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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS
OF WESTERN MONTANA

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MONTHLY MEETING

ATTENTION!! FEBRUARY 8th MEETING CANCELLED!! GO INSTEAD TO GRAY THOMPSON'S SLIDE SHOW AND LECTURE ON "ALPINE NORTH FACES IN CANADA," ON THE SAME DATE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, AT 7:00 p.m. IN THE MONTANA ROOMS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. The U.M. Outdoor Recreation Program has once again scheduled an outstanding presentation at the same time as our meeting. About the time we discovered the conflict, Bill Putnam, the avalanche expert who was going to give a presentation at our meeting, developed a work conflict. The meeting just does not seem to have been fated to happen, so we decided to call it off. If you want to find out about the trips scheduled for next month, read on. If you want to hear the treasurer's report, call Arnold Finklin, 543-8705. If you want to see a great slide show on climbing in Canada, go see Gray Thompson. See you next month.

TRIP CALENDAR

Sat-Sun, February 11-12, East Pioneers. Depending on snow conditions and the preferences of participants, we will take one of the following trips in the East Pioneers, which are northwest of Dillon: (a) A moderately strenuous overnight ski trip to climb Tweedy Peak (11,154 feet), the tallest mountain in the East Pioneers; or (b) a less strenuous overnight ski trip across the East Pioneers from the Elkhorn Hot Springs area to Birch Creek. It will not be necessary to bring tents on the latter trip, as there is an old horse barn by Pear Lake in which we can camp. I have been reliably informed that the route is not too demanding, and that the skiing slopes are excellent above Anchor Lake, Pear lake, and other lakes in the area. On either trip we can also attempt various other mountains in the area. There are thirteen peaks in the East Pioneers over 10,000 feet high. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, for details.

Sat-Sun, February 18-19, Boulder Point Lookout. A moderate overnight ski trip up to Boulder Point Lookout, which is just south of Trapper Peak, in the Bitterroot Mountains Southwest of Darby. There are good skiing slopes above the lookout, some open and some with well-spaced subalpine larch. Call Marth Yale, 549-2163, for details.

Saturday, February 18, Lolo Pass Area. A moderately easy ski trip from Lolo Pass along Granite Ridge down to Lolo Hot Springs. Half of the trip is on trails, half is off trails, there are opportunities for telemarkin, and the group should be back early. About 1,400 feet total altitude gain. Call Dan Weinstein, 549-6844, for details.

Saturday, February 25th, Glen Peak. Moderately strenuous ski trip to Glen Lake and the mountain above it, in the Bitterroot Mountains near Victor. Dan is going to keep scheduling this trip until he gets to see the view. Call Dan Weinstein, 549-6844, for details.

Sunday, February 26, Lolo Pass Area. Moderate ski trip in the Lolo Pass Area. Call Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986, for details.

Saturday, March 4, Warren Peak. Moderately strenuous ski mountaineering trip up Warren Peak, one of the taller peaks in the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness area. We would approach the mountain from the North via Porter Ridge. The road is plowed at least to Moose Lake. The trip is fairly long if done as a day trip, so we would drive down to Philipsburgh the night before and stay at the luxurious Burg Motel. If interest is expressed, this trip could be expanded to an overnight and other mountains could also be climbed. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, for details.

Sat-Sun, March 11-12, Little St. Joe Cabin. Ski trip to the club's rustic cabin on Little Saint Joe Peak near Stevensville in the Bitterroot Mountains. Good telemarking opportunities abound on the slopes above the cabin; the less said about the slopes below the cabin the better (but bring ropes for your skis). Call Ralph Flockerzi, 549-9986, for details.

Thurs-Sun, March 23-26, Selkirk Mountains: Ski trip to the Creston Nordic Club's large cabin in the Selkirk Mountains in British Columbia, about 80 miles north of Sand Point. Access is easy, as the cabin is only about 800 feet in altitude above a major road, and the area usually has good backcountry snow conditions, with copious amounts of stable snow. Excellent telemarking and touring opportunities are available from the cabin. Call Dan Weinstein, 549-6844, for details.

Mt. Stimson, Mt. Cleveland. Steve Niday is plotting some winter and spring climbs of Mt. Stimson, Mt. Cleveland, and other easy targets in Glacier Park. Any like-minded (but non-institutionalized) individuals may contact Steve at 721-3790.

TRIP REPORTS

[The following trip report was printed, over the objections of the editor, exactly as it was presented for publication. Unlike the other obnoxious comments in this newsletter, the opinions stated in the report are solely those of the author. -Ed.]

Gash Point, January 22: Peter Dayton missed a great ski trip to Gash Point on January 22nd. Claiming the weather would probably be lousy, he opted for being a couch potato instead of joining Ralph Flockerzi, Art Gidel, Steve Niday, Dave Ryan & Dave Pengelly. Contrary to Peter's prediction [and the prediction of the Forest Service Avalanche Report - Ed.] we encountered wonderful powder skiing conditions. Due to possible avalanche danger, we dug a snow pit on one of the open slopes just below the summit. The snow pack was 8½-9 feet deep, with all but the top six inches being fairly well consolidated. We also conducted a short practice session on locating a buried transceiver. [Did you find it? - Ed.] Once we reached the top, Steve tried to drum up support for continuing on to Sky Pilot. Needless to say, he was outvoted 4-1 with a variety of excuses being offered by those of us who are less ambitious. Instead, we opted for making several runs on the upper slopes, taking advantage of the great powder, and still made it back to Missoula in time for the exciting portion of the Super Bowl. - Dave Pengelly.

Sweeny Peak, January 14, 1989. Art Gidel, John Pierce, Wayne Hecker, Peter Dayton, and Ralph Flockerzi climbed Sweeny Peak, which is near Florence in the Bitterroot Mountains, on a snowy day. We made it to within three or four switchbacks from the trailhead in the car, and then headed up on skis. A truly vicious wind was blowing up on top, with whiteout conditions that made it impossible to see the tracks of the people in front of you. John and Wayne retreated to the shelter of the trees while the rest of us strolled up on top for the view. The ride down was great fun, with plenty of powder to make even the tight trees above the trailhead enjoyable. - Peter Dayton.

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