



Mountain Ear

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JANUARY MEETING: Wednesday, January 8, 7:³40 p.m.
Montana Power Building
1903 Russell, Missoula

PROGRAM: Winter Mountaineering Skills and
Avalanche Danger by
Jack Tuholske, Member Arctic Ski Patrol,
Graduate American Avalanche Institute,
Outdoor Instructor, 6 years.

TRIP REPORTS

Sunday, December 15, Granite Pass

Joe Knotek, Bret Doucett, Vera Myers, Martha Yale, Art Gidel, Wayne Hecker, Carol Anderson and Peter Dayton joined trip leader Ralph Flockerzi on a moderate ski trip to Granite Pass, which is approximately 1000 vertical above Lolo Pass across from the visitors' center. Most of the telemark skiers made one extra trip up the slope to take advantage of good snow conditions, and four hardy souls skied out via Fish Creek road four extra miles. A good time was had by all.

-Ralph Flockerzi

Sunday, December 22, Hoodoo Pass

Due to a lack of snow on Sweeney Ridge, the Sweeney Peak trip was postponed, replacing it with a trip to Hoodoo Pass. The road to Hoodoo Pass was in excellent shape, although Diamond is scheduled to discontinue plowing on January first.

Ten individuals turned out for this tour along the ridge southeast of the pass. Conditions varied from reasonable telemarking snow on northern exposures, to icy wind pack on exposed areas. The weather and views were simply outstanding with nary a cloud in the sky. The smoggy valleys in the distance were only a vague memory. Participants were:

Cheryl Beyer	Jerry Kogan
Beverly Chin	Robert Logan
Bret Doucett	Dave Pengelly
Ralph Flockerzi	Martha Yale
Art Gidel	
Wayne Hecker	

-Art Gidel

NEW TRIPS

Friday thru Sunday, January 3-5, Little St. Joe Cabin

This is an annual New Years trip. Some members will probably make it a two-day (Saturday-Sunday) trip. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-9986 for details. It's all dependent upon some new snow.

Saturday-Sunday, January 18-19, Sheep Mountain - Rattlesnake area

Moderately strenuous, 10 miles each way. Call Joe Knotek at 549-2040.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

Mail a check payable to "Rocky

ADDRESS _____

Mountaineers" to Arnold Finklin

PHONE _____

P.O. Box 7795, Missoula, MT 59807

CHECK ONE: Individual \$5.00/year _____
Family \$7.00/year _____

