



# Mountain Ear

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## JANUARY PROGRAM:

Wednesday, January 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell, Missoula

The January program features ascents of the highest peaks in both Wyoming and Idaho. Brett Doucette will show slides of a summer ascent of Gannett Peak (13,800 ft.) in the Wind Rivers Range in Wyoming, and Bob Benson will show slides of an ascent of Borah Peak in Idaho. Borah Peak was 12,600 ft. but after the recent earthquake, gained an additional 15 feet.



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FIRST CLASS

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Renewals:

Alice and Briggs Austin	Jim and Doris Pullen
Don Baty	Andy Smith
Lois and Joe Crepeau	Virginia Vincent
Bill and Nancy DeCou	Dan Weinstein
Ralph Flockerzi	Mary Ann Schipf
Andy Graybeal	Sandra Satre
Curt Holmen (new address: 1010 Washburn)	

New Member: Nancy Braun  
682 North Avenue West  
Missoula, MT 59802  
728-6846

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  
V. Presidents: Dan Weinstein, 543-4783  
Martha Yale, 549-2163  
Secretary: Mary Jane Robinson, 721-1276  
Treasurer: Arnold Finklin, 543-8705  
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Jim Burns, 549-5375  
Social: Andy Graybeal, 542-2496

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 at Box 4262, Missoula, 59801.

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

-NOTICE-      -NOTICE-      -NOTICE-      -NOTICE-      -NOTICE-      -NOTICE-      -NOTICE-

The Second Ovando-Seeley Citizens' Race (OSCR) will take place on Saturday, February 11. OSCR is a 50K (31 miles) low-key cross-country citizens' race (a fast tour for some of us). The course is point-to-point, beginning at Two Creek Ranch in Ovando and ending at Seeley Lake. Specifics on OSCR and entry forms are available at the Trailhead or by writing to OSCR, Box 276, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

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TRIP REPORTS

The December 18 trip to Hoodoo Pass was changed to a Pattee Canyon trip due to cold and windy weather. Art Godell and Beverly Chin joined leader Dan Weinstein for an easy, shorter day than was originally scheduled.

The annual New Year's Eve trip to the cabin was a great success, according to leader Myra Bair and one of the followers, Dan Weinstein. Friday, Bob Benson, Bill Morgan, and Myra skied in with the turkey in a non-record time of 7¼ hours. The next day, Dan, Art Godell, Joe Kipphut, Clarisse Landry, and Ralph Flockerzie skied in in considerably fewer hours. Most members made one or more trips to the summit and enjoyed excellent views in the clear weather. Jerry Kogan and Sherry Beyer and their young son Louis skied in for a day's visit, and brought their friends Cathy and Cliff with them. They, too, skied to the summit, and still skied back out the same day. (Myra sounded impressed when she said this.) Myra, Bill, Bob, and Art skied out on Sunday, but Dan, Joe, and Ralph made another ascent of the summit on Sunday and then skied out on Monday, accompanied by Clarisse. Good weather, good snow, turkey and all the trimmings, and good views all worked together to make this trip a great success.

The Squaw Peak or Edith Peak trip scheduled for Sunday, January 8 was called off due to unfavorable weather conditions. Bob hopes to reschedule it for a later date.



Dan Weinstein and Art Godell skied in the Snow Bowl area on December 28-30, going from the top of Snow Bowl to Point Six and then down a ridge leading to the Rattlesnake Wilderness Area and a lake southeast of Point Six. They climbed out of the bowl to the new run and skied back by a different route to the top of Snow Bowl. Conditions were good, and the trip enjoyable. For further information on this area, call Dan.

On January 1, I escaped Missoula's air by exploring the trails in the Pattee Canyon Picnic Area. It was a beautiful day, and the trails were in marvelous condition. I saw Mavis Lorenz (looking fantastic) who said "we" had spent Saturday working on them. On behalf of myself and all the other people who were enjoying the trails that day, I thank the people responsible for the trails. I only wish I had discovered them a little sooner, or more specifically, that the warm weather had arrived a little later.


- Ethel MacDonald

If you have discovered some good places to go that you're willing to share, please write up something for the Mountain Ear. Thanks!

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-William Wordsworth



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## JANUARY CALENDAR

- Jan. 14 - Saturday - Dan Weinstein will lead a trip to Carleton Lake and possibly the saddle below Lolo Peak. Moderate in difficulty and length. Call Dan at 543-5783 for more information.
- Jan. 15 - Sunday - Depending on conditions, Ilona Hruska and Nancy DeCou will lead a trip to Franklin Bridge in the Rattlesnake or Low Gap at Lolo Peak. Call Ilona at 721-3832 or Nancy at 728-5376.
- Jan. 22 - Sunday - Art Godell will lead a trip to Blue Point. Moderate in difficulty and length. Call Art at 543-7352 for more information.
- Jan. 29 - Sunday - Granite Ridge to Lolo Hot Springs, including a shuttle and a swim. Moderate difficulty, but fairly long. Call Dan Weinstein at 543-5783.

TRIP LEADERS WANTED FOR FEBRUARY! TRIP LEADERS WANTED FOR FEBRUARY! TRIP LEADERS WANTED!

GET READY NOW FOR A GREAT WEEKEND, MARCH 3-4, AT LOST TRAIL. (PLAN AHEAD AND GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN.) Ralph Flockerzi will organize a Mountaineers weekend at Lost Trail including a potluck dinner and possibly potluck breakfast. Reservations include a maximum of 27 people, so call Ralph early, and plan to send a \$15 deposit no later than February 15. For more information, call Ralph at 549-9986, or send your deposit to him at 1221 South 5th West, Missoula, 59801.

Jim Fullen is looking for cross-country skiing companions at the novice-intermediate level for local trips of about two to three hours on weekdays. He can provide transportation. If interested, please call Jim at 251-4787.

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