

THE MOUNTAIN EAR- August, 2017

President's Message

August already! The summer is flying by like it always does. Hopefully you were able to enjoy the two weeks that it lasted! A rainy, cool spring always seems to give way to a few great weeks here in Missoula; but then, BAM, suddenly our skies are choked with smoke. I know, I know, this doesn't happen every year. It just seems that way right now. In another 6 weeks we will likely have it all in the rear view and will be looking forward to those first signs of winter.

In the meantime, adapt and diversify! I just returned from a great Club trip in Glacier. We easily had 50 mile views- no smoke or even haze on Saturday. Often your choice destination doesn't work out due to weather or conditions. Don't despair! We are incredibly lucky to live where we do. Smoke in the Rattlesnake? Head for Idaho. Raining in the Cascades? Give the Tetons a try. Some of my favorite trips have been spur-of-the-moment changes to long planned destinations. There is always another mountain somewhere calling your name!

Hopefully you've had a chance to get on our website (www.rockymountaineers.com) by now and check out our Club Event Calendar. We have already had some great trips this summer and many more to come. Additionally, we have started to add some educational events. We will soon be scheduling our monthly presentations so keep checking and stay tuned!

A bunch of you have got out and joined us on a Club trip or two this summer. It has been great to see some new faces. We've also seen some old faces that had disappeared for a while. If you haven't been on a trip yet, I would really like to encourage you to consider doing so! My goal is to see this club grow and prosper. Membership numbers are an important part of that, but even more critical are participation numbers. And please let us know what else you'd like to see in this club. We are a small enterprise and more than willing to listen. Speak up- you will be heard!

Happy Climbing,

Forest

Upcoming Trips

Granite Peak, the 13th Annual Glacier Classic, Canyon Peak, Mt. Assiniboine... lots of awesomeness in the near future!

Please visit our Event Calendar at: <http://www.rockymountaineers.com/calendar>

The 13th Annual Glacier Classic

The Rocky Mountaineer's biggest annual event is fast approaching! We believe we have a great lineup of climbs and hikes scheduled along with a new camping venue. And, not to be missed, the return of the "Hanou Heavenly Burrito Dinner" on Saturday night. Register now! All the details can be found here:

<http://www.rockymountaineers.com/index.php/glacier-classic-2017>

Trip Reports

Our new Club secretary, John Bardsley, has created a Blog for sharing all of the Club trip reports. Take a look at:

<http://therockymountaineers.blogspot.com>

All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site. Eventually we hope to embed this into our website.

September "Welcome Back Party"

Our monthly Club presentations will resume on **Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 PM**. While we will continue to hold these presentations on the second Tuesday of every month (September through May), the venue and time have changed. Our new location will be IMAGINE NATION BREWING COMPANY (1151 West Broadway Street) in their room called The Center. We welcome you to show up for these monthly presentations at 6:00PM. Enjoy an Imagine Nation beer and socialize a bit prior to the actual presentation which will probably begin about 6:30.

In lieu of an actual presentation our September event will be a "**Welcome Back Party**". We invite anyone and everyone to come spend a couple of hours with us as we kick off our monthly Presentation series in this new venue! We'll be presenting a brief overview of who The Rocky Mountaineers are and our plans for the future. A few achievement awards will be handed out. Media presentations of some of this past summer's trips will be shown. But primarily, we'll enjoy a few great INBC beers while we meet, greet, answer questions and socialize. INBC usually has a food truck parked outside so you can purchase dinner if you so desire. Please attend...and bring a friend or two!

Achievement Awards

Have any of you completed any of the Peak lists on our website? If so, please let us know. We would like to honor your perseverance and accomplishment at our September meeting.

Congratulations!

Recently engaged to be married- our Vice President, Brent Maier and Abby Stensland, daughter of long time member Dean Stensland. Proposed and accepted on Little St. Joseph Peak! A July 2018 wedding is planned.