



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

May 1990

Time and Place: 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 1990, in the Montana Power Building at 1903 Russell Street in Missoula.

Program. Rollie Redmond will give a slide show on a two-month-long expedition to an uninhabited island in the Pacific about 1,000 miles west of Hawaii, for the purpose of studying hairy-thighed curlews. The trip may actually have been only six weeks long; I don't know for sure. I also don't remember the name of the island, and I may have exaggerated its distance from Hawaii. And please don't quote me on the name of the bird, either. However, the island was definitely uninhabited, and Rollie got dropped off with a big pile of gear, water, and food, and spent the entire time alone, except for one granduate student. The island is allegedly a stopping point for these birds on their migration between Alaska and points south. Rollie apparently took blood samples from these birds and everything. What did Rollie really do on this island? Was the trip secretly financed by the CIA? Can we expect Colonel Sanders to come out with a line of Kentucky-fried Hairy Curlews soon? If you don't show up for the show, you may never get the real story.

TRIP CALENDAR

Tuesday evenings, Mount Sentinel climbs: Hikes up Mount Sentinel leave from the parking lot at the base of the "M" at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-7150 for details.

Thursday evenings, Mountain Biking. An interesting and varied assortment of mountain bike trips have been scheduled for Thursday evenings. Watch the "Around Missoula" column or call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-7150 for details.

Saturday or Sunday, May 12 or 13, St. Mary's Peak. A spring ski trip up St Mary's Peak in the Bitterroots. Call Dave Weinstein at 549-6844 for details.

Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, Sun River. The Sun River is coming up nicely, so Peter Dayton has tentatively scheduled the Sun River float trip for May 19 and 20. The river is suitable for intermediate canoers and kayakers and for rafters, and offers good scenery and great playing. We will float the same section twice, and car camp Saturday night by the river; feel free to join the trip for either day if you can't make both. Call Peter Dayton at 728-8101 for details.

Sunday, June 3, Trapper Peak. Spring ski trip up Trapper Peak in the Bitterroots, southwest of Darby. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-7150 for details.

Sunday, June 10, Grey Wolf Peak. Hike up to the Riddell Lakes and Scenic Lakes area at the base of Grey Wolf Peak, in the south Mission Mountains northeast of Arlee. The peak could also be climbed by various routes if the group is interested. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-7150 for details.

Sunday, June 17, Fischer Peak. Hike and climb up Fischer Peak in the Swan Mountains, northeast of Seely Lake. A scenic scramble. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-7150 for details.

TRIP REPORTS

Middle Fork of the Salmon River and Main Salmon River. From April 21-29, Art Gidel, Wayne Hecker, Pat Ulik, Dave and Marilyn Ryan, Kirk Jones, and Peter Dayton floated about 126 miles of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and the Main Salmon in two rafts and two kayaks. The group flew in to Indian Creek, which is about 25 miles below the usual summer put-in at Boundary Creek, and floated down to Rhett Creek, which is about 30 miles above the end of the wilderness section of the Main Salmon. We then were picked up by a jet boat and hauled back up to our cars at Corn Creek. We didn't see any other floaters all week, and visited six hot spings en route. The water was fairly high on the Middle Fork for this time of year, about 3.85, but a bit more moderate on the Main. Wayne Hecker proved himself to be a virtuoso with a dutch oven, cooking a number of outstanding meals and cakes in the device. Although the weather was a bit inclement - in fact, we got snowed on - a great time was had by all. - Peter Dayton

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