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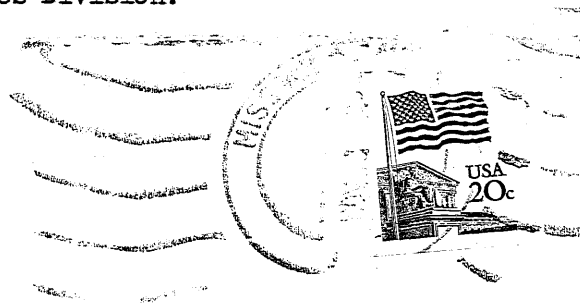
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS
OF WESTERN MONTANA

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM: November 9, Wednesday
7:30 p.m.
Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell, Missoula

George Stankey will present a slide show of a cross-section of Australia -- urban, coastal, rural -- with fauna and flora.

George, who works with the Forestry Sciences Lab in Missoula, spent two years at Canberra College of Advanced Education in Australia teaching in the School of Applied Sciences in the Natural Resources Division.



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FIRST CLASS

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ANNUAL AUDIT INFORMATION

4/30/82 to 4/30/83 - Beg. Balance: \$407.46

Comparison: 4/30/81 - 4/30/82

Income: 57 Memberships \$315.50
 Mountain Ear Adv. 36.00
 Total \$351.50

Income: 51 memberships \$281.00
 Mountain Ear Adv. 39.00
 Other 25.00
 Total \$345.00

Expenses: Printing Mt.Ear 84.30
 Postage 106.00
 P.O. Box Rental 26.00
 Refreshments 14.55
 Program & Donat. 75.00
 (82-83) Dues, F.W.O.C. 30.00
 Picnic Facility 25.00
 Checks 4.90
 Total \$365.75

Expenses: Printing (Mtn. Ear NC) 2.35
 Postage 99.00
 P.O. Box Rental 26.00
 Refreshments 24.85
 Programs, Inc. Equip. 50.07
 Picnic at Marshall 30.00
 Dues, F.W.O.C. 15.00
 Total \$261.42

Income minus Expenses -14.25

Income minus Expenses +83.58

End Balance: \$393.21

Submitted by Arnold Finklin, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Members:

Beverly Chin & Arthur Gidel
 2903 Highland Drive
 Missoula, MT 59802
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David Washburn
 2316 West Crescent Drive
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Renewed Memberships:

Mary Ambrose Bill Morgan
 George and Sharon Howe
 Tom and Sharon Lukomski
 Joe Kipphut and Clarisse Landry
 Betty Rosenkranz
 Florence Stone

Dues: \$5.00 Individual; \$7.00 Family
 Join at any time!

--The Rocky Mountaineers welcome all persons interested in outdoor activities at all seasons. One complimentary copy of the Mountain Ear will be sent upon request, and non-members may attend meetings and participate in activities prior to joining.

-- If you would like to lead hikes, call either Martha or Dan or any other officers. To insert material in the Mountain Ear, call Ethel, Lois, or Jim. For program or other suggestions, call President Ilona. Officers and phone numbers are as follows:

President: Ilona Hruska, 721-3832
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-- Watch the Around Missoula column for trip reminders and trips scheduled after publication of the Mountain Ear!

TRIP REPORTS

September 4 - Trapper Peak

It was family day on Trapper Peak! Julia and Louis guided their parents, Joe Lauinger and Nancy Shrader, and Cherie Beyer and Jerry Kogan, to the top on a cool and cloudy day. We did have a nice view at the summit, where there were some other hikers sharing the wind with us. As expected, it was a leisurely trip, with many pit stops along the way.

-- Nancy Shrader

September 17 - North Trapper

On September 17, one of our Mountaineers had the distinct pleasure of escorting John Strommes of the Missoulian on a climb of North Trapper. For the highlights of Mr. Stromme's ascent, please see the September 22nd edition of the Missoulian. Unfortunately, the leader escaped for the warm, sunny skies of Palo Alto before I could get his account of the North Trapper climb. His report will be featured in the forthcoming December issue of the Mountain Ear.

-- Ilona Hruska

October 4 - Boulder Creek Falls

Although there were only three of us -- Fern Johnson, Eleaine Maedche, and myself -- we had a good trip. The falls are pretty when the water is low. We went to the base of the falls, which I had never done before. It was worth the effort.

-- Martha Yale

October 9 - St. Joe Cabin Work Party

Once again, under the able leadership of Bill Morgan, a work party of four made the annual fall trek to Little St. Joe to ready the cabin for upcoming winter outings. The crew cut and stacked firewood, cleaned the shelter, replaced some of the stovepipe, and put in a new damper. Our New Year's Eve cabin visitors will undoubtedly appreciate the efforts of Bill and crew members Charles Hamma, Dan Weinstein, and Devvi Erickson. Thank you!

--Ilona Hruska

October 22 - Mt. Sentinel Moonlight Hike

Did all of you Mountaineers know the moon was not planning an appearance for my second annual moonlight ascent of Mt. Sentinel? Well, four of us went anyway. Lynn Paul, Ethel MacDonald, and I meandered up the ridge behind a scampering Mark Swanson, who did wait for our summit arrival. We didn't tarry long as a light drizzle and prospects of North Trapper awaited us at the end of our descent. Despite the moon's failure to attend the event, we all enjoyed the invigorating hike (and the beacon's reflection on the clouds), good wine, good dessert, and good slides.

--Ilona Hruska

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov. 5 - Saturday - Blodgett Canyon, with a stop at Sleeping Child Hot Springs afterwards. Mary Jane Robinson, 721-1276.
- Nov. 19 - Saturday - Mt. Dean Stone. A short hike of moderate difficulty close to town. Bring a snack if desired, and meet at 12:00 noon at the Lewis & Clark Square (Inland Market) parking lot. Led by Nancy Shrader, 728-3334.
- Nov. 20 - Sunday - An early ski trip to Sheep Mountain, Wisherd Ridge, or Lolo Peak, depending on snow conditions. Call Dan Weinstein, 543-4783.
- Nov. 26 - Saturday - Sheafman Lake, a 12-mile, moderate hike, or Fred Burr, a 10-mile, easy hike. Depends on weather. Call Vera Myers, 251-5305
- December 11 - Sunday - Lolo Pass to Granite to Lolo Hot Springs, a 13-mile ski trip with 1000 ft. elevation gain and 1800 ft. elevation drop. Shuttle. Call Dan Weinstein, 543-4783.

This in-between-seasons calendar is a little light. Don't be shy about volunteering to add to it! Call Martha (549-2163) or Dan (543-4783) with your ideas!



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A nice thing about joining the Mountaineers is meeting other people who enjoy hiking at your pace. The second nicest thing is learning about good hikes. A couple of phone calls from Ilona this month allowed me the pleasure of two especially nice hikes I wouldn't have experienced otherwise. On October 16, Ilona, Mark Swanson, Nancy DeCou and I hiked to Lake Mountain on the edge of the Scapegoat Wilderness Area. The sky was clear, and the colors -- from changing tamaracks to white peaks against a blue sky to yellow mushrooms with red centers -- were spectacular.

Although the weather looked a little less promising on October 23, we set out for Pyramid Peak, north of Seeley Lake. A fairly long mountain drive only gave the weather time to clear, so that we could enjoy a spectacular view from the top -- the snow-covered Mission and Swan Ranges as well as a good view of the Bob Marshall. Fall hikes are especially rewarding, at least for me. Thanks again, Mark and Ilona!

-- Ethel MacDonald

Ilona Hruska and Nancy DeCou hiked on November 5 to Dome Mountain, on the other side of Skalkaho Pass. A trail along the ridge on the edge of a wildlife preserve makes this an especially nice hike during hunting season! The views included the Pintlars, Flint Creek Range, and a little of the Bitterroots. This area appears to offer good potential for other hikes, as numerous marked trails intersect. (I turned down a chance to go on this one, due to Mountain Ear and other responsibilities. A glance at Missoula's air Saturday morning made me wish it weren't too late to change my mind!)

-Ethel-