



# Mountain Ear

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**OCTOBER MEETING:** Wednesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell, Missoula

**PROGRAM:** John Pierce, Vice-president, will show slides of southwest U.S. deserts, badlands, and canyonlands.

## NEW TRIPS

October 12, Saturday: Day hike in the golden larch to Quigg Peak in the Sapphire Range. This little-used roadless area should be spectacular this time of year. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for further details. Moderate.

Early to mid-November: The 4th Annual Early-season St. Mary's Peak Ski Trip. We usually begin skiing from the parking lot at nearly 7000 feet. There will be a Sweeney Peak ski trip too. Both of these depend on snow conditions. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for final dates.

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## TRIP REPORT

Saturday, September 28 -- Cabin Maintenance

An enthusiastic party of 12 reached the cabin at about 10:30 a.m. and what a surprise they found! A semi-anonymous "Dave and Mike" had cut over a cord of wood in early september, stacking it neatly under the cabin. Furthermore, one or both of these ambitious souls left a page of amusing art-work and chit-chat in the cabin logbook.

With two saws a-buzzing and three teams of splitters, the wood pile was cut, split

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and stacked by 2:00 p.m. Joe Kipphut and several handy helpers replaced the stove chimney, while Ralph Flockerzi and Gary Decker engineered a replacement foundation support for the southeast corner. The top bulk was repaired and the place cleaned up a bit. To our amazement, the 1984 outhouse annex was still standing and functional.

The workparty members were: Carol Anderson, Myra Bair, Gary Decker, Jean Ensign, Ralph Flockerzi, Art Gidel, Wayne Hecker, Joe Kipphut, Clarisse Landry, Bill Morgan, Devvi Morgan and John Pierce.

In addition to the workparty members above, Charles Hamma hiked to the cabin on September 24 to find out what repairs should be made.

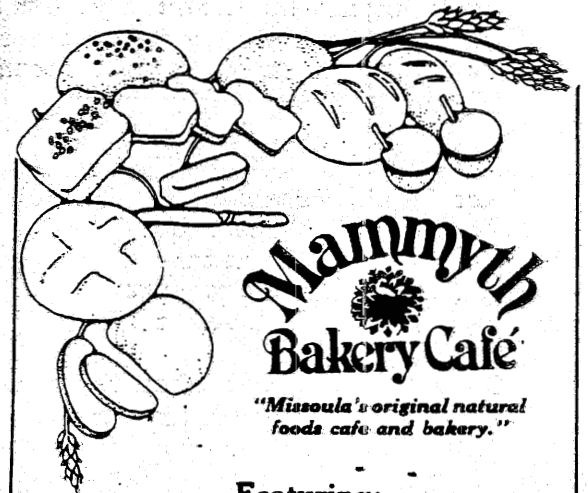
After lunch, several other former members and friends passed thru including John Walker with daughter Lora, and Jerry Kogan and Cheryl Beyer with sons Lewis and Clark.

The workparty was a total success: we got the job done, renewed old friendships, and just had plain fun. I hope the turnout for this trip is indicative of this season's trips and programs. Encourage friends and former members to join us for upcoming events. Bring a friend to the next meeting on October 9.

Art Gidel

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