

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OF WESTERN MONTANA

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11: March meeting at the University Golf Course Club House, 515 South Ave. E., at 7:30 p.m. Sue Ivison and Kathy Swift will present a slide show of a 50-day canoe trip through Canada's Northwest Territories.

NEW MEMBERS

Laure and Jesse Bier  
Wildcat Road, Missoula  
  
John David  
Box 28, Dixon 59831

RENEWED MEMBERS

Allison Easterling  
Jean and Bert Pfeiffer  
Evelyn Peterson  
Barbara Honkala  
Dave Hohl

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FIRST CLASS

*News Flash!*  
30 persons went on  
Lost Trail week-end & had  
fine snow for all types of skiing, Feb 21-2.  
10 persons found excellent snow  
for a day of touring at Hoodoo Pass, Mar. 1st.

D. Line  
1135 Whitaker Dr.  
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REPORT ON PACK CREEK TRIP

By Allison Easterling

On January 24 five people showed up for the Pack Creek ski jaunt. Inasmuch as we took only one car, and I had decided that there was not enough snow at the bottom of the trail to make it a good trip, we did the six-mile loop counter-clockwise around the meadows. I think the counter-clockwise direction makes a slightly superior way to ski the loop. A little snow fell all during the day, making a good condition for skiing. The snow really has been very good all season at Lolo Pass, and the Christmas rains did not quite ruin it.

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TELEMARK LESSONS

By Sharon Howe

On February 18 nearly 30 people gathered at Marshall Ski Area for telemark turn lessons. Charlie Stevenson from The Trailhead and his colleague, Steve, showed us the proper form, and it was all downhill from there! Ye of little faith--not believing that Velma Green would have enough snow at Marshall--missed a fun evening. Maybe you'd like to try it next year?

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# CALENDAR

March 28, Sat.

Moderate hiking to Morrell Falls, 10 miles round trip. Call Deborah Hayden at 543-7161, ext. 231, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Meet to car pool at the East Gate Shopping Center at 8:30 a.m.

April 4, Sat.

Bitterroot River float trip for rafters and canoeists. Suggest intermediate skill level for canoeists. Float from Chief Looking Glass Park to Lolo, 10 miles. Call Dan Davidson at 543-3684 by Thursday, April 2. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot at 8 a.m.

April 5, Sun.

Moderate hiking to El Capitan ridge out of Lost Horse, south of Hamilton, MT. Call "Andy" Beals at 542-2357, or Charles Hama at 549-0463, by Friday afternoon, April 3. Meet for car pool at K-Mart at 8:30 a.m.

April 8, Wed.

April Rocky Mountaineers' pot luck meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Welcoma Club House on Clark Street (map in next issue). Program will include Min-Ventures by RM members, elections and summer trip scheduling.

April 11 or 12,  
Sat. or Sun.

Spring hike. Call Barbara McElwain at 251-5753 for further details.

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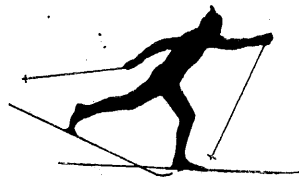
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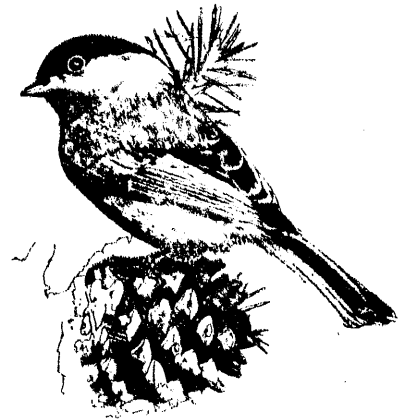
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Like the snows of yesterday  
down the trail they slip away.  
Like modern Druids of Ancient times  
slipping along beneath the pines.  
Solemnly in single file  
disappearing for awhile.



Overhead a threatening sky  
below the Alpine Spruce flash by.  
On and on o'er hill and dale  
searchers of the Holy Grail.

Surely, this must be so  
otherwise why do they go?  
Defy the Winds, defy the Snow  
defy the rocky ledge below.  
A flash of colors beneath the sky  
cross-country skiers shooting by.  
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And so I look with wistful eye  
across the ridges to the sky.

Down the draws, then up again  
and see the things done by men.

Barren ridges--sterile ground  
not a breath of life around.

Most everything that used to be  
gone--and much a part of me.

With wistful melancholy eye  
I watch tomorrows passing by.

I raise my eyes to the Sun  
and see things Time has done.

by john david  
The Snow Walker



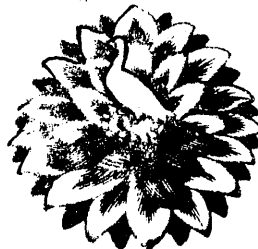
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