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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

May Meeting Elections

Well another season of monthly meetings has come and gone. Our Club has regular meetings the second Wednesday of every month with the exception of the summer months- June, July, and August. We hold our annual elections during the last of these regular meetings, in May. This year, as usual, saw no contested spots for the four board positions- President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Without any “nay’s” the following members were elected to these positions:

President- Joshua Phillips
Vice President- David Wright
Secretary- Julie Kahl
Treasurer- Steve Niday

With the exception of Joshua, all the others have been filling roles over the last several years. Steve is past President. David was Secretary. And Julie was Treasurer. Additionally, Alden Wright will continue to serve as our Webmaster and Forest Dean as our Newsletter Editor. While all these folks volunteer to take on these positions and all are happy to do them and do them quite well, we are always looking for new folks to step in and help out and hopefully step into one of these roles in the future.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 PM at Pipestone Mountaineering.

Let's Get Involved!

Our club has over 75 paid members yet only a handful actively participates in leading trips. Over the past year, of all the trips that were reported in our newsletter (The Mountain Ear) only 17 members offered to lead trips and of this group of people only 5 of them lead 4 or more trips. The officers and some active members, therefore, have come up with a plan that will hopefully help motivate other members (myself included!) to get out and lead trips. Our plan is simple, for **each** trip that you announce in our newsletter **and** submit a trip report to the newsletter the following month you will earn yourself \$1 towards the purchase of our club merchandise. Alternatively, for those people who come up with spontaneous trips, you can submit your trip (**by emailing the newsletter editor who will then pass it along to all club members via email—48 hours notice required**) followed by submitting trip report in the next newsletter, you will also earn this merchandise credit. These credits never expire as long as you are a paid member. It is also a great opportunity to meet new people with similar “adventuring” goals, which will help motivate you to get outdoors more or to expand your knowledge of “play ground” possibilities! Remember, our club members are a diverse group with many activity interests and physical exertion levels so we encourage all to plan a trip and submit it to our members (via newsletter or email) and go out and enjoy your trip with new or old friends!

And just as a side note I would like to acknowledge Steve Schombel for his very active participation in leading trips this past year with a reported total of 11 lead trips, and an honorable mentions go to Forest Dean with 10 reported trips, Julie Kahl with 7, and Alden Wright and Joshua Phillips each with 4! Keep up the good work!

David Wright, Vice President

Wilderness Medical Essentials Course

On **Sunday, June 29**, the **UM Outdoors Club** and **The Rocky Mountaineers** will host a Wilderness Medical Essentials course in Missoula, taught by **Aerie Backcountry Medicine**. This is an 8-hour course, and will consist of half classroom work and half hands-on techniques. Similar to the longer Wilderness First Aid class, the course will cover injury and illness prevention, patient assessment, long-term injury management, improvised splint and litter construction and environmental emergencies. We have also asked that special attention be given to the topic of managing severe injuries/illnesses which require immediate stabilization and evacuation. Unlike general first aid courses, Aerie's classes attend specifically to the unique and difficult application of critical first aid in backcountry environments, where options and resources are likely to be few. This course is an excellent introduction to wilderness medicine, and should be considered essential knowledge for anyone who spends significant time in the outdoors. Active participants in club outings and trip leaders are strongly encouraged to attend! Those with Red Cross Certification should be aware that the application of life-saving techniques in a wilderness setting is worlds apart from what is taught in traditional first aid courses, and this course can serve as an excellent extension of basic first-aid practices. For those who already have Wilderness First Aid or First Responder certification, there's much to be said for refreshing your skills. Course cost is \$65, but the first 15 members of the Rocky Mountaineers or UM Outdoors Club who sign up need pay only \$30. Aerie is world-renowned as one of the best schools of wilderness medicine today, and we are delighted to be able to present this opportunity at such a low price. Please don't miss it!

To Register:

Contact Steve Niday at 721-3790 or seniday@yahoo.com

Note: This notice was announced via email on May 19. As of press time, 10 people have already registered. Still time to sign up and get the discount!

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 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

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) *Leaders:* Levi Webb and Forest Dean

Sunday

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

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

Contact: Forest Dean (mtnear1@gmail.com or 406-240-7612) or Steve Niday (seniday@yahoo.com or 406-721-3790) for more information.



Mt. Wilbur lords over Swiftcurrent Lake and the Many Glacier area.

Photo by [montanaboy](#)

<http://www.summitpost.org/image/104783/151167/swiftcurrent-lake-and-mount.html>

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, June 7 – SPIRE ROCK (Homestake Pass area)

Description: Spire Rock's granite offers a variety of climbing options: cracks, bolts and topropes. We will meet at East Gate Strip Mall at 6am (near the footbridge) and carpool east, through Butte and over Homestake Pass to Spire Rock. Bring your climbing harness and shoes as well as water and food. This should be a full day of enjoyable climbing if the weather cooperates. All experience levels are welcome.

Leader: Joshua Phillips 543-0898

Saturday, June 7 – BLACK MOUNTAIN (Blue Mtn Rec Area)

Rating: Class 1-2; *Mileage:* 5.0; *Elevation:* 1800'

Description: On this short hike we will climb Black Mountain east of Missoula. This area burned a few years ago, and so we may see some Black-Backed woodpeckers and some different flowers. It is likely that we will not be on a trail. We may just take off from the O'Brien Creek Road or the Big Flat Road and climb until we get there. This will be a dog-friendly trip---there will be at least one somewhat rambunctious dog. Meet near Diamond Jim's Casino in the Big-K Big-Lots parking lot near Brooks and Reserve at 8:30 pm.

Leader: Alden Wright, 243-4790 (work) or 542-1966 (home) or rocky @ wrightmontana.net.

Sat-Sun, June 7-8 – THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS CABIN (Bitterroots)

Rating: Class 1-2; *Mileage:* 4.0+; *Elevation:* 1200'+

Description: There still should be snow around the cabin, and hopefully the road will be open to the trailhead. The idea is to hike, probably through mixed conditions, to the cabin and stay over night. There may be some good skiing yet up that high, we'll go up mid day on Sat. and come down Sun. afternoon.

Leader: Julie Kahl 543-6508

Saturday, June 14 – SQUARE BUTTE (Highwood Mtns area)

Description: Sat. morning June 14th we will be climbing Square Butte (east of Great Falls) this is not a strenuous or long climb, but the best approaches are on private land and we will probably get to within 1 mi of the butte before starting the hike. (The actual butte itself is public land with a "formal trail" of sorts on the extreme western end, away from the "high side.") If the weather is clear you can see for 100 miles in every direction. You will probably need to get to Fort Benton or Square Butte (town) on your own, there is a campground in FB.

Leader: Julie Kahl - 543-6508.

Saturday, June 14 – WOODY MOUNTAIN (East Missoula area)

Rating: Class 2; *Distance:* 8.0 miles; *Elevation:* 2600'

Description: I'll admit that I'm interested in the achievement awards proposed by Steve Niday. So interested that I've come up with the idea of trying all of the points in the easiest category, Missoula Horizon Peaks, in a single season, even though I've done most of them before. Woody is the rounded, logged off peak in the West Riverside area you can see through Hellgate Canyon. One way to get there is to park up Marshall Canyon and hike the road converted to trail for a couple of miles up Mittower Gulch. Then you can crash through some brush for a short distance and then scramble up a steep grassy slope for a 1000' gain. Eventually you'll reach an old trail which goes around a false summit and deposits you on the network of logging roads that criss crosses Woody. I think it is best to only follow these roads a little ways, and to hike through clear cuts along a ridge that curves around to the top from the north. Total elevation gain is about 2600' in roughly four miles. This trip is certainly less than a full day, but a bit more than a half day.

Leader: Steve Schombel - 721-4686

Saturday, June 26 - McLEOD PEAK (Rattlesnake) CLASSIC SERIES TRIP

Rating: Class 3; *Mileage:* 9.0; *Elevation:* 4000'

Description: If you pay taxes in Missoula County, you will be paying me to take this trip. I plan on searching for several survey monuments along the way and obtaining very accurate positions on some of those we find. I (we) will be carrying a survey tripod and high accuracy GPS receiver to obtain data which will improve our knowledge of the basic framework of the Public Land Survey System. If participants have an interest in GPS or surveying, I will be glad to share what I know. If not, you can ignore me while I set up my equipment, and I will not be offended. McLeod is the highest peak in the Rattlesnake area, and we will approach it from the west. The distance is much shorter than using the Rattlesnake corridor, the terrain is only slightly more difficult.

Leader: Steve Niday- 721-3790

Saturday, July 12 –GREY WOLF PEAK (Mission Mountains) CLASSIC SERIES TRIP

Rating: Class 4-5, *Mileage:* 8-14 miles, *Elevation:* 4200-4800'

Description: Will hike up to Riddell Lakes and climb either the south couloir route, or traverse around to the east and climb the NE ridge. Route to be determined by interest. There is a steep mountaineers trail up to the Lakes. There will be an option of hiking up to the lakes on Friday evening and camping before climbing on Saturday. Participants should be in good shape and have some familiarity with high 4th class/low 5th class climbing.

Special equipment: Tribal recreation permit; ice ax, harness, helmet; proper clothing.

Leader: Lewis Kogan – 529-6943 or lewis.kogan@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

2008 Classic Series

<u>Month</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leader</u>
June	McLEOD PEAK (Rattlesnake)	Scramble	Steve Niday
July	GRAY WOLF PEAK (Missions)	Scramble/Climb	Lewis Kogan
August	4th Annual GLACIER CLASSIC	<i>Various</i>	S. Niday/F. Dean
September	SWAN PEAK (Swans)	Scramble/Climb	Lewis Kogan
October	LOLO PEAK (Bitterroots)	Scramble	Lewis Kogan
November	MT. CALOWAHCAN (Missions)	Scramble/Climb	Forest Dean
December	LOLO PASS (Bitterroots)	Backcountry Ski	Steve Schombel

TRIP FORUM

Hollowtop Mountain Climb

Hollowtop, an old volcanic cone is the highest peak in the Tobacco Root Mts. of southwest Montana at 10,600 ft. It takes 3 hrs to drive from Missoula to the Garrison/Pony area. It's been 23 years since I last climbed Hollowtop and things have changed in the Tobacco Roots since then. Back then, in July, we camped at Cataract Lake, then drove another 3/4-1 mile back on a two track road until it stopped about a mile from the base of the peak. It was an easy walk to the base of the peak and from there one party attempted an unsuccessful technical climb up a couloir, and I was the only member of the other party who summited via a fourth class 'grassy ramp'. The summit is a grassy ridge that continues about another 1/2 mile to the summit of Jefferson. This is pretty much a full day climb and we may encounter some snow above, and there is a slight chance there may be a snow cornice to 'punch through.' I believe the road back to Cataract Lake is still there, there is also some interesting rock climbing around the old Strawberry Mine on the way. Heavy use by ATV's in the area makes me suspect that the Cataract Lake area (and possibly the few other lakes in the basin) get heavy use, and we may find ATV roads going to the base of the peak, or conversely that the FS has closed off the roads at Cataract Lake to discourage heavy use. So, we could find 'roads' to the base of the peak, or have to walk all the way from Cataract Lake, or any combination of the two. At this time our plans are to drive down to the area on Thurs. July 3rd. probably check out other stuff in the area in Fri. July 4th, climb Sat. (with an early start) and come back to Missoula on Sun. Just as a heads up, there are not a lot of tourist's amenities like hotels and restaurants in this area, but there are a few more developed campgrounds. *Julie Kahl 543-6508*



"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 Bitterroot “Grand Traverse”

For a couple years now I have been wanting to attempt what surely must be one of the great local multi-peak traverses. This “Grand Traverse” (name borrowed from the Tetons) will involve a very early start and hiking/running up the Little Rock Creek drainage. Once at its head we will climb El Capitan and then head east climbing The Lonesome Bachelor, and then the three Como Peaks and then back to the trailhead. All five peaks are over 9000'. The goal is to do this in one day- 24 hours or less. Round trip distance is about 17 miles. Elevation gain and loss is around 8300'. I am shooting for the middle of August, but that may change depending on conditions. *Forest Dean 240-7612, mtnear1@gmail.com*



Left to Right: East, Middle and West Como Peaks, Lonesome Bachelor, El Capitan. Photo by Mike Hoyt.

Spray more effective than guns against bears!!

“Despite persistent doubts among hikers and campers venturing into bear country, you're better off with an eight-ounce can of bear spray than a gun, according to an analysis of 20 years of data. Canadian and U.S. researchers announced Wednesday that they found the spray stopped aggressive bear behavior in 92 per cent of the cases, whether that behavior was an attack or merely rummaging for food. Guns were effective about 67 per cent of the time.”

To read the newspaper article, go to <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/109-66805-6-02>

To download the complete paper, go to <https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/110-66805-6-02>

TRIP REPORTS

May 3-4 – El Capitan (Bitterroots)

The Rocky Mountaineers May 2008 Classic Series Trip was a ski ascent of El Capitan (9983') in the Bitterroot Mountains of Montana. Forest Dean and I were the only participants. Forest headed up Little Rock Creek at 4pm on Saturday and bivied 9 miles in, below the mountain. I had a wedding to attend, so I got a late start. I left the trail head at 7:45pm and skied up to meet him. It was an hour long boot pack along the south side of Como Lake before there was enough snow to make skiing possible near the mouth of Little Rock Creek Canyon. Following his tracks for almost 6 hours, I arrived at Forest's bivy at 1:30am. After a short nap (for me), we got up at 6am on Sunday and headed up the couloir. It turned out to be a blue bird day. The conditions were favorable for kicking steps and we summited at around 9:45am. The last few steps onto the summit block were exhilarating! After basking on the summit for a few minutes, we skied/glissaded down the summit slopes and then down the couloirs we had ascended. The snow turned to mush as we headed lower and lower down Little Rock Creek. We got back to the cars at about 5:30pm, covered in ticks! (I lost count around 30!) We had a great time on this Classic Series Trip and only wished there had been more participants! *Joshua Phillips*

See a video of this trip at: <http://www.vimeo.com/992419>



Joshua ascending the summit block.



Relaxing on the summit.

May 18 - Goat Mountain (Bitterroots)

Something a little unusual happened on this trip. I got a call from a lady from Fairbanks, Alaska, Connie Page, who just happened to be in town on vacation and who saw the trip in the paper. She showed up with her two daughters, Tess and Jana Kreofsky, and friend Josh Meek. Others attending were Bret Doucett and John Schwartz. And the weather and wildflowers certainly rose to the occasion. The variety of the flowers we saw was too numerous to list here, but the large bulbs I had previously thought were soon-to-bloom Pasque Flowers instead had bloomed into globes of small yellow flowers or showy white ones with long stamens. Too bad we did not have someone along who knew the names of them all. The guys, meanwhile, were more occupied with vistas of the surrounding peaks and canyons and visions of things to do later this summer as the snow continues to melt. It was a great hike! *Steve Schombel*

May 23-26 – Mount Rainier

Three of us headed west from Missoula on Friday morning of this Memorial Weekend. With Kevin Ball driving and Joshua Phillips riding shotgun, I relaxed in the back as we endured our 9 hour trip to Paradise on the south side of Mt. Rainier. Rainier received an enormous amount of snow this winter season- Paradise was reporting 920" at the time we arrived. We checked in, got our permits, packed up, and started up towards Glacier Vista at 6:00 PM. The skies were mostly cloudy and the upper 4000' of the mountain was engulfed in clouds. Paradise elevation is about 5400' and we hiked (snowshoed) up to Glacier Vista (6500' - so named because it overlooks nearly all the glaciers on the south side of the mountain) in about an hour (2 miles). From there we dropped down about 400' on to the Nisqually Glacier lateral moraine, which served as our first night's camp. Windy here, but we managed to get our tent up, dive in, have some dinner, and fall asleep.



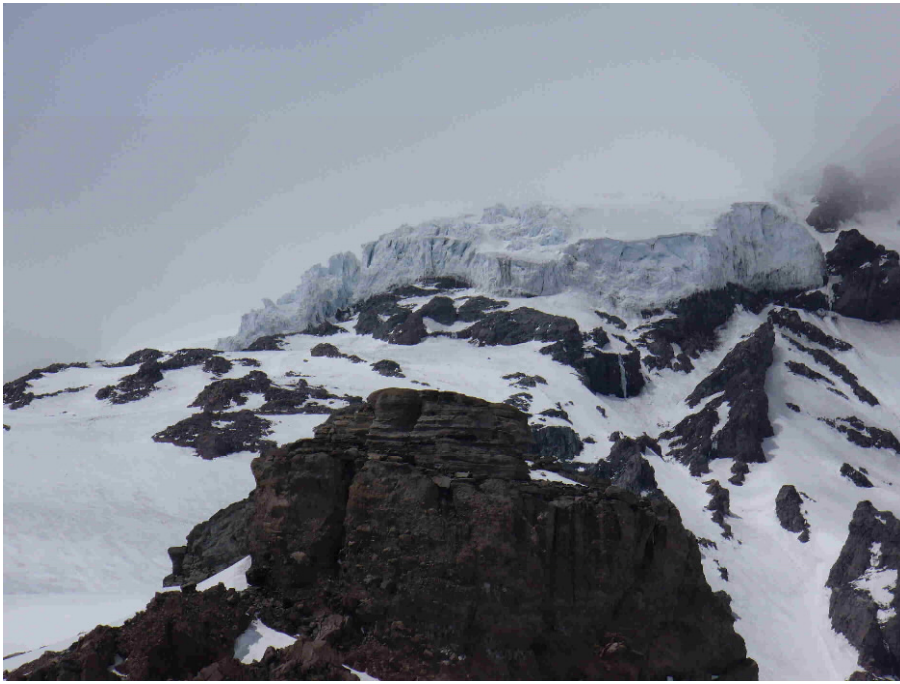
Paradise Visitor Center

On Saturday morning we awoke to clear skies and full views of Rainier. After packing up and organizing our methods for snow and glacier travel, we started out across the lower end of the Nisqually. We were fairly uncertain as to whether or not we were actually on the glacier, but we roped up in case. After crossing it we started up a 30-35 degree snow chute called The Fan. Here is where we discovered we were in for a long day.



View on first morning from lower Nisqually Glacier.

With or without snowshoes, it seemed we were postholing with every step. It was very tiring and frustrating work. Very slowly we made our way up the chute, did some sidehilling and then discovered a couple hundred foot 35 degree headwall. Again we postholed. At 1:00 PM we arrived at the top of this small headwall and had some lunch. We had been hiking for 4 ½ hours and had only gained about 1500'. After a break we continued north along a cleaver towards what is called The Turtle (snowfield). The going on the ridgetop was a bit better, but soon the grade steepened again and the postholing with heavy packs drained us of almost all we had. Finally at about 5:30 we arrived at a suitable bivy site (9400') at the lower end of "The Turtle". Our original plan had been to climb to 10,200' up to the Wapowety Cleaver to set up our high camp and attempt the Kautz Headwall route (class III). However, along with the additional elevation, this also would have required at least another mile of hiking and we were beat. So we decided to camp here and attempt the Kautz Glacier (class III) instead. After again setting up camp and eating dinner it felt very good to lay down in the tent.



The Kautz Ice Cliff at top of The Turtle snowfield.

waves. Sunny one moment, snowing the next...windy always. By 9:00 we had more or less given up on the possibility of getting up that night to attempt the summit. We went to bed.

Sometime around midnight the wind started to howl. And it started snowing/sleeting. And it continued. We had already decided to sleep in on Sunday and rest up. So no big deal. However, the mountain continued to get blasted by wind and snow. Kevin and Joshua had got up earlier to do some cooking, but I didn't manage to roll out of the tent till 11:00 am! After some lunch and looks around, we all spent most of the afternoon lazing around in the tent, taking naps, etc. The wind continued to pound us. The temperature was fairly mild so the snow was not firming up much. I took a short scramble up the slope at one point and found the going a bit easier than the previous day. Around 6:00pm we ate dinner and then watched the storm continue to move in in

Of course, as these things go, around 11:00 pm the storm subsided. I awoke around this time and figured it to be just a lull in the action. Went back to sleep. At 2:30 both Joshua and I went out and took a look around. Visibility was much improved, but again we both figured it was still as lull. Plus it was cold out, dark, and we were tired. So, back to sleep. Then of course I awake at 5:30 and there is no wind and blue skies. We had missed our small window of opportunity. At 6:00 three climbers went past our bivy area telling me they were on their way to the summit. I figured, "well if they can do it with a late start, why can't we?". I tried to get my companions on board with my idea, but they wanted none of it. And rightfully so. The route requires traversing below the immense Kautz Ice Cliff. Going up would likely have been fine, but the descent at a late hour in the afternoon or evening could have been like playing roulette. We had more or less made a decision the previous evening to descend based on the weather, the poor snow conditions, the fact we had a very low high camp, and our allotted time. I really hated not giving it a try...I would have rather started up and been turned back by conditions or time. At the time I was a bit upset that Joshua and Kevin wouldn't give the summit a shot with me. After descending and thinking about it on the long drive home and over the next couple of days, however, I realized two things. One, we had made a group decision, and we needed to stick to that. Two, I only have myself to blame as I should have been ready and should have got up when the weather let up. I had been lackadaisical and just assumed the weather wasn't going to cooperate. The mountains teach you lessons every time you visit them. I learned one.

Our trip out was fairly uneventful. A lot of glissading on the steeper slopes. Kevin and I managed to each lose a water bottle on one of these and watched them as they went sliding down the Wilson Glacier and out of sight. The snow was still very soft and even going downhill required some good effort. We left the camp at about 8:00 and arrived back at the Paradise parking lot just before noon. We packed up and began the long drive home, arriving in Missoula around midnight. *Forest Dean*

Achievement Awards

We have decided on a few awards to be presented to those who visit all objectives in a list. The reward will be primarily the self-satisfaction of completing a list, along with recognition by this club. That recognition will be in the form of a list maintained on our website, an annual list in our newsletter, and possibly some small token. The list of awards is an evolutionary thing and additional awards may be included, some of which may not be peak lists. Also, within each list, there may need to be some corrections. Please let us know if you find errors or omissions. We used 400' of prominence above the nearest high point to determine whether something was an individual peak or just a high point on a ridge.

In addition to the following awards, with peaks listed below, we would like to include some special achievement awards. Those awards are still in discussion and will be presented at a later date. Some suggestions include; Montana Mountain Range High Points, Western States High Points, Technical Ascents, Glacier Park over 9000', Bitterroot Mountains over 8500', Highest 100 Peaks in Montana, Waterfalls, Mountain Passes, Lakes, Lookouts, an annual accomplishment award, lifetime achievement award, etc. The idea is to both honor people for their accomplishments and encourage others to visit new areas. We highly encourage your input.

Missoula Horizon Peaks

- Black Mtn 5951'
- Blue Mtn 6460'
- Squaw Peak 7996'
- Miller Peak 7030'
- Mitten Mtn 6004'
- Mount Jumbo 4768'
- Lolo Peak 9096'
- Petty Mtn 7270'
- Point Six 7942'
- Sheep Mtn 7646'
- Stark Mtn 7349'
- Stuart Peak 7971'
- University Mtn 5709'
- Woody Mtn 6218'

Rattlesnake Peaks

- McLeod Pk 8620'
- Murphy Pk 8167'
- Mosquito Pk 8057'
- Stuart Peak 7960'
- Point Six 7929'
- Sheep Mtn 7650'
- Mineral Pk 7482'
- Boulder Point 7293'
- Gold Cr Pk 7207'

Glacier Park over 9500'

- Mt. Cleveland 10,466'
- Mt. Stimson 10,142'
- Kintla Peak 10,101'
- Mt. Jackson 10,052'
- Mt. Siyeh 10,014'
- Mt. Merritt 10,004'
- Kaiser Point 9996'
- Kinnerly Peak 9944'
- Rainbow Peak 9891'
- Mt. Carter 9843'
- Long Knife Peak 9784'
- Going-To-The-Sun Mountain 9642'
- Vulture Peak 9638'
- Blackfoot Mountain 9574'
- Ipasha Peak 9572'
- Mt. Gould 9553'
- Little Chief Mountain 9541'
- Rising Wolf Mountain 9513'

Bitterroot Mountains over 9000'

- Trapper Pk 10157'
- El Capitan 9983'
- The Shard 9883'
- Boulder Pk 9804'
- N Tapper Pk 9801'
- W Como Pk 9624'
- Saint Joseph Pk 9587'
- Sugarloaf Pks 9586'
- Middle Como Pk 9530'
- Chaffin Pks 9486'
- E Como Pk 9485'
- Bare Pk SE 9459'
- Bare Pk NW 9439'
- Mink Pk 9363'
- Mount Jerusalem 9355'
- Saint Mary Pk 9351'
- Heavenly Twins 9282'
- Trapper Lk W 9260'
- Lonesome Bachelor 9185'
- Mount Jerusalem N 9169'
- Whites Mtn 9162'
- Sweeney Pk 9161'
- Canyon Pk 9155'
- Ward Mtn 9119'
- Lolo Pk 9139'
- Whites Mtn E 9095'
- Koch Mtn 9072'
- N Canyon Pk 9042'
- N Lost Horse N 9018'
- Trapper Cr Pk 9012'
- Stormy Joe 9003'

Mission Mountains over 8500'

- McDonald Pk 9820'
- East St Mary Pk 9425'
- Glacier Pk 9402'
- West St Mary Pk 9372'
- Lowary Pk, Peak X 9369'
- Peak Y 9325'
- Sonielem Ridge 9315'
- Black Buck Pk 9290'
- Mountaineer Pk 9261'
- Mt Harding 9061'
- Gray Wolf Pk 9001'
- Peak 8895'
- Daughter-of-the-Sun Mtn 8777'
- Panoramic Pk 8650'
- Kakashe Pk 8575'
- Cold Pk 8522'

Swan Range over 8500'

- Holland Pk- 9356'
- Swan Pk 9289'
- Ptarmigan Point 9083'
- Buck Pk 9003'
- Point 8955'
- Fisher Pk 8845'
- Goat Mtn 8845'
- Union Pk 8825'
- Wolverine Point 8769'
- Point 8710'
- Cooney Mtn 8709'
- Count Pk 8691'
- Ptarmigan Mtn 8632'
- Crescent Mtn 8617'
- Cardinal Pk 8582'
- Una Mtn 8580'
- Gust Mtn 8561'
- Moser Mtn 8543'
- Carmine Pk 8542'
- Foolhen Mtn 8535'
- Youngs Mtn 8530'
- Leota Pk 8512'
- Omar Mtn 8503'

1. Called to Order 6:13 PM
2. Attendance: Alden Wright, Steve Niday, Steve Schombel, Julie Kahl, Forest Dean, Joshua Phillips, David Wright, Paul Jensen, Kyle Balke, Levi Webb, and Tom Hanou
3. Previous meeting minutes: Approved with no changes
4. Correspondence:
 - a. NW Caving Association – invitation to trip on May 24-26th
 - b. Thank you email from Trailhead owner (Todd) for our club's donation of \$100 to the transceiver beacon park
5. Treasurers report: \$434.54 in checking and \$447.96 in savings
6. Club Business:
 - a. Old business
 - i. Officer nominations – 10% of membership necessary for valid election
 1. President – Joshua Phillips; Vice-President – David Wright; Secretary – Julie Kahl; Treasurer – Steve Niday
 - ii. Outdoor Club funds
 1. Aerie Medical - Backcountry 1st Aid
 - a. To be held on June 29th
 - b. Cost is \$30 for the first 15 people – a \$35 discount; club membership necessary?
 - iii. Trip leader point system
 1. Each trip worth 1 point; points can be exchanged for club merchandise (1 point = \$1); points never expire
 2. Trips must be announced in newsletter or sent out via club email list by Thursday of each week
 3. Individual has to be a current member
 4. David W. will provide write-up for newsletter
 - iv. Achievement awards
 1. Adjustments to peaks list – remove Dean Stone (private peak) and replace with Mitten Mt.; Steve N. will provide final write-up for newsletter
 - b. New business
 - i. Next year's presentations – suggestions include:
 1. Safety presentation (e.g. Aerie Medical), more of Lewis's suggestions, Steve Lamar (local history of outdoors), Rick Graetz (photographer/writer)
 2. Other suggestions are encouraged from our members
 - ii. Grizzly Man Race
 1. Joshua proposed our group's involvement with this race; he has independently personally volunteered as next years race director; he will provide write-up for newsletter.
 2. Asking for input and ideally volunteers for the race day
 3. Association with this type of event will provide exposure for our club.
 4. He has approached Tom MacClay (Bitterroot Resort) to be the location of next year's event
 5. A discussion regarding the pros and cons of our association with the race and the potential location occurred; continued discussion of our involvement will occur via email throughout the summer; member opinions requested
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

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