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THE MOUNTAIN EAR

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The Mountain Ear is the club newsletter of The Rocky Mountaineers and is published near the beginning of every month. Anyone wishing to contribute articles of interest are welcomed and encouraged to do so- contact the editor.

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, September through May, at 6:00 PM at Pipestone Mountaineering. Each meeting is followed by a featured presentation or speaker at 7:00 PM.

Activities:

- ☐ Hiking
- ☐ Backpacking
- ☐ Alpine Climbing & Scrambling
- ☐ Peak Bagging
- ☐ Backcountry Skiing
- ☐ Winter Mountaineering
- ☐ Track Skiing
- ☐ Snowshoeing
- ☐ Snowboarding
- ☐ Mountain Biking
- ☐ Rock Climbing
- ☐ Canoeing & Kayaking
- ☐ Rafting
- ☐ Kids Trips
- ☐ Terracaching/Geocaching

November Meeting and Feature Presentation

Recreational Plans for the Milltown Cleanup

On November 14th the Rocky Mountaineers will host a PowerPoint presentation by Michael Kustudia, Director of the Clark Fork River Technical Assistance Committee. He will give an update on progress with the Milltown cleanup, focusing on open space, trails and a possible park after the work is done. There are a lot of plans to turn this contaminated area into a prime recreational area which will be a tremendous addition to the Missoula landscape.

Technical Assistance Committees, such as CFRTAC, are government sponsored groups created to give average citizens a more equal footing to sift through the documents and to understand the complex decisions made involving superfund sites. The committees in turn are supposed to get the information out to the general public. The government provides money to hire a technical advisor who does the scientific work, and money for a newsletter. In some cases there is money to hire someone such as Mike who does the day to day work and lots of outreach.

This will be an interesting and informative meeting. Remember: **Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00 PM** at Pipestone Mountaineering, 129 W. Front St. Rocky Mountaineers meetings are free and open to all. The Presentation will be preceded (as always) by our Club Business Meeting at 6:00 PM. We encourage any and all to attend this as well.

Looking Ahead...

Last year one of our members, Becky Richards, lost her son Ben to one of winter's most feared occurrences- an avalanche. In honor of Ben, and inspired by Becky's desire to promote avalanche awareness in the wake of her son's death, we are planning a special two part December Presentation. Steve Karkanen, avalanche specialist with the USFS and West Central Montana Avalanche Center, has kindly agreed to give a presentation at our regular meeting on Wednesday, December 12. He will cover local avalanche history, statistics, as well as some basic avalanche awareness- followed by a question and answer session. Then on Saturday, December 15, Minot Maser, representative for Backcountry Access, will lead a field day of avalanche training at Lolo Pass. Both of these events are free to members. However, we would like to ask that if you attend that you would at least consider making a donation to the Avalanche Center. For those of us who enjoy the winter backcountry and utilize the reports made weekly by Steve and others, it would be a nice way to not only thank them for their time with this presentation, but more importantly help to support what they do. More on this in next month's newsletter!



President's Message

Bring Money!!!

We will have some short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts with our new logo for sale after the presentation this month. The prices will be determined at our business meeting immediately preceding the presentation. More merchandise will be coming next month, including decals and hats. Rest assured that there will be a significant discount for Club members. So bring your hard earned money and become one of the first to sport the new Rocky Mountaineers merchandise!

We have also been invited to participate in a group buying program setup by Minot Maser. Minot will be teaching our avalanche safety field exercise in December. He has established a website to facilitate the process: www.rtribes.com. The following is paraphrased from an email I received from him:

“Basically, anything you see on Backcountry.com or Altrec.com we can get on a group buy. Last year the UM Backcountry Ski and Tele Clubs averaged around 30% off on new gear although some of the items went above 40% off. Smaller items like a backcountry shovel or probe weren't as good deals. First, visit Backcountry.com or Altrec.com, then go to www.rtribes.com, click signup, and enter your info. On the next page, after signing up, you can invite other friends to join our group buy (the more we have the better the deals). Following this you'll be on the “Tribe Buying Machine” page. The “Activity” you choose will denote what brands pull down and you may need to switch between “Telemark”, “Alpine Ski” etc. to find the specific brand you want. Describe the item by its name and then put the specific details such as color or ski length, etc. in the “Description” dialog box. Hit “Submit” and if you need another item enter it on the new screen that comes up. Once I have everyone's requests individuals should get a quote back in about a week and a half. Then one will have to come back to the site to see the price and if it's a good deal, go ahead and commit. One can pay via credit card at the site or if they prefer, pay me via cash or check in person. Let me know if you or anyone has questions (minotmaser@aol.com or info@rtribes.com). I've created a pull ID for your club on the signup page, “Rocky Mountaineers”. “

Steve Niday

Backcountry Snow Report

On Friday, October 26th, the editor took a hike back to Bass Peak in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. The route traveled was from the Bass Creek trailhead, up to Bass Lake, then up to (but not to the summit of) Bass Peak. The peak is about 8900'. The lake sits at about 6000'. Certainly the snow conditions here are not indicative of all areas in Western Montana, but I decided to list them here for what its worth: I did not encounter any snow until reaching the lake. At the lake there was a few patches of snow in pockets where is had drifted in. Upon starting up from the lake I was immediately into snow ranging from a couple inches to possibly 1 ½ feet near the 8800' level. I was postholing at the lower areas, but above 7200' everything was very solid and hard packed. Crampons would really have been nice for traction. Boulder fields weren't entirely covered, but I was able to do a lot of glissading on way down.

Anyone wishing to update other members on what conditions are like in the backcountry can do so throughout the winter by sending a small blurb to the editor. We can then post on the website, or in the newsletter. Please note that this is not an avalanche report or a scientific assessment- rather it is simply a sharing of information.

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, November 3 – MT. CALOWAHCAN (Mission Mountains)

Rating: Class 4; *Mileage:* 6.5 miles; *Elevation:* 5000'

Description: This impressive mountain (formerly called Mt. Harding) lies to the north of McDonald Lake and McDonald Peak. The plan is to ascend the northwest ridge route to the 9061' summit. Near the summit there is reportedly some fairly difficult and exposed Class 4 climbing. I will plan on bringing a rope to negotiate this section. Participants should be in good physical condition being that there is a lot of elevation gain over a relatively short distance. Should have some familiarity with technical climbing. Also, be prepared for foul weather.

Special Equipment: Harness & Belay Device; crampons, ice ax, adequate clothing, Salish Kootenai Tribal recreation permit.

Leader: Forest Dean – H: 721-6384, C: 240-7612, mtnear1@gmail.com

Sunday, November 11- SAWMILL GULCH (Rattlesnake NRA)

Rating: Class 1; *Mileage:* 6-7 miles; *Elevation:* 1000'

Description: This will be a trek in the Sawmill Gulch area of the Rattlesnake Recreation Area. We will take various trails in the Saw Mill Gulch area up to the ridge and come down the Curry Gulch area and back to Saw Mill Gulch. All these trails are in the no hunting zone. Round trip loop is 6-7 miles and change in altitude is 1000 ft.

Leader: Fred Schwannemann - 542-7372

Saturday, December 1 - CHIEF JOSEPH PASS (Bitterroots)-(Classic Trip)

Description: We will leave Missoula at 8:30 and carpool to the Chief Joseph parking lot. Then we snowshoe across the trail area to Windy Corner, through a thick forest to Scooter Creek, then down through some meadows. There is a steep narrow canyon near the end which would be tough to ski through. The total distance is around 4 to 5 miles. Hopefully we can shuttle enough vehicles down to Scooter Creek along Highway 43 so everyone can head back to Missoula from there. Those who want to ski the trails the same day are welcome to try to coordinate with this group.

Leader: Steve Schombel - 721-4686

Sat-Sun, December 1-2 – THOMPSON PEAK (Sawtooth Wilderness)

Rating: Class 3; *Mileage:* 13-14; *Elevation:* 4200'

Description: Thompson Peak (10,751') is the highest peak in the Sawtooth Range in central Idaho. We will leave early on Saturday morning and drive down to Stanley, ID and south to the trailhead at Redfish Lake. From there we will hike/ski in and set up camp near the small lake on the east side of the peak. Sunday morning we will attempt the summit via the class 3 south couloir route- conditions permitting. If conditions are great, I wouldn't be opposed to attempting one of the lower 5th class routes to the summit instead. After summiting we will ski/hike out and drive home.

Special Equipment: Ski's with skins; winter camping gear; possibly a rope, harness and device; crampons; ice axe; avalanche transceiver.

Leader: Forest Dean – H: 721-6384, C: 240-7612, mtnear1@gmail.com

TRIP FORUM

Transceiver Practice Day!!

As noted earlier in the newsletter, we will be having a avalanche training field day in December. However, as I mentioned last month, I would like to get out and do some practice in November as well. Again, this would not be a day of instruction as I am not an expert. Rather it would be a chance to just get out for a few hours and practice our skills. Any and all ability levels are welcome. My tentative plan is to do this the weekend of November 17-18. If interested, please give me a call and we can hash out a plan! Forest Dean @ 240-7612, 721-6384, or email: mtnear1@gmail.com

Teton Crest Ski Trip

My plan is to do a 4-5 day ski traverse of the Teton Crest from Teton Pass to Teton Canyon (or vice versa). If conditions are good and there is interest, we may want to attempt a side trip to summit one or more mountains along the crest- such as Table Mountain. Two vehicles would be ideal so we could create our own shuttle. This trip could really take place in any month, January through March—I will schedule something more concrete as the time gets closer. If interested in participating, call Forest Dean @ 240-7612, 721-6384, or email: mtnear1@gmail.com

TRIP REPORTS

September 2 - Eagle Point (Sapphires)

During hunting season I spend a lot of time sneaking around in the woods in areas in which it's fun to hunt. Since hunting season was about to start, for variety I decided to go hiking someplace where it wouldn't be fun to hunt. So I hiked up to Eagle Point, which is a nondescript knob of rock located southeast of Stevensville on the divide between the Bitterroot Valley and Rock Creek. Why wouldn't it be fun to hunt there? In the area west of Eagle Point, a topo map is about 1/3 white and 2/3 green. All the white areas are rock slides, and all the green areas are dense lodgepole thickets, neither of which, in my experience, are fun to hunt in. The trailhead is at the end of the road up the Burnt Fork of the Bitterroot River. The large mudholes in the road don't appear on my topo map, but I think that they're visible in GoogleEarth aerial photos. It's about four miles and 2,800 vertical feet to Eagle Point. The trail is in good condition, and while it spends most of the time deep in the lodgepoles, it occasionally crosses rock slides which provide good views, and the scenery from the Point is pretty good. While hiking up the ridge I stopped for lunch at the top of a rock slide. While I was enjoying the vista and chomping down a peanut butter and jelly sandwich made with Italian Plum jelly Colleen and I had produced the night before, I glanced over my shoulder just as a large black bear ambled into sight over the crest of the ridge. When I scrambled for my bear protection equipment (bear spray and a 10mm Glock, in that order), the bear spotted me and headed back into the trees before I could grab my camera and get a picture of it. The bear was only 19 yards away when I spotted it. It's a good thing I happened to look around, because it was heading right towards me and could have gotten uncomfortably close before it noticed me. This is the second time I've had a bear walk right up to me while I'm eating lunch. I spent the rest of the hike with the bouncy words and music of "Teddy Bear Picnic" running through my head (If you want to go out in the woods today, you better not go alone . . . because today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic). *Peter Dayton*

October 7 - Morrell Falls (Seeley-Swan Valley)

The cold and wet weather must have discouraged people, because only a couple expressed any interest in hiking on Sunday. They both canceled in the morning, so the group consisted of me, Steve, Cathy, Michael and friends Tiffany and Griffin. We didn't want to wade through snow, and since Lake Dinah is around 6,000' up we decided to find a different destination. After talking to the teenagers we decided a hike to a waterfall sounded best. The weather turned nice, though overcast near the mountains. The falls had a decent amount of water. The larch were very pretty, still green-gold and about a week from prime. And the other fall colors were outstanding. It was fun to get some young people out in the fresh air and watch them climb on rocks and explore stream banks, etc. Everyone had a very fine time. *Steve Schombel*

October 7 - McDonald Peak (Mission Mtns.)

Weather did not cooperate with this planned attempt. The Missions received quite a bit of snow during the week leading up to this climb. The following weekend the snow was still there as well, and my desire waned. Next year??? Thanks to all those who were interested- we had 10 individuals planning on going! *Forest Dean*

October 27 - Jerry Johnson's Hot Springs

It was a beautiful day to be tromping around in Idaho. As we were going to turn up White Sands Creek Road a local officer stopped and told us that Idaho's Big Game Season was going on until next weekend. We decided to take a shot at Savage Ridge anyway. WE ran into snow in the shaded inside corners at about 6,000 ft. Others had driven on the roads and made them slick. We were still miles from Savage Pass and decided it was only going to get worse so we backtracked. Discussing our options we decided to go to Jerry Johnson's and hike further up the trail beyond the hot springs.

The trail further up has a trail junction where both legs become a 20-30 mile loop. The Warm Springs Creek leg goes south to Wind Lakes and Friday Pass (west) below Grave Peak, a side trail goes to Tom Beal Park & Peak. The other leg that crosses Warm Springs Creek on a pack bridge goes up on Bear Mountain below the Bear

Mountain lookout then loops south and east to Saturday Pass next to Friday Pass. The soaking party carried a cooler in the 1 mile or so to the hot springs area and stashed it and all continued on. The end of the day use area and the trail junction were just before the crossing of Cooperation Creek. It was difficult to cross without getting your feet wet and several routes were used in the moss covered logs and rocks. Cathy Goss and Barbara Ross (say that 3 times really fast) decided to turn back and soak here, Jim Goss joined them. The rest had lunch just across the creek and before the pack bridge. At the pack bridge Steve Schombel and Ron Pierson decided to turn back and soak, Lois Crepeau, Julie Kahl, Eileen & Fred Schwanemann continued on the Bear Mountain trail. Beyond the bridge the trail has 5-6 switch backs and we did the 1st 3, the lowest being about 3/4 of a mile and moderately steep. We turned back at 2:30, exchanged waves with the soaking party in the "1st" and largest of the hot springs that gushes straight down out of the rock. We 4 ended the day with dinner at Lochsa Lodge, sharing their signature dessert a huckleberry cobbler. *Julie Kahl*



Photos by Julie Kahl.

Four Ways to Climb Murphy Peak

by Peter Dayton

Murphy Peak (8,167 feet) is the second highest mountain in the Rattlesnake Mountains. It's located on the west side of the range, between Point Six (Snow Bowl) and McLeod Peak. From the south side of Missoula, it's visible behind and to the right of Point Six. As you drive from Evaro to Arlee, it briefly peeks out from behind the surrounding ridges as you pass the Buck Snort Restaurant and the Grey Wolf Tribal Casino (f/k/a Joe's Smoke Ring). I've hiked four different approaches to Murphy Peak. From easiest to hardest, these approaches are as follows:

1. Via ridge south of Schley Creek (3 miles, 2,400 feet, no trail)
2. Via ridge northeast of Evaro (3.3 miles, 2,500 feet, no trail)
3. From Snow Bowl via Point Six (3.5 miles, 3,200 feet, no trail after Point Six)
4. Via Findley Creek (4.5 miles, 3,367 feet, trail for the first 1.5 miles)

You could also approach Murphy Peak via the Grant Creek Basin, or the ridge between Finley Creek and Schley Creek, but I haven't tried those approaches yet. More detailed route descriptions are below.

Murphy Peak via the ridge south of Schley Creek. If you look east from Highway 93 at the Grey Wolf Tribal Casino, you'll see a ridge with a burned area on its end, and a logging road crossing the burned area. This approach to Murphy Peak begins on that logging road. Drive .7 miles north of the casino and turn off onto logging road F-2000. This logging road and its branches are shown on the USFS Rattlesnake Wilderness Area map. Follow the main road up the mountain, ignoring various side roads. After 3 miles there's a gate, which was open in the middle of October. It's about another 2 miles to the beginning of this route, so if you don't know if the gate is open, you could bring a mountain bike and pedal the rest of the way to the beginning of the hike. The road runs south across a steep burned slope, and then traverses east into a ravine. Shortly before you reach the creek, a side road runs north back across the burned slope. As soon as you emerge onto a west-facing nose, park your vehicle and start hiking up the ridge. There isn't a trail, although there are a few old firebreaks which look a bit like trails. At first you'll have to contend with some blown down burned lodgepoles and some rock slides, but for most of the route both the bushwacking and the route finding are easy through fairly open trees on south-facing slopes. After you reach a point at 7,242 feet, you follow a nearly level ridge top southeast for about a mile. Then you climb a steep slope up to the ridge at the head of Schley Creek, follow that ridge east to the divide, and then follow the divide north to the top of Murphy Peak. You'll need to do some minor scrambling and route finding in the last quarter mile before the top. You get good views throughout the hike, and from the summit you get great views in all directions, particularly north to McLeod Peak and the Mission Range, and east into the Rattlesnake Mountains.

Murphy Peak via the ridge northeast of Evaro. If you look southeast from the Grey Wolf Tribal Casino, you'll see a ridge which points at the north end of the big meadow at Evaro. Follow the road directions in the previous description until Logging Road F-2000 traverses east into the ravine. Then cross the creek and continue south for 1.5 miles until you reach a southwest facing nose. You can park here and hike up the generally low-angle ridge. Or if you want to trade off less distance for steeper climbing, you can continue driving east up the canyon for 1.5 miles, and then hike straight up the steep hillside to the top of the ridge. Either way there isn't a trail, but both the bushwacking and route finding are easy through fairly open trees on south facing slopes, with some rock slides. You can avoid about 450 feet of up and down by traversing across the south sides of two significant knobs on the ridge. After you reach the divide, you follow it north to the summit of Murphy Peak. The scenery is good throughout the hike and excellent on the divide, although the radar dome on top of Point Six is a rather jarring anomaly.

Murphy Peak from Snow Bowl. From the Snow Bowl parking lot, hike up through the East Bowl to the top

of the LaValle Lift, follow the road around the side of Point Six, and then continue north on the divide for 1.25 miles to the summit of Murphy Peak. There's no trail on the ridge, but aside from some minor scrambling and route finding the route is easy. I did this hike the day that the West Ridge burned. As I hiked up the West Ridge, I passed a couple of USFS fire crew members who were poking away at a small fire which had been fizzling along for a couple of days, and took some pictures. On Point Six I passed a fire crew which had been putting out a couple of spot fires in the Grant Creek drainage. But fires blew up all over western Montana that day. When I got to the top of Murphy Peak there were big plumes of smoke rising in all directions, and a disturbing amount of smoke was emerging from behind Point Six. As I hiked back towards Snow Bowl, retardant bombers began making runs on the West Ridge. I got some pictures which were reminiscent of 9-11, as the bombers looked as if they were about to crash into the side of Point Six. I hung out on the east side of the bowl for about an hour and took pictures of retardant bombers and helicopters making runs on the fire, which was burning uphill and away from me. It was an unusual hike.

Murphy Peak via the East Fork of Finley Creek. On Highway 93, drive north from the Grey Wolf Tribal Casino for about three miles to the first road which heads east across the valley. Follow this road east for about a mile to a side road on the right (south) with a yellow painted cattle guard. This road runs south through a couple houses, swings around the west end of a ridge, and then runs east for about a mile and a half up the East Fork of Finley Creek. The road is quite rough, so bring a high clearance vehicle. When the road ends, park and hike up the trail. The trail poops out after about 1.5 miles, and there's a lot of rock-hopping for the rest of the route. After you pass the second and largest of the Finley Lakes, choose a route up to the top of the North Ridge, and then follow the ridge to the summit. This involves a some route-finding and scrambling. There's a lot of good scenery throughout this hike.

Sometime I want to climb Murphy Peak via the Grant Creek Basin, and via the ridge between Schley Creek and the East Fork of Finley Creek.



The West Face of Murphy Peak in the Rattlesnake Wilderness. Peter Dayton photo.

MOUNTAIN TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Two individuals correctly answered all 5 questions in last month's trivia contest. See correct answers below. Thanks to all those who tried! We had a few more submittals this time around. To decide the winner we will have a drawing at this month's meeting. Take a stab at this month's contest below. Figure out what the listed items have in common and provide the answer for the "blank". Send me your answers and you too could be eligible to win a six-pack of microbrew or a bottle of wine! Email to: mtnear1@gmail.com

- 1 – Mount Cleveland, Mount Stimson, _____
- 2 – Fremont Peak (WY), Castle Mountain (MT), _____ (ID)
- 3 - Mt. Calowahcan, Sawmill Gulch, Chief Joseph Pass, _____
- 4 - Sagarmatha, Chomolungma, _____
- 5 - Pingora, Wolfs Head, Overhanging Tower, _____, Block Tower, Watch Tower, Pylon Peak, Warrior Peak, War Bonnet Peak

Answers to Last Month's Questions:

- 1 – What is the name of the mountain that the USGS lists as being the highest in the United States?
Answer: Mount McKinley (this is the official name- not Denali)
- 2 - How many National Park Service campgrounds are there on McDonald Lake?
Answer: None. McDonald Lake lies in the Mission Mountains. Lake McDonald is in Glacier NP.
- 3 – How often is the annual *Alpine Journal* published?
Answer: Once per year. No trick here!
- 4 – In the Bitterroot Mountains there is only one peak that is over 10,000 feet. It is also the highest peak in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. It, along with its prominent spire of a mountain to its north named North Trapper Peak, can be viewed from a spectacular pulloff just south of Darby, MT. So, can you name the highest mountain in the Bitterroot Range?
Answer: Scott Peak (11,360') is the highest in the Bitterroot Range. Trapper Peak is the highest in the Bitterroot Mountains which is a sub-group of the Bitterroot Range.
- 5- The human mind can go through many emotions when alone in the backcountry: states of happiness, sadness, fear, anxiety, serenity, etc. Lets say you are being charged by a grizzly bear on Electric Peak in Yellowstone NP. What state would you undoubtedly be in?
Answer: Montana.

October Business Meeting

The Minutes of The Rocky Mountaineers 10 October 2007

1. Called to Order 6:19 PM
2. Attendance: Alden Wright, Steve Niday, Julie Kahl, Steve Schombel, Forest Dean, and David Wright
Guests: Joshua Phillips and Rebecca Richards
3. Previous meeting minutes: Approved with no changes
4. Correspondence: Rebecca Richards regarding support for sponsoring avalanche safety presentation
5. Treasurers report: Approx. \$650 in checking and \$235.44 in savings
6. Club Business:
 - a. Old business
 - i. Logo and merchandise
 1. Steve N. ordered 15 each long and short sleeve cotton shirts (100% cotton in 5 colors; stickers and hat style were yet decided on.
 2. Need to meet with Shirt Shop on Oct 18/19; need to pay set up fee.
 3. Sale price of shirts yet decided; distribution through online sales or just order by bulk
 4. Potential to use profits to invest in a "Club loan cache"; purchase for example outdoor equipment for members to borrow
 5. Steve will investigate stickers/decals (UV resistant and static types) and the hat (baseball and stocking/ski types) will be decided by next meeting.
 - ii. Future Speakers
 1. Michael Kustudia will present for November
 2. Rebecca will contact Steve Karkanen for possible speaker on avalanche safety
 3. Steve S. suggested John Bardsley (ski across Finland)
 4. David W. for Mayan Ruins
 5. Other possible speakers suggested were Minot Meser, Dan Gisslebeck, Daryl Greaser
 - b. New business
 - i. Avalanche presentation structure
 1. Have a speaker to talk about
 - a. Avalanche safety
 - b. History of avalanches in the region
 2. Have a weekend day outdoor course
 3. Combination meeting speaker and outdoor course
 - ii. Classic Series Trips for 2008 – discussion moved to next month's meeting
 - iii. Achievement awards – also moved to next month's meeting
7. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM

Cover Photo: Thompson Peak beyond an unnamed lake high in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area. Photo courtesy of Kevin Donaldson.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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