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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

March Meeting & Presentation

Kayaking in Peru and China by Scott Doherty

Scott Doherty, the founder and director of World Class Kayak Academy, will be present to give a slideshow on his travels to Peru and China in the winter of 2008/09. The presentation will include commentary on the culture and geography of the regions visited, which include the headwaters of the Amazon, the world's deepest canyon, and the three great rivers of the Yunnan province; draining the Tibetan Plateau.

Come see the show at **Pipestone Mountaineering on Wednesday, March 11th at 7 PM**. It is free and open to all. The Rocky Mountaineers Business Meeting preceeds this at 6 PM. We invite anyone interested to attend this as well.

Next Month:

Mario Locatelli is coming to the Rocky Mountaineers meeting on April 8th! Mario has recently written a book titled "The Mountain Goat Chronicles", and it is a great story about his life full of outdoor adventures. He will talk about his book, of course, and will have slides from all parts of the Bitterroots, and about his hikes for charity, and he will certainly have great wildlife shots and talk about his climb of Denali. There was a brief period when Mario could claim to be the oldest person who ever summited Denali. And he has had lots more adventures, so feel free to ask questions. The meeting will be at Pipestone on Wednesday, April 8th at 7 PM, and is free and open to all.

As a personal favor from his friends, Mario has asked that those of you who want to purchase a copy of his book do so from Pipestone or the Trailhead. If you buy from a regular bookstore all of the money goes to the publisher and none to him.

President's Message/Grizzly Man Adventure Race Update

Well, it looks as though the shoulder season is upon us. Warmer weather brings lots of opportunity to potential trip leaders...spring skiing, mountain biking, rock climbing, hiking, boating, cycling. Now is the time to start planning on leading your first Rocky Mountaineers trip.

At the time of this writing, there are 81 people signed up for the GrizzlyMan Adventure Race and Black Bear Challenge. This is really exciting...and really scary too! I am hoping for as many Rocky Mountaineers members as possible to be there on race day. Not only to volunteer, but to cheer on these racers. Emily Garlough has been doing a great job of rallying folks to volunteer. Here is an excerpt from her latest email to potential volunteers.

With race day (**APRIL 18th!**) quickly approaching it's time for us to touch base and get organized! All race volunteers will receive GrizzlyMan Adventure Race synthetic t-shirts, be eligible to win prizes donated by local businesses, a free post-race spaghetti dinner at Lubrecht (and beer to those of age) and the satisfaction of helping The Rocky Mountaineers pull off a great event!

We're going to need lots of hands on **Friday April 17th, the afternoon before** the race as well as on race day. (We understand that many of you work until 5pm on Friday but we'll be desperate for volunteers so if you can make it please let me know!) Listed below are all of the various volunteer posts for each day - please email me back with your post preference. Spots will be filled on a first come first served basis. I've broken it down into 4 hour shifts, **but if you can stay for more than one shift please**

let me know! You are free to sign up for more than 1 shift! You won't want to miss the free dinner, prizes, and post race party!

Contact Emily if you'd like to be a part of The Rocky Mountaineers' GrizzlyMan Adventure Race and Black Bear Challenge! egarlough@gmail.com

Joshua Phillips

2009 – The Rocky Mountaineers – CLASSIC SERIES

<i>Month</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Leader(s)</i>
March	LONESOME BACHELOR	Ski/Climb	Joshua Phillips
April	TRAPPER PEAK	Ski/Snowshoe	Alden Wright/David Wright
May	GRAY WOLF PEAK	Snow climb	Forest Dean
June	CANYON PEAK	Climb	Forest Dean
July	GREAT NORTHERN MTN	Scramble	Forest Dean
August	GLACIER CLASSIC (Rising Sun)	Various	Forest Dean/Steve Niday
September	HOLLAND PEAK	Scramble	
October	MCDONALD PEAK	Scramble	
November	LOLO PEAK	Scramble/Snowshoe	
December	WARD MOUNTAIN	Ski/Snowshoe	Joshua Phillips



The Lonesome Bachelor (left) and El Capitan (right). F. Dean photo.

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, March 14 – LOLO PEAK (Bitterroots)

Rating: Class 2, *Distance:* 19.3 miles, *Elevation Gain:* 5525 ft

Description: We will meet early in town. We will take the Mill Creek trail to connect with the standard East Ridge route. I plan on snowshoeing at a brisk pace, but skis are certainly welcome. I don't actually expect to summit given the distance, but I think the attempt will be interesting enough.

Special Equipment: Snowshoes or skis.

Leader: Chris Dunn – email: hammaneater@gmail.com

Sunday, March 15 – MOUNT JUMBO (Missoula)

Description: It is a Missoula tradition among a few to hike up Mt. Jumbo the first day it is open. This year opening day falls on a Sunday. We'll probably do an afternoon walk and may see some early spring flowers. If there is snow and ice above the "L" we can take the longer and gentler trail that winds up the south side. There is about 1500' of elevation gain but it is hard to guess how many miles those switchbacks cover.

Leader: Steve Schombel - 721-4686

Sat-Sun, March 28-29 – LONESOME BACHELOR (Bitterroots) –CLASSIC SERIES TRIP

Rating: Moderate backcountry skiing and 5th class climbing *Elevation Gain:* approx. 5000'

Description: Lonesome Bachelor is a somewhat neglected orphan as it stands next to El Capitan (the second tallest peak in the Bitterroots). Depending on interest, I would be willing to make this an overnigher. The weather and snow conditions/stability will dictate the approach- either Tin Cup Creek or Little Rock Creek.

Email or call me if you're interested.

Special Equipment: Skis/skins or splitboard/skins, beacon, shovel, probe, harness

Leader: Joshua Phillips-H: 543-0898, email: mtsurveyor@gmail.com

Sunday, April 26 – COLUMBIA MOUNTAIN/TUNE UP/SNOW SCHOOL (Swan Range)

Note: Trip is co-listed with Glacier Mountaineering Society and thus uses their format below:

For aspiring mountaineers and all climbers in good condition

Coordinator: Jim Cossitt (sign-up by email) Limit: 14 Rating: II(2)ML-I General area: Swan Range

What to expect: A demanding trail hike, snow climb and early season conditioner to a summit overlooking the Flathead and Hungry Horse. Snow on the upper mountain will provide an opportunity to practice with ice axe and crampons. EXPECT: 4,200 feet vertical gain; 10 miles R/T distance; a full day at a moderate, sustained pace. NOTE: Ice axe required. Dogs are welcome. Sign-up date is Sunday, April 19.

Fri-Sun, May 1-3 – GUNSIGHT MTN / EDWARDS MTN (Glacier National Park)

Rating: Class 3, *Distance:* 18 miles, *Elevation Gain:* 7700 ft

Description: This will be a 3 day trip to attempt a two-fer of Gunsight Mountain and Edwards Mountain in Glacier National Park. Trip would involve hiking and skiing up the Gunsight Pass Trail to the Sperry Glacier area on a Friday, then attempting these two peaks on Saturday and Sunday and then heading out. Both are 9000'+ peaks. Conditions and temperatures will dictate some of the gear needed, but we would likely be treating this as a winter camping and climbing trip. Hike, ski, snowshoe in on Friday afternoon, try to climb both peaks on Saturday, return to car on Sunday.

Special Equipment: Ski's or snowshoes; ice axe; crampons (possibly); winter camp gear.

Leader: Forest Dean - 240-7612 or mtnear1@gmail.com

Saturday, May 16 – GREAT NORTHERN MOUNTAIN (Flathead Range)

Note: Trip is co-listed with Glacier Mountaineering Society and thus uses their format below:

For aspiring mountaineers and all climbers in good condition

Coordinator: Jim Cossitt (sign-up by email) Limit: 12 Rating: _____ General area: Flathead Range
Great Northern is 8720 foot (2,658 meter) peak in the Flathead Range overlooking the South & Middle Forks of the Flathead River. It is a strenuous, non-technical 7-8 mile round trip climb that gains about 4,600 feet. The route is accessed from the East Side Road of Hungry Horse Reservoir. The trail climbs steeply through the forest to a long ridge ascent of the summit; it is a fantastic ridgewalk !

Sunday, May 31 – HOLLAND PEAK (Swan Range)

Note: Trip is co-listed with Glacier Mountaineering Society and thus uses their format below:

-For intermediate climbers comfortable on steep snow.

Coordinator: Jim Cossitt (sign-up by email) Limit: 8 Rating: III(4)LL-I General area: Swan Range

What to expect: A VERY challenging spring climb. Follow route to Upper Rumble Lake, gain the summit ridgeline and ascend the peak. The climb will entail ascending and descending steep snow with exposure.

Belays and rappels may be utilized. Be prepared for cold conditions. EXPECT: 5,000 + feet vertical gain; 12 + miles R/T distance; a long day at a moderate pace. NOTE: Harness, crampons, carabiners, ice axe and helmet required. BELAY DEVICE OPTIONAL

Sunday, June 21 – WARRIOR MOUNTAIN (Swan Range)

Note: Trip is co-listed with Glacier Mountaineering Society and thus uses their format below:

-For all mountaineers & HIKERS

Coordinator: Jim Cossitt (sign-up by email) Limit: 20 Rating: II(2)MS-I General area: Swan Range

What to expect: A summer solstice warm-up. Starting at 6,400 FEET AT Napa Point in the Goat Creek State Forest, hike the Alpine Trail to Inspiration Point and ascend Warrior. Snow travel is likely on this non-technical outing. EXPECT: 4,669 feet VERTICAL UP AND DOWN; 10 miles R/T distance; a full day at a moderate pace. NOTE: Ice axe required. Dogs are welcome.

TRIP FORUM

Freezeout Lake for waterfowl migration.

March 28-29. This is in the Augusta area of the Front Range and is a series of connected lakes that are visited by lots of snow geese, ducks, some swans and possibly trumpeter swans. A heron rookery is in the area also. The migration varies from year to year but photo/video opportunities abound from parking lots and some walk-to sites. Participants provide own lodging and transportation but can make group plans if wanted. It could be cold and windy. Julie Kahl -543-6508 - jawkal@hotmail.com



Snow Geese at Freezeout Lake

Snow Geese over Freezeout Lake

Memorial Weekend Road Trip? -I have a 4 day weekend coming up. May 22nd-25th. This is Memorial day weekend and I'd like to plan some sort of trip. I would be up for anything. A climbing trip, a skiing trip, any ideas? Tetons? Rainier? Massacre Rock? City of Rocks? Call me or email me if you'd like to suggest something. Joshua Phillips-mtsurveyor@gmail.com

McDonald Peak Traverse- We are thinking about doing this the first part of July. Not sure if we would go west to east or vice versa. Ideally we would find someone to drive us to the trailhead on the east side then go east to west coming out in the Ashley Creek drainage. Would be an overnigher. Idea would be to go light and fast, probably camping quite high. Will need crampons and an ice axe and the knowledge of self arrest. If interested contact Forest Dean – mtnear1@gmail.com or Chris Dunn – hammaneater@gmail.com

North Fork Of The Blackfoot - Bob Marshall Complex backpack July 3-6. Camp at the trailhead Fri. the 3rd. Hike 4th and set up a camp. Checkout the area on the 5th, return the 6th. There is also the possibility of doing loop trails that cover more ground. The trail will be about 7 1/2 miles long but with an elevation gain of like 400 ft. A water fall on the North Fork of the Blackfoot River is near by, as is a ranger station, but we will camp a short ways away from both. Appropriate grizzly bear precautions expected from participants. Julie Kahl -543-6508 - jawkal@hotmail.com

Wishtrip List, from Julie Kahl....

*Sometime before the ski season is over do the inaugural run of the Lolo Pass to Bobcat Creek trail, hope to ski it. Julie Kahl 543-6508 jawkal@hotmail.com

*Hyalite Peak, south of Bozeman would be a long day hike. Julie Kahl 543-6508 jawkal@hotmail.com

*End of August Glacier Classic -Florence Falls, Gunsight Lake Trail in the upper St. Mary's River drainage. Julie Kahl 543-6508 jawkal@hotmail.com

Bob Marshall backpack: It would be fun to take a long backpack into the Bob. One destination would be the Flathead Alps, deep in the southern half. It looks to be about 18-20 miles from Benchmark to Camp Creek Pass. From there it would be a short scramble to Junction Mountain, highest in this small group at 8695'. Just east of the pass are the slightly higher Twin Peaks, but, are they part of the Flathead Alps? We could return on a loop trail down to the South Fork of the Sun River, and maybe even take a side trip to the Chinese Wall. I'm not sure how I'll allot my vacation time this summer, but if this interests anyone I could get more serious. Late July or early August would be suggested times. stephenschombel@yahoo.com.

TRIP REPORTS

January 31- Garnet Ghost Town

On Saturday, January 31 I led a trip up to Garnet Ghost Town. We met bright and early in the morning and made our way to the Beartown trailhead for a southerly approach. The drive was an adventure in itself through the narrow, winding, icy drainage. Linda D., Linda P, and Mary D. all drove up with me and we met John S. at the trailhead. The snow conditions were pretty good and the weather was perfect. We took the longer, easier approach and John and Linda D. made it all the way with me. It was nice to make it to the town and sit inside next to the stove for a lunch. We took our time checking out the town where the snow was very deep. The trip down was quite a bit steeper and icier. Linda was skiing and wished she could have gone down the other way where the powder was excellent. We made it back to the vehicles very quickly. It was about an 8.5 mile day and a lot of fun. *Chris Dunn*

Feb. 6-8 – TRM Cabin- Little St. Joseph Peak (Bitterroots)

I had planned a 3 day trip (Feb 6 - 8) to the Little St. Joe cabin but no one called... On Friday afternoon a friend called and said he and a few others were also hoping to go up there just for the weekend so I ended up joining them. We had beautiful weather the whole weekend and were able to find some reasonably good powder, especially on more northerly aspects. There were 6 of us in the cabin on Sat night and as usual it was a fun time. On Sunday we all did a few runs before heading back to the valley. *Paul Jensen*

February 7- Lubrecht Forest- Moonlight Ski

The weather was perfect for this night-time ski. It was warm for a February evening, no wind, and a bright, cloudless night. But the snow was not good, hard and icy. Everyone slipped around a lot, and several fell a few times. But all seemed to agree that the beautiful evening made up for the poor skiing. While we were munching around the shelter hut Chris pointed out some constellations. As it grew darker more and more stars came out. There were eight attendees, some you know: Chris D., Brett D., Steve S., John W., the Freemans, Ann and Terry. It was very nice, for a change, to have a clear night on an almost full moon day. *Steve Schombel*

February 15 – Stuart Peak (Rattlesnake)

At only some 7900' ft, this summit offers a great view and demands a fair amount of effort to get to, especially in the winter. So why not cut the travel time by trying a shortcut to TR#517 ? (the traditional Stuart Peak trail.) The idea is to use TR#34, which springs from the tiny trailhead off Grant Creek Rd. A series of switchbacks gets you up on the ridgeline in fairly short order. Once there, a wooden junction sign (see photo) points to a nearby merging with TR#517. So on Sunday John Schwartz and Chris Dunn tried this out. Here's some free advice: this shortcut probably works better without snow. TR#34 continues promisingly and then splits in two. Both were soon illegible. But so what ? why not just follow the spine of the ridge ? Chris and John applied this method and revealed a steep incline that was not well represented on the forest service map. Lewis & Clark style vectoring did eventually cough up TR#517, though at the expense of daylight and energy really intended for the long haul to Stuart Peak. Just the same, we did manage to get up to the top. Powder was decent and snowpack seemed stable, although it was snowing again on the way back down to Missoula. Beer and Cheeseburgers were deployed immediately. Then I went home and drank more beer and that's where I wrote this trip report. Thanks for reading. *John Schwartz*



Trail junction sign on the way to Stuart Peak. J. Schwartz photo.



Looking north toward McLeod Peak from Stuart Peak summit. J. Schwartz photo.

February 15th – Grey Wolf- South Couloir Backcountry Ski (Mission Mountains)

JC Schneider, Brian Martens, and I went into the Missions on Sunday for a one day trip. (No overnight trip this time. I thought I had better spend Valentine's Day (Saturday) with my wife.) We found excellent powder conditions and got fresh tracks on this coveted line. The snow was stable except for a few sloughs on the very steepest terrain. The weather was great too. Very little wind at all and we had sun shining on us for most of the day. Check out a short video I made of the trip at the following link. You'll laugh at how we got shut down in waist deep snow on the attempted boot pack. We had to put the skis back on and use the whole couloir to switchback up a bit higher. Then we were able to finish the climb with a boot pack.
<http://www.vimeo.com/3393902> Joshua Phillips



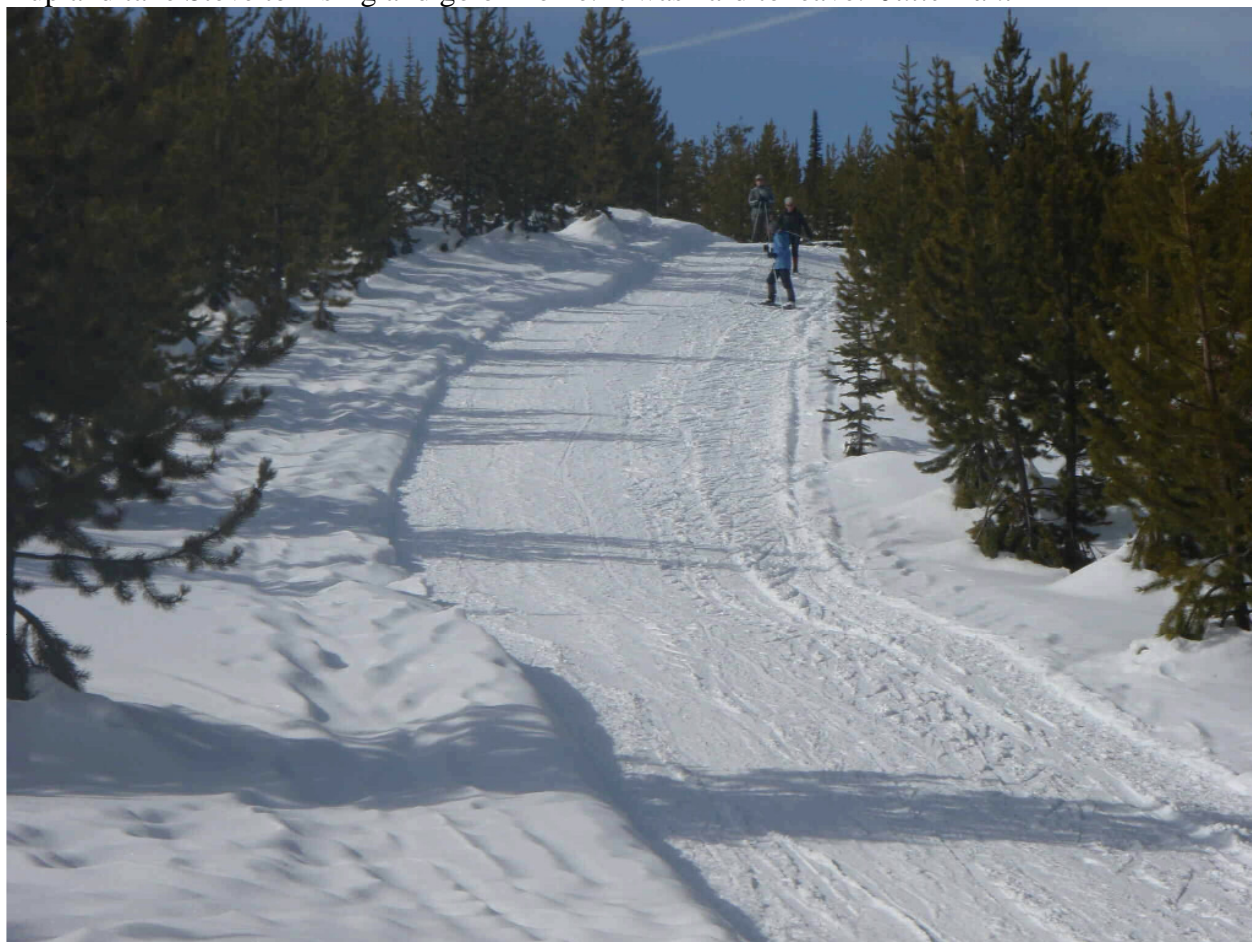
The South Couloir on Grey Wolf. J. Phillips photo.



Skiing down the couloir. J. Phillips photo.

Feb. 21-22 – Chief Joseph Pass (Bitterroots) – CLASSIC SERIES TRIP

The over night trip to stay in the Gorden Reese Cabin at the Chief Joseph cross-country ski area on Sun. Feb. 22 climaxed a weekend of skiing in the area. Lois Crepeau and Eillen and Fred Schwanemann came up Sat. morning and skied the Gold Medal Loop before Steve Schombel and us -David & Julie Kahl arrived around 1:PM. We skied around the Sentinel Meadow trails then went to our's and Steve's cabin (separate cabins) at the Sula Store to get ready for a 5:PM reservation at the Broad Axe restaurant. On the way up Ross' Hole we stopped to photograph deer and big horn sheep on the hillsides. We could see more sheep up a slope from the restaurant windows. After dinner Lois and Eileen & Fred went back to Missoula and Steve, Julie & David stayed overnight at the Sula Store cabins. We made contact about 9:30AM on Sun. and loaded one of our grandkid-sleds with two milk crates and bunggied most of our stuff on including my skis. Steve and David skied in, David pulling the sled, the ½ mile to the cabin. I walked behind the sled to watch for stuff falling off, and help brake the sled in the brief "downhill" sections. Our duties as Hut Hosts started at 1:PM and by the time we got settled there wasn't enough time to ski Banshee before that so I stayed in the hut to host and Steve and David skied the Vista View loop. It wasn't a busy day, there was maybe 5 parties either in or outside the cabin at one time. Then Steve stayed in the hut while David and I skied Banshee. Like many comments I heard from other skiers, we found the single set ski track down the center of the trail disconcerting, it took some of the exhilaration out of the bonsai run. It clouded up around dinnertime, and we played cards and read to pass the evening, Steve and David retired around 11:PM. I stayed up until about midnight and after the lights were turned off I went out on the deck to view the expansive star-scape. It had cleared up late in the evening, but too late for a moonlight ski (with no moon). It was snowing by morning, a light dusting at the cabin, about 1 inch at the parking lot and cleared off by mid morning. We took our stuff out to the vehicles and then left our pick-up down Hwy. 43 where we thought the emergency trail comes out. Then we skied down the Middle Fork trail down to the emergency trail which came out on the Hwy. not by a pull out. We had to walk down the road to our pick-up and take Steve to his rig and go on home. It was hard to leave. *Julie Kahl*



Eileen Schwanemann, Fred Schwanemann & Lois Crepeau coming down Herringbone Hill

February 22nd – Downing Mountain Backcountry Ski (Bitterroots)

There ended up being 5 of us on this trip. Matt Henderson, Brian Story, Eric Mullen, Ben and I were able to drive to the Blodgett Overlook Trail Head. After getting my Subaru unstuck, Brian, Matt and I headed up the trail. The Pipestone Mountaineering Pit Crew of Eric and Ben had to change Eric's flat tire before heading up to meet us. After an easy skin up the trail we headed south, up the boulder field (pillow field) to gain the basin below the northeast face of Downing. The skin trail was difficult to put in with the rotten, sugary snow. We gained the north ridge and were able to come very near the summit. However, we were more interested in the skiing than the summit, so we dropped off the cornice guarding the face and made a steep run down past Eric and Ben who were hot on our heels. Eric and Ben skied down as the three of us followed for a second lap. We all skied back to the cars together and enjoyed the warmth of the day. See a movie of this trip at the following link.

<http://www.vimeo.com/3464524> *Joshua Phillips*



Joshua jumps off the cornice.

Februaryth – Point 7830' (Sheafman Point aka Nipple Knob) Backcountry Ski (Bitterroots)

Several people called to go out on this powder day. Friday saw quite a bit of heavy wet snow fall. Bob Bartel, Greg Cohn, Minot Maser, and I headed up from the gate on Cow Creek Road. We skinned....well, all but Minot....up into the fresh snow. Minot was still asleep when I went to get him and thus, forgot his skins. His day was salvaged by Bob, who brought a complete assortment of wax. Minot was able to wax his skis and ended up doing quite well. Greg, Minot, and I made the summit in a little over 3 hours. We spent time eating and relaxing in the sun as Minot scraped the bubble gum off the bottom of his skis. The descent was nice. The new snow offered a great medium for making turns. Minot and I scored a few more turns down in the gully where the sun had not spoiled the powder. We joined back up with Bob and Greg and all made our way down to the road that led us effortlessly back to the car. I wonder if that was the last bit of powder that we'll get to ski this year. Hopefully not! *Joshua Phillips*



***Moonset over Mill Point in the Bitterroots.
J. Phillips photo.***

Cover Photo: Joshua Phillips ascending to Mill Point. Greg Cohn photo.

Rocky Mountaineers Merchandise

Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$13.00 (\$17.00 non-members)
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Meeting Minutes of The Rocky Mountaineers February 11, 2009

1. Call To Order 6:23
 2. Record Attendance: Joshua Phillips, David Wright, Steve Niday, Julie Kahl, Forest Dean, Chris Dunn, Tom Hanou, Greg Cohen
 3. Minutes from 14 Jan. 2009 -accepted
 4. Correspondence None
 5. Treasurer's Report \$247.86 -checking, \$43.45 Savings, GMAR owes us, we will get a check monthly in GMAR account.
 6. Club Business
- A. Old - Updates

***GMAR**

53 registrations, Pre. Reg -\$100.00 GMAR, \$70.00 Black Bear Race/per person until end of Feb.

Need volunteers -answer Emily Garlough's e-mail

***May Meeting.**

Suggestions: Rattlesnake, Kiwanas, Fort Missoula, get Steve S. to follow up, no speaker

***Rocky Mountaineers Website redesign-** It's awesome, forums up, start using it

***Membership Renewals-** change to a specific month for everyone

April 1st date?,

Prorate for new joinees on ½ year basis.

Steve N. will work out

***Discontinuation of paper newsletters**

Everyone should be switched by May.

***Set up date(s) for trip planning meeting**

***Use forums**

***2009 calendars -brought a prototype, tried an 11x17 format but no appropriate paper available -will keep**

Contest for photos

Stay with 8 X 11

*Merchandising -we still have shirts

*Future speakers Ok for now

*Following tabled:

How to celebrate next years 50th Ann.

Party? Reunion? Special calendar?

B. New

*Bitterroot Summit Registers

*Glacier Classic

7. Adjourn Meeting 7: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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