



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS
OF WESTERN MONTANA

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NOVEMBER 10 7:30 PM. meeting at the Montana power Co.,
1903 Russell st.

Program: David Scott, resource manager from south Africa will
give a slide and lecture presentation;
"WILDERNESS AREAS AND WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT
IN SOUTH AFRICA"

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FIRST CLASS



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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT OCTOBER MEETING

after a hectic campaign and stormy election, the rocky mountaineers "scooped" the national parties by electing a full slate from the confused-but-willing volunteer party:

president -- ILONA HRUSKA

vice presidents BILL MORGAN
and trip coordinators -- CHARLES HAMMA

secretary -- ANDY BEALS

treasurer -- ARNOLD FINKLIN

Mountain Ear -- BOB BENSON

needed!!
← (help wanted)

NANCY SHRADER has volunteered to organize refreshments - please get in touch with her if you can help out.

A SPECIAL THANKS goes to Andy and Arnold for continuing for another term in their respective offices.

SHARE THE RIDE - if you need a ride to a monthly meeting or to a trip meeting place, NANCY SHRADER will try to get you lined up with someone in your area. phone 728-3334

FLOWER HIKE , Bitterroot Mtns., May 23, 1982

This year we tried Kootenai Cr. south of Florence and combined real hiking with botany. The first mile was unimpressive, flowerwise, but at about two miles there was a riot of color. steep, mossy slabrock with some seeping water provided a huge display of purple delphinium, magenta shooting stars, yellow Lomatium, and masses of a tiny parasite flower, broomrape. farther along in open forest were fairy slippers (calypso orchid) and violets.

We lunched on an outcrop above the madly rushing creek. Afterward some of us hiked on well past the 4 mile marker beyond a foaming side stream which was crossed on some uncertain footing. About 5 miles upstream glacier lilies were just fading. participants were Mary Ambrose, Martha Yale, Allison Easterling, Ed Domer, Betty Rosenkrantz, and yours truly, Virginia Vincent.

(editors note; virginia also provided a list of 39 species of flowers and shrubs, but the list was more than this machine and typist could accomplish)

TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOV. -DEC.

- NOV. 7 Hike to LAKE MOUNTAIN (8miles, round trip)
Moderately strenuous trail, 3000' elevation gain
Leader: Joe Kipphut, ph. 721-1564
Meet at Fastgate, 8 AM (wear hunter orange)
- NOV. 14 Mount Dean Stone (4 miles round trip)
Easy !
Leader: Nancy Shrader ph. 728 3334
Meet at Lewis and Clark square on SW Higgins, 12:00 noon
- NOV. 21 and 28 weekends are vacant as of presstime. Bring trip
announcement to Nov meeting if you have one!
- DEC. 5 Lolo pass ski season tuneup trip
Leader: Nancy shrader ph. 728-3334
Meet K-Mart 9:00 AM
- DEC. 11 Wisherd ridge ski trip (5 to 7 miles one way)
Moderately strenuous
Leader: Bill Morgan ph. 1-363-5339
Meet Fastgate, 7:30 AM
- DEC 18 ski trip, explore "new" area , rock, granite, or schwartz creek,
to be decided later depending on snow conditions.
Leader: Bob Benson ph. 549-1426
- NEW YEARS Little St. Joe shelter
strenuous ski or snowshoe trip
Leader: Myra Rair ph. 728-3616

RECENT DOINGS

- OCT. 31 -- A group of munchmouths met for the first annual moonlight Mt Sentinel hike on Halloween night. The gruelling ascent provided spectacular views of urban Missoula and was otherwise uneventful except for the loss of two of the group who were later found alive and well on the descent. Upon reaching the base of this grand peak, the party gathered at the presidents house for much needed sustenance which included Ilona's famous pumpkin pie, Nancy's renowned coconut butter cookies, Mary Anne's rendition of Greg patents blueberry cobbler, Myra's crumbly cranberry bread, and last but not least, Cindy's pumpkin pudding. A well rounding time was had by all.
- OCT. 2 A work party organized by Bill Morgan and including about ten volunteers carried roofing, nails, and other implements of repair to the cabin on Little St Joe to fix the damage sustained over a year ago in a hailstorm. A good supply of wood was also laid in, and some final touches on chinking and weatherizing now give the place a hight energy audit rating!
(NOTE: If you use the cabin, please do not burn up the nice squared up chunks sitting upright on the floor -- they are the chairs.)

PAST SUMMER HIKES

LAPPI LAKE - July 10, 1982

About ten people in all made a leisurely hike to the lake on a beautiful day. This is one of the enjoyable places to visit. It was a bit too early for swimming, but about the middle of August it is the nicest lake in which to swim, the water being warm and clear with large flat rocks around. Several of us went to the ridge between Bass and Kootenai Creeks and climbed through the "gunsight".

Just before the first log crossing on Bass Creek there is what looks like a washout up the hill to the right. This is actually the start of a trail which stays to the right of the creek and meets the old trail about a mile up. This avoids two crossings which some people may be happy about. This trail is in much better shape now, has been used quite a bit lately and is a more "scenic route".

Charles G. Hanna

LOLO PEAK - July 31, 1982

Another beautiful day for a hike, but what can one say about Lolo Peak? Approximately 8 were in the group. One person saw a bear but we decided it was a white faced heifer or a stump; it didn't move for an hour. We also decided that we generally have to go up hill to arrive at the top of the mountain. In spite of this wonderful deduction, the view is great and we all enjoyed the hike.

Charles G. Hanna

MOSQUITO PEAK - August 7, 1982

Only three of us, including Nancy Decou and Lynn Paul made this hike. My estimate was 26 miles and 5,650 of elevation gain which was surprising because we weren't very tired when we got back; probably the gentle slopes had something to do with it. The walk along the ridge from Stuart Peak to Mosquito Peak is always interesting. Every mile or so the scene changes and two or three different lakes come into view. Nancy was wearing her 1,000 mile socks which were still in good shape.

Charles G. Hanna

FOR SALE:

New insulated jacket with hood, rust color - \$25.00 See me at meeting or call 549-0463.

Charles G. Hanna