



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS
OF WESTERN MONTANA

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JANUARY MEETING: Wednesday, January 8, 7:³₄₀ p.m.
Montana Power Building
1903 Russell, Missoula

PROGRAM: Winter Mountaineering Skills and
Avalanche Danger by
Jack Tuholske, Member Arctic Ski Patrol,
Graduate American Avalanche Institute,
Outdoor Instructor, 6 years.

TRIP REPORTS

Sunday, December 15, Granite Pass

Joe Knotek, Bret Doucett, Vera Myers, Martha Yale, Art Gidel, Wayne Hecker, Carol Anderson and Peter Dayton joined trip leader Ralph Flockerzi on a moderate ski trip to Granite Pass, which is approximately 1000 vertical above Lolo Pass across from the visitors' center. Most of the telemark skiers made one extra trip up the slope to take advantage of good snow conditions, and four hardy souls skied out via Fish Creek road four extra miles. A good time was had by all.

-Ralph Flockerzi

Sunday, December 22, Hoodoo Pass

Due to a lack of snow on Sweeney Ridge, the Sweeney Peak trip was postponed, replacing it with a trip to Hoodoo Pass. The road to Hoodoo Pass was in excellent shape, although Diamond is scheduled to discontinue plowing on January first.

Ten individuals turned out for this tour along the ridge southeast of the pass. Conditions varied from reasonable telemarking snow on northern exposures, to icy wind pack on exposed areas. The weather and views were simply outstanding with nary a cloud in the sky. The smoggy valleys in the distance were only a vague memory. Participants were:

Cheryl Beyer
Beverly Chin
Bret Doucett
Ralph Flockerzi
Art Gidel
Wayne Hecker

Jerry Kogan
Robert Logan
Dave Pengelly
Martha Yale

-Art Gidel

NEW TRIPS

Friday thru Sunday, January 3-5, Little St. Joe Cabin

This is an annual New Years trip. Some members will probably make it a two-day (Saturday-Sunday) trip. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-9986 for details. It's all dependent upon some new snow.

Saturday-Sunday, January 18-19, Sheep Mountain - Rattlesnake area

Moderately strenuous, 10 miles each way. Call Joe Knotek at 549-2040.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CHECK ONE: Individual \$5.00/year _____
Family \$7.00/year _____

Mail a check payable to "Rocky

Mountaineers" to Arnold Finklin

P.O. Box 7795, Missoula, MT 59807

NEW TRIPS - continued

Saturday-Sunday, January 25-26

Overnight ski trip or a Sunday one-day trip, depending on snow conditions. Destination to be finalized later. Call Dave Pengelly at 728-6512 for details.

Sunday, February 2

Strenuous ski trip, destination dependent upon snow conditions. Sweeney Peak, Stuart Peak or Mt. Harding are candidates. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for details.

Saturday-Sunday, February 15-16, Spruce Creek - Bitterroot Range

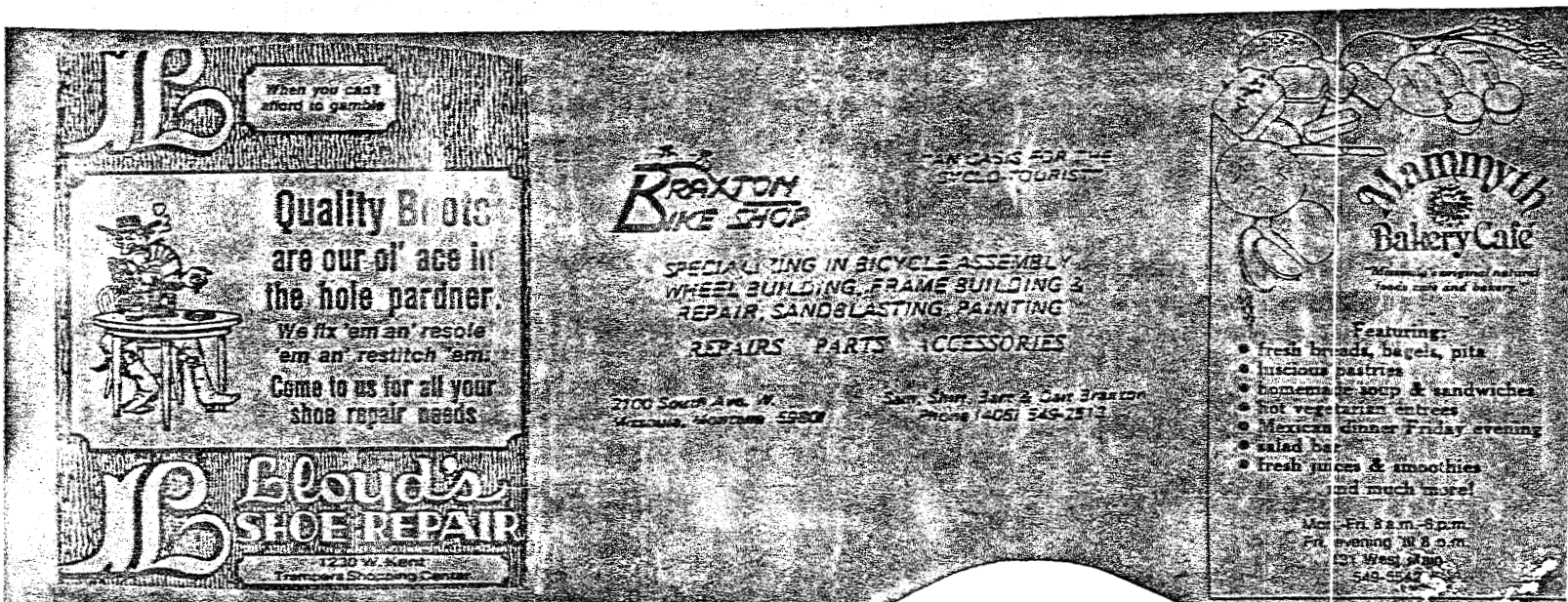
Overnight trip to Spruce Creek near the Elk Meadows road, 11 miles each way - moderate. Call Joe Knotek at 549-2040 for details.

Early March, Annual Two-Day Lost Trail Ski Outing

Other trips will probably be scheduled on shorter notice. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for updates and additions

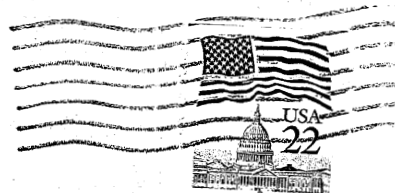
A NOTE OF THANKS

The Club thanks Bill Morgan for installing a cable support in the Little St. Joe Cabin. The cable should stop the slow shifting of the cabin downhill



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