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NOVEMBER MEETING: Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.
Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell, Missoula

PROGRAM: Missoulian photographer Carl Davaz will present a slide program based on slides used in Montana Wilderness: Discovering the Heritage, a recent work of Davaz and Steve Woodruff.



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TRIP REPORTS

Saturday, Oct. 13 - Cabin Maintenance Trip

Andy Smith and Art Gidel transported the elusive seat to the elusive hole on Little St. Joe ridge. While eating lunch and warming up in the cabin, the semi-motivated pair was joined by Myra Bair and Jack Low. After lunch this four-member work party installed the outhouse floor and the seat, and pounded a few nails to strengthen the structure (we hope!). The floor consists of a combination of split logs, smaller pole logs, pieces of firewood, and prayers for strength.

As discussed at the October business meeting, a short memo requesting conservation of firewood and utilization of the outhouse was posted in the cabin.

--Art Gidel

Sunday, Oct. 14 - Sheep Mountain Hike

Five hikers tried to get to Sheep Mountain from a lower logging road. The maze of roads confused us, but we had an enjoyable hike nonetheless. Kim Williams and Sam Stem joined the family. The snow fell for the hike, except for some sun at lunch. A nice outing.

--Nancy Shrader

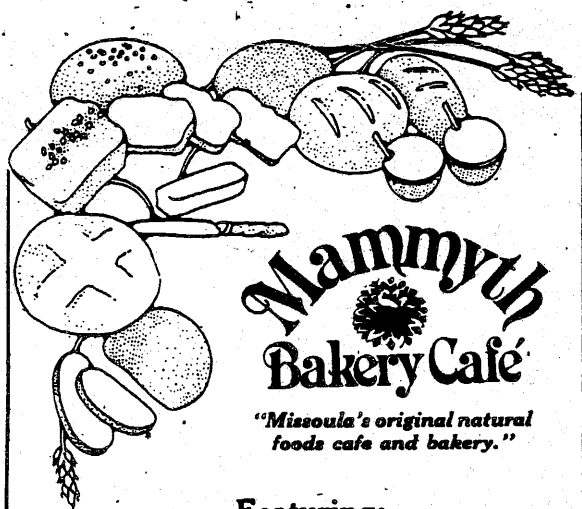
Lois Crepeau reports good skiing at Lolo Pass the last couple of weeks. The facilities there will open on November 16, at which time parking permits will be required. Trails haven't been groomed yet, but should be by the November 16 weekend.

THIS AD SPACE AVAILABLE!

(The Bushwhacker in Hamilton has not apparently realized any business from its ad with us, and has decided to drop it, at least for awhile. Be sure to let our advertisers know if you patronize them because of their ads in the Mountain Ear.)

Meanwhile, there's no reason we couldn't offer classified ads to members. If you have equipment or clothing that might be of interest to this group, why not run an ad in the Mountain Ear? We'll run one of any reasonable size (classified style, that is) for \$1.

Virginia Vincent kindly furnished us a nice set of trail descriptions in the Ninemile District which could possibly give members some idea for hikes or ski trips. Since they're generally too long to fit the limited space in the Mountain Ear, I'll bring them to the November meeting. For example, the Trail 101, W. Fk. Fish Creek, and Lower Siamese Trail 114 looks like a possibility, but some of you with more experience would probably know whether it's possible or impossible for a ski trip.



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Betty Rosenkrantz

Susan Dodd (Box 526, Victor, MT 59875, phone 642-3170)

Bill and Devvi Morgan (117 Wedgewood Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901)

(A sharp editor might pick up a real "membership news" story here. Congratulations,

Bill! Best wishes to you and Devvi in your new home in Kalispell.)

New Members:

Charlotte Critchelow

112 Glenroy

Hamilton, MT 59840

Timothy Albert Allwine

1830½ Trail Street

Missoula, MT 59801

The MOUNTAIN EAR is a publication of the Rocky Mountaineers, an outdoor activities group which welcomes new members at any time. Dues (\$5.00 person or \$7.50 family) may be sent to treasurer Arnold Finklin, Rocky Mountaineers, Box 4262, Missoula, 59806.

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Complimentary copies of the Mountain Ear will be sent on request. Non-members may participate in Mountaineer activities prior to joining. Watch the Missoulian's "Around Missoula" column for reminders of scheduled trips or for additions or changes.

According to an eight-year-old publication from another outdoor organization, the following recipe is for the "gourmet ski tourer" and is guaranteed to bring popularity to anybody who takes it on a trip (and shares it, of course).

Pumpkin-Raisin-Nut Bread

1 cup vegetable oil	3½ cups pre-sifted flour
4 eggs, beaten	1½ tsp. salt
2/3 cup water	1 tsp. nutmeg
2 cups mashed canned pumpkin	2 tsp. baking soda
½ or 1 cup raisins	1 tsp. cinammon
½ or 1 cup nuts	3 cups sugar

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour three 8½ x 4½ x 2½ loaf pans. Combine oil, eggs, water, pumpkin. Sift together flour, salt, nutmeg, baking soda, cinnamon and sugar. Make a well in center of dry ingredients and add pumpkin mixture and blend (don't beat) until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in raisins and nuts. Turn into prepared pans and bake in preheated oven about one hour.

--And there are those among us who will substitute wholewheat flour for white, honey for sugar, etc. etc. --

TRIP SCHEDULE

- Saturday, Nov. 17 - St. Mary's Peak trip canceled due to abundance of snow. Replaced by Wilsherd Ridge to Sheep Mountain. Moderately strenuous. Call Art Gidel, 543-6352.
- Sunday, Nov. 18 - Moderate ski trip at Lolo Pass. Meet at I-HOP at 9:30 a.m. for carpool. Call Lois Crepeau at 728-5321.
- Friday-Sunday
November 23-25 - Moderate, three-day trip to Little St. Joe Cabin. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352.
- Saturday-Sunday
December 1-2 - Two-day ski trip. For details call Wayne Hecker at 251-4853.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Skiing season is here! As of November 4, there was 30 inches of snow at the St. Mary's Peak trailhead (7,000'). Wayne Hecker, Bev Chin, and I skied about three to four miles of road on 20 plus inches of snow to reach the parking lot. At our high point of about 8,500' there was over four feet of delicious powder.

To kick off the skiing season, the November 14 meeting will feature a questionnaire to discuss and formulate an emergency gear list for upcoming ski trips. I encourage active skiers to attend and give members the benefit of their experience.

For this year's ski season I'm trying to coordinate two to three ski trips per month. However, I need trip leaders and suggestions on the type of trips that members prefer. Please give me a call at 543-6352. Without a successful trip agenda, the central purpose of the group rings hollow.

--Art Gidel



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