

# The Mountain Ear

June 2018

## President's Message

Greetings Members,

The month of May was quite the busy month for TRM! We had a lot of fun, but as we transition to the summer months (and take a bit of a respite from the business affairs of the club) several of us are breathing a sigh of relief. A big part of the reason I enjoy helping to lead this club is the organizing and planning. For some strange reason those things appeal to me. However, it's always great to take a break from some of that and just go climbing!

We began the month with a fantastic picnic at Bonner Park. Around 45 folks attended-easily the largest TRM gathering that I can recall! We ate food, drank some beer (thanks again Big Sky BC!) raffled off some prizes and new swag and elected our officers. All of that was on the heels of several great club trips that same day. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated!

We wrapped up our monthly presentation series at Imagine Nation BC with an interesting and entertaining discussion about hang and paragliding. Many thanks to Imagine Nation for partnering with us the last nine months for these monthly events! Looking forward to another series of presentations starting in September...stay tuned for announced speakers.

Thank you for renewing your memberships or joining the club! We appreciate that so many of you were prompt with your renewals. With the dues increase we recently implemented, our coffers are now as full as I have seen them in my 14 years of membership. This will allow us to continue to offer more programs, training, events and hopefully soon, gear, for our members!

And, (hot off the press) our membership just voted to adopt the proposed bylaws! About a third of you voted (pretty American percentage!) with a 26-1 tally in favor. The new bylaws will officially go into effect when the club officers sign them at their next meeting. Thank you to all who participated in this process!

Lets now shift our focus to the summer and all the endless possibilities of adventure that are calling our name! We have a good list of trips on the calendar and more will be added

as the summer progresses. Keep your eye open for an educational field day event or two as well. And, the Glacier Classic is right around the corner (more info below)!

Climb on,  
Forest Dean

### **TRM Officer Elections**

As mentioned above, the following individuals were elected at the May picnic/meeting:

President- Forest Dean  
Vice President- Joshua Phillips  
Treasurer- Susanna Girolamo Phillips  
Secretary- Kelsey Wellington

*Bios for the officers were listed in the May newsletter.*

### **Upcoming Trips and Activities**

Rock Climbing- **Stone Hill (Koochanusa)**- 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](http://www.rockymountaineers.com)

### **The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Glacier Classic**

Friday, August 17- Sunday, August 19

This year will mark the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Rocky Mountaineers signature event- The Glacier Classic! This year we will again be basing our activities out of Johnson's Campground, a private campground in St. Mary. We have a number of good climbs and hikes planned (see below). While the trips are the focal point of the weekend, the camaraderie enjoyed at the camp in the evenings is often just as fun and memorable. Whether it's your first time or your 14<sup>th</sup>, it's certain to be a blast! We have six sites reserved at Johnson's for the event. Each site should hold 6-8 campers. We would like to accommodate all who wish to attend, so please register NOW to ensure we have a spot for you. Feel free to bring anyone interested- just let us know so we can

get them on the roster. Alternatively, you are certainly free to get your own campsite (or stay elsewhere) but still join us for the activities and socializing.

#### *Itinerary:*

**Friday-** We currently have two trip offerings for those wishing to arrive early. Most folks will likely head up to St. Mary and arrive sometime Friday afternoon or evening. Eat, drink, be social. Bring your own food and drink. Around 8:00 we will have the Saturday trip leaders announce their plans for the following day.

**Saturday-** Climbs and hikes during the day. In the evening we'll gather in camp for the infamous **Hanou Burrito** dinner! (bring your own drinks)

**Sunday-** More hikes and climbs for those interested, or head home whenever you desire.

#### *Trips:*

##### Friday

**MT. BROWN-** Hike the trail from Lake McDonald Lodge area to the Mt. Brown Lookout, then scramble and climb to the summit. Class 3-4. Leader: John Bardsley

**REYNOLDS MTN.-** Southwest Slope Route. Hike to Hidden Lake Overlook then south on mountaineers trail to SW corner of mountain. Scramble up talus slopes and then through easy class 3 cliffs to summit. Leader: Susanna Phillips

##### Saturday

**GOING-TO-THE-SUN MOUNTAIN-** Southeast Ridge Route from the highway. Will climb up to the SE Ridge and then up the snow/glacier high on the East face of mountain to the summit. Class 4. Leader: Forest Dean

**MT. WILBUR-** Climb one of the iconic Glacier "technical peaks". The climb will ascend the Thin Man's Pleasure Route. Class 5. Leader: Joshua Phillips

**YELLOW MOUNTAIN-** A hike to Poia Lake then scramble up to the varied summits of Yellow Mtn. Long day at a sustained pace. Class 3-4. Leader: Laurel Vielle

**GRINNELL LAKE AND GLACIER-** Trail hike to one of the most spectacular lakes in the Rockies. Class 1. Leader: Tom Hanou

##### Sunday

**CLEMENTS MOUNTAIN-** Depending on interest level, will climb this one of two ways: either directly up the east facing gully (Class 5), or hike around to the west saddle between Clements and Cannon, then an exposed scramble to the summit (Class 3-4).

Leader: Forest Dean

**PIEGAN MOUNTAIN-** This trip will start just east of Logan Pass. Scramble up the Lunch Creek drainage to the saddle between Piegan and Pollock then an easy scramble to the summit. Class 2. Leader: Susanna Phillips.

*For more details on all these trips, please visit: [www.rockymountaineers.com](http://www.rockymountaineers.com) and select the Glacier Classic tab.*

For more information or to register please email: Forest Dean - [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

### **Achievement Awards**

The Rocky Mountaineers annually recognize any current club member who has completed one or more of the several peak lists listed on our website:

([www.rockymountaineers.com/index.php/achievement-awards](http://www.rockymountaineers.com/index.php/achievement-awards)). Perhaps you have finished one of these lists and don't even know it! We'd love to present a few folks with a certificate of accomplishment at our September "Welcome Back Party". So, take a look at the lists, then get busy...you have three months!

### **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.