



Mountain Ear

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OF WESTERN MONTANA

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MARCH MEETING

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

Montana Power Building, 1903 Russell, Msla.

PROGRAM: VIEW FROM THE TOP OF THE WORLD by Steve Jorgenson...a winter descent
of Pumori, Nepal,

TRIP REPORTS

Spruce Creek, February 15-16 - Cancelled due to weather conditions.

Ward Mountain, February 23. - Cancelled due to weather conditions. Instead,
with a little coaxing from Peter Dayton, we floated the Clark Fork river
in canoes to look at ice floes. It was raining and snowing but otherwise
was a good trip.

- John Pierce

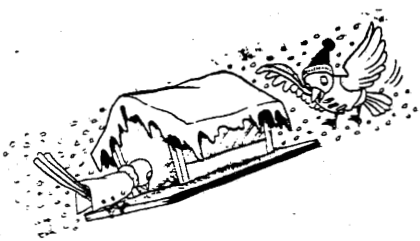
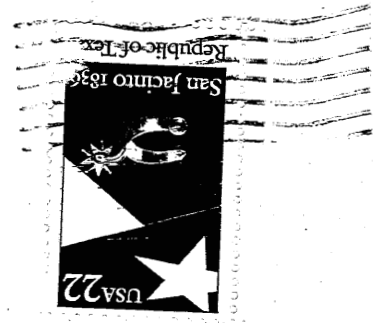
Mt. Harding, Saturday, March 1

A last minute decision led to a winter ascent of the south summit of Mt.
Harding by Art Gidel and Bret Doucette. The approach was tedious with no snow
until above 6000 feet and mushy, soft stuff higher up (on the way down). However,
the climb up the final summit ridge and the fairly good skiing near the top made
the trip exhilarating nevertheless.

- Art Gidel

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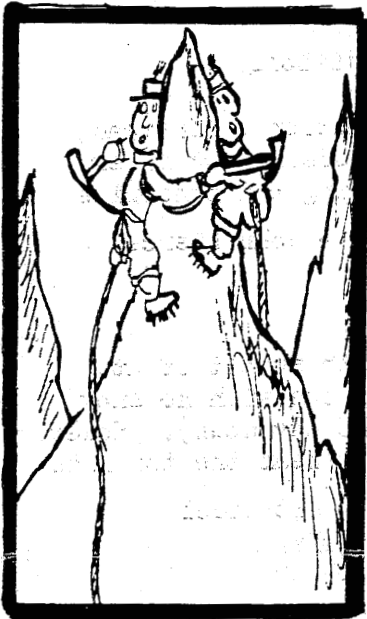
Dave Line
1135 Whitaker Drive
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Missoula Ranger District has a new tape-recorded phone message with updated avalanche and other recreation information. The number is 251-5325. From Friday through Monday morning there is updated avalanche information from the district snow ranger, Gene Thompson. The message for the rest of the week has more mundane information concerning maps and any other non-avalanche news.
2. The Rocky Mountaineers voted to become a "distributor" of YURIKA FOODS at the February meeting. This means that Rocky Mountaineer members can purchase YURIKA products at a discount. At yearend the Club will receive a rebate of 3 to 8% of the total purchases by members, depending on the volume purchased. (Higher rebate percentages for larger total purchases). Hopefully, the rebate will at least cover the \$25 fee we've paid.

The YURIKA FOODS outlet is near Holiday Village at 719 W. Central. To make purchases, tell them you are a Rocky Mountaineer and give them our account number: 999-11-2109. If you forget the number, it should be no problem as the number should be on file at the store.

3. Early Winters, LTD. has gone out of business - ("temporarily under reorganization" per the form letter).



4. The Spring REI catalogue has two exceptional deals in the mail order sale section: Laprade ice axe at \$19.93 and Salewa hinged crampons at \$34.93. I've used a Laprade axe for several years. It is the lightest weight axe I've seen and is still UIAA approved. Remember to order neoprene crampon straps along with the crampons. Art Gidel

5. The annual Lost Trail weekend trip will not take place this year since the Resort is closing down on March 1 this year.

6. April - May - Ski and Mountaineering trips to some or all of the following are being considered: El Capitan and Heavenly Twins in the Bitterroots, St. Nicholas or other peaks in Glacier Park and various peaks in the Southern Missions (Grey Wolf, East and West St. Marys, etc.) Call Art Gidel if you are interested. Route and scheduling input are encouraged as are other potential climbs.

7. Membership renewals: Allison Easterling, Joe Knotek,

Wayne Hekcer, Lois & Joe Crepeau, John Pierce, Virginia Vincent, Joe Lauinger & Nancy Shrader, Dan Weinstein.

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:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

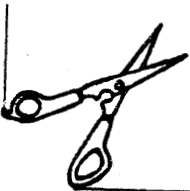
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CHECK ONE: Individual \$5.00/ year _____

Family \$7.00/ year _____

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



NEW



TRIPS

Saturday, March 8, Low Gap Loop, Lolo Pass

14 miles round trip. Moderate. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-9986 for details.

Saturday, March 15, Lost Trail Area

Ski the commercial area or nearby backcountry. Call Martha Yale at 549-2163 for further information.

Sunday, March 16, Worden Mountain

5000 feet vertical. Strenuous. Call John Pierce at 542-2640 for details.

Saturday-Sunday, April 5-6, MacDonald Peak

One or two day ascent of MacDonald Peak in the Missions. Dependent on snow and avalanche conditions. Strenuous, 6800 vertical feet. Ice axe and crampons required. Technical skills are minimal. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for details.

Saturday, April 12, Point Six to Stuart Peak

Traverse. Dependent on snow and avalanche conditions. Strenuous. Call Martha Yale at 549-2163 for details.

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CORRECTION: Under "officers" listed last month, Arnold Finklin's phone number was incorrect. It should be 543-8705.



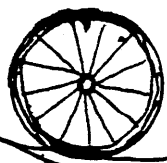
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2100 South Ave. W.
Missoula, Montana 59801

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"Orient Express" Mountain Bike

Chromoly frame with
XC sport derailleurs and rear brake



For all your shoe repairs, zipper repairs, hiking boots resoled - come to 1230 W. Kent - north end of Tremper's Shopping Center

Lloyd's

SHOE REPAIR



ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

At a recent meeting, it was proposed that the Club develop a directory listing members by their activities of interest. The questions below are designed to get the data base started. The objective of the directory is to allow members with similar interests to get together. If you're interested in having your name and preferred activities on the directory, fill out the questionnaire.

Directions: Place an X next to any activity you would be interested in doing with another member. There is no limit on the number of X's; for example, if you enjoy both nordic skiing and strenuous backcountry ski trips, check both items. After completing the questionnaire, fold on the dotted line, staple or tape together, stick on a stamp, and drop it in the mailbox.

1. SKIING
 _____ nordic moderate backcountry strenuous backcountry
2. SNOWSHOEING _____
3. ICE SKATING _____
4. DAY HIKING
 _____ easy moderate strenuous
5. BACKPACK TRIPS
 _____ summer/fall moderate strenuous _____ winter/spring moderate strenuous
6. MOUNTAINEERING & CLIMBING
 _____ scrambling rock climbing moderate difficult _____ easy snow & ice moderate difficult
7. KAYAKING
 _____ flat water intermediate white water advanced white water
8. CANOEING
 _____ flat water intermediate white water
9. RAFTING
 _____ flat water intermediate white water advanced white water
10. BIKING _____ day _____ tour
11. RUNNING _____ moderate _____ long
12. CAVING _____
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15. HUNTING _____

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