

Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

February 1990

Time and Place: **ATTENTION! NO MEETING WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY!** Steve Sheriff will be giving a slide show on a climbing and sea-kayaking trip to Baffin Island at the time that we usually hold our meeting. Since most of the club members who were polled wanted to see this slide show, and we were unable to schedule another meeting time, we decided to call off the February meeting. Instead, go see Steve's slide show on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge at the University Center at the University of Montana. If we don't see you there or on any trips during February, we'll see you at the next regular meeting, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 1990, in the Montana Power Building at 1903 Russell Street in Missoula.

TRIP CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18, Wishard Ridge: Ski trip to Wishard Ridge and Sheep Mountain, which are northeast of Missoula. Good telemarking possibilities, moderately strenuous, suitable for beginning and intermediate backcountry skiers. Call Dan Weinstein at 549-6844 for details.

Sat-Sun, February 17-18, Eighteenmile Peak. Ski trip up Eighteenmile Peak (11,141 feet), which is located on the continental divide and the Montana-Idaho Border west of Lima. We will drive down Friday night, stay in a motel at Lima, and climb Eighteenmile Peak on Saturday. Then we could either car camp Saturday night at the base of Eighteenmile and climb Cottonwood Peak (11,024 feet) on Sunday, or go back to the motel at Lima and climb Garfield Mountain (10,961 feet) in the Lima Peaks on Sunday. All of these climbs are straightforward, non-technical, and not particularly strenuous. Call Peter Dayton at 728-8101 for details.

Saturday or Sunday, February 23 or 24, Mt. Powell. Ski trip up Mt. Powell, the tallest mountain in the Flint Creek Range. This mountain is the big one to the west of Deer Lodge. Contact Dave Pengelly at 728-6512 for details.

Sunday, February 24, Pyramid Pass. Trail tour and telemarking trip to Pyramid Pass in the Swan Range near Seely Lake. A moderately long, scenic tour with some telemarking opportunities near the pass. Suitable for intermediate tourers and telemarkers. Call Dan Weinstein at 549-6844 for details.

Sat and/or Sun, March 10 and/or 11, Lake of the Isle. Ski tour and backcountry ski trip to the Lake of the Isle area in the Anaconda-Pintler range near Georgetown Lake. A real scenic area with good telemarking opportunities. Could be either a day trip or an overnight, depending on the preferences of participants. Call Dan Weinstein at 549-6844 for details.

Late February, March, or April, Hyalite Ridge Trip: Multi-day ski trip down the Hyalite Ridge, a wide, undulating ridge which runs down the crest of the Hyalite Mountains between Bozeman and Gardiner. Call Peter Dayton, 728-8101, if you are interested.

TRIP REPORTS

Homer Young Peak, February 3-4. A number of impressive mountains lie along the continental divide between the Big Hole Valley and Salmon, Idaho. The tallest is Homer Young Peak (10,621 feet), which is located straight west of Jackson. Although the peak is not difficult to climb, it is tough to get to in the winter because the roads in the area get blocked by snow. I scheduled a trip up the mountain in 1989, but called it off when I discovered that it would involve three to five miles of plodding across the flat valley floor before reaching the edge of the mountains. This year I located a snowmobiler who was willing to help us get to the base of the mountain. This proved to be the key to a great trip. Bill Cunningham, Jenny Davis, Peter Dayton, Eric Jones, Rick Murney, and Al Sillars met the two snowmobilers on a clear and bright Saturday morning at the Turner Ranch, to the northeast of the mountain. These were pretty serious snowmobilers; they had custom-modified machines with tracks that they had lengthened by about three feet so they could handle deeper snow. We had expected the snowmobilers to drag us along on our skis behind the snowmobiles, but they figured it would be easier to carry us, and showed up with three machines and two trailers. Although we were a bit disappointed at first, after the ride we decided it was probably a good thing we didn't try the "water skiing" routine. As it was, Al got dumped off one of the sleds two times. Since Jenny was the only member of the group who had driven a snowmobile before, she drove the third machine. The snowmobiles quickly brought us up to the end of Gravelle Park and dropped us off. We then skied in about four miles and up about 1,500 feet to the Kelly Lake basin, which lies to the northeast of the peak, and set up camp. Bill and Peter went out for some moonlight skiing before turning in for the night.

It snowed about an inch that night, and continued to snow and blow throughout Sunday morning. The group rose before daylight, ate breakfast, and headed for the top, about 2,000 feet above our camp. Homer Young can be climbed from various sides in the summer, but the safest and shortest route in the winter is up the long gradual east ridge. This ridge can be safely and easily reached either from its end, or from a northern spur between Kelly Lake and Heart Lake. We used the latter route. The wind and snow were fairly vicious and the visibility was short, but the ridge was largely blown clear. We ditched our skis above Heart Lake and hiked the mile to the top, reaching the summit about 11:30. On the way back down the snow eased off and the clouds began to break up, giving us a bit more scenery. We broke camp and headed for the cars about 2:00. We reached Gravelle Park pretty fast, and then started the five mile long trudge across the valley back to the cars. Everybody made it out by dark. Peter, Rick, and Jenifer checked out the pool at the Jackson Hot Springs Lodge before heading back to Missoula. This is a fun, relatively safe, and enjoyable trip, which we would all recommend (Homer Young, that is, although the pool wasn't bad either). - Peter Dayton.

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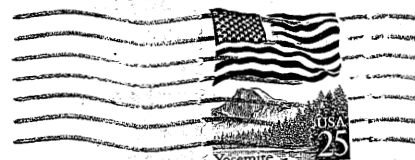
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