



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

October, 1991

MEETING

Time and Place: Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Montana Power Building at 1903 Russell Street in Missoula. The October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9.

Program: The program will be a slide show by Art Gidel and Peter Dayton on their 1991 raft and kayak trip down the Selway River in Idaho. The Selway is one of the premier wilderness float trips in the United States, and one of the most difficult rivers in the country on which to obtain a permit.

NEWS

The Club's cabin fund is in the red! This fund contains money donated for the repair and improvement of the Club's cabin on Little St. Joe Mountain near Florence in the Bitterroot Mountains. Recent costs paid out of the cabin fund include the purchase of a new stove for the cabin, and payment of the new \$45.00 annual fee for the cabin's USFS special use permit. Members and everybody who uses the cabin are encouraged to send donations to Treasurer Arnold Finklin at the address shown at the end of this newsletter. Although federal law requires the club to report cash contributions in excess of \$10,000 at any one time, our attorneys are ready to work with you to structure your donations to avoid this requirement.

TRIP CALENDAR

No trips scheduled this month; everybody is apparently either hunting, scouting out good places to hunt, or hiding under their beds wearing blaze orange clothing. If you think the lack of scheduled trips is deplorable, you are hereby encouraged to schedule some yourself. I don't wanna hear no more complaining from people who never lead trips.

TRIP REPORTS

Cabin Work Party, September 29. The annual Little St. Joe cabin work party was held on Sunday, September 29th. Bill Burnett, Art Gidel, Steve Niday, Dave Ryan, Jim York, Rick Murney, and Dave Pengelly participated. Steve Niday led the way clearing the trail, Art Gidel acted as the pack mule to carry the fire brick for the new stove, and the rest of the crew pushed/pulled/carried the new woodstove in a wheelbarrow. We made a reasonably quick trip up the trail, hoisted the stove into the cabin, and installed it. We then cut and split a full supply of firewood. Rick Murney demonstrated a surgeon's skill with the splitting maul to the amusement of all. Jenny Murney and her mother arrived during the wood splitting party to lend moral support and provide liquid refreshment. The job was completed with no serious mishaps and the old stove was hauled out and scrapped. - Dave Pengelly

OFFICERS

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Peter Dayton, V.P. and Newsletter 728-8101
Your Name Here - Trip Leader (hint, hint)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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

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