

# THE MOUNTAIN EAR- September, 2017

## President's Message

Anyone tired of the smoke yet? Ok, stupid question. This is getting a little ridiculous though. Day after day with no change in the weather. Makes it kind of tough to climb mountains! Despite this smoky obstacle, we have been able to pull off all of our Club trips over the past month. The Granite Peak, Canyon Peak and Mt. Assiniboine participants actually enjoyed near perfect climbing conditions. And the Glacier Classic was a great success! I can honestly say this year was one of my very favorite: a great group of participants (25), some fantastic trips, a very accommodating base campground and more-or-less excellent weather and conditions added up to a really fun event. Thank you to all who came and made it so!

Autumn can be sensed now, if not seen. This is always my favorite time of the year to get out. With luck, we'll be able to enjoy it soon. As a Club, we will continue to offer trips through the fall and into the shoulder season. Keep checking the calendar on our website for new trips. It's always a tough time of year make concrete plans, so expect some changes here and there.

Fall also means the resumption of our monthly Presentations. More about our first one can be found below. We will do our very best to line up some interesting and educational topics this fall, winter and spring. Hopefully you will come and join us for these...we'd love to see a lot of our members in attendance!

Finally, I once again encourage you to reach out to me or any of the other officers. Let us know what you want to see with this Club. Ideas, suggestions, criticisms- all will help us mold this into a better bunch of Rocky Mountaineers. Please be involved!

Happy Climbing,

Forest Dean

## September "Welcome Back Party"

Our monthly Club presentations will resume on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 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!

Looking ahead to October...Chris Dunn will be our featured speaker. His presentation is entitled: **From Glaciers to the Sea: A Journey Down the Entirety of Alaska's Susitna River**. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>!

### **Upcoming Trips**

Bare Peaks (Bitterroots) on September 16.

Hilgard Peak (Madison Range) on September 23-24

Nelson Spring (Garnet Range) on September 24

Sheepshead (Missions) on October 1

Please visit our Event Calendar for all the details on these and more at:

<http://www.rockymountaineers.com/calendar>

### **The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Glacier Classic**

A complete wrap up can be found on the Glacier Classic tab on our website:

<http://www.rockymountaineers.com/glacierclassic>

### **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.

### **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. Please let us know ASAP though as the awards presentation is next Tuesday!

**Club Officers:**

**Forest Dean- President**

**Brent Maier- Vice President**

**John Bardsley- Secretary**

**Susanna Phillips- Treasurer**

**Joshua Phillips- Communications**