

Mountain Ear

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

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The Rocky Mountaineers are dedicated to the exploration of Western Montana's mountains and other high peaks throughout the world.

MEETING

Club Meetings: The Rocky Mountaineers normally meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Missoula Public Library (lower level meeting room). The club does not meet during the summer months so that we can enjoy the long summer days and explore our beloved mountains.

Our next meeting will be held on September 22 at 7 pm. **Please note that this is the fourth Wednesday in September.** At the request of several members, the meeting was moved back to accommodate extended climbing trips over the Labor Day holiday. This meeting will be our annual "potluck" slide show, where we all show each other slides of our mountaineering exploits in the past year.

TRIP CALENDER

July 11, Sunday, Lolo Peak: Join the Rocky Mountaineers on a climb of Lolo Peak, the prominent snowcapped mountain visible to the southwest of Missoula. Several club members have been on this peak in the last few weeks and report lots of snow. Crampons and an ice axe are required ! Some individuals may want to bring skis on this trip. *This trip will also function as the mountaineering training session for later trips to Mount Rainier and Mount Athabasca. If you desire to go along on either of those trips, and you have not previously done a snow climb with our club, attendance on this trip is mandatory.* Penny Palm is the Trip Leader, call her at 258-2000 to sign up.

July 17, Saturday, Fisher Peak: Steve Schombel will lead a climb of Fisher Peak in the Swan Range. This trip will also feature a side trip to George Lake for fishing. Non-climbers are welcome to come along and skip the peak and just head to the lake. Steve can be reached at 721-4686.

July 24, Saturday, Hauf Lake: Doyle Girard will lead a strenuous hike to Hauf Lake in the Bitterroot Mountains. It will be 14 miles round trip. It will feature 3,165 feet of elevation gain, 2,000 of which is in the last 2 miles. A bonus for true mountaineers will be scrambling up Printz Ridge above the lake. *This trip is co-sponsored with the Montana Wilderness Association so space is limited.* Call Doyle at 961-3839 and get your name on the list early.

July 31, Saturday, Faith, Hope, & Charity Lakes: Doyle Girard will again lead a hike into a wilderness area. This 12 mile round trip will involve 1900 feet of elevation gain. See above for Doyle's number.

August 4-8, Wed-Sun, Mount Rainier: Matt Grandy will lead a climb of this 14,411 foot volcano. While we will be following the Disappointment Cleaver Route, the least technical route on the mountain, this is not a trip for beginners. There will be a mandatory training session for all participants prior to the climb. Ice axe, crampons, helmet, and harness are required, as well as winter camping gear. Call Matt at 728-0647.

August 8, Sunday, Lolo Pass Area: Julie Warner will lead an easy hike along the actual Lewis & Clark route in the Lolo Pass area. This trip will cross Wagon Mountain and measures 7 miles point-to-point. Call Julie at 543-6508.

September 4-6, Sat-Mon, Mount Athabaska: Join the Rocky Mountaineers for the Second Annual Athabaska Extravaganza !!! Matt Grandy will again lead this trip, which was great fun for all involved last year. Non-climbing spouses are welcome to join us for the car camping base camp, as long as they serve as cooks for the climbers (pancakes on summit day !). This will be a serious climb of a major peak in the Canadian Rockies (12,250 feet). Ice axe, crampons, helmet, and harness are required, and there will be a mandatory training session. Sign up with Matt.

Want to Lead A Trip ? If you are interested in being a Trip Leader for the Rocky Mountaineers, contact Club President Matt Grandy at 728-0647 or e-mail him at matthewg@montana.com.

TRIP REPORTS

Mill Creek: On June 13th, Julie Warner lead Teresa Ragsdale, Marie Schackart, Steve Schombel, and Fred & Eileen Schwanemann on a hike near Lolo. This trail, located on the flanks of Lolo Peak, gave them beautiful views of the ridges on the backside of the peak. Most of the 5 miles on this shuttle trip were downhill (from the junction with the Morman Ridge Trail). They encountered some snow at the 6,000 ft level. The weather was nice, and this little known and little used trail was more beautiful than expected for a hike so close to town.

McCormick Peak: On June 19, Steve Schombel led Julie Warner and Ginnie Andrus on a leisurely hike up this peak in the Nine-Mile Valley. They enjoyed the sun and being out in the woods, as a bonus they saw an elk. From the summit they enjoyed great views of Northern Pike Minnow Mountain.

Holy Matrimony: On July 4th, Rocky Mountaineers Tony Sabol and Tami Reschke were married at Marshall Mountain Ski Area. Other Rocky Mountaineers in the Wedding Party were Penny Palm (bridesmaid) and Ron Attaway (groomsman). Many more Rocky Mountaineers, too numerous to list, were guests.



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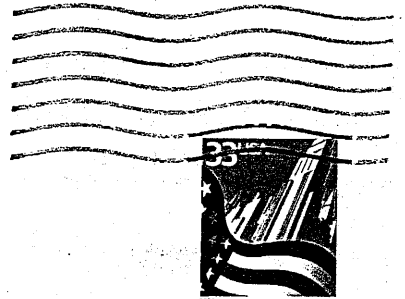
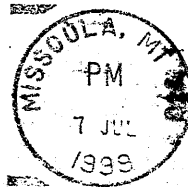
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