



Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

September 1990

MEETING

Time and Place: Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Montana Power Building at 1903 Russell Street in Missoula. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 1990.

Program: The September program will be the traditional slide show of trips taken by club members during the past year. Members are invited to bring their favorite slides from recent trips. If you were on the trips, you can relive the experience; if you weren't on the trips, you can see what you missed.

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, September 16, Mount Harding. Day trip in the Missions, probably Mt. Harding via the northwest ridge. Call Art Gidel, 543-6352, for details.

Sunday, October 7, Cabin Work Party. Come help prepare the club's cabin on Little Saint Joe in the Bitterroots for the coming winter. If you've ever taken advantage of this luxurious facility, you ought to feel obligated to join the work party; if you haven't used the cabin yet, this is your chance to find out where it is. Call Dave Pengelly at 728-6512 for details.

Note: Once again the hunting season is upon us, and during the next few months a number of our active members will be busy assisting the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in the performance of its wildlife management responsibilities. Those who do not engage in blood sports are encouraged to schedule and lead trips during this period.

TRIP REPORTS

Big St. Joe Peak, June 24. Carol Anderson, Ethel McDonald, Jenny Davis Murney, Mary Ann McClain, John Merchat, Bret Doucette, Eric Jones, Wayne Goldbach, and Ralph Flockerzi hiked up Bass Creek to the top of St. Joe Peak in the Bitterroot Mountains and met Steve Niday on top. The group split up for the return. Half of the group returned by the same route, and the other half went over to Little St. Joe and down by the cabin. Everyone had a good time. - Ralph Flockerzi

Grey Wolf Peak. Bret Doucett, Barb Farrel, Kathy York, Angie Helvey, Ralph Flockerzi, and Mary Ann McClain hiked up to the Riddell Lakes at the base of Grey Wolf Peak in the Mission Mountains. Bret climbed to the top of the peak while everybody else took a leisurely stroll up the ridge to view the Scenic Lakes. - Mary Ann McClain

Fischer Peak. Ralph Flockerzi, Peter Dayton, Mary Ann McClain, and one other club member whose name escapes me at this point headed up past Seeley Lake in a blinding downpour towards Fischer Peak one weekend last August. This mountain looks real steep as you approach it, but with good route finding it is no more than an interesting scramble. Although the weather did not look promising, we lucked out, and barely got sprinkled on all day. Furthermore, because most of the approach is up bare avalanche gulches, we didn't get soaked by wet vegetation, and the rock were largely dry by the time we reached the steep part of the mountain. Ralph, Peter, and Mary Ann toted a rope and other climbing gear up to the summit and rigged a couple of practice rappels for amusement. - Peter Dayton.

Goat Peak, July 21. A crew of Rocky Mountaineers including Ralph Flockerzi, Peter Dayton, Mary Ann McClain, Ethel McDonald, and one other club member whose name escapes me at this point decided to check out some new territory in the Missions, and drove up the Flathead Valley east of Pablo to Crow Creek. A good trail runs up Crow Creek to Crow-Piper Pass. This is one of the few good trails into the reservation side of the Missions. Although the mountains up near Pablo are about a thousand feet lower than those further south by McDonald and Harding Peak, we got up into some nice scenery. After checking out the pass, we headed west across a rocky glacial basin to Goat Peak. From the peak we headed south and bushwhacked about three thousand feet down the side of a steep ridge back into the Crow Creek drainage. Everybody enjoyed the trip, and it looks like there is a lot more interesting country in the area. - Peter Dayton.

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