

# Mountain Ear

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OF WESTERN MONTANA

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Meeting  
April 13, 1983

7:30 pm  
Montana Power Co.  
1903 Russel St.

Program : SIXTEEN DAY SKI TRIP  
THRU THE BOB MARSHALL

Slide Lecture by Don Baty, Corvallis, Mt.

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FIRST CLASS



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## RECENT HAPPENINGS

Lost Trail ski trip - Ralph Flockerezi and Bill Morgan once again organized a highly successful ski trip to Lost Trail lodge and ski area. A total of 22 Mteers crammed three cabins and enjoyed the hustle of stumbling over day packs, sitting on wet sox, etc. Mary Robinson and several others collaborated on a super stew - made those of us who "ate out" at the resort feel a bit envious. Other activities included a marathon game of UNO (thanks to Lois Crepeau's good forethought to bring a deck) - no one had ever played a game that lasted over four hours before a winner came through exactly five seconds before the time limit we'd set for ending the long agony! Skiing was just super. Some folks got so enthralled with the good runs they spent a 11 day skiing the lifts. Others struck off to saddle mountain where Dan weinstein showed us all that telemark turns can be done even on wind slab and sun crust snow. On Sunday several of us went up the trail toward Hogans cabin and enjoyed the sun and fine views of the Big Hole side of the mountain. Anf throughout it all the delicious warm pool, Sauna, and whirlpool took out the owies from hard spills! Thanks again Ralph and Bill.

On Sunday Mar. 27 a crew of seven "conquered" Squaw Peak in the middle of a white-out snow squall. We went up the Edith peak road several miles by the ranger station then struck out via a spur road and bushwacking for the peak. The snow was quite good near the top, but following the trail out we learned that snowmobiles can make a deep run in the snow that was similar to trying to ski in a bobsled track - exciting! although the winter has been short of snow at lower elevations there should be some good spring snow for upcoming trips (see schedule).

Clarisse Landry and Joe Kipphut went all the way to the bayou country (Louisiana) to convert their two single sleeping bags to a double (sorry, that was real ly corny) Anyhow, we are hoping they will be back for the hikings seanson soon. Your editor knows where they are going on their honeymoon, but you will need to drive about 900 miles and hike for quite a few more through desert sands if you plan to do any mischief!

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## UPCOMING TRIPS

April 9 Ski trip to Wisherd Ridge and Sheep Mt. Moderate. Dan Weinstein, leader  
Call 543-4783. Meet 7:30 at eastgate.

April 16. St Mary Peak in the Bitterroot . Moderate except last pitch is sometimes  
tough. Bob Bendon (549-1426) will probably lead but as I will be out  
of town t e week prior, Bill Morgan (1-363-5339) will also take calls.  
Meeting place and time to be set later.

April 21-24 Bicycle trip in Yellowstone Park Leave Missoula 6 pm April 21, drive to  
Bozeman, then continue the next dat to Yellowstone. The biking portion will  
be a 120 to130 mile loop trip starting Apr.22 and ending Apr 24.  
Return to missoula late day Apr. 24. Call Ralph Flockerezi 549-9986  
or Bill Morgan 1-363-5339

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## MISC DRIVEL FROM YOUR EDITOR

How to really make a hit on trips-

Show up late to the meeting place

Use untried gear - packs that dont fit, bindings that dont work on your skis, et c.

Dont bring anything of y our own - borrow mitts, water bottle, bandaids, etc.

Insist on "hanging back ("You all are faster, go ahead") or going out strong all  
alone. That way you can foul up everyone by keeping thwm guessing if you are  
in trouble, have taken the wrong trail, etc.

If you are leading a trip, wait till you are weell on the way to decide on where  
you are going, how long you will stay, and what the route will be.,that way  
you can generate alot of disagreement among the group..

Play tough. over commit your capability, so you will dragthe whole hike to a crawl.

Actually, most hikers are super aware of good trail etiquette, but its  
sometimes easy to forget in the agony ofa hard trip or the ecstacy of a  
great one that the only good trip ia onw where we are all together - no one  
lost or abandoned.

## WATER SEASON IS ALMOST HERE !

This year parts of the Flathead River have bee closed for the dursion of the  
nesting season for both waterfowl and Osprey. But much is available for floating and  
the next Mteer will have some outings lined up. Be sure your vests are in good shape,  
and don't fail to wear them - Fish and Game does check for a vest for everyone  
in your canoe, raft, or kayak.



(Hiking to  
the Club  
elections,  
Apr. 13)

## ELECTIONS

NEXT meeting there will be elections for the various offices of the club.

The most obvious need is for a new Mt. Ear editor that can type ! Besides that all the offices will be available for some new blood. The nice thing about this club is that everything is pretty easy going and everyone pitches in to help get things done. So on April 13 stick your poling, paddling, and pulling hand up in the air and become a CANDIDATE !

## MORE TRIPS NEEDED

Note that in late April and early may there isn't any trips scheduled yet. If you have some favorite outing in mind bring it to the next meeting so it can be announced and put in the Missoulian.

## CLIMBERS

If you have seen some of the club members skiing virtually straight up hill and wondered how they did it, most likely in was on those yellow rope climbers. Nancy Shrader will have copies of instructions on how to make them at the next meeting.



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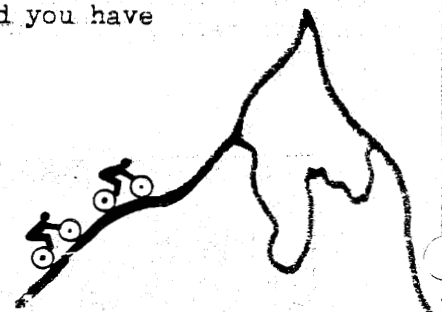
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