



# Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

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THE FIRST MEETING of the 1961-62 season was held at the home of Gardner Miller on October 4. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Sam Braxton, President; Gary Hall, Vice-President; Pat Patton, Secretary-Treasurer.

MONTHLY MEETINGS will be held the first Monday of each month. The time, place and program to be announced in the "Mountain Ear."

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING will be held Monday, November 6, at the Lodge, Conference Rooms 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m. Gardner Miller will present the N. Ski Patrol's slide lecture, "Avalanche." This is a highly interesting and informative program in which you will have the opportunity to learn a great deal about snow avalanches, how to recognise and avoid avalanche danger and what to do if you are caught in one.

HANS GNOSER MOVIE. A new Hans Gnoser movie "Deep Powder and Steep Rock." will be sponsored by our club in conjunction with the Hellgate Ski Club on a share-the-proceeds basis. This movie is a must for all interested in skiing, ski mountaineering, and climbing. The following is a copy of the press release for the movie:

After several months of carefree mountain life with a few friends, camera and skis, Hans Gnoser returns to the ski lecture circuit with his most unusual film to date. The combination of some resort skiing with the traditional, off the beaten path trips, for which Gnoser is known to his audiences, has produced a fast moving film story, which will wet every skier's appetite for the far away, wide open snow-fields, but at the same time show where even the average skier can find his deep powder paradise amidst the splendor of great mountains.

For the first time Gnoser visits with his camera such places as Alta, where he managed to catch Ted Johnston and Jim McConkey as they ski ahead of a powder avalanche, which tickled Ted in the rear, but wasn't quite able to catch him.

One of the highlights is an extensive sequence of the new ski development at Lake Louise in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Here a number of new lifts open up a vast territory of powder slopes, framed by the most spectacular mountain scenery on this continent.

On one of his rare stops in his rare stops in his hometown of Banff, Gnoser found a foot of fresh powder on the

slopes of Mt. Norquay, and spent the day chasing behind the ski patrol with his camera.

He also captured the Canadian Junior Championships at Jasper in Alberta, which provides some rare excitement as the young skiers compete for the titles in this four way event.

Most of the film story, however, unfolds among those mountain peaks, which are so tempting but which are also well guarded by miles and miles of unbroken trail as the only way to get to them.

For over four weeks, Gmoser followed Jim McConkey and a few friends, among them somersaulter Rod Hurich, literally from peak to peak. During this time, the camera recorded beautiful slow-motion studies on the art of deep powder-skiing, and many breath-taking Gelaendesprungs.

The crowning spectacle came whe Rodney attempted his famous backward somersault, high on a steep ridge of Mt. Athabaska. Unable to gain enough height, he landed on his head and ski tips, and tumbled down the steep mountain side, unable to stop himself. The result - four cracked ribs and a spectacular movie sequence.

To wind up the film, the camera takes you along on the first ascent of the Southface of Mt. Louis, a 2000 ft. near vertical rock cliff. Rarely have these tense moments on such a climb been brought to the screen in such a vivid way. The joy of having mastered a difficult pitch. The fear and anxiety, when night sets in and the climbers are still short of their goal. The agony of a cold night with no shelter, little food and no drink. The triumphant moment on the summit, and once off the mountain - the first stop by the water hole among the grass and trees, with the mountain no longer hostile, but as a beautiful silhouette on the fading horizon.

This film lasts 90 minutes, is in color, has full musical score, and is narrated in person by Hans Gmoser.

The movie will be shown at the Roxy Theatre, Monday, November 13 at 8:00 p.m. Prices are \$1.00 for adults and 75¢ for children. For tickets to sell to your friends, contact Joanne Golden, 2824 W. Central, Phone 9-4807. Joanne is asking that all tickets not sold should be turned in not later than 6:30 p.m. on Saturday November 11, so they may be sold at the Roxy boxoffice.

NOW FOR THE BUSINESS OF OUTINGS. It was agreed not to hold any formal club outings, as such, but rather to encourage informal outings by groups of friends, and, at their choice, are encouraged to invite other club members along.

For example, if you are planning a particular outing and would like to invite other club members along, call Gardner Miller at 9-5004 and state the activity planned, (hike, climb, ski tour, trip, etc.) your name, phone number, and any restrictions you might have as to who may participate. Anyone wishing to go along on an outing, call Gardner for the above information, and in turn, contact the person planning the outing.

LEGAL RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITY FORMS All minors please turn in as soon as possible the release forms signed by parent or legal guardian.

DUES ARE DUE \$2.50 for the year, and are payable to Pat Patton, 916 E. Beckwith, phone 9-5433. Delinquent members will not remain on the club's mailing list after December first.

EATS Try ETO prepared soup mixes on your next trip, available at Buttreys. They are light and very tasty.

"MOUNTAIN EAR" We are indebted to Mary Miller for our publication's name.

MOUNTAIN ARTIST Our appreciation of Lou Jordan's talent for the clever illustration which appears on our letterhead.

NEWS If you have news to share - anything from routes to boots - contact Sam Braxton, Pat Patton, Gary Hall, or Gardner Miller

#### TENTATIVE WINTER AND SPRING CLIMBS (skiis and snowshoes)

(Tentatively organized by Gary Hall)

Thanksgiving Vacation: Ascents of South and East Trapper Peaks (10,100 +ft) with skiis and or snowshoes. Trip will be between 2-4 days.

Christmas Vacation: The ascents, respectively, of Little St. Joe (9,030 Ft.), St. Joseph (9,500+ft), Bass (8,800 ft.) and Kootenai (8,500ft) with skiis and snowshoes. This trip will be between 4-8 days in length pretaining to agenda.

February 10 & 11: A ski touring trip into Carlton Lake Bowl which would include an ascent of Lolo Peak (9,100 ft.)

March 18-22: A ski trip into No Fish Lake Bowl in the Mission Mountains. While there will attempt to climb St. Mary's Peak (9,500ft).

Easter Vacation: Ski ascents of Little St. Joe and St. Joseph Peaks Unlimited skiing opportunities in this area. Trip will be three days in length.

April and May dates to be clarified later-

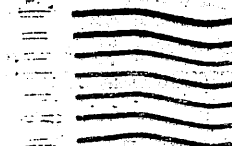
1. SKI ascent again of Trapper Peaks
2. Ascent of Harding Peak (10,000 ft..) by way of Eagle Pass
3. Ascent of McDonald Peak (10,300 ft.).
4. Stewart Peak (7,800 ft.) in Rattlesnake Mts.
5. McCloud Peak (9,000 ft.)

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