



# Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

June 1990

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NO MEETING THIS MONTH: During the summer months, the club does not hold meetings or present programs. There will be a potluck picnic or some other outdoor get-together in July and August on the regular meeting date, the second Wednesday of the Month. There are also regular hikes and mountain bike rides each Tuesday and Thursday evening, as described below.

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## TRIP CALENDAR

Tuesday evenings, Mount Sentinal climbs: Hikes up Mount Sentinal 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.

Sunday, June 24, Big St. Joe Peak. Hike and scramble up Big St. Joe Peak in the Bitterroot Mountains near Florence. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-7150 for details.

Sunday, July 8, 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.

Saturday or Sunday, July 14 or 15. Dave Pengelly will lead a hike at a location to be selected. He indicates that it will make the Bataan Death March look like a picnic. Call Dave at 728-6512 for details.

Saturday, July 21, Mission Mountains. Hike and scramble up one of the prominent peaks east of Pablo in the Mission Mountains. Call Peter Dayton at 728-8101 for details.

Saturday, August 4, St. Mary's Peak. A hike and scramble up West Saint Mary's Peak in the Mission Mountains, starting from Mission Reservoir. This extremely scenic off-trail hike involves moderate bushwacking and scrambling and 6,000 feet of elevation gain. Those with more energy than they know what to do with can continue on to East St. Mary's Peak, about a mile further. Those with more energy than they know what to do with, an unquenchable thirst for great scenery, and serious mental defects can return via Vacation Pass and Soneliem Lake. Call Art Gidel at 543-6352 for details.

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## TRIP REPORTS

Missouri River, White Cliffs Section, May 26-28: Over Memorial Day weekend, Beverly Chin, Peter Dayton, Art Gidel, and Art's sister and brother-in-law from Helena floated the White Cliffs Section of the Missouri, which runs from Coal Banks Landing to the Judith River, in three canoes. This section of the river is sometimes quite crowded, but inclement weather during the previous week apparently scared off most other

loaters, and we saw only a handful of other parties. The water is entirely flat and devoid of whitewater thrills, quite suitable for families and novices. The scenery, however, is great, with numerous unusual rock formations which are reminiscent of those found in the Canyonlands or the Badlands. We spent a lot of time off the river, hiking round gawking at these things. The weather was fine for the first two days, but on the third day we encountered strong headwinds. I was paddling a 16-foot canoe by myself, and was unable to make any headway against these winds, so Art, Bev, and I tied our two canoes together like a catamaran with some tree branches. This worked quite well, and after some gut-busting paddling we made it to the takeout. This trip is well worth going, although I wouldn't try to canoe it solo again. - Peter Dayton

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