

The Mountain Ear

June 2019

President's Message

Thank you for electing me to serve as President of The Rocky Mountaineers. I'm honored to help guide this club for the next year. We are growing and growth is exciting, but also requires careful planning and attention to detail. I endeavor to fill the shoes that Forest Dean left behind.

Spring is in full bloom and I've had my head in the clouds...literally! This time of year I focus on flying and I just returned from southwestern Oregon from a week of paragliding adventures. Driving down the still-snowy Cascades had me thinking of venturing into the mountains for some last-ditch ski excursions though! Also, as the trails are drying out and the wildflowers pop, the mountain biking around the Missoula Valley becomes ever-enticing.

Although we take the summer off from our monthly presentations at Imagine Nation Brewery, we do have several social events that we are putting on the calendar soon. Keep checking the calendar for new social events (and trip postings)! I hope folks will turn out at these events as they are a great time to talk about and plan future adventures together.

See you on the trails!
-Joshua Phillips
TRM President

Upcoming Trips and Activities

Hike- **Wild Horse Island**- Sun, June 9
Scramble- **Sweeney Peak (Bitterroots)**- Sat, June 15
Scramble- **Rocky Mtn and Old Baldy (Rocky Mtn Front)**- Sat-Sun, June 22-23
Kids Series- **Lolo Peak (Bitterroots)**- Sat-Sun, June 29-30
Alpine Climb- **Mt. Forbes (Banff NP)**- Wed-Sun, July 3-7
Scramble- **Scapegoat Mtn**- Sat-Sun, July 6-7
Hike- **Williams Peak (Fish Creek Area)**- Sun, July 14
Scramble- **Peak Y and Sonielem Ridge (Missions)**- Sat, July 20
Scramble- **Swan Crest Traverse**- Sat, July 20
Run/Bike- **BM-2-HH**- Sat-Sun, July 20-21
Scramble- **Norris Mtn (Glacier NP)**- Fri, July 26
Scramble- **Bare Peaks (Bitterroots)**- Sat, July 27

Please visit our website for all the details on these trips!!

www.rockymountaineers.com

The 15th Annual Glacier Classic

Thursday, August 15- Sunday, August 18

This year The Rocky Mountaineers signature event- The Glacier Classic- celebrates its 15th anniversary! We sincerely hope you will consider joining us for this long weekend of climbs, hikes and all around fun in Glacier National Park. As with the last two years, we will be basing our activities out of St. Mary on the east side. This time around our campground will be Divide Creek Campground. We are still in the planning stages for our trip offerings: we will have at least two trips on Friday, four on Saturday, and two on Sunday. Our goal is to have something for most ability levels. Stay tuned! And while the trips are the focal point of the weekend, the camaraderie enjoyed at the camp in the evenings is often just as fun and memorable. Whether it's your first time or your 15th, it's certain to be a blast!

We would like to accommodate all who wish to attend, so please register early to ensure we have an adequate number of campsites. You are certainly free to get your own campsite (or stay elsewhere) but still join us for the activities and socializing.

Itinerary:

Thursday- Those wishing to participate in one of the Friday trip offerings should arrive in St. Mary this evening.

Friday- We will have at least two trips today for those wanting a longer weekend. The rest of the participants will likely head up to St. Mary and arrive sometime Friday afternoon or evening. Bring your own food and drink for dinner this evening. Around 8:00pm we will have the Saturday trip leaders announce their plans for the following day.

Saturday- Climbs and hikes during the day. In the evening we'll gather in camp for the infamous **Hanou Burrito** dinner! (bring your own drinks)

Sunday- More hikes and climbs for those interested, or head home whenever you desire.

Friday

ALLEN MOUNTAIN- Start at Many Glacier and hike/scramble up into the Snow Moon Basin before gaining the north side of the Peak. Class 3. Leader: John Bardsley

MT. JAMES- Start at Cut Bank Ranger station, hike up to Triple Divide Pass and ridge-walk to the summit. Class 2-3 with an elevation gain of 4,500, one way 9 miles (7 miles on human trail), return the same way. Leader: Susanna Girolamo Phillips

Saturday

IPASHA PEAK- Long out and back trip via the "Yo-Yo" Route. Hike to Iceberg Lake from Many Glacier, ascend to Iceberg Notch, up and over Ahern Peak, scramble up Ipasha. Return the same way. Class 3. Leader: Forest Dean

PIEGAN MOUNTAIN- Start at Siyeh Bend and hike up to Piegan Pass then on up to the saddle between Pollock and Piegan. Scramble up to the summit from there. Class 2. Leader: Vick Applegate

WATERFALL HIKE- This shorter hike will begin at Sunrift Gorge trailhead and head to three waterfalls near the west end of St. Mary Lake: Baring Falls, St. Mary Falls and Virginia Falls. Class 1. Leader: Steve Schombel

BLACKFOOT MOUNTAIN- A long day with a mix of everything- trail miles, off trail travel, glacier travel, and ice pitch! Class 4-5. Leaders: Joshua Phillips/Fintan Maguire

Sunday

MOUNT CANNON- This will start at Logan Pass and ascend the trail to Hidden Lake overlook. Traverse and ascend to the saddle between Clements and Cannon then scramble to the summit of Cannon. Class 3. Leader: Forest Dean

For more information or to register please email:

Forest Dean - mtnear1@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!

Concert Workers Needed!!!

Our club has recently been presented with an incredible opportunity to help establish our long sought after "Gear Library"! As many of you are probably aware, Big Sky Brewery hosts a summer concert series in their backyard "Amphitheatre". At each of these concerts, they select a local non-profit organization/club to work the beer stands. At the end of the night, the organization keeps all of the revenue from the beer sales! The profits must go towards a project, which in our case, would be to help acquire an inventory of mountaineering related gear that our members can check out for use.

We will be working the Friday, August 2nd JACKSON BROWNE concert. What do we need? About 15 of you! Our task is pretty simple. Some of us pour beer into cups. Others transfer said cups to the "front lines" to still others of us who take beer tickets from the concert going revelers. We will likely need you to show up around 5:30pm and expect to stay until about 11:00.

We will be one of two organizations working this concert. The Bower Climbing Coalition (based out of Spokane) will be the other. Many of you are aware of the recent tragic

passing of Jess Roskelley. Jess was one of the founders of the BCC. The current board of the BCC wishes to establish a Jess Roskelley memorial trailhead at the local Deep Creek crag area and plans to use their portion of funds raised for this effort. Jess's father John plans to be at the concert as well as other prominent climbers and friends. It will be fun to get to know some of these folks!

No cost to attend. We will outfit each worker with a TRM t-shirt. First come, first served. Please do not sign up unless you can definitely commit! Contact: Forest Dean-mtnear1@gmail.com. Thanks everyone!

TRM Cabin Update

The following article ran in the last Mountain Ear. Republishing it again here in case you may have missed it. Notice: the cabin is now closed and locked until next winter.

Some of you may be aware that last fall we put a combination lock on the (winter-use-only) Little St. Joe Cabin and asked members to "reserve" it by contacting club officers to put a notice on the club calendar. This was done in an effort to keep cabin use sustainable, minimize overuse and conflict, and better safeguard it from vandalism and misuse.

Per language in the Special Use Permit we have with the USFS, we also purchased liability insurance for the cabin. The Stevensville Ranger District has given their blessing for this change in use approach and verbalized appreciation for our concerted effort to operate in accordance with the Special Use Permit.

They said that we could continue to keep the cabin locked, utilize it for **members only**, and manage our own reservations. A big **THANK YOU!** goes out to those members that have gone above and beyond in their stewardship of the cabin ...you know who you are.

Thank you to all dues-paying members for helping to support and sustain this treasure. Please consider also joining us for our Cabin Work Day in October where we perform maintenance, stock firewood, and socialize!

Trip Reports

All reports from club trips can be found at: <http://therockymountaineers.blogspot.com>
All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site as well.

The Rocky Mountaineers Business Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2019

Location: Big Sky Brewery

Meeting began at 6:09 pm and ended at 8:08 pm

Members present:

Joshua Philips (JP) Incoming President
Susanna Girolamo (SG) Incoming Treasurer
Forest Dean (FD) Outgoing President
Fintan Maguire (FM) Incoming Secretary
Julia Kahl (JK)
Jonathan Bardsley (JB) Incoming Vice President , not present

1-Meeting called to order by FD

2-Minutes from last meeting were approved

A- FD would like to transfer all minutes from the last 2-5 years on to computer (Google drive)

It was agreed that the minutes should be easily accessible to all members

3-Treasury report

SG reported that TRM account has \$3862.05 and GMAR account has \$2071.62

SG also confirmed that the campground for the Glacier classic has been reserved

4- Old Business Items

A- Website status

SG said that Travis is currently travelling but he will be back in Missoula by next week and the website should be online soon after

B- FD made a motion that SG be reimbursed \$100 for Avalanche beacons that were raffled off at the Spring BBQ. JK seconded the motion. The motion was supported by everyone in attendance.

C- Merchandise order

SG said we currently have 17 Beanies, 9 blue Trucker hats, and 8 tan Trucker hats

JP suggested we have TRM hoodies made and that our logo better represent Missoula or have our web page name somewhere on the clothing

FD will talk to the person in charge of selling merchandise at Big Sky Brewery to get suggestions about what merchandise sells the best

D- FD also suggested that our website recognize the businesses that support the Rocky Mountaineers

E- Cabin Update

- 1- Status: FD suggested we change the lock combo for the spring. The lock was approved by the Forest Service
- 2- Insurance: Cost \$584.16/year, FD suggested we could get other insurance quotes
- 3- Repairs/Door Reinforcement: JP made a motion that the club will have Kyle Scharfe replace the door on the cabin and the club will pay up to \$100 for supplies. SG seconded the motion and all other members agreed to the motion. SG also suggested we talk to Paul Jensen about if we need to prep the cabin for the summer months.
- 4- Scheduled Fall Workday: We will consult with Paul about necessary cabin maintenance this year.

5-New Business Items

A- Education

- 1- Round table ideas: JK suggested we ask Jen Bardsley to talk about mountain biking in the Missoula area. FM also recommended discussions to help introduce people to the different local mountain ranges. It was agreed that since social events are very popular these discussions could happen at a more regular time such as weekly, biweekly, or monthly.
- 2- Field Days: It was also suggested that we repeat popular discussion topics/field days such as Navigation, Glacier travel, Avalanche rescue, and Ice climbing.

B- Presentations

- 1- September Welcome Back Party: It was agreed that we will continue with this event. JP suggested we give some new awards, for ex. most led trips, best trip report, and also some funny awards. JP mentioned using Survey Monkey to help gather info from members.
- 2- Future Speakers: FD offered to be in charge of the monthly presentations. Some of the speakers we may ask include Ian McGruder, Minor Maser, Mandela, Leah Story, Justin Willis, and Dexter Hale.

C- Trips and Events

- 1- Need for more trips: It was agreed that we need to have more trips on the calendar. FM agreed to lead a few this summer and fall.
- 2- How to get more trip leaders: We discussed possibly rewarding trip leaders based on the number of trips they have organized. They could be given merchandise or discounted training opportunities.
- 3- Events:
 - a- Summer Solstice event: It was decided we would likely not do an event this year.
 - b- Glacier Classic: FM/JP will lead an additional trip on the Saturday of the Glacier Classic. It was decided that we would organize a pot luck for the Saturday night. We may still try to have burritos.
 - c- Fall Social: It was decided that we would still have this Welcome Back social on the second Tuesday in September.
 - d- Spring BBQ. All participants enjoyed the BBQ and would like to continue the tradition. There were 5 trips offered the day of the BBQ. FM offered to have Four Paws Veterinary Clinic pay for the food and shelter rental for next year's BBQ.

D- Roles of individuals other than officers

- 1- Past president: FD suggested that they should try to be present to assist the new officers with managing the club
 - 2- Newsletter: FD will write the newsletter and JP will review it and also write a Presidents message
 - 3- Website: Alden will continue to be in charge of setting up the new website
 - 4- Committees: FD suggested we should review the bylaws. He also suggested we consider creating the following voting positions: past president, club archivist, website manager. JP made a motion that JK hold the position of club archivist and SG seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.
 - 5- Potential future officers: The following names were mentioned: TJ Jones, Jennifer Franklin, Laurel Vielle, Elizabeth Moore
- E- Collaboration with BSBC for Concert

FD had received an email from both Bjorn of Big Sky brewery and the BCC (Bower Climbing Coalition) regarding the August 2nd Jackson Browne summer concert. We would need to find 15 volunteers to help serve beer. The majority of the proceeds would go to the BCC to help build a trailhead (in Spokane) in memory of Jess Roskelley. A certain amount would go to TRM to buy club safety/training gear (beacons, shovel, etc) All members in attendance thought it was a worthy cause and we would proceed.

F- Quarterly Meeting dates

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held September 16th at 6 pm. After that the meetings will be held on first Monday of December, March, and May.

Officer elections: All nominated officers were officially elected to their positions. (See list of new officers at top of this meetings minutes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm