



Mountain Ear

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OF WESTERN MONTANA

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.

Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell, Msla.

PROGRAM: "Journeys Afoot in North America" by Bill Foster. He has hiked Central America, the Appalachian and Pacific trails and many others. Come enjoy this program. Also come and express your views regarding the matter under ANNOUNCEMENTS on page 4 of this newsletter.



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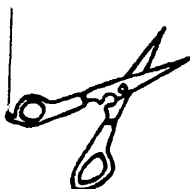


The Rocky Mountaineers of Western Montana, P.O. Box 4262, Missoula MT 59806, welcome all persons interested in hiking, camping, ski-touring, snowshoeing, river floating, bicycling and technical climbing -- summer, autumn, winter and spring. Subscription to the MOUNTAIN EAR is by membership:

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Mail a check payable to "Rocky Mountaineers" to Arnold Finklin, P.O. Box 7795, Missoula MT 59807



TRIP CALENDAR

Saturday-Sunday, February 15-16, Spruce Creek, Bitterroot Range

Overnight trip near the Elk Meadows road, 11 miles each way, moderate. Call Joe Knotek at 549-2040 for details.

Sunday, February 23, Ward Mountain, Bitterroot Range

Strenuous. Subject to some new snow. Call John Pierce at 542-2640.

Saturday, March 8, Low Gap Loop, Lolo Pass

14 miles round trip, moderate. Call Ralph Flockerzie at 549-9986 for details.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New member: Peter S. Dayton
1500 S 7th W
Missoula MT 59801
549-5805

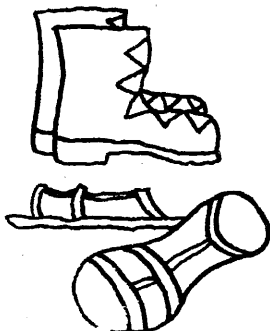
Renewals: Alice & Briggs Austin
Robert Oset
Joe Kipphut & Clarisse Landry
Andy Smith
Ethel McDonald

The Rocky Mountaineers organization is low-key, with nobody expecting to do too much work. In other words, responsibility for making an active season is shared by all members. If you want to see more activities, volunteer to organize and lead them! We're all looking for new ideas and welcome new leaders!!

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TRIP REPORTLittle St. Joe Cabin, Sat-Sun,
January 4-5

Six hardy skiers made the traditional New Year's trip to the cabin. (to the left is Charles Hamma's sketch of the cabin annex) We were able to get a good distance up the road by vehicle and reached the cabin by early afternoon. After a quick lunch we headed up the south ridge, nearly reaching the summit before dark. The run down was excellent near the top and moderately good lower down near the cabin. We repeated the trip Sunday morn, although the weather wasn't so clear and beautiful as the day before. Saturday evening's feast was superb as usual with smoked turkey, garden fresh vegies, baked potatoes with all the trimmings, chocolate mouse for dessert and much more. The participants were, in order of number of dinner servings: Joe Kipphut, Art Gidel, Robert Logan, Ales Sachomel, Clarisse Landry, Diane Olhoeft.

- Art Gidel

SKI SHELTER ANNEXSheep Mountain, Sat.-Sun, January 18-19

Peter Dayton and Joe Knotek were the only takers for this overnight trip. Weather was beautiful, with the temperatures in the high 30's during the day and low 30's during the night. Snow conditions were very good as was the view of the surrounding mountains - Bitterroots, Swan, Rattlesnake etc.

- Joe Knotek

Trapper Peak, Sat.-Sun, January 25-26

Art Gidel, John Pierce and Dave Pengelly left Missoula at 8:00 Saturday morning and drove to the access road to the Trapper Peak trailhead south of Darby. We were able to drive only one-half mile of the seven miles of road to the trailhead, so our trip was lengthened somewhat over original expectations. We had beautiful warm sunny weather for the $6\frac{1}{2}$ mile ski up the road to the trailhead. Along the way we used our rest stops to observe a helicopter logging operation in action. After reaching the trailhead we continued on for approximately another mile to a saddle at about 7000 feet in elevation where we made camp. The full moon treated us to a beautiful evening. Although the temperature dropped to well below freezing, it wasn't sufficient to adequately test Art's new -20 degree sleeping bag - maybe next time.

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On Sunday we took day packs and climbed the remaining 3100-plus feet to the summit of Trapper Peak. We had to remove our skis and walk the final couple of pitches because there wasn't enough snow cover over the rocks. On top we were treated to a clear view in all directions under blue skies and a warm sun. After lunch and a quick photo session we rejoined our skis for a great run back to base camp. After breaking camp we packed up and skied back to the vehicle, reaching it by 3:30 p.m. The return trip was slowed by the slushy snow conditions and a brief stop to watch a young moose we spooked. All in all, it was the type of weather one would expect in April.

-Dave Pengelly

Sweeney Peak, Bitterroot Range, Sunday, February 2

Martha Yale, Vera Myers, Ralph Flockerzie, Art Gidel, Peter Dayton and Bret Doucett began skiing the road from the 5200 foot level at 9 a.m. By 1:30 we had reached the timberline plateau above 8000 ft. and pushed on to the summit by 2:15. The skiing between 7000 and 9000 feet was good to excellent with fair visibility to the south of the summit ridge. We were at the car by 5:30 after skiing some very trying breakable crud above the trailhead.

- Art Gidel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Wednesday, February 12 meeting we will take a vote on whether or not to have the Club become a EUREKA FOODS organizational member. There are several options available - the most straightforward would cost the Club \$25. This would allow members to purchase Eureka products at reduced rates with a percentage rebate to the Club at yearend. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and express their views. If you are unable to attend, contact Art Gidel at 543-6352, or any other officer.

Lois Crepeau, Refreshments Director, needs your help!! Call her at 728-5321 and offer to bring a treat for the next or a future meeting. Thanks.

Bring any OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT CATALOGS to the February meeting. Other members may enjoy looking them over and copying down an address or two.

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- Vice-President.....John Pierce.....542-2640
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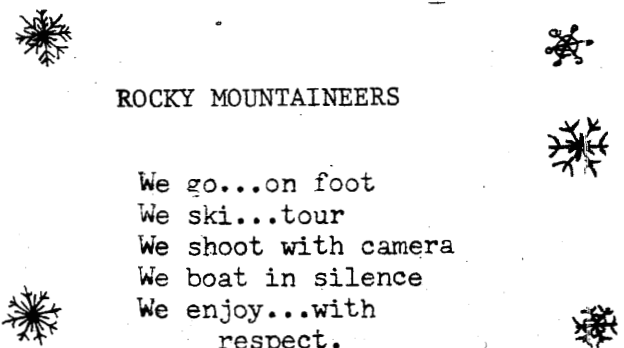
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(Including Membership Renewal Dates)

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