

Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

December, 1989

Time and Place: 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, in the Montana Power Building at 1903 Russell Street in Missoula.

Program: If you were wondering why Art Gidel didn't lead very many trips this fall, it was because he was trekking and climbing in Nepal for about five weeks. The trip involved about 200 miles of hiking in a circle around Annapurna, and climbs of several peaks, including Chulu West (21,182 feet), supported by enough porters, guides, cooks, valets, etc., to form nearly three football teams. In December Art will give a slide show and talk on this trip. Come view slides taken by the very same camera that produced five rolls of blank film on Art's McKinley trip! Come fondle actual Nepalese rocks carried by Art's long-suffering porters all the way from THRONG-LA PASS (17,700 FEET)! Art will autograph copies of the December 7th Missoulian article without charge.

TRIP CALENDAR

Ski season has arrived, and we are going to go skiing whether it snows or not, by golly. Remember, this is a good time to start planning and scheduling some more adventurous trips for later this spring.

Saturday, December 9, Sweeney Peak: Ski trip up Sweeney Peak in the Bitterroot Mountains near Florence. Moderately strenuous; Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for details. Art says he isn't going to go unless he can recruit at least twenty-one porters to carry his gear.

Sunday, December 10, Wisherd Ridge: Ski trip to Wisherd Ridge, northeast of Missoula. Fairly easy, good telemarking; call Joe Knotek at 549-2040 for details.

Saturday, December 16, Lolo Peak: Ski trip up Lolo Peak in the Bitterroot Mountains. Moderately strenuous; call Peter Dayton at 728-8101 for details.

Sunday, December 17, Wisherd Ridge: Ski trip to Wisherd Ridge and Sheep Mountain. Fairly easy, good telemarking; call Dan Weinstein at 549-6844 for details.

Christmas: Four-day trip to either Grand Targhee or Schwitzer Basin. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for details.

Sat-Mon, Dec. 30-Jan 1, Little St. Joe Cabin: Anybody interested in the traditional New Years Eve trip to the Little St. Joe Cabin in the Bitterroots should call Dave Pengelly at 728-6512. Good telemarking, primitive accomodations, good fun.

TRIP REPORTS

St. Mary's Peak: On November 25, Dave Ryan, Dan Weinstein, Wayne Hecker, and Dave Pengelly skied the ridge above the St. Mary's Peak Trail in the Bitterroots. The snow was quite good and not too sparse. Looks like winter may be here. - Dave Pengelly

Hoodoo Pass: On December 2, while everybody else from Missoula shivered at the football game, Beverly Chin, Peter Dayton, Art Gidel, Colleen Hunter, John Pierce, and Martha Yale drove up to Hoodoo Pass, which is south of Superior on the Idaho-Montana border, for a day of telemarking. The road was well plowed all the way over the pass. The snow coverage was quite satisfactory, and the snow conditions were excellent in the morning, although a bit heavy in the afternoon. We met Art Sillars and Roy Andes out on the ridge. - Peter Dayton

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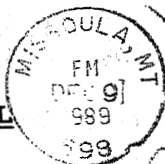
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