



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

November, 1993

MEETING

!!! ATTENTION: NOTE YET ANOTHER NEW MEETING PLACE !!!

Time and Place: Club meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the County Commissioner's conference room, which is located on the second floor of the Annex (new portion) of the Missoula County Courthouse. Please enter by the north door. We have decided that the facilities at the Birchwood Hostel are too small, and hope that the Courthouse will provide a satisfactory and permanent meeting place. The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10.

November Program: Caroline Byrd will give a slide show on her 1989 climb of Denali (McKinley) in Alaska via its northwest buttress. Caroline was the first woman (and possibly the only woman) to summit by that route, and her party was only the second party to climb both the north summit and the south summit by that route. She is an experienced climber who has been on a lot of Alaskan climbs, and has been involved with NOLS. People who have seen the slide show report that it is excellent.

TRIP CALENDAR

Tuesday Night Mount Sentinel Hikes: If you're bored with the stair machine at the club, meet in the Mount Sentinel parking lot at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday for a more interesting climb.

November 14, Sunday. Climb a local mountain or ski on freshly fallen snow depending on weather conditions and participants' interest. Based on the way the weather looks at press time, we will probably do some early season skiing. Call Gerald Olbu, 549-4769, for details.

November 21, Saturday, Hoodoo Pass. Ski to Hoodoo Pass or other suitable location depending on where the best snow conditions can be found. Call Art Gidel, 543-6352, for details.

November 26-28, Friday-Sunday. Work off all the excess turkey calories with an early winter wilderness campout. The location has not been selected yet, due to uncertainty about snow conditions, but we will try to find someplace with lots of snow and easy skiing. Call Gerald Olbu at 549-4769 for details.

December 4, Saturday, Hoodoo Pass. Ski to Hoodoo Pass which is west of Missoula, near Superior. Great early season skiing with minimal climbing. Access to this area is limited later in the season since the road does not get plowed. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-7150 for details.

December 5, Wishard Ridge. Ski to Wishard Ridge, which is east of Marshall Ski Area. Wishard Ridge is an easily accessible, large, flat-topped, horseshoe-shaped ridge, which is fun to ski. Call Dave Pengelly at 728-6512 for details.

December 12, Sunday, Discovery Ski Area. Carpool trip to Discovery Ski Area, which is a great place to learn to telemark ski since there are several long easy slopes. The newly-opened back side contains some very difficult triple diamond runs. There's something for everyone. Lift tickets not included. Call Gerald Olbu at 549-4769 for details.

Wanna lead a trip? If you are interested in leading a trip, help is only a telephone call away; Gerald Olbu, 549-4769, will be delighted to sign you up.

TRIP REPORTS

Mission Mountains, October 30. Even though we expected to be surrounded by hunters, Nancy Braun, Paul Dyer, Barbara Farrell, Gail Hay, Ethyl MacDonald, Jim Masar, Gerald Olbu, and Chris Weigand decided to hike into the Mission Mountains on a bright and sunny day with 2-4 inches of fresh snow on the ground. We hiked past Glacier, Crescent, Heart, and Island Lakes, then headed for the pass which overlooks Cliff Lake and McDonald Peak. McDonald Peak looked very impressive with its blanket of early season snow. We met Cheryl Bier and her two children on the way out. The hikers outnumbered the hunters on this day. - Gerald Olbu.

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