



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS
OF WESTERN MONTANA

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APRIL MEETING: Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell, Missoula

PROGRAM: Joel and Patti Meyer: "Kayaking Waters of the West --
Rivers and Oceans"

Election of Officers



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TRIP REPORTS

March 23, Saturday -- Sweeney Peak

Nancy Braun, Ralph Flockerzi, Joe Kipphut, and Roger Stang joined leader Art Gidel on this enjoyable ski trip in the Bitterroot Range. Although it was above freezing, a fresh snowfall made the skiing quite good. The base was solid, making trail breaking relatively easy. After eating lunch at about 8,000 feet, just below the timberline, the group skied to the east summit of Sweeney Peak (9,100'). The skiing down was remarkably good, but very fast. We reached the vehicle (parked at 4,000') at 5:00 p.m. An enjoyable trip and a super group!

--Art Gidel

March 3-31, Saturday-Sunday -- Lost Trail

Allison Easterling, Martha Yale, Jim and Mary Burns and two nephews, Bill and Devvi Morgan, Andy and Herman Beal, Wayne Hecker, and Donald Gisselbeck responded to Ralph Flockerzi's annual invitation to spend two days of skiing and one night in the cabins at Lost Trail Resort. Also joining the group were Dean and Shirley ? (friends of Andy's) who spent the night in their camper, and Nancy Braun, who joined the group for Sunday skiing. The group had a good potluck dinner, and pancakes and eggs for breakfast. Skiing was really good on Saturday, when there was fresh snow, but Sunday's skiing was less satisfactory, at least for Ralph's group which went toward Anderson Mountain both days. Some members apparently skied near the cabin area, and some also did some downhilling. This is a great trip for everybody to find whatever type of skiing suits him or her.

--Ralph Flockerzi

April 7, Easter Sunday on Squaw Peak

Wayne Hecker, John Pierce, Nancy Braun, Larry Anderson, Brett Doucette, and Ralph Flockerzi drove as far as they could until they ran into snow drifts and then walked a couple of miles. They left the car at 10:30 and were back at 6:00. The group had a good view of the Missions, among other beautiful views, and had good telemarking back down.

--Ralph Flockerzi



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Officers for the current year are:

Art Gidel, President	543-6352
Cindy Anderson, V.Pres	549-2152
Mary Jane Burns, Secty.	721-1276
Arnold Finklin, Treas.	543-8705
Lois Crepeau, Mountain Ear	728-5321
Ethel MacDonald, " "	549-9722

Your suggestions for the Mountain Ear are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewals: Ilona Hruska & Mark Swanson
Joanne Hall
Arnold Finklin
Greg and June Siple

Corrections: Jonah Freedman (sp.)
Martha Lawrence (sp.)
Jane Byrne, old address was
correct: Cordova #27
27361 N. Sierra H'Way
Canyon Country, CA
91351

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1985-86:

President: Art Gidel
Assistant Trip Coordinator: Ralph Flockerzi
Vice President: -- This is the position which is responsible for programs for
monthly meetings. So far, we have no volunteers. Please
bring your suggestions (nominees) to the April meeting!

Secretary: Martha Yale
Treasurer: Arnold Finklin
Mountain Ear: Mary Ambrose and Nancy Braun

Additional nominees for any offices will be welcomed at the April meeting. A big
thank you in advance to all of the above for being willing to work to keep the
Rocky Mountaineers an active group!



Featuring:

- fresh breads, bagels, pita
 - luscious pastries
 - homemade soup & sandwiches
 - hot vegetarian entrees
 - Mexican dinner Friday evening
 - salad bar
 - fresh juices & smoothies
- and much more!

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri. evening 'til 8 p.m.
131 West Main
549-5542

"Before we can adorn our houses with
beautiful objects the walls must be stripped,
and our lives must be stripped, and beauti-
ful housekeeping and beautiful living be
laid for a foundation: now, a taste for
the beautiful is most cultivated out of
doors, where there is no house and no
housekeeper."

--Henry David Thoreau
Walden

(Translation: It is better to go hiking
than to do spring cleaning.)

"As every season seems best to us in
its turn, so the coming in of spring is
like the creation of Cosmos out of Chaos
and the realization of the Golden Age. --
A single gentle rain makes the grass
many shades greener. So our prospects bright-
en on the influx of better thoughts. We
should be blessed if we lived in the present
always, and took advantage of every accident
that befell us, like the grass which confesses
the influence of the slightest dew that falls
on it; and did not spend our time atoning
for the neglect of pas opportunities, which
we call doing our duty. We loiter in winter
while it is already spring. In a pleasant
spring morning all men's sins are forgiven."

--Thoreau, Walden

APRIL TRIP CALENDAR

April 13-14 -- Overnight trip to cabin in Chief Joseph Pass area. Moderate. Nominal charge. Limited to four bunks, plus several more on the floor. Call Wayne Hecker at 251-4853 for reservations.

April 20 -- Ward Mountain ski trip. Eight miles round trip with 5,000 vertical feet. Strenuous. Call John Pierce at 542-2640 for details.

Can you organize a trip? Call Art Gidel at 543-6352. All help is appreciated!

Members may be interested in two programs offered through the University:

Saturday, April 13 -- 7:00 p.m. -- Science Complex 131

Two women made a 2,982 mile tandem bicycle trip across the United States in a near-record 10 days, 22 hours and 48 minutes. Their slide presentation is offered free to the public.

Thursday, April 25 -- 7:00 p.m. -- Social Sciences 356

Two films: "Annapurna" -- All-woman climb in 1978

"Miles to Go" -- Two weeks of backpacking, rock climbing, and rafting by eight women with no previous wilderness experience.

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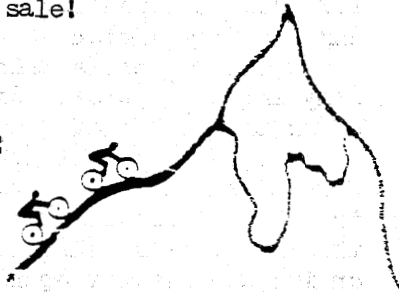
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BITTERROOT

a low little plant of deep pink to nearly white flowers on short stalks. Indians used the root of this plant for nourishment.



FAIRY BELLS

can be found in wooded areas near streams the white flowers are no larger than 1/2"



TALL BLUEBELL

this is a tubular flower that usually grows in meadows.

