

The Mountain Ear

September 2018

President's Message

Happy September-

Summer has flown by like it always seems to and those first signs of fall are in the air. I was up high in the Madison Range this past weekend and couldn't help but notice how all the flowers, grasses, etc have browned out or died for another year. The aspen trees are starting their slow march toward their brilliant golden fall color. Nights are cooler, days are shorter. So sad to see summer wane, but also so excited for autumn and all its glories!

Wow- what a fabulous *Glacier Classic* we had! This was our 14th year of the event and we had our second highest turnout with 32 folks participating. Johnson's Campground in St. Mary again proved to be a perfect base camp. The smoke was there- but it didn't prohibit or inhibit any of our activities. After a two year absence, Tom Hanou returned with his incredible burritos (I'm not sure there is a better recipe in existence!). Imagine Nation donated a HALF BARREL of their new Summer Ale. We hiked, climbed, ate, drank, laughed and just had a blast. Thanks to all of you who came and made it so great. For those who didn't make it...there is always next year!

We will resume our monthly presentations this month. Second Tuesday of every month at Imagine Nation Brewing Company (6:00-8:00pm). Please see below for details on this month's Welcome Back Party.

We're also less than a couple weeks away from our quarterly business meeting. Again, see below for more details. Please consider coming to this! I promise it isn't all hum-drum business stuff. We are always looking for new blood and new ideas, so come and participate and give your input to make this club better!

I hope you have had as many great summer adventures as I had. Some plans came to fruition, others fizzled. This always happens. The goal is to just keep getting out. And the end of summer doesn't mean its time to stop- just time to transition. We'll get some more trips listed soon to assist you in doing so, or to at least inspire you to get out! Hope to see you all soon!

Cheers,
Forest Dean

Upcoming Trips and Activities

Bike/Scramble- **Triangle Peak (Rattlesnake)**- Sat, Sept 8

Hiking- **Spotted Dog WMA**- Sun, Sept 16

Work Day- **Annual TRM Cabin Maintenance**- Sat, Oct 6

Scramble- **Little Joe/St. Joseph/Stormy Joe Traverse**- Sun, Oct 7

Hiking- **Nemote Creek (Nine Mile)**- Sun, Oct 14

More trips will be posted very soon!

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

www.rockymountaineers.com

September "Welcome Back" Party

Our monthly club presentations will resume on **Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 PM.**

We will continue to hold these presentations on the second Tuesday of every month (September through May) at 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 6:20.

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! We'll be presenting a brief overview of who The Rocky Mountaineers are and more of 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 may have a food truck parked outside so you can purchase dinner if you so desire (or feel free to bring something from home or elsewhere). Please attend...and bring a friend or two!

Looking ahead to October- Griffin Gilbert will be on hand to talk to us all about **HIGHLINING!**

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). 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". Don't be shy! Let us know right away if you are deserving of recognition next week!

Business Meetings

Per our new club bylaws, we will now be holding quarterly business meetings. In the past we have done short, informal meetings prior to the monthly presentations. We felt that

this presented too many distractions and did not provide for a good, fair and efficient way of managing this club's business. The meetings will now take place on the following dates:

- September 17
- December 3
- March 4
- May 6

We will hold these meetings in the upstairs conference room at Big Sky Brewing Company. Meetings will start promptly at 6:00pm and wrap up no later than 8:30pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.

Club Officers

President- Forest Dean

Vice President- Joshua Phillips

Secretary- Kelsey Wellington

Treasurer- Susanna Phillips