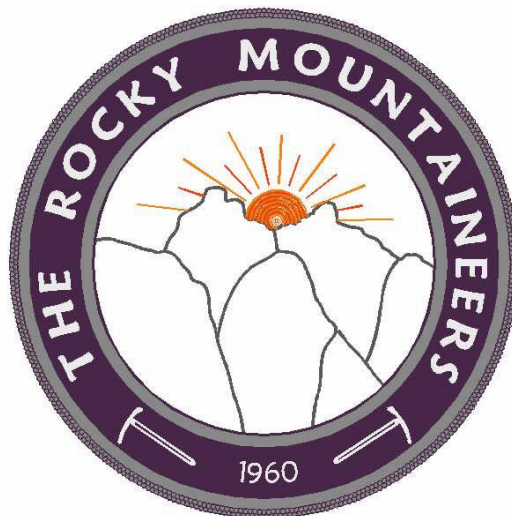


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THE MOUNTAIN EAR



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. Each meeting is followed by a featured presentation or speaker at 7:00 PM.

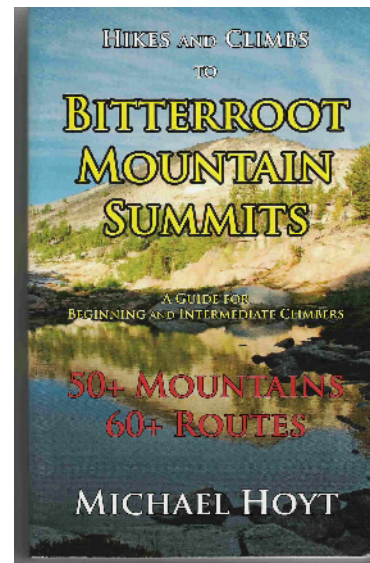
Activities:

- ☐ Hiking
- ☐ Backpacking
- ☐ Alpine Climbing & Scrambling
- ☐ Backcountry Skiing
- ☐ Winter Mountaineering
- ☐ Track Skiing
- ☐ Snowshoeing
- ☐ Mountain Biking
- ☐ Rock Climbing
- ☐ Canoeing & Kayaking
- ☐ Rafting
- ☐ Kids Trips

October Meeting

On Wednesday, October 13th, we will have a presentation by **Michael Hoyt** from Corvallis. Many of you may remember the excellent show he put on last winter about his multi year effort to reach all of the summits in the Bitterroot Range. He is still out there reaching new heights. At the fall meeting he is going to have shots of hikes and climbs he did this summer, 2010. He promises that his show will be new and different from his last one.

Michael is also the author of a recently published guidebook, "Hikes and Climbs to Bitterroot Mountain Summits." Many people had very good opinions about Michael Hoyt's Guide Book, Bitterroot Mountain Summits which came out earlier this year. Not only does it have a lot of great photos, but it also has copies of topo maps and elevation profiles from MyTopo, just like the most highly regarded guides from the past. And there is a ton of useful information highlighted in colored boxes. Just the first few pages alone have enough information to make purchasing this book a great investment for beginners and intermediate climbers. So, try to come to this show and see some new Bitterroot Places. There will probably be books available for purchase, and the author will gladly autograph one.



Monthly business meeting will begin at 6:00 PM, downstairs at The Trailhead. General meeting featuring the Presentation is also held downstairs and will start at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to both!

In November we will have a presentation by **Matt Gibson**, owner of the Missoula Independent and founder of Montana Headwall Magazine. He plans to share his vision for Headwall, and show members how they can be a part of Headwall by posting trip reports on line. If time allows he would like to lead a discussion about the reluctance of some outdoor adventurers to share information about their exploits. He'd like to get into the implications of such a beta sharing business.

Contributed by Steve Schombel.

News and Notes

2011 Rocky Mountaineers Calendar Photo Contest

- *Up load photos to The Rocky Mountaineers Picasa website. (see instructions below)
 - *Members only, three each, please include your name and location in the caption
 - *Doesn't have to be a TRM trip
 - *Prefer non-identifiable people (not main subject)
 - *Photos should pertain to our TRM motto: Hike, Climb, Bike, Ski or Paddle
 - *"up & down" (portrait) photos don't work
 - *jpg format
 - *Prefer photos from the past 12 months
- Then in November:
- *Vote -Members only, vote through comments section on the site
 - *Would like to have the calendars ready by Thanksgiving or Dec. meeting
 - *Too early to get a firm price but looks like \$12 again

Picasa instructions

- *Go to gmail.com (log out of personal account)
- *Enter gmail as montanamountaineers.com (user name)
- *"TRMcalendar" as password
- *Click 2011 Calendar album, use upload button and browser to select your photos
- *Use "edit" to add a short caption, location and name of photographer; add comments if you want
- *Any questions or problems e-mail Julie Kahl at jawkal@hotmail.com

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, October 9 – EL CAPITAN (Bitterroots)

Rating: Class 3-4 (short portion); *Distance:* 13 miles; *Elevation:* 5147ft

Description: A long day out attempting the Bitterroots second highest peak. 3-4 Class scrambling expected and possibly a snow couloir needing ice axes.

Special Equipment: Ice axe and crampons

Leader: Shawn Bennett, email: shawnedwardbennett@gmail.com OR add me on facebook

Saturday, October 23 – BOULDER PEAK (Bitterroots)

Rating: Class 3, *Distance:* 10+, *Elevation:* 4596ft

Description: A long day out attempting the Bitterroots fourth highest peak. 3rd Class scrambling expected.

Special Equipment: Ice axe

Leader: Shawn Bennett, email: shawnedwardbennett@gmail.com OR add me on facebook!

Sunday, October 24 – SEELEY LAKE HIKE

Description: There is a new trail on the west side of Seeley Lake in a no hunting zone that looks like a good destination for opening day weekend. From what I've seen the trail looks flat. We could go 4, 6 or more miles, depending on how people feel. The trail goes right by the world's largest larch. It would be just a short side trip into some of the campgrounds, where you can look across the water at the golden trees and mountains to the east; one of the best Larch viewing areas near Missoula, in my opinion. Hopefully there will be a lot of color left.

Leader: Steve Schombel- 721-4686

The Rocky Mountaineers- Business Meeting- Sept. 8, 2010

First meeting at new site at Trail Head

A. Called to order (6:15PM)

B. Attendance: Steve Niday, Shawn Bennett, Forest Dean, Steve Schombel, Julie Kahl, Richard Smith, Jared Sibbitt, Charles Tree, Joshua Phillips, Charlotte Dadabay

C. April meeting minutes accepted

D. Treasurer's Report:

1) Checkbook \$918.92,

2) We were still owed money for the Apgar Campground rental

a. Jerry Kogan paid \$75

b. Food donations still accepted

c. Tom Hanou should get reimbursed for food expenses

3) Still owed a GMAR donation

4) Think about maybe paying speakers (NO) or reimbursing gas money -no consensus

E. Old Business

1) Cabin Work Party & Potluck Oct. 2nd

2) GMAR- will do it again in 2011

a. Same location -Lubricht & PawsUp

b. Will need volunteers

c. No meetings yet

3) Speakers

a. Julie Kahl will keep doing promo

b. Only one month left open?

c. Bill Cunningham Not Committed yet

d. Avalanche stuff in Dec.

e. Suggestions Brian Kennedy -Glacier, Cavers, Aaron Teasdale, Doug Ammons

4) Calendars

a. Do we want to do them again -Yes

b. Julie Kahl will handle

c. Cost \$10 at Staples last year -sold for \$12

d. Is Picasa site from last year still up? Didn't know, Steve N. will talk to Joshua Phillips

e. Issues from last year: Only members can submit and vote, 3 per person, 1 person can have more than 1 photo in calendar, cover photo Cabin Work Party

5) Will do Glacier Classic again

6) Media

a. Website -Alden not here today

b. Do Facebook?

7) Separate trip person? no

8) Newsletter

a. Can Forest still get help? Yes

b. Forest needs to tell helpers what to do

F. Adjourn (7:03 PM)

Rocky Mountaineers Merchandise

Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$13.00 (\$17.00 non-members)
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$18.50 (\$23.50 non-members)
Caps	\$18.00 (\$23.00 non-members)
Fleece Beanie's	\$16.00 (\$20.00 non-members)
Stickers	\$ 1.50
Newsletter Archive CD	\$20.00

All of the Mountain Ear newsletters since 1960 on one CD!!



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.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00 for electronic newsletter

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

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

The Rocky Mountaineers, PO Box 4262, Missoula, MT 59806

Name: _____

Additional Family Members Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone (optional): _____

Email: _____

Additional Email (optional): _____

Joining or maintaining your Rocky Mountaineers membership has never been easier!

PayPal is now available on the Rocky Mountaineers website. Click on the membership link on the main page.