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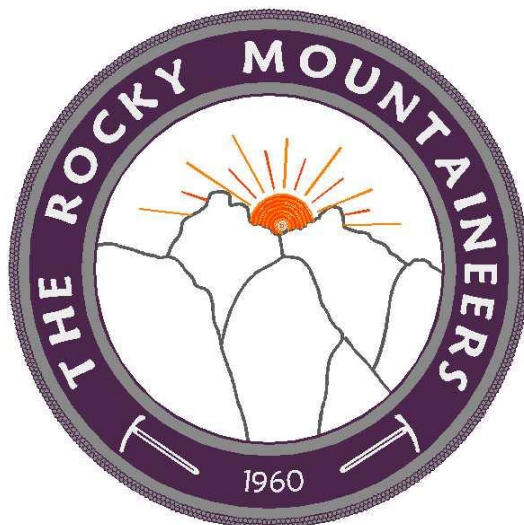
# THE MOUNTAIN EAR

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*The Monthly Newsletter of The Rocky Mountaineers*





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**Responsible Outdoor Adventure.**

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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

## **Monthly Meetings and Presentations**

### **Swan Valley Place Names**

**Wednesday, November 12**

*Steve Lamar* will give a talk about Swan Valley place names. Steve has written his first book, *Swan Valley Place Names, a Mosaic of History, Stories and Local Lore*. For our meeting he will focus on the origins of names of mountains and other wild features like “The Angel’s Bathing Pool”. He will also show how he used our archives and archives of an older group called “The Montana Mountaineers” for background material.

This and all monthly meetings are held at **Pipestone Mountaineering**. The business portion of the meeting starts downstairs at 6:00 PM, and all interested are encouraged to attend. At 7:00 PM we move upstairs for the Feature Presentation. Hope to see you there!

### **Future Presentations:**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**- *Dudley Improta or Steve Karkanen*. Dedicated to Avalanche Safety and Awareness, and hopefully will coincide with an Avalanche Training clinic.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** – *Nancy Shrader* will show slides of her recent trip to Madagascar. She spent a little time in a rainforest but spent most of it doing three hikes in Parks in the rugged, rocky interior.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>**- *Stephen Porcella* will talk about his new, updated guide book to the California 14’ners, with new routes and photos. He will also have shots of climbs in Lost Horse Canyon, and will talk about the sad fact that they are quarrying rock in what should be a prime recreation area.

## **President’s Message**

After three weeks of classes and an intense weekend up at Lubrecht Experimental Forest, I’m proud to announce that I completed the Wilderness First Responder course put on by Aerie Backcountry Medicine. This course was taught by several very qualified individuals who were engaging, funny, and experienced in the field. I would encourage anyone to take this course. I learned so much about what to do (and not do) in a crisis medical situation. Who knows, this knowledge could save a life one day. If you’re interested in the courses Aerie offers, check out their website:

[www.aeriemed.com](http://www.aeriemed.com)

By the look of this month’s trip line up, it looks as though my last President’s Message had the opposite affect I was hoping for. I was hoping folks would be coming out of the woodwork to lead trips! All of you prospective trip leaders must be preoccupied with the current Presidential campaign. Well, there won’t be an excuse after November 4<sup>th</sup>! Remember, anyone and everyone can lead a trip!

*Joshua Phillips*

# 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 8 – CHA-PAA-QN (SQUAW) PEAK (Nine Mile/Reservation Divide)**

*Rating:* Class 1-2; *Distance:* 5- 8 miles; *Elevation:* 1836'-2296'

*Description:* Plan is to meet at Barnes and Noble parking lot on Reserve St. at 8am (or contact the leader).

Will drive out to Nine Mile area and hike either the 3.5-4.0 mile Reservation Divide Trail or the 2.2-2.6 mile Sleeping Woman Trail to the summit. This is always a great fall hike!

*Leader:* Chris Dunn – [hammaneater@gmail.com](mailto:hammaneater@gmail.com)

## **Saturday, November 15 - CHAFFIN CREEK (Bitterroots)**

*Rating:* Class 1-2; *Distance:* 14 miles; *Elevation:* ~2500'

*Description:* This is one of the few drainages that I have yet to explore in the Bitterroots. I'm looking to hike up to the back of the drainage and check it out. There might be some scrambling around, but nothing too serious. Interest will dictate the particular activities. Ski? Climb? ...or just a hike in to look around. Call or email me if you're interested. Mileage will probably be around 14 miles.

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

## **Saturday, November 29– MT. CALOWAHCAN (Mission Mountains) *CLASSIC SERIES TRIP***

*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.

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## TRIP REPORTS

### October 12 – Petty Mountain

After a wet week the weather cleared for the weekend. It was overcast when we set out but got clearer as the day progressed. We didn't have any trouble driving up to the trailhead, but, once we got into thicker trees beyond the first saddle we were on snow most of the rest of the way, with a couple of inches on top. But the snow was nice and soft and surprisingly not slippery. Most people did not bother to put on gaiters, and it looked like no one used traction cleats. The sun was out and we had great views of mountains in all directions. It had even cleared enough to see the L and M above Missoula, and, if there hadn't been smog, we probably could have seen a lot of Missoula. The larch were starting to turn, and there were a lot of other fall colors, as advertised. The participants were: Lewis Kogan, Cheryl Beyer, Jim Goss, Christina Van Roekel, Chris Dunn, Thomas Tonev and Steve Schombel, leader. *Steve Schombel*

### **Rocky Mountaineers Merchandise**

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)
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*Cover Photo: Idaho's highpoint- Borah Peak in the Lost River Range. Joshua Phillips photo.*

## Meeting Minutes Of The Rocky Mountaineers      8 Oct. 2008

1. Call To Order 6:20PM
2. Record Attendance: David Wright, Steve Niday, Julie Kahl, Forest Dean, Alden Wright, Lewis Kogan, Jared Trilling. Matt Morgan, Melissa Odom
3. Minutes from 10 Sept. 2008 Accepted
4. Correspondence -None
5. Treasurer's Report
  - Saving \$54.45, Check Book 448.43.
  - \$175 went to Spectral Fusion to update GRM 2 website, we should get this back
  - Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club -shouldn't memberships be precipice? Steve N. Will look into it
6. Old Business
  - Updates GRM 2, and Avalanche stuff for Dec.
    - Joshua Not here, Lewis updated us, route all picked, but transition points need some work yet
    - REI and Hammer Nutrition accepted sponsorship, approached Runwild      Missoula (former Blue Mt. Woman's run) for 501(c)3 stuff.
    - Courses on leadership and workshops should help us get a 501(c)3, Ask Sierra Club for a speaker on leadership
    - Do a class based on *Freedom Of The Hills*, -more discussion next time
  - Rocky Mountaineers Website redesign, trip blogs Update web site and take off paper newsletter and disclaimer -disclaimers useless go to a "consent to risk" form, revisit issue with Peter Dayton -more next time.
    - Alden thinks he's got someone to do it if we use his hosting service
    - More modern page with links to content
    - Alden will host at about \$12 a month for both TRM & Missoula Nordic Ski Club.
    - Ask in newsletter for someone to redesign?
    - Jared Trilling will ask his dad
    - Set up board of directors e-mail list? -Yes
  - Merchandizing -2009 calendars,
    - Still have t-shirts to sell, caps not right now
    - Lewis, they can set up a table in the UC and sell stuff -good idea
  - Future speakers Avalanche park,
    - Justin Singer can't come, but can send someone
    - Minot Maser can do a field trip on Dec. 13&14th
    - West Central Avalanche will come for Dec. meeting
7. New Business
  - Classic Series -next years list
    - Jan. & Feb. "hosting weekends" -good idea even if it's not part of the classic series, Julie will find out more
  - Bitterroot Summit Registers -not this time
  - Those who get awards should give a presentation at May meeting?
8. Adjourn Meeting 7:01 PM

## THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00 for electronic newsletter

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

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