



Mountain Ear

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DECEMBER 8, 1982 7:30 PM - Meeting

Montana Power Co.
1903 Russel St.

Program: Nordic Ski Patrol,
film, "Winters Domain", plus
talk and demonstration by
Buzz Blastic, Patrol Leader

THE MOUNTAIN EAR
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FIRST CLASS



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RECENT OUTINGS ** ** *

LAKE MOUNTAIN Nov. 7

If you recall, that Sunday was the day of the first real snow in Missoula proper. Five of us appeared out of the mist in order to enjoy a leisurely saunter up the mountain, to enjoy views of The Bob and Scapegoat Mountain. Unfortunately, there was a typo error somewhere because the trip was to be advertised as a "bike!" to Lake Mountain. (It would be perfectly legal, as the route was outside the Wilderness boundary.) So, I apologize to all who went for the extra strenuous nature of the trip due to the lack of enough bicycles. "Great fun was had by all." Not even the burglar could have said that better.

- Joe Kipphut

(editors question; burglar?)

MT. DEAN STONE Nov. 14

Twelve hikers were attracted by the noon start-time up Mt. Dean Stone on the south side of Missoula valley. There was fresh snow on the ground and the group generally stayed off old roads on the 4-mile hike. No skis were needed but some hikers were able to glissade down the upper slope. A special treat was the commentary by the "tour guide" Dave Line and he was able to provide historical and geographical tidbits concerning Missoula valley. The cows didn't seem to mind the intrusion of the hikers and we all enjoyed the outing.

- Nancy Shrader

GRAVES PEAK Nov. 26-28

If you park your car at the twin bridges over Crooked Fork and White Sand which join at that point to form the Lochsa River,; if you then park your pack on your back and your feet on your skis; if you then hike past the parked skyline and log loader and continue up, up, up the road to Kube Park; you can then park your tired carcass in the tent and enjoy the solitude of the Idaho high country. And with some luck on the weather you can work out the kinks with some moonlight skiing just outside camp in preparation for the next mornings assault on Graves Peak, an old lookout site about a mile inside the wilderness. However, be prepared also for some mighty brisk winds, windpacked snow and a challenging scramble up the last 300 feet over some car sized boulders. (20% of the party failed this last challenge). This was a surprisingly fine hike organized by a Mountaineer alum-pres., and is moderate to occasionally strenuous as three day trips go. We speculate that after a little more snow conditions the road there is probably some snowmobile traffic, at least on weekends.

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UPCOMING TRIPS ** ** *

- Dec. 5 Lolo Pass ski season tuneup trip
Leader: Nancy Shrader ph. 728-3334 Meet K-Mart 9:00 AM
(A Telemark session on Mt. Fujii will be added if snow permits)
- Dec. 11 Wisherd Ridge ski trip, 5 to 7 miles one way (depending on snow condition)
Leader: Bill Morgan ph. 1-363-5339 Meet Eastgate, 7:30 AM
(Moderately strenuous)
- Dec. 18 Ski trip to explore a "new" area - Rock, Granite, or Schwartz creek,
depending on snow conditions ; (or 9-mile area if snow is scarce)
Moderate ski trip, leave 8:00 AM
Leader: Bob Benson ph 549-1426
- New Years Little St. Joe shelter
Strenuous ski or snowshoe trip
Leader: Myra Bair ph. 728-3616
- Jan. 9 Lolo Hot Springs Loop Ski trip by car, skis, and water. Car pool
with Joe Kipphut to Lolo Hot Springs, then gather into $\frac{1}{2}$ the number of
vehicles, drive to Lolo pass, ski from the pass down Lee Creek (passing
over two ski bridges Joe and his YACC crew built) all the way to
Lolo Hot Springs, and then swim the final 20 feet.
Meet at IHOP near K-Mart 8 AM
Leader: Joe Kipphut ph. 721-1564

**** OOOOOPPPS ! ! ! ! *****

This trip is supposed to be about twenty lines above!

- Dec. 12 Pattee Canyon ski trip
Meet at Lewis and Clark Square (southwest Higgins) 12:30 pm
Leader: Virginia Vincent ph 543-8078

**TRY IT BEFORE
YOU BUY IT!**

X-C Ski Demo Day

Sunday December 12 - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

at Lolo Pass — We're bringing over fifty pairs of X-C skis out to
the snow so that you can try whatever you like.

Informal lessons and enjoyable touring with our staff, fun for
everyone. FREE — Come and bring a friend.

The
TRAILHEAD

543-6966

Corner of 3rd & Higgins - in Missoula

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 5 & 6 Rattlesnake overnite
(Rob Holden)

Weeknight ski-and-eat

Trip led by Ralph Klawitter

Anderson Mt. / Saddle Mt. Burn
Watch for details on these
and other trips.

