

# The Mountain Ear

August 2019

## President's Message

We have entered the "dog days" of summer. I have never been a big fan of the heat and summer has always been my least-favorite season. With that said, like most of you, I usually look to the alpine environs to escape the heat: swimming in a frigid alpine lake, standing on top of a windy summit, or (more recently) flying over the high peaks of the Canadian Rockies with my paraglider. Glacier Park is another great spot to retreat from the valley heat and our annual Glacier Classic event is coming up in one short week! I have just been informed that Imagine Nation Brewing is donating beer for us again this year. If you are not signed up for this event, now is the time to act! The Glacier Classic is the summer highlight of our club and a great chance to get into the mountains together. I hope to see you there!

*Joshua Phillips*

## Upcoming Trips and Activities

Scramble- **Bitterroot Traverse**- Fri-Sun, August 9-11  
Hike/Off-Trail- **McCormick/Blackrock Peaks**- Sun, August 11  
Various- **15<sup>th</sup> Glacier Classic**- Fri-Sun, August 16-18  
Multi-Day- **Wind River Range**- Sat, Aug 31-Sun, Sept 8  
Traverse- **Rattlesnake Crossing**- Sat, Sept 21  
Bike/Hike- **Triangle Peak**- Sat, Sept 21  
B-Day Party!- **Help Celebrate Julie and Dave's 70<sup>th</sup>'s**- Sat, Sept 21  
Cabin Workday- **TRM Cabin Maintenance**- Sat, Oct 5

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

[www.rockymountaineers.com](http://www.rockymountaineers.com)

## New Website

The club is working on a new website. The website will include "members only" content and will help us better manage our membership list. Trip reports will be posted on the new website. We hope that the new website will be up in the next week or two.

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Glacier Classic

**Thursday, August 15- Sunday, August 18**

This year The Rocky Mountaineers signature event- The Glacier Classic- celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, it's certain to be a blast!

This is basically a last call to register! We can accommodate you, but if you want to go we need to know NOW! You are certainly free to get your own campsite (or stay elsewhere) but still join us for the activities and socializing. TRM Membership is required to participate.

#### *Itinerary:*

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

**Friday-** We will have two (or possibly three) trips today for those wanting a longer weekend. The rest of the participants can head up to St. Mary and arrive sometime Friday afternoon or evening. Bring your own food and drinks for dinner this evening.

ADDITIONALLY- Imagine Nation Brewing Company will once again be providing a keg of their finest for us to enjoy this weekend! 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** (this year prepared by new chef- Heather Hair!)

**Sunday-** More hikes and climbs for those interested, or head home whenever you desire. We typically have several spur of the moment trips created on Saturday evening.

#### Friday

**REYNOLDS MOUNTAIN-** Route will be the Grand Tour, or "Reynolds Wrap" as Joshua and Susanna call it. Class 3, 11 miles round trip, 2500 feet gain. 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. Fairly long day at a fairly fast pace. 18 miles round trip with 8500' of elevation gain. Class 3-4. Leader: Forest Dean

**WATERFALL HIKE-** This is a shorter hike for those who want something easy. This is a hike to three waterfalls near the upper end of St. Mary Lake. It starts at the Sunrft Gorge Trailhead, drops 250' in .3 miles to Baring Falls. Then it is a scenic 1.6 miles along the lake shore, and up 140' to St. Mary Falls. Then cross the bridge and up 285' in .8 miles to Virginia Falls. Of course, we have to gain the 250' on the way back, making a total of 6.75' elevation change in 5.4 miles. The hike can be shortened up by hiking up to the St.

Mary Falls trailhead, or longer to the Sun Point Nature Trail. This is short enough to leave late in the morning. It would be better to take the shuttle bus. Leader: Steve Schombel

**MOUNT GOULD-** A climb up this iconic peak via the West Face Route. Begin at either Haystack Creek (3.5 miles round trip) or Logan Pass (9.6 miles)- leader will consult with those interested. Class 3. Leader: Fintan Maguire

**SHANGRI LA LOOP-** Starting at Many Glacier, up Redrock Falls, over the ridge and descent to Iceberg Lake. On & off trail, bushwhack, scramble, some exposure & class 3 in deep little gully. A great trip for the experienced off trail hiker. Leader: Susanna Girolamo Phillips

**MOUNT SIYEH-** We will take the South Slope Route starting from Siyeh Bend. Class 3, 11 miles, 4200 feet of elevation gain. Leader: John Bardsley

**KIDS TRIP-** More details real soon....

### 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. 6.5 miles round trip with 3000' of elevation gain. Class 3.

Leader: Forest Dean

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For more information or to register please email:

Forest Dean - [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

### Concert Fundraiser Wrap-up

This past Friday evening, our club was presented with a wonderful opportunity to earn some funds to help seed a long-discussed "member gear closet". 26 of us signed up to work the Jackson Browne concert, selling beer tokens and pouring beer. Not only was it a great fundraiser, it also turned out to be a really fun time! Music, beer, a huge crowd, a spectacular thunderstorm- what more could we have asked for. Susanna had some cool shirts made up for us to wear and advertise who we are. We partnered with the Bower Climbing Coalition out of Spokane, and had a great time working with and making new friends as well.

All of this was possible due to the overwhelming generosity of the folks at Big Sky Brewing Company. Bjorn Nabozney (club member and avid climber/mountaineer), his partners and their staff really define the term "social responsibility". Nobody gives back more to the community than these folks. Nobody. Bjorn and Joe Petrelli (Events Coordinator for BSBC) were actually upset and bummed out - for us!- that we didn't make as much as we could have (due to the thunderstorm delaying things for an hour and a half- grounds had to be cleared). I was simply ecstatic that we just had the opportunity. These guys and gals are fantastic partners and people to work with and I just want to thank them once again.

If you feel the same, consider supporting what make, and stop by their taproom and thank them personally. *Forest Dean*

### **September "Welcome Back" Party**

Our monthly club presentations will resume on **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**. We will continue to hold these presentations on the second Tuesday of every month (September through May) at IMAGINE NATION BREWING COMPANY (1151 West Broadway Street) in their room called The Center. We welcome you to show up for these monthly presentations at 6:00PM. Enjoy an Imagine Nation beer and socialize a bit prior to the actual presentation which will usually begin about 6:15.

In lieu of an actual presentation our September event will be a "**Welcome Back Party**". We invite anyone and everyone to come spend a couple of hours with us as we kick off our monthly Presentation series! We'll be presenting a brief overview of who The Rocky Mountaineers are and more of our plans for the future. A few achievement and random FUN awards will be handed out. Media presentations of some of this past summer's trips will be shown. We'll enjoy a few great INBC beers while we meet, greet, answer questions and socialize. INBC may have a food truck parked outside so you can purchase dinner if you so desire (or feel free to bring something from home or elsewhere). Please attend...and bring a friend or two!

### **Achievement Awards**

The Rocky Mountaineers annually recognize any current club member who has completed one or more of the several peak lists listed on the achievement awards tab of our website <http://rockymountaineers.com>. Perhaps you have finished one of these lists and don't even know it! We'd love to present a few folks with a certificate of accomplishment at our September "Welcome Back Party". So, take a look at the lists, then get busy...you have two months!

Also, new this year, if you have someone you would like to nominate for an award, please let us know. You could nominate someone for just about anything related to a TRM trip or event. Maybe someone was an exceptional leader. Maybe someone took the reins in a time of need. Perhaps someone had the funniest tumble off a trail that you have ever witnessed. Send your comments, ideas, funny stories to the editor ([mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com))!

### **Trip Reports**

All reports from club trips can be found at: <http://therockymountaineers.blogspot.com>  
Future Trip Reports will be posted on the new website when it is up.

### **Club Officers**

President- Joshua Phillips

Vice President- John Bardsley

Secretary- Fintan Maguire

Treasurer- Susanna Phillips

Website- Alden Wright

Archivist- Julie Kahl

Newsletter and Past President- Forest Dean