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# THE MOUNTAIN EAR

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*The Monthly Newsletter of The Rocky Mountaineers*

# The Rocky Mountaineers



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Membership application can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## ABOUT THE CLUB:

### *Mission Statement:*

The Rocky Mountaineers is a non-profit club dedicated to the enjoyment and promotion of responsible outdoor adventures.

### *Meetings and Presentations:*

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM at Pipestone Mountaineering. Each meeting is followed by a featured presentation or speaker at 7:00 PM.

### *Activities:*

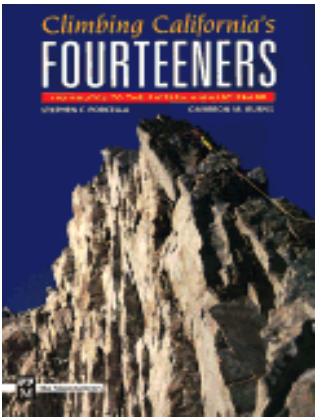
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- ☐ Kids Trips
- ☐ Terracaching/Geocaching

## *January Meeting & Presentation*

We have a very special speaker coming to our meeting in January, Stephen F. Porcella. He is a doctor from Hamilton, works at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory, and has been climbing for a long time. He has a great slide show using two projectors and fading in and out. At our meeting he will do a two-part show focusing on the two areas he likes best.

The first part will cover his backyard, climbing in the Bitterroots. Stephen and his friends have done a lot of climbs on walls and spires in Blodgett, Lost Horse, and other canyons up and down the range. The second part of his show will be about the Sierra Nevada in California and his climbs of some of the most difficult routes and traverses in this magnificent range.

Stephen and various partners have done some of the most difficult climbs in these areas. They have made first ascents of some new routes; and some of their most daring exploits have been written up in the "American Alpine Journal." He has also co-written, with Cameron M. Burns, a guidebook to the Sierra titled "Climbing California's Fourteeners". He is now writing an update to this book, and will be sure to talk about it during his show.



Don't miss this show. It will be at Pipestone on **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**, and is free and open to all.

In February we will have a slide show by Paul Jensen. Paul is another local man who has been climbing a long time, and he has been a Rocky Mountaineers member since the 70's. He has done a lot in this region, and has also visited some of the best mountain ranges in this hemisphere. There will be more details on his show in the next newsletter.

## *President's Message*

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays; honored your respective all-powerful being, got the appropriate amount of time off from work, ate more than you should have, exercised less than you should have, spent enough time with relatives, and felt good about gifts given and received. I know I did.

After many hours of discussion and a vote at the last meeting, our new mission statement was adopted. It's at the top of this newsletter.

We are still looking for a new logo. Several have been submitted, but to be brutally honest, I don't think we have enough good ones to present to the membership for a vote. Remember, the winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Pipestone Mountaineering. So, spread the word to your creative friends and try one yourself.

As always, trip leaders are as hard to come by as penguin meat at the North Pole. Sorry, I couldn't come up with a classic one, so I had to make one up. If we don't have trip leaders we don't have trips. If we don't have trips, we risk becoming all talk and no action. Trip leaders need only pick a destination and act as a coordinator. Familiarity with the area is not necessary. Call one of the officers if you have any questions about the process.

*Steve Niday*

## *Editor's Corner*

The new year is bringing new changes to the Mountain Ear. Lorraine Reidl has decided to step down as newsletter editor and I have decided to take over its duties. Getting this newsletter together is not an easy task and I think we all owe Lorraine our thanks for putting it together over the last half year!

Fellow members, WE NEED TRIPS! We continue to call for all of you to consider putting something in this newsletter! Our lack of trips every month is our single biggest issue for maintaining a healthy, vibrant club. Remember, being a trip leader does not mean you are an expert on where you are going, or the most knowledgeable person in your group. It simply means you pick a destination and serve as the organizer or contact person for that outing. Doing something next month and want some company? Then please send me your Trip Listing!

*Forest Dean*



## *Classic Places*

# Little St. Joseph Peak and The Rocky Mountaineer's Cabin



This month's Rocky Mountaineers Classic Trip heads to our cabin on Little St. Joseph Peak. This will provide a basecamp for a couple days of skiing up above on the upper slopes. The cabin was built in the 1970's by club members Bob Benson and Bill Morgan to replace another cabin across the Bass Creek drainage at Lappi Lake that was in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. The cabin was built of logs, and members hauled a wood stove up, quite a task considering the cabin is not accessible from any roads or by snowmobile. The cabin is "primitive"- has some unchinked walls, a minimally sheltered pit toilet and no water. Nor is there a source of water close to the cabin which is generally not a problem as the lease we have with the Forest Service specifies winter use only. That is: when there is snow on the ground. The trail to the cabin is not distinguishable or signed where it leaves the main Little St. Joseph's Peak trail, but many locals know how to find it and use it frequently, mostly to back country ski or snowshoe in the area. The cabin is entered by a trap door from underneath the cabin (where fire wood is also stored). Club Members do a yearly work day to cut wood and do maintenance. This past June via a generous donation from Tom Hanou we were able to put a much needed new roof on the cabin. The cabin can sleep six people comfortably on platform beds, but it is certainly possible to more sleep

and has been done. A few pots and pans and some games are stored there. Use of the cabin is free and open to the public; donation envelopes are available to help with the cost of maintaining the cabin. Non-members are strongly encouraged to contribute. Cabin GPS coordinates can be obtained from one of the contacts listed on page 2 of this newsletter.



*Little St. Joseph Peak as seen from Sweeney Ridge.*

Little St. Joseph Peak itself is considered by some to be nothing more than a highpoint on a ridge leading to St. Joseph Peak. But at 9033' in elevation and a rise of 400' from the lowest point on the ridge connecting to St. Joe, it really qualifies as a peak in itself. Colorado 14ers, for example, only require a 300' rise to be classified as a peak in itself. The summer route to the summit is fairly short as you are able to drive half way up the mountain on a forest road. The trail from that point ascends 3062' over 2.8 miles. In winter you are left with one of two options. Either park at the Bass Creek trailhead and start up the ridge, or drive a couple miles up the road to where it is gated and start by skiing up the road a ways before ascending the ridge. Route to the summit in winter is approximately 5.5 miles with 5300' of gain. There are several good trails to follow as you ascend this ridge to where you can hook up with the main trail.

Views from the top are pretty nice. You can see much of the Bitterroot Valley as well as many of the big peaks in the nearby vicinity. This is also a main route to climb St. Joseph Peak. Plan on a long day, however, as the ridge separating the two is quite broken- certainly not a ridgetop stroll!

## UPCOMING TRIPS AND ADVENTURES

### **Trip Notes:**

Please contact the trip leader for more information regarding any listed trips.

Mileage listed is round trip mileage. Elevation listed is gain only. For information on Class Rating see below:

### Class Rating System

**CLASS 1 – HIKING** Mostly on trails, but may also include some easy cross country travel.

**CLASS 2 – EASY SCRAMBLING** Rugged off trail hiking, no hands required.

**CLASS 3 – SCRAMBLING** Use of hand to ascend some sections of rock. Little to no exposure; a fall would not likely cause serious injury.

**CLASS 4 – CLIMBING** Easy climbing, great exposure; a fall would quite possibly cause serious injury. Use of a rope and protection at times possible.

**CLASS 5 – TECHNICAL CLIMBING** Use of rope, protection and belay are a must.

**CLASS 6 – AID CLIMBING** Use of equipment to support your weight as you climb.

### **Saturday, January 6 - GASH POINT (Bitterroots)**

*Rating:* Easy, Class 2 terrain; *Mileage:* 8.5 miles; *Elevation:* 4000'

*Details:* Easy back-country ski trip, very little avalanche hazard.

*Special Equipment:* Ski's with skins

*Leader:* Steve Niday, 721-3790.

### **Thursday- Monday, January 11-15-- 3rd Annual MLK Ice Climbing Trip to Radium Hot Springs or Lake Louise**

*Description:* For all levels of ice climbers. See page 40-41 of the 2006 GMS Journal for a report on the 2006 trip.

*Leader:* Jim Cossitt – Phone: 406-756-6818, email: [jhckal@yahoo.com](mailto:jhckal@yahoo.com)

### **Thursday-Monday, January 11-15 – MOUNT JACKSON (Glacier National Park)**

*Rating:* Class 3 (4 possible), *Mileage:* 29 (from Rising Sun), *Elevation:* 5570'

*Description:* This climb and trip will be conditions dependent and subject to change. Plan is to drive up to Glacier on Thursday morning and then ski in as far as desired. Friday would be spent skiing up to a higher camp. Do the actual climb on Saturday, then ski out on Sunday. An extra day for unforeseens. Jackson is one of 6 Glacier peaks over 10,000' (10,052'). If conditions look poor (weather or snow stability) I plan to head to a different location: possibilities include – other Glacier NP peaks (Apikuni Mtn, Piegan Mtn), southern Madison range, Sawtooth's, or Beartooth's.

*Special Equipment:* Ski's, avalanche gear, cold weather sleeping bag, adequate clothing, ice ax, crampons, some climbing gear possibly.

*Leader:* Forest Dean, H: 721-6384, C: 240-7612, email: [fdean@midlandimplement.com](mailto:fdean@midlandimplement.com)

**Wednesday, January 17 - LUBRECHT.** A few of us like to get together mid-week and ski in the peace and quiet with no crowds. Most of our trips are spur of the moment and are not advertised. However, I'd like to put this trip in for anyone who wants to get in the loop and who would like to hear where we are going next. I'd like to go to Lubrecht and try the 8.4 mile "most difficult" loop. There is a lot of elevation gain on this loop, and some steep sections and sharp turns. But it is no worse than some of the hills we go up and down at Lolo Pass. The trail is also well groomed by the Nordic Ski club, which makes the going a lot easier. *Leader:* Steve Schombel --721-4686.

**Saturday, January 20- LOLO PASS TO LEE CREEK DIVIDE (Bitterroots)**

*Mileage:* 7.0, *Elevation:* 700'

*Description:* This will be a Cross country ski outing starting at Lolo Pass, going to Lee Creek Divide and then back again. Alternate date will be the following Saturday.

*Equipment:* X-country ski's

*Leader:* Fred Schwanemann, 542-7372

**Saturday-Sunday, Jan 13-14 - CHICK TRIP!** In my year of being involved in the Rocky Mountaineers, I see two things: the need for more beginner/intermediate level trips, and more women. So...I am planning the first women-only trip to encourage potential members, shy members, wives of members, women who have never participated in trips for whatever reasons to join me for all or part of a trip with the following itinerary. Jim Wilson of Pipestone Mountaineering has generously offered the use of his cabin at Georgetown Lake. Thanks a bunch, Jim!

**Saturday, Jan 13:** Carpool over to Georgetown Lake for a day of snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Wind up the day with a fire, dinner, good wine and lots of laughs.

**Sunday, Jan 14:** Skiing at Discovery Basin Ski Area, and/or snowshoeing/cross-country for those not wishing to downhill. Head home before dinner.

Anyone wanting to do just one day is fine. The more the merrier, so if you know someone who might like to join us, please invite her. The cabin sleeps 6 (I think) but my thinking is if there is floorspace, there is room enough! Snowshoes can be rented at Pipestone Mountaineering, but I might have an extra pair if someone needs them. If interested in this trip, please contact me (Lorraine Riedl) at home 327-0566, or email me [lorrainieriedl@aol.com](mailto:lorrainieriedl@aol.com).

**Friday evening, February 2 – BLUE MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT SKI.** Join us for a pleasant ski trip after work on Friday. Our preferred route will be up and down the Blue Mountain Road from the first gate. The goal will be to reach the ATV parking lot at the second gate, making the round trip distance about six miles in a couple of hours. We can make the trip longer or shorter depending on conditions. This road is wide and gentle and usually has a lot of tracks to follow. As you get up higher there is a lot of light from the city below, and it is quite beautiful, and easy for those who are not used to skiing at night. If snow conditions are not good we will switch this trip to a destination higher in the mountains. This will be a joint outing with the Mission-Bitterroot Group of the Sierra Club, and will be an opportunity to join a larger group and meet new people. *Leader:* Steve Schombel--721-4686.

**Friday-Sunday, February 2-4 – LITTLE ST. JOSEPH / ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS CABIN (Classic Series Trip).**

*Rating:* Class 2 terrain, *Mileage:* 11.0 miles RT to summit, 7.0 RT to cabin, *Elevation:* 5300' to summit

*Description:* Ski up to the cabin on Friday. Ski to the top of Little St. Joseph Peak on Saturday. Participants can make as many ski runs as they wish then head back to the cabin for another night, or ski back out if they choose. Ski out on Sunday (possibly make some more runs first). Contact Paul for more details or alternatives.

*Special Equipment:* Ski's with skins.

*Leader:* Paul Jensen, H: 728-6881.

## 2007 CLASSIC SERIES

*Details about these trips will be listed in the newsletter as the times get closer.  
January's trip is listed above.*

<u>Month</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Jan	Little St. Joseph Peak	Bitterroots	Ski/Cabin stay	Paul Jensen
Feb	Gash Point	Bitterroots	Ski	Don Gisselbeck
Mar	East St. Mary's Peak	Missions	Ski/Snowshoe	Forest Dean
Apr	Trapper Peak	Bitterroots	Ski/Snowshoe	Alden Wright
May	Grey Wolf Peak	Missions	Snow Climb	Forest Dean
Jun	Burnt Fork Pinnacle	Reservation Divide	Hike	Alden Wright
Jul	Lolo Peak	Bitterroots	Hike/Scramble	Steve Schombel
Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup> Glacier Classic	Waterton NP	Various	Steve Niday
Sep	Warren Peak	Pintlers	Scramble	Jim Wilson
Oct	McDonald Peak	Missions	Climb	Forest Dean
Nov	Chief Joseph Pass	Bitterroots	Ski	Steve Schombel
Dec	Sweeney Peak	Bitterroots	Hike/Ski/Snowshoe	<i>Need volunteer</i>

### Looking for Inspiration???

In need of ideas for mountains to climb? Want to take on the role of Trip Leader but worried about route info or how to get to the trailhead? Just want to view some great pictures of your favorite mountains? Well then, make a visit on the web to [summitpost.org](http://summitpost.org). This is maybe the world's best inventory of mountain climbing info available at your fingertips. While it certainly doesn't list all the peaks out there, it does have an amazing number. Feel free to add to it as well. Info such as Ranges, Mountains, Rock Climbs, Gear, Hiking Partners, Forums, etc. exist at this site. You can even create your own profile to interact with other climbers and hikers from around the world. Much like MySpace only much cooler!! (after all you've already limited the people who can look you up to fellow outdoors folks like yourself!). There is an extraordinary wealth of information here and I would highly encourage all of you to check it out!

### Looking for Future Trip Ideas/Partners???

Much of the time (especially during the winter months) I like to think about trips both big and small for the upcoming summer. It is a great time to pull out maps, read guidebooks and dream a little. Great time to spend a lot of time on [summitpost.org](http://summitpost.org) and other websites. In the next few newsletters I would like to start a "Trip Ideas" forum, if anyone is interested. I envision it sort of being like a wanted ad. You can just throw an idea you have for a trip out there and get some thoughts going in other people's heads. For example, I would like to climb the Grand Teton next summer. No definite dates yet, but with this forum I could just float the idea out there and perhaps then start some dialog with other interested individuals. Once we decided on something concrete, I could then choose to list in the Upcoming Trips section. So, just send in your destination ideas, name, contact info, and whatever other info you want presented. Perhaps this will lead to more listed trips!

## Trip Forum

**Eagle Cap Odyssey** – late July or early August (will postpone if rain likely)  
Explore/Climb in the Eagle Cap Wilderness of northeastern Oregon, with peaks to 9838 feet. Four to eight day options, which include 5-hour drive from Missoula via Lolo Pass. Format is to pack into a centralized camp high in these scenic mountains, then everyone does what strikes their fancy for 1 to 5 days. Traverse possible. The large peaks are mostly scrambles, but technical formations are also available. Details in June. Pat Caffrey, ph 677-2661.



### Note:

*Sudden urge to go do something this weekend and want some fellow club members to do it with? Anyone wishing to submit last minute trips can do so by either calling or emailing the editor. A mass email can then be sent out to the membership. Call Forest @ 240-7612, 721-6384 or email: fdean@midlandimplement.com*

**Eiger Dreams** - I am planning a trip to Hungary to attend my brothers wedding in August. Since it will be my first trip to Europe I sort of figure I need to tie a nice climb in with it. What could be more classic than the Eiger in Switzerland? This 13,024 foot peak is a legend- particularly its North Face routes. My idea would be to do the West Flank and West Ridge route which is how the mountain was first ascended in 1858- this is the easiest route. Anyone with trip plans to Europe around that time would be welcome to start a dialogue regarding meeting up and tackling this together. Forest Dean, 240-7612 or fdean@midlandimplement.com



*The West Flank and Ridge of The Eiger.*

**Grand Teton-** As preparation for the above climb, I would like to climb The Grand in July. Probably will be a three day trip and will do one of the easier standard routes. If things go well and time permits, we could climb something else in Cathedral Group or Garnet Canyon as well. I always like to stop at the Snake River Brewing Company when finished! Forest Dean, 240-7612 or fdean@midlandimplement.com



## TRIP REPORTS

### **December 9 – Lozeau Cross-Country Ski Trip, Mineral County**

*Note: The December Classic Series Trip to Heart and Pearl Lakes was changed to this trip due to lack of accessibility.*

We had nine people for the Lozeau cross-country ski trip on Saturday, December 9th. After meeting off the Lozeau exit, we drove all cars to the end of a plowed dirt road, then crammed into two vehicles for an additional 2 miles up in 4 wheel drive.

Barbara Ross and Carol Anderson had the best idea by skiing with the group upwards for a mile or two, then reversing direction downhill for 4 miles to their car down below. The remainder of the group continued on a ways before five of us stopped for lunch at a nice sunny spot. Alden Wright and Fred Schwanemann continued up the draw to about the point where the road begins to curve back around the other side. After a bit more uphill, Steve Schombel, John Wolverton, Mary Dalton, Dana Eisenberg, and Jim Goss linked back with Alden and Fred for the smooth downhill back to the cars. We had good sun for most of the way, with only some leading clouds of a weak front near the end of trip. Snow coverage is quite good in Mineral County. *Jim Goss*

### **December 17 – Ward Mountain (Bitterroots)**

When I posted this trip in the newsletter I expected maybe a person or two to join me. Much to my amazement 13 individuals and two dogs ended up coming along! It was a great day for a climb and ski. We arrived at the trailhead around 8:15 and gradually everyone started out within the next half hour. The first 1.5 miles or so was accomplished via a hike- there really wasn't enough snow for skiing until about the 6000' level. From there we skinned up the trail to a point where we lost it, but by then the snow was adequate and the forest mostly open so we just kept ascending to the top. The route traverses through a large burned area with much deadfall which would certainly be easier skiing if there was more snow cover. The first group reached the summit (9119') about 12:30 and enjoyed some great views on this mostly clear day. The rest of the party started arriving soon after. A couple people had turned back- Steve Barry due to

not feeling well, and Mark Weber due to a skins problem. The upper couple thousand feet of the ski back down was nice until we got back into the sparsely covered burned area. Arrivals back occurred from 3:00 to 5:00. A good day for a 5000' climb with a great turnout. Participants: Kirsten Schmidt, Paul Jensen, Jake Winder, Steve Barry, Rob McLeod, Linda P., Craig Kenyon, Mark Weber, Scott Doherty, Nadia White, Steve Niday, Ronnie Attaway, *Forest Dean*.



*Nadia White, Steve Niday and Scott Doherty atop Ward Mountain. Photo by F.Dean*

### **December 22 – East St. Mary's Peak (Mission Mtns)**

This turned out to be one of the more interesting trips I have taken. The main reason is that the hardships began *after* the climb was done. Paul Jensen and Steven Gnam joined me for the climb and we arrived at St. Mary's reservoir and the "trailhead" for an 8:00 AM start. The trail is unmarked and unblazed the entire length, but it is actually quite good- and recently some kind soul even cut a bunch of brush to make it better. It is quite steep however- gains about 3000' over the first two miles. The trail begins at about 4000'- we hiked to about 6600' before finally putting on ski's and snowshoes. After another 1000' of climbing the trail finally tops out and follows a ridge for about a mile and a half to the final summit pitch (class 3 scramble). My typical luck required a nice storm system to move in about then, so we had the opportunity to hike/ski/snowshoe this ridge in near whiteout conditions with wind whipping across the exposed ridge. There was much exposed rock so it was quite easy going as we just hiked most of the

way. Only Steven had the common sense to bring crampons which came in very useful on the final summit push. Paul and I had to cut steps with ice axes, but it wasn't far and we topped out on the 9425' summit at 12:30. Amazingly the wind was calm at the summit so we had a short break, then descended. Within the first 15 yards I managed to step off a cornice and take a plunge toward Vacation Pass to the north. I quickly arrested and climbed back up, laughing a bit. Undaunted, I hiked no more than 5 yards and somehow managed to repeat my act. After that I turned around and downclimbed following Steven's tracks. The trip out was uneventful- poor skiing. We arrived down at about 4:00 and then the adventure began. I thought it might be interesting to drive back by taking the cutoff to Arlee. After driving east a ways to Twin Lakes and not listening to Paul's advice on where the cutoff was (even though I knew he was right- I have driven this a couple times myself), I kept driving east to where the road eventually meets with the road back to Arlee. Problem was that it was very narrow, very untraveled, and has a ditch on one side and a steep dropoff on the other. And as it goes up, we got into more snow (imagine that!). But after driving and driving and knowing we were almost to the cutoff, we just couldn't turn back. And finally of course, I got stuck. Couldn't back down the road, couldn't go forward. After nearly an hour of digging and tries in both directions we finally got the truck to a point where we could turn it around. Paul and Steven sat in the back for added weight and we managed to work our way back out. If we hadn't got it turned around there would have been no way I could have backed down the road as it was right at dusk. Thoughts of the Donner party crossed my mind. I learned a lesson. I also swore A LOT! Anyway, it was a good climb, not nearly as taxing as I thought it would be. Planning on going up again in March for a Classic Series trip. Hopefully get some views then (and not get stuck!)! *Forest Dean*



*Paul and Forest approaching the final push to the summit.  
Photo by Steven Gnam.*



*Forest and Paul just feet below the summit. What views!!  
Photo by Steven Gnam.*

### **December 30– Pack Creek Road (Lolo Pass area)**

Eight of us skied down the Pack Creek Road on this end-of-the-year Saturday. In my opinion it was about as nice as the Lolo Pass area gets. For people who are looking for a hard, fast run at breakneck speeds, then, no you would have been disappointed. For those looking for a real wild area free of motorized vehicles, well, no, some groups did pass us, but for the most part we had the road all to ourselves. What we did have was a well tracked road to follow all the way down, with enough soft new snow to make the going moderate. And we had a bright sunny day with mild winter temperatures, allowing for great views in some of the clearings. Two of the participants opted to turn around at the



five mile marker, skipping the last few relatively steeper miles. The other six made it all the way to the bottom in very good time. Attendees were: Bill and Vera Myers, Michael Bowles, Julie

Titchbourne, Mary Dalton, Fred Schwanemann, Roy Regel and Steve Schombel, leader.

## Deep thinking.....

*But risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, is nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he cannot learn, feel, change, grow or live. Chained by his servitude he is a slave who has forfeited all freedom. Only a person who risks is free. The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; and the realist adjusts the sails."*

**William Arthur Ward**

*Do not burn yourself out. Be as I am-a reluctant enthusiast... a part time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it is still there. So get out there and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, encounter the grizz, climb the mountains. Run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, that lovely, mysterious and awesome space. Enjoy yourselves, keep your brain in your head and your head firmly attached to your body, the body active and alive, and I promise you this much: I promise you this one sweet victory over our enemies, over those deskbound people with their hearts in a safe deposit box and their eyes hypnotized by desk calculators. I promise you this: you will outlive the bastards. **Edward Abbey***



*Climbing on Grey Wolf Peak in the Missions. Photo by Steven Gnam*

## THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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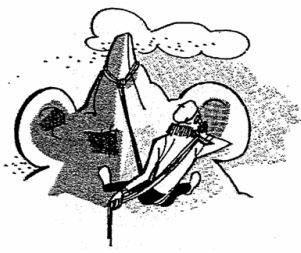
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