

Mountain Ear

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

December 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 December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 1990.

Program: Bill Weiland, a Missoulian with considerable international mountaineering experience and one of the senior members of the local climbing community, will give a slide show on an expedition to Mount St. Elias in Alaska. Should be an outstanding show, even if you suspect that part of the reason our program chairperson scheduled it was to whip up some enthusiasm for his own proposed trip to this region.

TRIP CALENDAR

General Contacts for Skiing. If you want to go backcountry skiing some weekend, but can't make (or don't like) the scheduled trips, call Dave Pengelly (728-6512), Peter Dayton (728-8101), Art Gidel (543-6352), or Ralph Flockerzi (549-7150). Chances are good that they can either suggest or organize an unscheduled trip. New skiers are particularly invited to contact these guys.

December 16, Bitterroot Ski Trip. A day backcountry ski or ski mountaineering trip to the Bitterroots. The destination will depend on the interests and experience of the participants. Call Dave Pengelly at 728-6512 for details.

Christmas and/or New Years weekend. Several day ski trip to the club's luxurious condominium on the slopes of Little St. Joe Peak in the Bitterroots. There are great slopes above the cabin for telemarking, and a festive time is generally had by all despite, or perhaps because of, the primitive conditions. Call Ralph Flockerzi at 549-7150 for details.

January 5 or 6, January 12 or 13. Art Gidel will be going backcountry skiing; give him a call if you would like to join him. Location will be determined by snow conditions and participants. Call Art at 543-6352 for details.

February or March, Hylite Ridge Trip. A three or four day trip down a high, undulating ridge in the Gallatin Range south of Bozeman. The trip got cancelled last year due to hazardous snow conditions, but we're going to try it again this year, by golly. Access will be easier this year because the road up to Hylite Reservoir is going to be plowed all winter. Call Peter Dayton at 728-8101 for details.

April-May, Mount St. Elias. A three-plus week expedition to the St. Elias Range in Alaska. Call Steve Niday at 721-3700 for more information.

TRIP REPORTS

Grand Targhee and Teton Pass, Thanksgiving Weekend. Art Gidel, Peter Dayton, Carol Anderson, Barb Farrell, and Eric Jones spent two days area telemarking at the Grand Targhee ski area and one day backcountry skiing at Teton Pass. Targhee had received 70

inches of heavy powder in the two days before we arrived, so the snow was pretty good for early season. However, the visibility was about ten feet the first day, which produced some exciting skiing. On the third day we located a bowl with some good powder at Teton Pass, which is between Driggs and Jackson Hole. We had intended to do further backcountry or area skiing at Lost Trail on the fourth day, but found the area still closed and the snow conditions so depressing that we headed home. - Peter Dayton

Hoodoo Pass, December 1, 1990. Art Gidel, Beverly Chin, Jim York, Ralph Flockerzi, Joyce Flodberg, Leslie Reid, Wayne Hecker, and Dave Pengelly headed up to Hoodoo Pass, a favorite early-season ski destination located south of Superior. The road had been plowed, but was starting to drift in. The crew needed chains to get within 1 mile of the pass. It blowed and snowed all day, but there was good powder below the ridge on the Idaho side.

Wisherd Ridge, December 2, 1990. Dave Ryan, Wayne Hecker, Jim Conkle, Ryan Knie, Steve Niday, and Dave Pengelly hiked to Wisherd Ridge, which is located up the Blackfoot southeast of Bonner. They encountered very little snow until they reached the bottom of the bowl, but found good powder there.

NOTICES

In the past the U.S. Forest Service has provided a backcountry travel advisory, starting sometime in the middle of December. The number last year was 549-4488.

The club's mailing list has been computerized. Please check your name and address and let Peter Dayton or Arnold Finklin know if it contains any errors.

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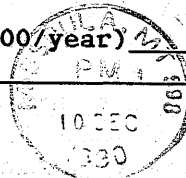
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