

Mountain Ear

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS

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The Rocky Mountaineers are dedicated to the exploration of Western Montana's mountains and other high peaks throughout the world.

MEETING

Club Meetings: The Rocky Mountaineers normally meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Missoula Public Library (lower level meeting room). The club does not meet during the summer months so that we can enjoy the long summer days and explore our beloved mountains.

TRIP CALENDER

June 13, Sunday, Mill Creek: Join Julie Warner on an easy hike of Mill Creek (near Lolo Peak). This trip has the unusual feature in that it is almost all downhill (???), an oddity for the Rocky Mountaineers. Call Julie at 543-6508 to sign up.

June 19, Saturday, McCormick & Blackrock Peaks: Steve Schombel will be leading this trip to the Reservation Divide area. McCormick is a very easy summit with a trail to the top, which has some timber and grass. Going on to Blackrock will involve off-trail travel and boulder fields. It will also be possible to bag Josephine Peak on this trip. Steve can be reached at 721-4686 for details.

June 26, Saturday, Trapper Peak: At 10,157 feet this is the highest point in the Bitterroot Mountains. Expect snow and high winds at the top. Call Matt Grandy at 728-0647 if you want to get high.

July 3, Saturday, St. Marys Peak: The Doucett Family invite you to join them on an easy climb of St. Marys Peak in the Bitterroots. Call Bev Doucett at 543-4927 if you would like to join them.



On July 4th, Tony Sabol and Tami Reschke, both Rocky Mountaineers, will be joined in holy matrimony. They met rock climbing, and many of their early dates were on club trips. Their courtship can be traced in the trip reports section of the Mountain Ear over the past two years. Tony proposed to Tami on the summit of Trapper Peak in a blinding snowstorm ! The Rocky Mountaineers wish them a lifetime of happiness.

July 10-11, Sat & Sun, Emigrant Peak: Mrs. Tami Sabol (the former Miss Tami Reschke) will lead a repeat of the snowed-out Memorial Day trip to this massive 10,960 foot peak in the Absaroka Range near Livingston. Sign up by calling 273-2566.

July 17, Saturday, Fisher Peak: Steve Schombel will lead a climb of Fisher Peak in the Swan Range. This trip will also feature a side trip to George Lake for fishing. Non-climbers are welcome to come along and skip the peak and just head to the lake. Steve can be reached at 721-4686.

July 24, Saturday, Hauf Lake: Doyle Girard will lead a strenuous hike to Hauf Lake in the Bitterroot Mountains. It will be 14 miles round trip. It will feature 3,165 feet of elevation gain, 2,000 of which is in the last 2 miles. A bonus for true mountaineers will be scrambling up Printz Ridge above the lake. *This trip is co-sponsored with the Montana Wilderness Association so space is limited.* Call Doyle at 961-3839 and get your name on the list early.

July 31, Saturday, Faith, Hope, & Charity Lakes: Doyle Girard will again lead a hike into a wilderness area. This 12 mile round trip will involve 1900 feet of elevation gain. See above for Doyle's number.

August 4-8, Wed-Sun, Mount Rainier: Matt Grandy will lead a climb of this 14,411 foot volcano. While we will be following the Disappointment Cleaver Route, the least technical route on the mountain, this is not a trip for beginners. There will be a mandatory training session for all participants prior to the climb. Ice axe, crampons, helmet, and harness are required, as well as winter camping gear. Call Matt at 728-0647.

September 4-6, Sat-Mon, Mount Athabaska: Join the Rocky Mountaineers for the Second Annual Athabaska Extravaganza !!! Matt Grandy will again lead this trip, which was great fun for all involved last year. Non-climbing spouses are welcome to join us for the car camping base camp, as long as they serve as cooks for the climbers (pancakes on summit day !). This will be a serious climb of a major peak in the Canadian Rockies (12,250 feet). Ice axe, crampons, helmet, and harness are required, and there will be a mandatory training session. Sign up with Matt.

Want to Lead A Trip ? If you are interested in being a Trip Leader for the Rocky Mountaineers, contact Club President Matt Grandy at 728-0647 or e-mail him at matthewg@montana.com.

TRIP REPORTS

Emigrant Peak, Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31: Trip Leader Tami Reschke led Mountaineers Bridgette Hendrix, Matt Grandy, Jim Cossit, and Rich Haners to Emigrant Peak in the Absaroka Range near Livingston. This massive peak stands 10,960 feet and dominates the entire area. A base camp was set up at Daily Lake. All night long, rain and high winds battered the tents. When morning came, the mountain was in the clouds, and heavy snow/slush was falling steadily. Faced with miserable conditions, the intrepid Mountaineers opted for a day of soaking at Chico Hot Springs. A repeat is planned for July 10.

St. Joseph Peak, Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31: Dan Brown and James Crawford spent the night at the Rocky Mountaineer cabin, then headed for the top of St. Joseph Peak. They made the summit of Little St. Joe, then headed into the saddle. At the crux, they found a severely corniced ridge above them, so they wisely turned back.

Rock Climbing: Bridgette Hendrix and Tami Reschke have been out rock climbing quite a bit lately. Their most notable climbs so far are *White Line* (5.8)(crack, 2 pitches) and *Frick* (5.9+) in the Homestake Pass area.



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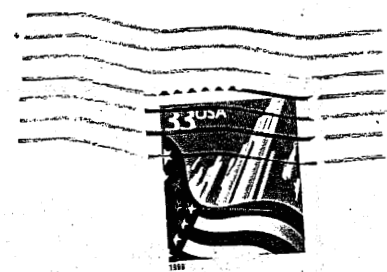
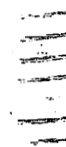
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