

The Mountain Ear

May 2018

President's Message

Hello Members,

May 1 marks the beginning of The Rocky Mountaineers "fiscal" year. The current slate of officers (which includes me!) have been in our positions for nearly a year now. Seems like we just started! We feel we have made some strides and rejuvenated the club in a positive way. I am hoping you will agree! Certainly, all of our ideas aren't going to work and some have been very slow to develop (stupid day jobs seem to handicap the operation). But I'd like to think we are well on our way to creating a model for this club that can sustain itself well into the coming years.

On that note, I would appreciate your support for the slate of officers nominated (read below) to serve for the coming year. Three of us are current officers (Susanna, Joshua and myself). Kelsey is a relatively new member and brings tremendous enthusiasm for the Club and its mission. Together, and with input from all of you, we are excited about the opportunity to continue the work we have begun and make this a premier outdoor adventure club!

I hope to see many of you at our picnic next Saturday. And as always, please don't hesitate to pass along ideas, suggestions, questions or interesting stories.

Sincerely,
Forest Dean

DUES NOTICE

The Rocky Mountaineers annual membership runs from May 1 to April 30. If you have not yet renewed, we would really appreciate you taking the time NOW to do so. Your current membership will expire NOW. Thank you to all who have recently taken the time to renew!!

What are the benefits of membership?

- Ability to participate in any of our Trips!
- Ability to participate in our educational events or clinics

- Attend the Glacier Classic! (see below)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Be a part of a group of like-minded outdoor recreation enthusiasts!

Annual dues:

- \$25 - Individual
- \$40 - Family
- \$15 - Student/Youth (under 23 years old)

Please visit the Membership tab on our website (www.rockymountaineers.com) to renew. Questions? Contact our Treasurer- Susanna Phillips (susannagirolamo@gmail.com)

TRM Annual Meeting and Picnic

This coming SATURDAY, MAY 5th, we will have our Annual Membership Meeting and Club Elections. This will be held in conjunction with a picnic outing and a day of activities! It's not too late to let us know you are attending!!

Where: Bonner Park Picnic Shelter

When: May 5 (starts at 5:30pm)

RSVP REQUIRED!

All members are strongly encouraged to join us for our annual meeting and club picnic! Plan to arrive between 5:30 and 6:00. Dinner and drinks are on us! We'll be giving away some raffle prizes throughout the evening...including tech t-shirts and hats with our new logo AND a couple of grand prizes (new Hiking/Ski Poles and a Tent!)

Big Sky Brewing Company will be donating the beer!!

- 6:00- Burgers, Brats, Dogs and Sides being served
- 6:45- Annual Meeting (State of the Club; Summer Preview)
- 7:15- Club Elections (See more about the officer nominations below)

We have the shelter reserved until 10:00, so feel free so stick around and enjoy the party!

Membership required to attend (members may bring their family members or a guest). Feel free to bring your own food/beverage if you prefer (or a dish/dessert to pass). No cost to attend (donations accepted... but only if you feel so inclined!)

Please RSVP now to let us know you will be there!

Forest Dean- mtnear1@gmail.com

TRM Officer Elections

As mentioned above, TRM will hold its annual elections for the club officers at the Annual Meeting/Picnic this coming Saturday. All dues paying members may attend and cast a vote. At this time, there are no contested positions. The following individuals have been nominated for a one year term:

President- Forest Dean

Vice President- Joshua Phillips

Treasurer- Susanna Girolamo Phillips

Secretary- Kelsey Wellington

Brief Bio's:

Forest Dean

I moved to Missoula from Wisconsin with my wife Angie and two young kids (Frank and Karya) in 2001. The mountains lured me. In 2004 I joined TRM hoping to find some like minded folks that could teach me a thing or two about climbing mountains. I joined a few trips and was hooked. More importantly, I met some people who really showed me the ropes of all things mountaineering. These folks became mentors and friends- you know who you are and I appreciate all the great times we have had and continue to have in the high country!

My primary passion is alpine climbing, but since this involves so many disciplines I (by default) also really enjoy ice climbing, rock climbing, skiing, hiking, running, backpacking and yes, repeatedly hiking up and down Mt. Sentinel. I have been extremely fortunate to have my son as my companion on many mountain trips from the time he was 5. I enjoy a good craft beer (or six) after a day on the go while dreaming about more adventures to come with fellow climbers! To facilitate all these adventures I try to make a buck selling commercial turf maintenance and irrigation equipment.

Thank you for your continued support of this club!

Joshua Phillips

Greetings, fellow Rocky Mountaineers! I've been nominated to serve as The Rocky Mountaineers Vice President for the 2018-2019 term. For those that do not know who I am, come to a meeting....I'm the one with the high-pitched, infectious laugh. I've lived in Missoula for 25 years and have been a rock climber since then. I first became involved with the Rocky Mountaineers about 10 years ago. I served as President for two years back then and directed the GrizzlyMan Adventure Race for the three years we put it on as a club. Since those years, I've spent most of my outdoor energy in honing my backcountry skiing and ski mountaineering skills. At this point, I seem to choose skiing even when the rock is warm and dry. With ski descents of several Cascade volcanoes, the Grand Teton, Denali (most of it, anyway), and many Bitterroot summits, I find myself leading mostly ski tours for the club. I hope you will join me on a trip! If not, I hope to meet you at another club function.

Thank you for your support.

Susanna Girolamo Phillips

Hello, fellow Rocky Mountaineers!

I have been your Treasurer for the past year and would love to continue to serve in this capacity.

I was born and raised in Switzerland, but I permanently moved away and have made Missoula, Montana home since 2013 where the mountains and rural landscape remind me of my birthplace.

Since moving to Missoula, I have enjoyed learning a variety of mountain skills as well as becoming a certified Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician (WEMT). Each year, my goal is to improve my map reading, orientation/navigation and risk evaluation skills. I highly value keeping a constant communication and evaluation dialog with my adventure partners concerning risk assessment. This year, I'm planning to lead several off-trail Class 2 and some Class 3 trips in the Bitterroots, Swans and Mission Mountains. I hope you will join me on an adventure!

Kelsey Wellington

Hi all! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself.

Facebook is not lying. My name is, in fact, Kelsey. I've been involved with the club for a little while now, and I was recently nominated as Secretary by our lovely club officers. The current Secretary, Johnathan Bardsley, will be spending some time abroad in the next year. I wanted y'all to know a little more about me before officer elections are held at the annual picnic. So, here goes:

I'm a wildlife biology/management graduate student at the university, and I also work part-time at REI. I've been in love with the outdoors for most of my life, but I grew up very close to NYC and didn't really find my niche outside until I moved here a little under two years ago. Climbing is my passion, followed closely by trail running, then skiing, backpacking, hiking...and just about every other outdoor activity. I have been a climber for two years, and I recently got into trad climbing. My expertise is in sport climbing, but I aim to spend the summer becoming competent and confident at leading trad. I am planning to lead a number of club climbing trips in the Bitterroot and other surrounding areas this summer, so I hope you'll join me! Tied in with the outdoors is my love of writing and photography. I love to photograph people in the outdoors and write about my adventures. I hope you don't mind that I'll generally have my camera attached to me on our trips. (I'm only just dipping my toes into photography.) If you'd like to see my photos and get a better sense of who I am, feel free to check stuff out here: https://www.instagram.com/kels_wellington

I also share photos on the RockyMountaineers Instagram, which you should definitely follow if you don't already: <https://www.instagram.com/rockymountaineers/>

I'm looking forward to the picnic, and I'm excited by this nomination. I can't wait to meet you all and spend time playing outside together! I hope you'll trust me to hold a rope for you. 😊;)

May Presentation

Tuesday, May 8 -Imagine Nation Brewing Company- doors open at 6:00pm.

Free Flight in Western Montana

Local legend and veteran hang glider pilot, Karl Hallman, will give a presentation about free flight (non-motorized) in Western Montana. This talk will encompass the intricacies of hang gliding and paragliding in the complicated aerial mountain environment. As free flight limits were being pushed in the late 80's and early 90's by local pilot, Peter Swanson, Karl found himself seeking to push his own limits

and discover just how far rising air could carry him, and just how far he was willing to chase it. To date, Karl is the only person to have flown the length of the Mission Range!

Upcoming Trips and Activities

Rock Climbing- **Kootenai Creek (Bitterroots)**- Sat, May 5
BC Alpine Skiing- **Lolo Peak (Bitterroots)**- Sat, May 5
Snowshoe Hike- **Trapper Peak (Bitterroots)**- Sat, May 5
Hiking- **Nemote Creek (Nine Mile)**- Sun, May 20
Hike/Scramble- **Ch-paa-qn (Nine Mile)**- Sat, June 2
Rock Climbing- **Stone Hill (Kooconusa)**- Fri-Sun, June 8-10
Alpine Climb- **Mt. Idaho (Lost Rivers)**- Fri-Sun, June 8-10
Hiking- **Wild Horse Island (Flathead Lake)**- Sat, June 16
Scramble- **Castle Reef (Rocky Mtn. Front)**- Sat, June 23
Alpine Climb- **Ojibway Peak (Cabinets)**- Sat-Sun, June 30-July 1
Alpine Climb- **Mt. Forbes (Banff NP)**- Sat-Weds, June 30-July 4
Bike and Hike- **McLeod Peak (Rattlesnake)**- Sun, July 8

Please visit our website for all the details on these trips!!

www.rockymountaineers.com

The 14th Annual Glacier Classic

This is The Rocky Mountaineers most popular and signature event! Every year since 2005, we have gathered in Glacier National Park in the latter half of August to climb peaks, hike trails, and have a grand ole time in camp. This year we will once again be basing out of Johnson's Campground in St. Mary on the weekend of August 17-19. A complete list of the planned activities are still being put together; preliminary list includes the following options (full details soon and in the June newsletter):

- Mt. Brown (Friday)
- Reynolds Mountain (Friday)
- Going-to-the-Sun Mountain (East Face) (Saturday)
- Mt. Wilbur (Saturday)
- Yellow Mountain (Saturday)
- Piegan Mountain (Sunday)
- Clements Mountain (Sunday)

There will likely be a trip option or two for Friday, several on Saturday and 1-2 on Sunday. You can arrive when you like, participate as much as you like, and depart when you like. Most folks will arrive at Johnson's sometime on Friday afternoon/evening. Carpooling can be arranged (and is encouraged). Its never too early to let us know you want to attend! It will be a great time-guaranteed! See website calendar for contact info and continue to watch for more details.

Trip Reports

All reports from club trips can be found at:

<http://therockymountaineers.blogspot.com>

All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site as well.