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Monthly Newsletter of the Rocky Mountaineers

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The Rocky Mountaineers is a non-profit club organized to promote all types of recreational use of mountainous areas.

Monthly Meeting: Wed, Nov 8, 7:00 PM

Pipestone Mountaineering

129 West Front Street, Missoula, MT

Noted alpinist Joe Josephson will present a slide show and talk, "Some Kind of Monster." It is about his expeditions to Mt. Logan, Canada and his ascent of the longest ice climb in North America. *There will be an admission charge of \$7.00, or \$5.00 with a valid student ID.*

The show will start at 7:30 PM. All proceeds will go to the Western Montana Avalanche Foundation. Rocky Mountaineers members who only want to hear about upcoming trips and other announcements can come promptly at 7 PM, but those who want to stay for the show, please be prepared to pay the admission price and support this worthwhile cause.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Sunday, November 12, 2006, there will be a trek over the Walman Trail in the Rattlesnake Recreation Area. Round trip will be 7-8 miles and altitude change of 1200 feet. Call Fred Schwanemann @ 542-7372 for more info.

Sunday, November 12: Ski trip to wherever there is enough snow. Sorry I couldn't get inspired about a particular place. Call Steve Niday at 721-3790 if interested.

Saturday November 18th Blue Mountain area (rescheduled due to rain) We will do a half day afternoon hike. There are some rerouted trails to follow. Some of the eroding, steep routes have been closed. We can hike through a burned area and to the top of two hills. I'm thinking of a loop about

5½ to 6 miles long with roughly 2000' of gain, including side trips to the hilltops. There are shorter and longer options in the area. This route also skirts an area open to hunting, so bright orange colors are required. Call Steve Schombel at 721-4686 for information.

Nov. 26th Ski trip at Lolo Pass Part of our Classic Series, listed below. Call Julie Kahl for more information, 543-6508, jawkal@hotmail.com.

December 2: Borah Peak (Lost River Range, Idaho)- This trip will depend on conditions- may try to drive down on Friday evening, or do a Sat/Sun climb. This is Idaho's high point and involves a climb of over 5000' and 7-8 miles round trip (if we can drive to trailhead). Method of travel will be backcountry ski with skins. Ice axe, crampons and possibly a rope will also be needed as well as a transceiver. This route is rated a Class 3 climb- mostly follows a ridgeline. Contact: Forest Dean at 240-7612, 721-6384 or e-mail fdean@midlandimplement.com

2006-2007 CLASSIC SERIES

*Details about these trips will be listed in the newsletter as the times get closer.
November's trip is listed above.*

<u>Month</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Leader</u>
2006				
Nov	Lolo Pass	Bitterroots	Ski	Julie Kahl
Dec	Heart/Pearl/Dalton Lakes	Bitterroots/Sup	BC Ski/Snowshoe	Jim Goss
2007				
Jan	Little St. Joseph Peak	Bitterroots	Ski/Cabin stay	Need volunteer
Feb	Gash Point	Bitterroots	Ski	Don Gisselbeck
Mar	East St. Mary's Peak	Missions	Ski/Snowshoe	Forest Dean
Apr	Trapper Peak	Bitterroots	Ski/Snowshoe	Alden Wright
May	Grey Wolf Peak	Missions	Snow Climb	Forest Dean
Jun	Burnt Fork Pinnacle	Resrvtn Divide	Hike	Alden Wright
Jul	Lolo Peak	Bitterroots	Hike/Scramble	Steve Schombel
Aug	Glacier Classic	Waterton	Various	Need volunteers
Sep	Warren Peak	Pintlers	Scramble	Jim Wilson
Oct	McDonald Peak	Missions	Climb	Forest Dean
Nov	Chief Joseph Pass	Bitterroots	Ski	Steve Schombel
Dec	Sweeney Peak	Bitterroots	Hike/Ski/Snowshoe	Need volunteer

Please consider volunteering!

TRIP REPORTS

October 7th- Cabin Work Day

Our annual fall cabin work day to do minor repairs and cut and stack firewood was very sparsely attended- only Steve Niday, Forest Dean and Forest's two kids- Frank and Karya showed up to do the chores. Steve packed a chainsaw up to the cabin and did the cutting while Forest did the splitting, and the kids helped stack wood under the cabin. It was a good day for this activity- kind of cool, even snowed on us a bit. We worked for about four hours then hiked out. Hopefully we'll get a few more helping hands next time. *FD*

Saturday, October 21: North Canyon Peak- Once again I found myself alone in the K-Mart parking lot on a Saturday morning with my Egg-McMuffin. No-shows are getting to be routine. The weather was decent, the snow was deeper than I had figured. Wading through nearly knee deep snow at Wyant Lake (7700') and lacking the ambition to go for the top, and realizing if I turned around and ran most of the way out I could see the last half of the Grizzly game, I turned tail. This looks like a good winter overnight trip, camping at Canyon Lake. Based on this experience, high peaks are in that in-between condition, too much snow for hiking, too little for skiing. *Steve Niday*

Sunday, October 22, 2006, Fred and Eileen Schwanemann. Thomas Tonev, Julie Kahl, and Steve Schombel went up Saw Mill Gulch to the Grant Creek Divide, across the Divide, and down Trail 28.3 to Curry Cabin. We then headed past the cabin and back to Saw Mill Gulch. The views from Grant Creek Divide of the many surrounding mountains, especially Lolo Peak and Snowbowl, were beautiful. The low clouds of the inversion covered much of the valley with the mountains rising above them. The Larch were at their peak making for gold and green contrast. *~Fred Schwanemann*

Lost on the Flanks of Beaver Ridge

We went to Idaho on Oct. 28th with three options, go over Low Gap to the upper Brushy Fork and try to hike into the Spruce Creek Lakes, or on the western end of Beaver Ridge visit the Round Top Look out, or the Beaver Ridge Lookout. Low Gap was snow free and we, Tami Aronson. Eileen & Fred Schwanemann & Julie Kahl opted for the Cedar Creek Lakes, driving back on a logging road until it became a trail. We hiked on the trail until our altimeter said we were higher than what the topo map said we should be. Nothing about the trail matched what the topo map said, so we backed tracked to the car and opted to drive up and climb to the Round Top Lookout. It was late in the day and we stopped for lunch on a point overlooking Idaho's higher peaks in the Bitterroot Range, then went back to Lolo Pass and hiked the Glade creek Loop ski trail. The terrain is entirely different without snow, and it was warm and windy. We made the best of one of the last warm fall days this year. *~Julie Kahl*

OTHER INTERESTS

*Joining or maintaining your Rocky Mountaineers membership has never been easier! **PayPal is now available on the Rocky Mountaineers website.** Click on the membership link on the main page. Unfortunately, one must pass through a PayPal advertisement page to get to the page to pay by credit card.*

We're still looking for a logo..... We are offering \$100.00 if for the logo chosen. Submit entries by mail or email any club contact!

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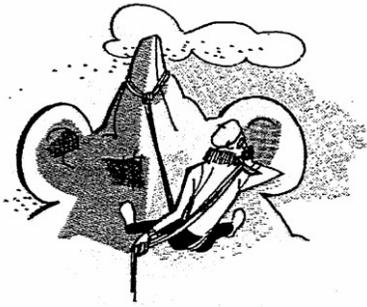
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