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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 & Presentation**

### **The Montana Mountain Goat—Mario Locatelli**

There will be a special slide show at the Rocky Mountaineer's meeting on **Wednesday, April 8th**. Mario Locatelli, also known as "The Montana Mountain Goat", will talk about some of his life adventures in his new book, *The Mountain Goat Chronicles*. He will show slides mainly of the Bitterroot Range, and his adventures in the range between Lolo and Nez Perce Pass and his successful attempt to hike every ridgeline in between. He visited many peaks and lakes. He also organized some endurance hike-a-thons, and had encounters with a lot of wildlife, including mountain goats, his namesake animal. He also has done western high points, and some famous mountains around the world. He promised to bring some more books for those who are interested. The meeting will be at **Pipestone Mountaineering and will start at 7 PM**. It will be free and open to all. As always the presentation will be preceded by The Rocky Mountaineers business meeting at 6:00 PM. Please feel free to attend this as well!



### **Special announcement – We're having our May meeting in Bonner Park!**

Mark your calendars. Instead of having the usual monthly meeting in May we are going to enjoy the spring and hold the meeting outdoors on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at the pavilions in Bonner Park. We will discuss some business first, and then at 7 PM we will start the picnic. We will hold the annual election and then hand out achievement awards. Afterwards will be a good time to mingle and talk to friends about trips to take next summer.

Bring some food and beverages. We have an alcohol permit, but the rule for both food and beverages is no glass containers, and no alcohol other than beer or wine. Please follow the rules, bring cans or boxed wine, and haul out trash and make sure the area is clean before you leave. We have to pay a fee for the park, so a donation of a dollar or two will be appreciated. Any money in excess of \$40 will be put in the club's general fund for cabin maintenance and other expenses.

There will be no slide show or other program this evening. But next year the Rocky Mountaineers are going to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. If people enjoy this type of event it will help us plan the bigger party next year.

## ***President's Message/Grizzly Man Adventure Race Update***

Happy Spring everyone! Every year, Spring brings rain, higher rivers, flowers, as well as The Rocky Mountaineers Officer Elections. At the May meeting you will be able to nominate and vote on officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Our by-laws state that anyone that has been a member for a year is allowed to vote and hold office. Our current officers are all eligible to serve a second term, but nominations are still accepted. The current slate of officers is as follows:

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

If you'd like to become more involved, please join us at our business meeting that is held at 6:00pm in the basement of Pipestone Mountaineering right before the general meeting/presentation on the second Wednesday of each month (Sept. – May)

I'd like to express my gratitude to those of you that have committed to volunteering to lend a hand at The GrizzlyMan Race and Black Bear Challenge. Kyle and I went out to look at the course a couple of days ago and were pleased with how much snow has already melted off. This warmer weather will really get things in perfect shape for race day. Remember, April 18<sup>th</sup> is the big day! I hope to see you there!

Contact Emily Garlough if you'd like to volunteer for The Rocky Mountaineers' GrizzlyMan Adventure Race and Black Bear Challenge! [egarlough@gmail.com](mailto:egarlough@gmail.com)

*Joshua Phillips*

## **2009 – The Rocky Mountaineers – CLASSIC SERIES**

<b><i>Month</i></b>	<b><i>Destination</i></b>	<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Leader(s)</i></b>
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

*Cover Photo: The Northeast Couloir on Trapper Peak. Photo by F.Dean.*

# 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, April 25 - TRAPPER PEAK (Bitterroots) – CLASSIC SERIES TRIP**

*Rating:* Class 2-3 terrain, *Distance:* 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.

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

## **Sunday, April 26 - BASS CREEK DAY LOOP TRAIL (Bitterroots)**

*Description:* There are several trails in the Bass Creek area, and the ones in the foothills melt off and dry out sooner than the ones up the canyons. The main day loop is 7.5 miles and has an elevation difference of 600+ feet. There are shorter loops inside the main one. This is a good place to see spring flowers, and some rushing creeks.

*Leader:* Steve Schombel - 721-4686

## **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.

## **Sat-Mon, May 2-4 – 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 Saturday, then attempting these two peaks on Sunday/Monday 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.

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

*Leader:* Forest Dean - 240-7612 or [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto: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 !

### **Saturday, May 16 –GREY WOLF PEAK (Mission Mountains) *CLASSIC SERIES TRIP***

*Rating: Class 4-5, Distance: 8 miles, Elevation: ~4200'*

*Description:* Will hike up to Riddell Lakes and climb either the south snow couloir or hike up and over the small saddle into the Scenic Lakes basin and climb the long narrow snow couloir on the east side of the mountain to the notch between south and north summits. This is intended as a snow climb; certain changes to equipment will be dictated by conditions. Participants should have some experience with technical snow and rock climbing, as well as be in reasonably good condition.

*Special equipment:* Tribal recreation permit; ice ax, possibly ice tools, harness, crampons, helmet.

*Leader:* Forest Dean, 240-7612 or 721-6384, [fdean@midlandimplement.com](mailto:fdean@midlandimplement.com)

### **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

### **Saturday, June 6 – CANYON PEAK (Bitterroots) – *CLASSIC SERIES TRIP***

*Rating: Class 4, Distance: 13 miles, Elevation: 4300'*

*Description:* We will get an early start and hike the trail up to Canyon and Wyant Lakes. From there we will ascend to the saddle north of the peak before climbing the narrow North Ridge Route (class 4). I will bring a rope. The reviews are mixed on whether or not one is needed for the ascent, but I like to be prepared. And we will likely rappel on the descent. So, harnesses and helmets are required too. Additionally, we may need snowshoes and/or crampons for the approach. Game time decisions.

*Leader:* Forest Dean, 240-7612 or 721-6384, [fdean@midlandimplement.com](mailto:fdean@midlandimplement.com)

### **Sunday, June 7 – CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL TO GREEN MOUNTAIN**

*Description:* This trail starts at Rogers Pass and Green Mt. is the 1st high point north of the pass' summit mount. It is about 5 mi. one way. The trail climbs from the pass up to the ridge and at this time of year will go through several vegetation zones with earlier blooming flowers just starting above. Once on the summit ridge the walk is along the ridge to Green Mt. Those who just want to do the "wildflower walk" are welcome. It takes 2 hrs. to get to Rogers Pass east of Lincoln on Hwy. 200, there maybe snow on the ridge.

*Leader:* Julie Kahl - 543-6508

## **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**

**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](mailto: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 overnighiter. 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](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com) or Chris Dunn – [hammaneater@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jawkal@hotmail.com)

\*Hyalite Peak, south of Bozeman would be a long day hike. Julie Kahl 543-6508 [jawkal@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stephenschombel@yahoo.com).



## **TRIP REPORTS**

### **March 14 – Lolo Peak (Bitterroots)**

I met John S. and Shawn B. at 5:30 in the morning. The plan was to do as much as we could of what I thought was a climb of 5525 ft in 19.3 miles (which actually turned out to be 20.8) starting at the Mill Creek Trailhead and using Mill Creek Trail to connect with the East Ridge Route. Given the length I had no intentions of actually summiting. We arrived at the trailhead at 6 and started in the light of a nearly full moon which sat just over the mountains. There were some navigational difficulties which required some exploration in the near dark. After some delays we were able to get going on the trail. The travel was much quicker than I anticipated and I began to have some hope of summiting. As we neared the East Ridge Route the snow became deep, thick, and powdery. The trek to the top of Carlton Ridge was excruciating and I decided that the ridge was a good place for lunch and to turn around. After a cold, windy lunch Shawn urged us to head to the vista on top of Carlton Ridge. Shawn was ready to head up what we thought was the North Peak of Lolo, but my fingers were frozen and I hesitated. In the end the lure was irresistible. The sun was shining and I had forgotten my sunglasses. John agreed to lend me his and Shawn and I pushed on while John chilled out in the cove of some rocks. In a remarkably short time we made the top. I was feeling good so I pushed on to what I thought was the true summit of Lolo. After a hard, icy, steep push I made it to the top. Upon reflection I suspect, though I'm not sure, that I actually only summited the north peak and I don't know what the point we thought the north peak was, but it was almost as high. The clouds started to coalesce so we hurried back. Just below the summit I nearly lost my last water supplies when my nalgene got loose and shot down perhaps 400 or 500 ft. Luckily I was able to retrieve it on the way down. We met John and hurried back to the vehicles. *Chris Dunn*

### **March 15- Mount Jumbo**

The weather wasn't very good on March 15th, but I got one call from a man named Nathan, and we proceeded to take the relatively easy hike up to the top of Mount Jumbo and down on Sunday afternoon. There was a little nasty slippery snow in the swale above the "L", and we had to slow down and be careful for a little while. Otherwise, it was muddy, but not a bad springtime hike. Spring seems to be coming in late this year.. We saw some grass and some weeds just starting to green up, but otherwise no signs of flowers. We saw an unusual amount of deer and elk sign, and saw in the distance the junction of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork; with no sign that there was once a dam there. When we reached the top a strong and very cold wind started to blow, so we did not linger. It harried our steps all the way down, but lost its strength so once we reached the cars it again was a pleasant spring day. Yes, it did turn out to be a nice hike. All of my friends who were busy with their own things missed out on something special on the first day of 2009 that you could legally hike to the top of Mt. Jumbo! *Steve Schombel*

### **March 27-30 – Freezeout Lake ("Snowbound in Choteau")**

Weeks of planning had four parties, Lois Crepeau & Zona Lindemann, Steve & Kathy Schombel, Eillen & Fred Schwanemann and Julie & David Kahl booked into the Gunter Hotel in Choteau. When it appeared there wasn't more rooms Chris Dunn decided to camp and Barbara Ross opted out. Only for us to find that several of us had rooms that could sleep up to 8 people (Sorry Barbara). Most of us went over on Fri. March 27th, and except Julie & David the others went to the Freezeout Lake complex to view the birds and confirm that there was open water and migrating birds. Chris camped at the area Fri. night. In Choteau we had dinner in two separate parties at The Cabin Restaurant, and Lois, Zona, David & Julie played cards (Dirty 8's) in Lois' & Zona's room. The group had loose plans to meet around 10:AM the next morning, and we wandered to the area separately. The main lake was frozen as were most of the ponds except pond 5 with most of the snow geese and pond 1 with swans. Julie and Steve saw sandhill cranes in the area. Groups wandered between the two main ponds during the day, visiting with others from the group and with the numerous other visitors many with enviable photographic or video equipment. It got a little chilly and windy around noon, but other wise we all commented on how it was the nicest day we'd ever had at Freezeout.



We met for dinner at 6:30 at The Elk Country Grill, Steve had run into Chris and invited him to come stay in some of our extra space and after dinner he bunked in with David & Julie. His plans were to use his spring break to visit Great Falls, Fort Benton & Loma scoping out the Missouri for future river runs. Chris joined Lois, David & Julie in the evening card game.



We knew there was suppose to be some snow, but every one except Chris and David & Julie had plans to return to Missoula On Sun. David & Julie planned to go to Fort Benton. It started to snow Sat. night, by Sunday morning we faced an inch an hour snowfall, stiff winds and "emergency travel only" notices. Rumors that Hwy. 200 and Rogers pass were closed, and I-15 was treacherous. At this point the only minor annoying fact that Version cell phones didn't work in Choteau became a major issue as we need to contact people to let them know of changes of plans. Steve and Julie set out to find "the hill by the airport where sometimes there was reception" but never found the airport. Instead they went to the grocery store to get supplies and buy phone cards. There they ran into

Eileen & Fred who said they could use their phone card, and suggested we go for "dinner" at lunch time at The Cabin as it would be cheaper then. They went there from the store, Lois snowshoed, Zona skied and David & Julie walked from the motel (about 5 blocks). The waitress gave us free desserts and it turned out the Cabin closed at 4:PM on Sundays. But the County Sheriff in the restaurant did tell us that Rogers Pass was closed by a slid semi, and they may have had a car go off a cliff. They were expecting Hwy. 200 to close, as well as I-15.

Back at the motel Steve was in 7th heaven as he had a great excuse to sit around watching the Final 8 basketball games. We all used Eileen's phone card to make our contacts and then began the marathon card game, at Julie & David's, with Eileen joining Lois, Zona, David & Julie. Chris took a walk to the store and studied. The snow started to taper off by late afternoon and David went to Henry's Bar after pizza and the card game went on. Eileen & Zona dropped out but Chris & Steve joined in after the basketball games were over.

Monday morning it had stopped snowing, road reports said all of the roads were open and passable and there was news of the semi that had closed Hwy. 200 from Lincoln to Simms but nothing on a car that may have gone over a cliff. Every one started out. Chris continued on his adventure and Eileen and Fred left 1st to try Rogers Pass, they called from Lincoln to say the road was good. Lois & Zona took I-15 to Helena to have lunch with Lois' daughter, they had no problems. Julie & David in their Tacoma followed Steve & Kathy in their Prius to Lincoln to give assistance if necessary but the road from Fairfield to Simms was OK, the pass was wet but otherwise good though there were several stalled semis. Most were back in Missoula by late afternoon. *Julie Kahl*



## Rocky Mountaineers Merchandise

<b>Short Sleeve T-Shirt</b>	<b>\$13.00 (\$17.00 non-members)</b>
<b>Long Sleeve T-Shirt</b>	<b>\$18.50 (\$23.50 non-members)</b>
<b>Caps</b>	<b>\$18.00 (\$23.00 non-members)</b>
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## Meeting Minutes of The Rocky Mountaineers - 11 Mar. 2009

1. **Call To Order:** Around 6:20 PM
2. **Record Attendance:** Joshua Phillips, David Wright, Steve Niday, Julie Kahl, Alden Wright, Paul Jensen, Steve Schombel, Chris Dunn, Shawn Bennett, Scott Doherty
3. **Minutes** from 11 Feb. 2009: Approved
4. **Correspondence:** Lolo Pass races & Nature Link's Gear For Gharwal drive, make announcement and put link on website
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Savings \$43.50, checking \$300.93. GMAR owes us \$525.00, little money in Paypal
6. **Club Business**

### A. Old

- \***GMAR** - 87 registrants a few hours ago; Trail 103 radio running adds they donated; still need volunteers especially for white water
- \***May Meeting-** Wed. evening the weekend will be UM graduation and Mother's Day, Greenough Park -\$35 fee, \$200 deposit -Steve S. will cover. Need to get awards applications in to Steve N. -list on website. Give what? Certificates, pins, hardware? Steve N. will work out.
- \***Glacier Classic** - North Fork? Not much camping up that way. Rising Sun, St. Mary's, Cutbank & Avalanche the most likely available.
- \***Rocky Mountaineers Website redesign** - Alden asked for feedback but didn't get any. Put a public editable calendar on the site? *Yes*. Add wish trip forum? *Yes*, Give designer more money?
- \***Membership Renewals** - All members once a year, April 1<sup>st</sup> chosen because of memberships for voting in May. Won't pro-rate for ½ year -it's only \$10.
- \***Merchandising** -we still have shirts. Haven't sold much lately, put up a table at GMAR.
- \***How to celebrate next years 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary?**- Party? Reunion? Special calendar? Julie will do more research, What role did Montana Mountaineers play.
- \***2010 Calendars** - set up committee to pick from submitted photos

### B. New

- \***G4G requests-** discussed earlier
- \***Bitterroot Summit Registers** -tabled

7. **Adjourn** Meeting 6:58 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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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