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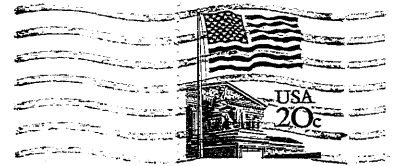
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APRIL MEETING: Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell
(Note: back to the usual time and place)

PROGRAM: Steve Gerrish will give a slide presentation of hiking in
ELSMERE ISLAND in the CANADIAN ARCTIC and boating on the BACK RIVER
in the NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Also: Election of officers

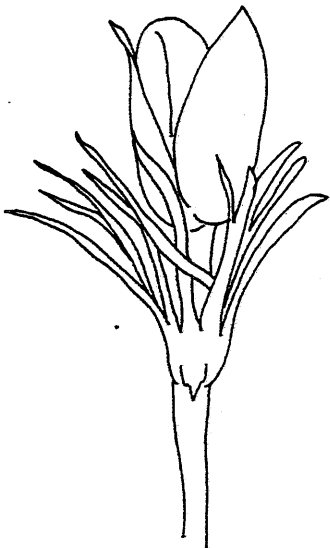
GLACIER LILY
bears love the
bulbs of these
bright yellow flowers
that bloom in April.



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TRIP REPORTS

March 10-11 - CABIN

Steve Gerrish, Steve Swab, Terry Jones, and Dan Weinstein skied to the cabin. We made two trips to the Little Saint Joe Peak Saturday. The weather was overcast so we didn't get much of a view from the peak. We had about a foot of new snow Sunday, which made the skiing excellent for two more trips to the summit Sunday morning. The top of the peak remained in a cloud so the view was limited.

March 17-18 - STORM LAKE and STORM PASS

Cindy Anderson, Wayne Hecker, and Dan Weinstein skied 9 miles to Storm Lake where we set up camp near a stream out of the wind. The going was slow because we had to break trail through deep snow. After setting up camp we had lunch at about 4:30 p.m. and then skied toward Storm Pass. As the weather cleared some we could see the base of the mountains but the peaks were still in the clouds.

Sunday morning we had high clouds but we could see the mountains, and after breakfast we skied up to Storm Pass. The Pass is at 9,000 feet, located between two 10,000 ft. peaks in the Continental Divide. We had an excellent view. Storm Lake is over 8,000 feet.

We had an excellent downhill run in soft, deep, powder back to camp. After lunch we broke camp and skied out. It was a good ski out and was much easier than the trip in.

--Dan Weinstein

April 1 - NASH POINT

Bill Morgan, Art Gidel, Cindy Anderson, Wayne Hecker, and Dan Weinstein skied for six or seven hours in good weather to enjoy Nash Point, an 8500 foot ridge in the Bitterroots. According to Dan, it was an interesting, very back-country trip, and was a little dry in spots. Perhaps more details will be forthcoming at the April meeting if anyone has questions.



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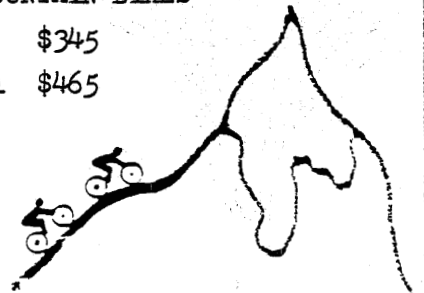
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April 7 - SQUAW PEAK

Bill Morgan, Devvi Erickson, Larry Johnson, Wayne Hecker, Brett Dussette, and Dan Weinstein joined leader Bob Benson on a 10-12 mile round trip to Squaw Peak. It was a beautiful, bright day, and we could see virtually everything from Big Mountain to the Anaconda Pintlars. The snow was a hard solid base, but by the time we came down the surface had softened so we had a really fine skiing.

We drove up the Edith Peak road and got stopped by a drift about three miles past the station. We left the cars at about 9 a.m. and were back around 4:30. A good trip.

--Bob Benson

April 7-8 - GARNET

What a beautiful scenic trip! Jean Doerr, Mary Ambrose, Eileen Evans, and Andy Graybeal cross-country skied into Garnet Ghost town where the caretakers, Doug and Rose, extended superb hospitality. Our overnight stay at the Dahl cabin was most enjoyable.

The weather was bright and sunny, which afforded us a panoramic view of Swan and Mission ranges. We took the Greenough route and skied the Garnet Range Road five miles in from the trailhead. Snow conditions were good.

The caretaker's wife, Rose, led Mary and Eileen on a sidetrip through the "streets" of Garnet and gave them a guided tour of the area and a view of the many varied ski trails. Rose also took them to a high point where they viewed the Pintlars, Rattlesnake, Missions, Swan, and Flint Creek Ranges.

Sunday morning brought heavy snow for our exit on a somewhat shorter route. The trip out was still enjoyable because of the mild temperatures.

We would like to encourage more skiing and hiking trips to the Garnet area, and also the use of the Dahl cabin, which we found very comfortable even to the necessary cooking utensils and dishes, wood, stove, lantern, water, etc. All you really need is your sleeping bag and food. We thank the BIM for their concern and interest in Garnet. This is one of the second largest areas for groomed trails in the state -- 60-70 miles of them. We plan to write letters to our congressmen in support of BIM's maintenance of the area. Anyone wanting information on conditions and reservation of the cabin can call Al Wahlin at 549-9630, evenings.

We are also grateful to Jim Garrison, who volunteered his time and snowmobile to help us pack our gear in and out.

--"The Hardy Gals"

The Mountain Ear is a publication of the Rocky Mountaineers, an outdoor activity (all-season, all-activity, all-ages) group which welcomes new members at any time. Dues: \$5.00 individual, \$7.00 family. Send to Arnold Finklin, treasurer, Box 4262, Missoula, 59806.

To insert material in the Mountain Ear, Call Ethel MacDonald at 549-9722 (evenings) or send to her at 316 W. Central, Missoula, 59801.

To volunteer to lead hikes, ski trips, or what-have-you, call Dan Weinstein at 543-4783. Thanks for helping!



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APRIL CALENDAR

- April 21-22
Sat.-Sun. Hoodoo Pass, overnight. This is an excellent area for cross-country touring with many open slopes. Call Wayne Hecker for details, Phone 251-4853
- April 28-29?
Sat.-Sun. This may be a day trip or an overnight trip to the top of Trapper Peak, over 10,000 feet in the Bitterroots. Call Art Gidel for details, 543-6352.
- May 3
Sunday Lolo Peak. Ski trip to this 11,000 ft. peak near Missoula. Call Dan Weinstein for details, 543-4783.

TRIP LEADERS WANTED!! TRIP LEADERS NEEDED!! TRIP LEADERS APPRECIATED!!



PASQUE FLOWER
has a hairy stem and a lavender tulip shaped bloom; this flower grows on praries & mountain slopes.

Wildflower sketches decorating this issue are the work of Hedvig Rappe. Similar depictions in colored scroll form will be available at The Schoolhouse Easter Market, on Remount Road between the Ninemile House and the Ninemile Ranger Station, April 14-15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

New members: Cindy Anderson, 802 Ronald, Missoula, 59801. 549-2152
Sara Stephens, 500 South 5th West, Missoula, 59801. 728-4605

Renewals: Myra Bair, Martha Yale, Phil Poulsen, Gyndy Braun, Greg and June Siple.

The following is the slate of officers selected by the nominating committee for the 1984-85 year. Additional nominations may be added at the April meeting. Officers will be elected and take office at the April meeting.

President: Dan Weinstein
V. Pres.: Cindy Anderson
Secretary: Mary Jane Robinson
Treasurer: Arnold Finklin
Social: Mary Ambrose
Newsletter: Ethel MacDonald & Lois Crepeau

We were unable to contact some potential nominees. Please feel free to volunteer or to nominate!



MOUNTAIN LADY SLIPPER

these handsome plants are rare but a nice surprise in a quiet forest; they are usually white to dull purple