



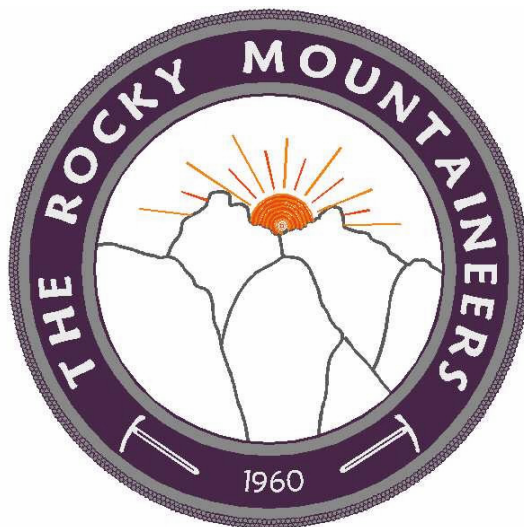
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# THE MOUNTAIN EAR

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*The Monthly Newsletter of The Rocky Mountaineers*



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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



## *April Meeting and Feature Presentation*

### **Caves of the USA 3D!**

**By Michael McEachern**

Michael McEachern started exploring caves in 1963. He received a MA degree in Anthropology from California State University in Sacramento in 1968. The subject of his thesis was "Mortuary Caves of the Mother Lode Region of California". He has explored and mapped caves in the US, Canada and Mexico. He became interested in 3D when he found an antique stereocard of a cave in the Grand Canyon. An avid stereophotographer, he shot the images for a 3 reel View Master set of Caverns of Sonora, Texas. He retired from his position as a computer systems analyst, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama in September 2005 and moved to Montana one week later. He is currently chairman of the Northern Rocky Mountain Grotto of the National Speleological Society and president of the Alpine Karst Foundation.



CAVES OF THE USA 3D is a tour of caves along the southern part of the US from California to Georgia. The program focuses on the beauty of caves and their unusual formations. The pictures were taken with a stereoscopic camera and will be shown with a twin lens slide projector. So put on the 3D glasses and sit back for a trip into the underworld.

Additional pictures of the Una Mountain cave expedition in the Bob last summer will be shown if time permits.

Presentation will take place at **7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Pipestone Mountaineering**. This will be immediately after The Rocky Mountaineers Business Meeting at 6:00 PM. Everyone is highly encouraged to attend both of these events!



## *President's Message*

### Lame Duck President's Message:

On March 26th we held a special business meeting to tackle some of the many issues we had not been able to deal with at our regular meetings. The minutes of that meeting are included in this newsletter. One of the things that came out of that meeting was the desire to have an assigned person to be in charge of setting up Pipestone for the presentations. That would consist of moving the garment racks, setting up the chairs, screen, and projector table. That person would need to be at Pipestone on most meeting nights by 6:30'ish to get the chores done. If you would like to help, let us know.

In May you will be asked to vote on a new slate of officers. Our by-laws preclude all officers, except the treasurer, from serving a third term. A group of regular attendees of the business meetings have volunteered to hold office next year. See the March 26 meeting minutes in this newsletter for the list. I would like to see more people become regulars at the business meetings, which would give the Club direction from a broader representation of members. We also welcome officer nominations from the floor at our regular meeting in May. If you are interested in becoming more involved, just show up at Pipestone at 6:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month, September through May.

We are close to finalizing a list of achievement awards, to be presented for the first time in May, 2009. Please feel free to comment. We will put the actual peak lists on our website, and I hope some of you will check the lists carefully for errors.

As always, we need more trip leaders. Also, if you have recommendations for presenters, please let one of us know.

Steve Niday

## *On your mark, get set, go....*

For many of us climbing, backpacking, hiking and other outdoor pursuits go hand-in-hand with training for these pursuits. We lead active lifestyles and when we can't get out in the mountains the next best thing is often to try to keep ourselves in shape for when we can. One of the most popular training pursuits is, of course, running. Many of us who become regular runners then carry it a step further and compete at times in various races, either competitively or for just the fun of it (or the T-Shirt). While our club doesn't promote or endorse any races in particular, the following have been listed mainly due to the fact that many of our club members either seem to partake in these races, or have an interest in doing so. Anyone wishing to engage in a dialogue about these races, or suggest inclusion of some others can email me (Forest Dean) at: [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

April 5 – **Run for the Trees** – 5K – McCormick Park

April 19– **Grizzly Man Adventure Race** – 23 miles- running, biking, orienteering

April 26- **Riverbank Run** – 10K, 5K, 1M, Trifecta

June 14 – **Pengelly Double Dip** – 12.5 and 4.5 mile races on Mt. Sentinel/University Mtn.

June 28 – **Lolo Pass Half Marathon** – Trail run- also a 5K fun run

July 13- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual- Missoula Marathon** – also a half marathon

## Looking Ahead....

### 4th Annual Glacier Classic

*Dates: August 22-24, 2008*

*Place: Many Glacier area*

We would like to encourage everyone to join us in Glacier National Park for our annual Glacier Classic this August. Once again we plan to have a wide variety of climbs and hikes to go along with the camping fun! Our plan is to drive up on Friday, secure some campsites at the Many Glacier (NPS) campground, then eat, drink, tell tall-tales, etc. Saturday we will have some scheduled hikes/climbs, as well as Sunday. You are more than welcome to come along and do your own thing or nothing at all, as well. We had about 25 attendees last year and it was a great time. Additionally, if you feel like leading a trip in that area, please let me know. More details in the next few months; below are some preliminary trip listings:

#### Saturday

**Altyn Peak** – (Class 1-2 – off trail scramble) *Leader: Tom Hanou*

**Iceberg Peak** – (Class 3-4 – via the Iceberg Notch) *Leader: Steve Niday*

**Mt. Wilbur** – (Class 5 – technical climb) *Leader: Forest Dean*

#### Sunday

**Apikuni Mountain** – (Class 2-3 – scramble) *Leader: Forest Dean*

**Allen Mountain** – (Class 3 – scramble) *Leader: Steve Niday*

Contact: Forest Dean or Steve Niday for more information. *Contact info on page 2.*

## 2008 Classic Series

<u>Month</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leader</u>
March	<b>McDONALD PEAK</b> (Missions)	Snow Climb	Joshua Phillips
April	<b>TRAPPER PEAK</b> (Bitterroots)	Ski	Alden Wright
May	<b>EL CAPITAN</b> (Bitterroots)	Snow Climb	Joshua Phillips
June	<b>McLEOD PEAK</b> (Rattlesnake)	Scramble	Steve Niday
July	<b>GRAY WOLF PEAK</b> (Missions)	Scramble/Climb	Lewis Kogan
August	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual GLACIER CLASSIC</b>	<i>Various</i>	S. Niday/F. Dean
September	<b>SWAN PEAK</b> (Swans)	Scramble/Climb	Lewis Kogan
October	<b>LOLO PEAK</b> (Bitterroots)	Scramble	Lewis Kogan
November	<b>MT. CALOWAHCAN</b> (Missions)	Scramble/Climb	Forest Dean
December	<b>LOLO PASS</b> (Bitterroots)	Backcountry Ski	Steve Schombel

# 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.

## **Sat-Sun, April 5-6 – MCDONALD PEAK (Missions) Classic Series Trip**

*Rating:* Class 3; *Mileage:* 11 miles RT; *Elevation:* ~5000'

*Description:* This is the rescheduled trip from the last weekend in March. Since it's still snowing as I type this trip notice, I'm certain that this will be an overnight ski/snowshoe climb. The plan is to start from the Ashley Lakes trailhead at 4600' on the west side of the range, ski in as far as possible and bivy. On Sunday, we will make a summit attempt and then ski out. Skis with skins will be the preferred mode of travel and avalanche gear will be mandatory. (inquire about availability of extra transceivers and shovels) Meet at Muralt's Travel Plaza at the Hwy 93 and I-90 junction at 7am on Saturday morning.

*Special Equipment:* Skis/snowshoes, crampons and ice axe, avalanche transceiver, snow shovel, bivy gear, Salish Kootenai Tribal Recreation permit.

*Leader:* Joshua Phillips – 543-0898

## **Saturday, April 5 – EAST ST. MARY'S PEAK (Mission Mtns.)**

*Rating:* Class 3; *Mileage:* 7.0 miles; *Elevation Gain:* 5400'

*Description:* This will be a Snowshoe trip up the southeast ridge route of East St. Mary's Peak. Route will begin at St. Mary's Lake and follow the steep ridge up to the north. Climb gains 3500' in first 1.5 miles, following a very steep trail- participants need to be in good physical condition. Trip will probably take around 8 hours.

*Special Equipment:* Snowshoes for travel. Tribal recreation permit required.

*Leader:* Alden Wright, 531-0477 [rocky@wrightmontana.net](mailto:rocky@wrightmontana.net). Note: the organizer of this trip is a non-club member, so I am the club-member contact.

## **Saturday, April 5 – CHARITY PEAK (Evaro area)**

*Rating:* Class 1; *Mileage:* 3-4; *Elevation:* TBD

*Description:* This is one of the smaller peaks on Missoula's skyline that can be seen from most of town. At 6559' it "towers" over the Evaro area. If approached from the south or west, reservation land can be avoided, so no special permits would be needed. I'll have to scout out the best approach, since there was a fire in the area last summer. The distance would be roughly 3 to 4 miles, a lot along roads, and the elevation gain would be about 1800 to 2200' from the west, or 3200' from the south, depending on where the gates are.

*Leader:* Steve Schombel - 721-4686.



### **Fri-Sun, April 4-6 – BITTERROOT CLIMB**

**VOTE:** *Trip #1- Esplin Pk* (8641'- Bitterroots) This would be a three day trip up Watchtower Creek to a prominent saddle just east of Esplin Pk, and a steep climb from the saddle to the summit. One-way distance is around 9 miles, 7.5 trail miles, with 3600' of elevation gain. The route is unknown to me, but you should be comfortable with an ice-axe on steep snow and scrambling steep rock with no rope. Ski up the drainage and camp without the climb if you so desire.

*Trip #2- Soda Springs S Pk* (8740'- Bitterroots) This is my name for an unnamed peak south of Soda Springs Creek. It would be a one day trip, 3 miles one-way, with 3000' of elevation gain. There is another unnamed peak about one mile northwest of this peak which we might attempt. All of this would be off trail, with the route unknown to me. Terrain difficulty would be similar to the above trip.

Both of these trips would be done during the upcoming weekend, and primarily on skis. Snow and weather conditions may dictate an entirely different trip. I also reserve veto power, especially since I am a lame-duck president. If you are interested in either of these trips, email or phone your vote to: seniday@yahoo.com or 721-3790.

### **Saturday, April 12 - TRAPPER PEAK (Bitterroots) – Classic Series Trip**

*Rating:* Class 2-3 terrain, *Mileage:* 8-10 miles, *Elevation:* ~5000'

*Description:* Trapper Peak is the highest peak in the Bitterroots at just over 10,000 feet. We will start considerably below the summer trailhead so the vertical climb will be around 5000 feet. Skis and skins are the usual equipment, but snowshoes or snowshoes/snowboard is also possible. We will leave south Missoula at 6:15 am. There is no avalanche danger and the ski down is intermediate.

*Leader:* Alden Wright at 243-4790 (until 6 pm), 542-1966 (home) or e-mail at [trapper@wrightmontana.net](mailto:trapper@wrightmontana.net)

### **Sunday, April 13 – BEAVERTAIL STATE PARK AREA**

*Description:* To try and stay out of the ticks (and wet brush if it's raining), I'll do some logging road hiking in the Beavertail St. park area, east of Missoula. It's easy to summit Babcock Peak from this side, but there may be deep snow and closed roads up that high.

*Leader:* Julie Kahl – 543-6508

### **Sat-Mon, April 19-21 – MOUNT HOOD (Oregon Cascades)**

*Rating:* Class 3-4; *Mileage:* 8 miles; *Elevation:* 5300'

*Description:* The plan is to drive out to Mt. Hood (9 hrs?) grab dinner and a few hours of sleep, then get a midnight-1 AM start up the South Side (Hogsback) route. This is the most popular route on the mountain- variations will be made if it is too congested in spots. Round trip climbing time should be around 9 hours. This trip will be weather and condition dependent- very subject to change to a different weekend if no good.

Participants need to have some prior glacier/snow climbing experience.

*Special Equipment:* Crampons, harness, ice ax, helmet, other.

*Leader:* Kevin Ball – H: 728-6782

### **Sunday, April 27 – MOUNT DEAN STONE**

*Rating:* Class 1; *Mileage:* 6+ ??; *Elevation:* 800'+

*Description:* Here is a nearby peak that is prominent on the Missoula skyline. One approach is to drive to the head of Deer Creek and park near a gate. On this approach most of the hike will be along a logging road, and the elevation gain is only about 800'. One way distance is about 3 to 3½ miles. Not very long, but many people like to stay out of the brush this time of year, and there will still be snow higher up. For a longer day we could also hike up Mitten Mountain and then in the afternoon up the old jeep road to University Mountain.

*Leader:* Steve Schombel - 721-4686

### **Sunday, April 27 – CLIMBING IN KOOTENAI (Bitterroots)**

*Description:* Dig out your rock shoes and harness and come climbing with us up Kootenai Creek. This will be a mellow day of climbing on moderate routes. Beginner climbers are welcome. We will meet in the Big Lots parking lot (next to Kmart) at 10am. Bring the kids and hope for warm weather!

*Leader:* Joshua Phillips – 543-0898, [mtsurveyor@gmail.com](mailto:mtsurveyor@gmail.com)

### **Sat-Sun, May 3-4 – EL CAPITAN (Bitterroots) – Classic Series Trip**

*Description:* We'll meet at Big Lots at 9am and carpool down to the Little Rock Creek trail head. We will hike in and bivy at one of the high lakes at the head of the drainage. The next morning, we'll climb one of the couloirs (800') up to gain the mountain's east ridge and then summit. The current plan is to down climb (or ski?) the couloir and make our way back to the trailhead that day. This is a great climb to get used to negotiating steep snow. The couloirs offer varying degrees of difficulty. Crampons and an ice axe are mandatory as the pitch can reach 45 degrees on the snow.

*Leader:* Joshua Phillips – 543-0898, [mtsurveyor@gmail.com](mailto:mtsurveyor@gmail.com)

### **Fri-Mon, May 23-26 – MOUNT RAINIER (Washington Cascades)**

*Rating:* Class 4; *Mileage:* 11 miles; *Elevation:* 9000'

*Description:* Memorial Weekend climb of the Kautz Headwall route (if conditions permit- route choice subject to change- also, trip could shift to following weekend if weather looks better). Currently the trip party size of 3-4 climbers is full. However, if others are interested, or if someone else would care to lead another party on the same or a different route, my thought was that we could sort of coordinate everything together. Anyone interested should have some prior glacier climbing and travel experience, as well as the necessary gear. If enough others are interested to comprise another rope team, I will coordinate a planning party to go over all the details.

*Special Equipment:* Harness, rope, crampons, pickets, ice tools, screws, helmet, transceiver, appropriate clothing, climbing permit.

*Leader:* Forest Dean – C: 240-7612, email: [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

### **July 18/19 to July 27, 2008 – WIND RIVER RANGE CLIMBING TRIP**

*Description:* There is something for everyone in this week-long trip to Titcomb Basin. Whether you enjoy backpacking, fishing, scrambling, snow/ice climbing or rock climbing, Titcomb has it all! This trip will begin with a two day (15 mile) hike from Elkhart Park Trailhead outside of Pinedale, Wyoming into the basin to establish a base camp near upper Titcomb Lake. There is a high concentration of scrambles, snow/ice climbs, fifth class multi-pitch routes and trout filled lakes in this stunning alpine setting. Some may even use this trip as the perfect launch pad for climbing Gannet Peak (Wyoming's high point). Save these dates, bring the kids if you have 'em, and come enjoy the heart of the Wind River Range with us! (no limit to number of participants)

*Leader:* Joshua Phillips - 543-0898



## TRIP FORUM

### **Mt. Hood- Oregon High Point**

I'm eager to give Mt. Hood another try some weekend in May or possibly June. The past couple of years I ran into bad weather. Last year a vertical cliff had formed in the Pearly Gates, the easiest route, so most climbers were taking a more difficult chute. It is too early to see what will develop this year, but potential participants must be able to work off a couple of rope lengths of belays and use an ice axe and crampons on 50 degree slopes. There is also a lot of elevation gain if you want to do it in one day, plus an alpine start. If interested call Steve Schombel at 721-4686.

### **"Bob Marshall Wilderness" Backpack**

For next summer I am thinking of going up the North Fork Of The Blackfoot into what is actually the Scapegoat Wilderness. I've never been there but looking at a map it looks like a 6-7 mile hike to the North Fork Cabin, North Fork waterfall is another 1/2 mile or so. We could set up a base camp in that area and do some day hikes like to Falls Point, or there are two 25-30 mile loops that would bring us back to the same trailhead. I'd like to hear from people who have been in this area for suggestions of destinations etc. I'm planning on mid July 2008 that still seems like the best window between -still frozen in and -the start of fire season. *Julie Kahl* 543-6508

## **THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Annual Membership Fee:      \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 for paper newsletter  
   \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 for electronic newsletter

*Note: Membership includes all members of a family or household.*

Make checks payable to 'The Rocky Mountaineers' and send to:

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***Joining or maintaining your Rocky Mountaineers membership has never been easier! PayPal is now available on the Rocky Mountaineers website. Click on the membership link on the main page.***

## TRIP REPORTS

### March 8 – Sawmill Gulch (Rattlesnake NRA)

Alden Wright (leader), Sally Wright, David Andrews, and Arlene Walker-Andrews did a ski tour from the Sawmill Gulch trailhead. Snow conditions were good and there was plenty of snow. We skied south towards the ridge that overlooks Missoula, but David and Arlene had trouble skiing in the woods, so we went back into the meadow. We (especially Alden) tried a few exciting descents and David and Alden skied up towards the Grant Creek divide. We had a good time and left after about 2 ½ hours of skiing. *Alden Wright*

### March 12-14 – Middle/South Tetons (attempt) (Grand Teton National Park)

Originally I had listed this trip as a ski tour along the Teton Crest—beginning at Teton Pass and heading north, coming out at either Teton or Avalanche Canyon. As trip time got closer, the urge to climb some peaks overtook me and I changed the trip to an attempt of the Middle and South Tetons. So it was with this goal that Joshua Phillips and I left Missoula on Wednesday morning for the six hour drive to Jackson Hole. We arrived at the brand new Moose Ranger Station at 3:00pm and picked up our permits (required for overnight camping in the backcountry). We then drove north to the Taggart Lake trailhead, put on our skis and 50



*Joshua skiing up Garnet Canyon. F. Dean photo.*

lb. packs and hit the trail. The skies were blue and things were good! A well used ski and snowshoe trail lead us toward Taggart Lake and then north to Bradley Lake (at about 2 miles). From there we followed a ridge up and to the west on the south side of the lake, then contoured around the slopes on the west side of the lake to the mouth of Garnet Canyon. Arriving here at 7600' at about 7:30 (after a few detours) we set up camp and cooked under headlamp. The stars were out as we went to bed. They were not out the next morning—and actually we never saw them or the sky again! (Well until we got down lower the following day). The snow was coming down fairly good as we got an alpine start (11:00 am) on our ski up the canyon. The snow wasn't really concerning us, as the prediction was 3-7 inches. But as we went up and to the west, the snow got harder and visibility decreased. We reached our planned camp at the base of the east side of the Middle Teton (right at bottom of the dike) about 1:00. Snowing hard. Joshua had received some excellent info on this great camp—basically it is a huge overhanging cliff with a nice protected “cave” underneath. We carved out a nice spot for our tent and cooking area in the shelter of the snow and wind and set up camp. And continued to watch it snow and snow. By late afternoon, it showed no signs of letting up so we cooked and ate and watched several powdery slough avalanches come down along the sides or the overhanging cliffs. Early to bed with fading hopes. Sometime during the night the wind seemed to let up and when I got up the next morning I had my fingers crossed. But one glance outside was all it took—at least *two feet* of snow had fallen overnight! And it was still coming down as hard as ever. So we milled around debating our options, but since there really was only one option, we slowly got packed up and headed back down the way we had come. It was just hard working breaking a trail going downhill—would



*Our tent tucked under "the cave". F. Dean photo*

have been nearly impossible going uphill (and quite unsafe). With 50 lb packs, I had a difficult time skiing once it got a bit steeper (although I have a difficult time skiing all the time!) but Joshua seemed to enjoy it. We arrived down at Bradley Lake about 3:00 PM, and out to the trailhead about 5:00. The skies in the valley had cleared, but looking back up in the mountains, the snow was obviously still coming down hard. We drove into Jackson where we found a reasonably priced room at the El Rancho motel, and spread out all our wet gear. Then it was off to the Snake River Brewing Company for beers and brick oven pizzas. The next day we headed up and over the snowy Teton Pass and homeward but with a vow to return! *Forest Dean*

*For additional photos:*

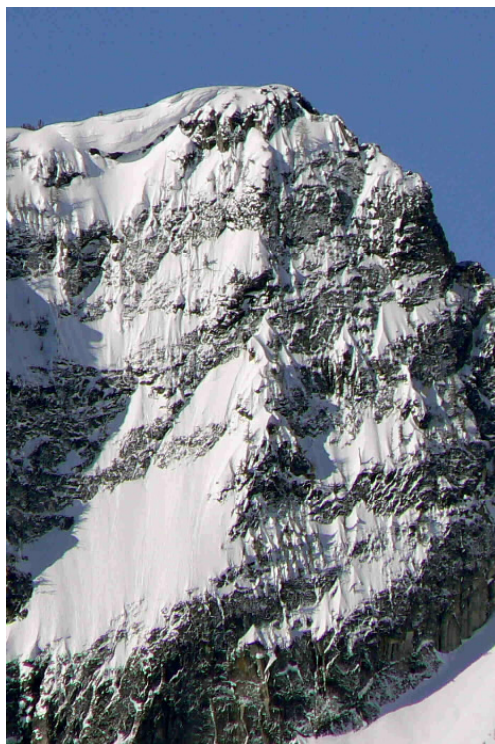
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*YouTube Video:*

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### **March 29 & 30 – Mill Point (Bitterroots)**

The last minute alternative to the postponed McDonald Peak trip ended up being Mill Point. On Saturday, Kyle Balke, Tom Johnson and I arrived at the Kmart parking lot at 7am. After a 15 minute wait (and no additional participants), we headed down the 'Root. The weather was unstable, but ended up being a perfect balance of



*Point 8807' on Printz Ridge as seen from North Ridge of Mill Creek. K. Balke photo.*

sun and cool temps that preserved the snow conditions. The first hour was a boot pack from the Mill Creek trail head to about 5200'. We stuck to the northeast ridge and had to boot pack over some rocky terrain at around 6100'. Breaking trail became increasingly difficult, but it all paid off in the end. Kyle and I summited at around 3pm. Tom had to turn around at about 7200' due to some knee tendonitis. Kyle and I dug a Rutschblock at 8000' and found a fairly sensitive layer about 18" below the surface. (R4 Q1) The tree skiing was great down to Tag Alder Lake. After crossing the lake we were able to ski down a gully (staying on the north facing slopes) all the way down to 4500'. Tom was patiently waiting for us at the car (we stayed in touch using cell phones after he turned around).

Not satisfied with only one day in the backcountry, I went back to Mill Point on Sunday, accompanied this time by Caleb Sanford. This was Caleb's first time on ATs. We took advantage of the skin track from the previous day's efforts and summited in 4.5 hours. It started as a bluebird day and on the summit there was not a breath of wind (or even a breeze)! The view was fantastic. The sun disappeared and small snow squalls could be seen developing across the entire Bitterroot range. The ski down was as enjoyable as the day before! *Joshua Phillips*



# MOUNTAIN TRIVIA!!!

Congratulations to **Michael Krebs** who successfully identified 3 of the 5 mountains in last month's trivia contest (additionally, although he didn't get numbers 2 and 3, he at least identified the area where they are- super job Michael!!). This month the trivia questions are all about Mountaineering terms and techniques. The winner will receive one of our brand new Rocky Mountaineers stickers. Send your answers to: [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

1 - When performing the "French Technique" while climbing ice or snow, what are you attempting to do with the vast majority of your crampon points?

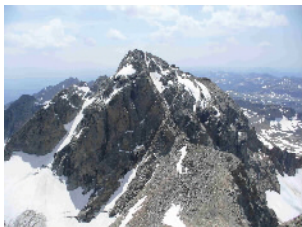
2 - What is the common term given to a crack in a rock wall that is too wide for a hand or fist jam, but too small to admit the entire body?

3 - Name the type of wavelike cloud that forms over mountains and often indicates precipitation within 48 hours.

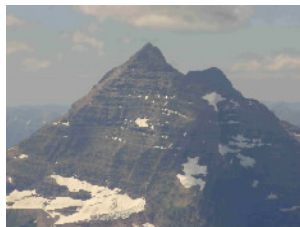
4 - What is the name of the snow stability test in which a skier stands on an isolated block of snow and attempts to make it collapse?

5 - A glacier travel route demands travel by a roped team in such a way that each climber spreads out and walks parallel to the crevasses. What style of travel formation is this?

## *March Trivia Answers:*



*Middle Teton*



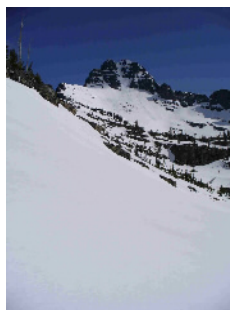
*Mt. Stimpson*



*The Wedge*



*Trapper Peak*



*Gray Wolf Peak*

## Rocky Mountaineers Merchandise - For Sale!!

Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$13.00 (\$17 non-members)
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$17.00 (\$22 non-members)
Caps	\$18.00 (\$23 non-members)
Fleece Beanie's	\$16.00 (\$20 non-members)
Stickers	\$ 1.50

Shirts and hats are available in various sizes and/or colors. For more information, or to place your order email: [seniday@yahoo.com](mailto:seniday@yahoo.com) or call Steve at 721-3790. Additionally, all of the above will be available at the Club meetings as well as the racks at Pipestone Mountaineering.

*Tree Hat- Grand Teton National Park.*



*Forest Dean photo.*

*Cave Icicle- Grand Teton National Park.*



*Joshua Phillips photo.*

*Cover photo: Sunset over Buck Mountain, Grand Teton National Park. J. Phillips photo.*

1. Called to Order 7:10 PM
2. Attendance: Alden Wright, Steve Niday, Steve Schombel, Julie Kahl, Forest Dean, Joshua Phillips and David Wright
3. Previous meeting minutes: Approved with no changes
4. Correspondence: None
5. Treasurers report: Approx. \$357.89 in checking and \$466.10 in savings
  - a. Julie will create a detailed annual expense/earnings report for next meeting
6. Club Business:
  - a. Old business
    - i. Current officer nominations, but still open for other individuals
      1. President – Joshua Phillips
      2. Vice-President – David Wright
      3. Secretary – Steve Niday
      4. Treasurer – Julie Kahl
      5. Newsletter Editor- Forest Dean
      6. Web Administrator – Alden Wright
      7. Merchandise – Steve Niday/David Wright
      8. Speaker organizer – Steve Schombel
    - ii. Expenditure of UM Outdoor Club funds (\$500)
      1. Seminars – pay for speakers; potential topics include outdoor ethics, nutrition, physical therapy
      2. Education – subsidize expenses for training events, including rock and ice climbing, avalanche safety, orienteering, first aid, etc.
      3. Rental or loaner gear (if possible; ask Lewis)
    - iii. Glacier Classic
      1. Forest will summarize in next newsletter
      2. Requesting a few more events for both days
    - iv. Achievement awards
      1. Western Montana based high peaks
        - a. Missoula Horizon Peaks
        - b. Rattlesnake Peaks
        - c. Bitterroot Mts. – 9000 feet
        - d. Glacier Park – 9500 feet
        - e. Mission Mts – 8500 feet
        - f. Swan Mts – 8500 feet
      2. Special Achievement awards – include, but not limited to:
        - a. Montana Mountain Range high points
        - b. Western states high points
        - c. Others to be announced
    - v. Recruiting trip leaders
      1. Use point system, points would not expire
      2. Earned by leading trips
      3. Points can be used for Club merchandise
    - vi. Merchandise
      1. New order to be placed soon
      2. Status of expenses/earnings will be recorded at next meeting
      3. Get pictures of items and put on web site
  - b. New business
    - i. Meeting place set up
      1. Ask for volunteers to assist with setting up chairs and video equipment
      2. Have officers show up early to set up if no one volunteers
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM





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