



July 7-8 Turquoise Lake.

Ed Domer, John Alonzo, Mike Maxwell, Chuck Martin, and Frank Reich hiked to Turquoise Lake in the Mission range on Saturday morning. In the afternoon we hiked to a ridge above the lake and were rewarded with a great view. On Sunday we hiked over the ridge to the Heart and Crescent Lakes area. Some bushwacking was involved, but was enjoyable nevertheless. We finished up the trip by walking out the Crescent Lake trail.

--Ed Domer

July 8 Gash Point.

Four hardy mountaineers joined leader (?) Bill Morgan on a moderately strenuous hike up to Gash Point. The terrain was moderate; however the trail proved elusive so the trip up was not the most direct route. The trip down was even less so. Suffice it to say that the trail is more evident under winter conditions than at this time of year. Fortunately the group was tolerant and were rewarded by a spectacular view. Along were Charles Hamma, Dave Fried, Chery Beyer and Devvi Ericson.

--Bill Morgan

July 14-15 East and West Pintlar Peaks - Anaconda Pintlar Wilderness.

Ralph Flockerzi and Wayne Hecker hiked the five miles from the trailhead on the Middle Fork of Rock Creek to Phyllis Lake on Saturday morning. The trail was in good condition and it is a gentle climb to the lake. At the lake we set up camp and met Terry Jones, Mark Battaion, and Terry (?) who had come over from Wisdom, Montana, and hiked in the day before. We hiked to the top of West Pintlar Peak (9498' elevation) and had an excellent view of the surrounding mountain ranges. Ralph tested his fishing skills in Phyllis lake and that evening we had an excellent trout dinner.

Sunday morning we hiked to the top of East Pintlar Peak (9486' elevation) where we again had excellent views. We hiked out via the Falls Fork trail and Johnson Lake where Ralph caught some more fish. The mosquitoes were ferocious at Johnson Lake so we didn't stay long. We all enjoyed the trip and the excellent scenery of the Pintlars.

--Wayne Hecker

July 15 North Trapper Peak.

Dave Pengelly, Tom Sutton, and Art Gidel began walking the trail from Baker Point at 7:15 a.m. The approach route is over the notch just north of Gem Lake, traversing down to the couloir at the base of North Trapper. Bill Wyland had backpacked in the day before, and joined the group at the snow chute leading up the south face. After exiting this gully with a few delicate rock climbing moves, the group made a straight-forward scramble to the top. The weather and view were superb. The group was back at the trailhead by 4 p.m. An elk, a goat, and numerous deer were spotted during the day.

--Art Gidel

July 21 St. Mary's Peak.

Kathy Curtis, Peyton Moncure, David Washburn, and Cindy Anderson hiked up the trail to St. Mary's Peak. The day was warm and sunny and the gnarled whitebark pines were picturesque. At the top the breeze was cool but the view was good. We had a leisurely picnic sampling each other's lunches and enjoying the company. On the way down Peyton jogged much of the way, and Dave confessed that he subscribes to the Chocolate Newsletter. Other confessions followed, but won't be repeated here.

Driving back to Missoula, we found Mount Sentinel on fire.

--Cindy Anderson

July 21-22 George Lake.

Ralph Flockerzi and Bill Nibbs hiked and bushwacked about 2500 vertical feet to this high mountain lake in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The bushwacking was only moderately difficult, and the fishing was good to excellent. This area is really a beautiful spot, and the trip makes a good weekend outing.

--Ralph Flockerzi

July 28 Hoodoo Pass.

Mel Laubach, Bob Gilpin and Dave Pengelly left Missoula at 7:00 a.m. and drove to Hoodoo Pass. The group walked south from the pass along the Idaho-Montana Divide through the Great Burn. The Divide trail provides great views into Idaho and down on many lakes in Montana, including Hoodoo, Hidden, Heart, Pearl and Dalton. We dropped off the Divide at Dalton Lake and traversed around Pearl and Heart Lakes. Bob hiked out Trout Creek from Heart Lake, while Mel and Dave hiked back up the Divide and out to the car. Besides beautiful views, the trip was notable for the abundance of wildflowers in bloom.

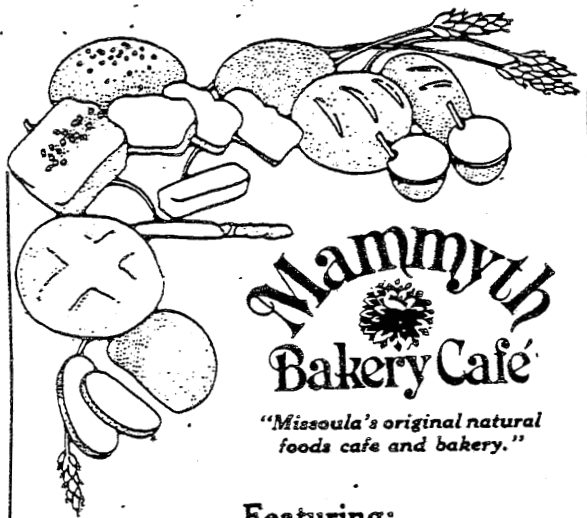
-- Dave Pengelly

August 4 Pyramid Peak.

Bev Chin, Dave Washburn, Diane Horene, Joan Schweinsberger, and a newcomer named Gayle followed leader Nancy DeCou on the road to Seeley Lake for a hike to Pyramid Lake and Pyramid Peak in the Swan Range. They were joined by Jo Ann Hall and Roberta Burnett in Seeley Lake. Although the parking lot at the trailhead was full of horse trailers, we encountered (several times) only one pack train. The day started out quite nice with the shady trail making a pleasant hike to Pyramid Pass and the lakes. From Pyramid Lake we bushwacked up a steep slope, and two members turned back and waited at the lake. Those who continued were rewarded by a surprise visit with Don Baty, who is leading a trail crew in the area. He'd received the Mountain Ear in that week's mailsack and decided to meet us at the top! It was good to see him.

Thunderstorms on three sides of the peak threatened to close in. so we hurried back to the lake. The weather held, however, and everyone had an enjoyable hike out except for Gayle, who was suffering from blisters and bug bites.

--Nancy DeCou



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## LATE AUGUST - SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Mon., Aug. 27 - Five-day backpack in the Bighorn Craigs Area of the River of No Return Wilderness. Led by Dan Weinstein. Contact Dan (leave message at 1-827-4837) or call Art Gidel, 543-6352 for details.
- Sun., Sept. 2
- Sat., Sept. 8 - Glacier Park. From Logan Pass to Granite Park Chalet to Swift Water Campground. Moderate, 14 miles. Call Ed Domer at 1-677-2715 by Thursday, Sept. 6 if interested.
- Sat., Sept. 15 - Mountaineer Peak, Mission Mountains. Strenuous bushwack and scramble, 5500 vertical feet. Call Art Gidel, 543-6352 for details.
- Sun., Sept. 23 - Nancy Schrader will lead an easy family hike somewhere, but hasn't made her plans definite yet. Call her at 728-3334.
- Sat., Sept. 29 - Alberton Gorge, Clark Fork River - raft/kayak trip. Call Art Gidel, 543-6352.

TRIP REPORTS, Cont. August 5 Stark Mountain.

Cheryl Beyer with son Louis in the backpack, Charles Hamma, Tricia Leasure, Dave Washburn, and Carlin Tente followed leader Mel Williams to the top of Stark Mountain and visited with Virginia Vincent at the Lookout. Kim Williams stuffed her face with huckleberries. (I trust this concise summary of Kim's Aug. 12 column in the Missoulian will teach her, a paid writer, never to trust someone else to do her writing for her! Sorry, Kim. I couldn't resist, and I'm sure we all read your delightful account.)

Mountaineers Mary Jane Robinson and Jim Burns were married July 28 in Woodland Park, Colorado. Congratulations and best wishes from the Mountain Ear and the Mountaineers. Other Membership News will have to wait until next issue due to poor planning on the part of the editor.



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