



# Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

November, 1989

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**Time and Place:** 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, in the Montana Power Building at 1903 Russell Street in Missoula.

**Program:** Pat Caffrey, a climber from Seeley Lake with expedition experience on several different continents, will present a slide show on a climb of Mount Vinson, the highest peak on Antarctica. You've read his letters to the editor in the Missoulian; now come see his slides. Pat had to take out a \$20,000.00 second mortgage on his house in order to go on this trip - you can come enjoy it secondhand for nothing.

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## TRIP CALENDAR

As the ski season approaches, it's time to pull out your avalanche transceiver and see if it still works. Did you leave it turned on all summer? Did the batteries leak all over the inside of the unit? Did you take them out two years ago to use in your headlamp and absent-mindedly forget to replace them? The club encourages all active backcountry skiers to use avalanche transceivers, so if you don't have one, talk to some of the active skiers in the club about getting one.

Once the hunting season is over and the snow becomes adequate, the club will probably have a couple of trips every weekend. It's hard to schedule them now, due to uncertainty about the snowfall, but you can expect trips to St. Mary's Peak (the traditional early season "Rock Surfing" trip), Hoodoo Pass (while the road is still open), Wisherd Ridge, and other favorites. Call Dave Pengelly, 728-6512, Peter Dayton, 728-8101, or Art Gidel, 543-6352, if you're interested.

This is a good time to start lining up some longer trips and trips to more distant areas. For example, members of the club have indicated interest in setting up winter trips to Italian Peak, the East Pioneers, the Anaconda-Pinlar area, Glacier Park, the Sawtooths in Idaho, down the Hyalite Ridge south of Bozeman, across the Beartooth Plateau and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, and around in Yellowstone Park. Lets start tentatively scheduling some of these trips!

**Thanksgiving Weekend Ski Trip.** Three or four day ski trip to Grand Targhee, Jackson Hole, Teton Pass, Sun Valley, or some such area for some on and off area skiing. See if you can still remember how to do it. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, or Art Gidel, 543-6352, if you are interested.

**December 19-24, Mt. Cleveland.** An attempted winter ascent of Mt. Cleveland in Glacier Park. Call Steve Niday, 721-3790, for details.

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## TRIP REPORTS

**Cabin Fund Status:** The repairs performed this fall on the chimney of the cabin cost various club members a total of \$155.00, of which is \$69.00 has currently been reimbursed. We need to come up with an additional \$86.00 to reimburse those club

members who have spent their own money to get the cabin whipped into shape for the winter. If you have used the cabin, or would like to use the cabin in the future, we encourage you to chip in. Mail contributions to the Rocky Mountaineers Cabin Fund, c/o Arnold Finklin, P.O. Box 4262, Missoula, MT 59806.

**Newsletter Masthead:** After your editor complained about the masthead last month, Dave Line dug up a copy of the original offset masthead, which is a big improvement over the twentieth-generation photocopies that have been used in recent years. Having alleviated the quality problem, your editor is prepared to stick with the traditional masthead. However, if anybody feels creative, feel free to submit some new artwork for consideration.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Individual (\$6.00/year) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$8.00/year) \_\_\_\_\_

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