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DECEMBER PROGRAM: December 14, Wednesday
7:30 p.m.
Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell, Missoula

DAVE PENGELLY will present slides of two ascents of
GRANITE PEAK in the Beartooths. Granite, at an elevation
of 12,800 feet, is the highest peak in Montana.

All members who can bring some Christmas goodies to add
to the holiday atmosphere of the meeting are urged to
do so. Call Andy Graybeal, 542-2496. Thanks.

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FIRST CLASS

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewals:

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549-6773

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Missoula, MT 59801

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

Send dues to Arnold Finklin
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The Rocky Mountaineers welcome all persons interested in outdoor activities in 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.

OFFICERS: President: Ilona Hruska, 721-3832
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To volunteer to lead hikes, call either Martha or Dan. To suggest programs or activities, call Ilona. To insert material in the Mountain Ear (including trip reports) call Ethel. Send dues to Arnold.

Watch the Around Missoula column for trip reminders and trips scheduled after publication of the Mountain Ear.

The Rocky Mountaineers organization is low-key, with nobody expecting to do too much work. In other words, responsibility for making an active season is shared by all members. If you want to see more activities, volunteer to organize and lead them! We're all looking for new ideas and welcome new leaders!

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TRIP REPORTS

November 19 - More than a dozen people showed up for the MT. DEAN STONE hike. Julia and I were among the stragglers. The front line consisted of Ilona Hruska, Lynn Paul, Jerry Kogan, Cherie Beyer, and Louis. Also on the hike were Andy Graybeal, Mary Louise Hartwick, Betty Rosenkranz, Alice and Briggs Austin, and three newcomers -- Jan, Paul, and Bonnie. The day started out clear and cold, and ended up windy, cloudy, and colder.

--Nancy Shrader

November 20 - Five people skied within 1/4 mile of ST. MARY'S PEAK, then hiked the last, rocky part, and enjoyed lunch in the lookout. Dan Weinstein led Brett Dusette, Bob Gilpan, Arthur Godell, and Ken ? on this early-season, but successful, ski trip.

--Dan Weinstein

November 26 - The proposed Sheafman Lake trip didn't get underway, apparently due to questionable weather and resultant lack of interest.

December 11 - Due to unfavorable trail conditions at Granite, the proposed Granite to Lolo Hot Springs shuttle trip was changed to a WISHERD RIDGE trip. Ilona Hruska, Mark Swanson, Lynn Paul, Cyndy Braun, and Dave Pengelly joined leader Dan Weinstein for a trip that started right at the highway. Dan reported few details beyond the "facts," but Ilona added a bit more excitement with a tale of a runaway ski and some close-to-runaway snow.



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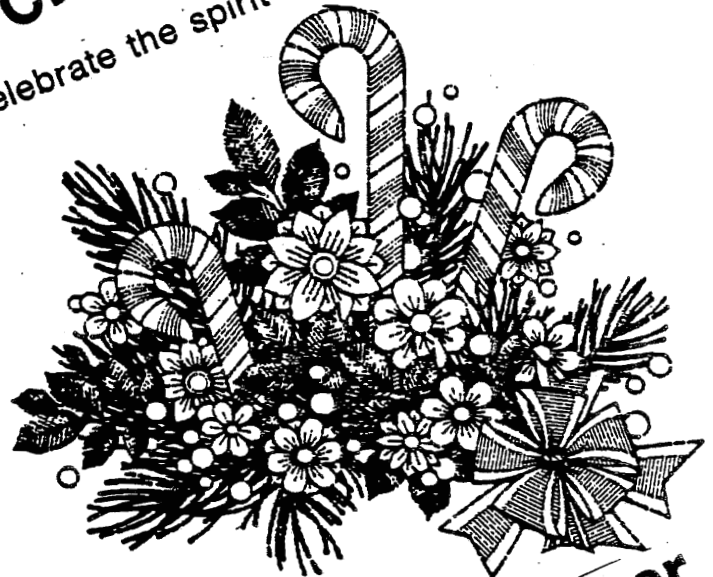
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DECEMBER-JANUARY CALENDAR

December 18 - Hoodop Pass Ski Trip - 80 mile drive, fairly strenuous skiing.
 Sunday Call Dan Weinstein, 543-4783

December 31 - Annual New Year's Eve trip to the cabin, led by Myra Bair. This
 January 1 isn't for beginners. Call Joe Kipphut, 721-1564 for information.

January 8 - Ski trip to Squaw Peak, or possibly Edith Peak. Call Bob Benson,
 549-1426.

January 15 - Ski trip to either low gap or Franklin bridge, depending on
 conditions. Led by Ilona Hruska and Nancy DeCou. For information
 call Ilona at 721-3832 or Nancy at 728-5376.

December 26 - January 1 or so, Dan Weinstein (543-4783) plans to do a lot of
 skiing and welcomes those who like more strenuous trips. He's
 planning to go to the cabin above Snow Bowl and from there ski
 into the Rattlesnake Wilderness. Call him if interested.

The following trail information is taken from Ninemile H 206, USDA. Thanks to
 Virginia Vincent for a good set of these publications. Information will be in-
 cluded in the Mountain Ear as space permits.

RESERVATION DIVIDE TRAIL 98, Ninemile-Mill Area. Beg. 5,920 ft; End 7120 ft.
 at Josephine Peak. Access either from Ninemile-Siegel Rd. 412 or Josephine Peak
 Trail 155 and McCormick Creek Trail 708. None of these information sheets from
 Ninemile recommend winter use for the trails, but since that includes the Squaw
 and Edith Peak trails, who knows? This one may or may not be appropriate for
 winter use, but it's the one that fits best in the space this month! (Next season
 we need to get an editor who knows something about trails and winter trips!)

