

# The Mountain Ear

January 2023

## President's Message

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season and a Happy New Year! The late December drizzle and thaw in the Missoula Valley has me hoping for ever cooler temperatures and more Winter please.

This Saturday (January 7<sup>th</sup>) is our third annual Winterfest event at Lolo Pass with several trips going out that day. We will gather for a bonfire at Lolo Hot Springs later that evening. If you would like to join us please check out the event calendar and sign up for something. You will need to be a member to participate.

We are also very excited for our upcoming Monthly presentation (January 10<sup>th</sup>) featuring legendary Montana climber Terry Kennedy. Please join us for a special evening. Terry will also have books available for sale at the event.

I hope you will consider joining an upcoming trip, a round table, or perhaps join us for an upcoming presentation. Check out our calendar for more details.

*"Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them - that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like."* -Lao Tzu

See you outside!  
Elizabeth

## January Presentation- Terry Kennedy

Tuesday, January 10- 6:00 PM

We are honored to have legendary Montana climber Terry Kennedy as our feature presenter this month! Amongst other numerous accomplishments, Terry made the first ascents of two of the biggest faces in North America- the north faces of Mt. Cleveland and Mt. Siyeh.

Terry Kennedy is a fourth generation Montanan, born in Fort Benton in 1954, and raised in Columbia Falls. His interest in mountaineering grew quickly from hiking the

mountains surrounding the Flathead Valley to the peaks of Glacier and elsewhere. He pioneered routes on several faces in Glacier and published the book, "In Search of the Mount Cleveland Five" (2017), which begins with the disappearance of five young Montana climbers on Mount Cleveland during the closing days of 1969 and progresses through highlights of the next 22 years of Terry's climbing endeavors, most of it partnered with Jim Kanzler the brother of one of the missing Mount Cleveland Five. He will include his hypothesis on how the 1969 tragedy unfolded.

Terry will have copies of his book on hand for sale and signing!

Location: Spirit of Peace Community Building- 506 Toole Avenue. This is located on the northside of the downtown area- very close to the pedestrian bridge over the train tracks.

NOTE: You are more than welcome to bring food and beverages (including adult beverages) for this event! Additionally, we will have beer and snacks on hand (donation suggested).

*Looking Ahead:*

*February- (Speaker pending)*

*March- Forest Dean- Climbs in the Bitterroots*

*April- Hayley Newman- All About the Great Burn Wilderness*

*May- TBA*

### **3rd Annual - Winterfest!**

The Rocky Mountaineers will be hosting our third annual "Winterfest" for members to attend. This was a great event the last couple of years with nearly 40 people attending each time!

WINTERFEST is coming up this Saturday, January 7th at the Lolo Pass area! We will offer a slew of trips that day: Backcountry and XC skiing, Beacon Park Practice, Hot Springing, etc. In the evening we plan to gather at Lolo Hot Springs. We will have an outdoor gathering with a bonfire AND each member attending will also receive a gift! Snacks and beverages will be provided. (You are welcome to bring your own food as well and/or something to share).

This is an event for members only. You are welcome to bring a guest, family member, kids, etc. RSVP requested- email: [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

Current trip lineup:

### **Crystal Amphitheater Ski Tour**

*Description:* This will be a majority of the day ski tour around Crystal Amphitheater, a local classic BC ski zone. We will dig some pits and educate ourselves on the snow pack as we move through the terrain. If the group size is large, we will start out together and then split into a couple different groups.

*Group Size* - 10

*Equipment Needed:* AT Ski gear, beacon, probe, shovel, helmet.

*Leaders-* Brent Maier - [brent.maier@hotmail.com](mailto:brent.maier@hotmail.com) , Forest

Dean- [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

### **Lee Creek XC Ski**

*Description:* Class 1. This is a seven mile point to point ski from Lolo Pass down Lee Creek, to the Lee Creek Campground, on the Montana side. The trail rises 200 ft from the Pass to the Lee Creek saddle, then drops to 1,200 ft on logging roads. If it's icy this part of the route can be fast.

*Leader:* Julie Kahl [jawkal@rockymountaineers.com](mailto:jawkal@rockymountaineers.com)

### **Lolo Pass to Hot Springs Ski**

*Description:* 8 mile backcountry ski ending at Lolo Hot Springs. Start the trip with a 2.5 mile shuttle up HWY 12 to the trailhead. The first 4 miles are old logging roads with about 700' feet of gain. Next 4 miles are about 900' downhill via old logging, forest service roads and a small stretch of snowmobile trail. The ski ends at Lolo Hot springs and the festivities. Route is ungroomed and not maintained. Some stretches will be moderately steep, snow may be deep, and trees and other obstacles will be encountered. A small stretch is on a snowmobile trail.

*Equipment Needed:* Ski gear suitable for ungroomed trails, cold weather gear, snacks, light.

*Group Size:* 8

*Leader:* Tom Statz- [tom.statz@gmail.com](mailto:tom.statz@gmail.com)

### **Mt. Fuji Ski Tour**

*Description:* Backcountry ski tour from Lolo Pass out to "Mt. Fuji" and back.

*Equipment Needed:* AT Ski gear, beacon, probe, shovel, helmet.

*Group Size: 6*

*Leader: Casey Lammers- [crlammersp3@gmail.com](mailto:crlammersp3@gmail.com)*

### **Lolo Pass XC Groomed Trail Ski**

*Description: This will be a ski on the longer (approximately 7 miles) groomed ski trail at Lolo pass. Contact leader for more details.*

*Leader: Alden Wright: [alden@rockymountaineers.com](mailto:alden@rockymountaineers.com)*

Accommodations are available at

Lolo Hot Springs, call 406-273-2297

For RV And Cabins 406-273-2294

(Winter Tent and RV hookups)

Lochsa Lodge in Idaho 208-942-3405

OR, Camp in your vehicle or tent!

### **Beginner Backcountry Skiing- Wednesdays- January 4 and 11**

New to backcountry skiing? Did Santa bring you new equipment? Come to Marshall mountain to become familiar with it. We will be in the base area at 5:00 pm. There is a beginner hill to get used to the technique of skinning and transitioning. Once comfortable there are several other options, each one a bit more challenging. All abilities are welcome and we can share knowledge and learn together. Advanced skiers are also welcome to offer advice or ski on your own. We will be in the area from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm, meet at the gate leading onto the slopes. Bring a headlamp!

*Leader: Candy Hartman- [candyhart2005@hotmail.com](mailto:candyhart2005@hotmail.com)*

### **Membership Survey**

In the last newsletter we reached out to all of you with a request to fill out a very brief survey. Thank you to those of you who took the time to do so. We would really like more of you to participate though, so here is another chance to do so. We are always looking for ways to provide activities and learning opportunities for you, our members. Please let us know what you would like to get out of this club. Your participation is SINCERELY appreciated!

Survey: [Click Here](#)

Thanks everyone!

### Upcoming Trips and Activities

BC Ski- **Beginner Backcountry Skiing**- Weds, Jan 4 and Jan 11

XC Ski- **Rattlesnake Ski**- Each Weds afternoon

Various- **WINTERFEST!**- Sat, Jan 7

Roundtable- **Backcountry Skiing Basics**- Tues, Jan 17

BC Ski/Cabin- **TRM Cabin Ski Weekend**- Fri-Sun, Jan 20-22

Ice Climb- **Mission Falls**- Sun, Jan 29

XC Ski- **Pack Creek XC Ski**- Sun, Feb 12

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

[www.rockymountaineers.com](http://www.rockymountaineers.com)

### TRM Merchandise

We have merchandise for sale and available for purchase at our presentations, quarterly business meetings, the Spring picnic, etc. Please contact Elizabeth Moore if you'd like to purchase something for a local pickup.



Beanie \$25



Pint Glass \$10



Keychain \$5



T-Shirt \$20



Baseball Cap \$20



Buff \$10

### Trip Reports

All reports from club trips can be found on our website. Check it out. Reports are

now easier to locate thanks to the diligent work of Alden Wright.  
[rockymountaineers.com/tripreports](http://rockymountaineers.com/tripreports)

## **2022 Annual Financial Report**

Below is our annual financial report. Please let us know if you would like more information or details on any part of this.

<b>Expense Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administrative	\$ 1,178.38
Cabin	\$ 790.05
Events	\$ 1,939.39
Merchandise	\$ 751.01
Presentations	\$ 547.50
Web-related	\$ 1,080.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,287.05</b>
<i>Incoming funds</i>	\$ 7,897.91
<b>2022 Net revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,610.86</b>

### **Cost Category details:**

**Administrative:** PO Box; Annual report filing with MT Secretary of State; Director and Officers Insurance; Stripe fees

**Cabin:** Insurance; USFS special use fee; cabin stove

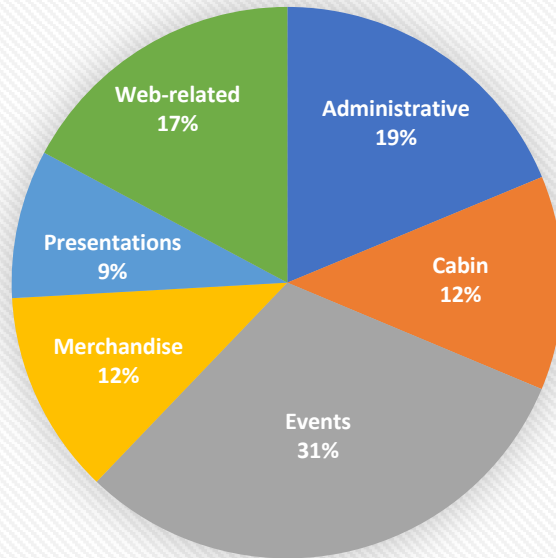
**Events:** Venue rental; Supplies, refreshments, and prizes; Kercher Glacier Classic Campsite

**Merchandise:** Pint glasses and beanies

**Presentations:** Venue rental; refreshments and supplies

**Web-related:** Website hosting and website commerce

## 2022 TRM Expenditures



### Club Officers

President- Elizabeth Moore

Vice President/Safety Officer- Casey Lammers

Secretary- Tom Statz

Treasurer- Chris Soriano

Website- Alden Wright

Archivist- Julie Kahl

Newsletter/Trip Coordinator- Forest Dean

The Rocky Mountaineers  
Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes  
Dec. 6th, 2022  
Big Sky Brewing Co. Conference Room

Attendance: Elizabeth Moore, Casey Lammers, Chris Soriano, Forest Dean, Alden Wright, Candy Hartman, Julie Kahl

I Call to order:6:02 PM

II Minutes from Sept. 20th, 2022 approved, Julie & Chris

III Next Meeting Mar. 7th, 2023

IV Treasurer's report:

A \$2170.55 regular account, \$256.00 Petty Cash

B In the coming quarter expect \$1174.00 in expenditures

C Memberships still coming in, by Sept. \$3743.00 in memberships

D Annual Financial report needs to go out to members in Jan 2023 -per 501(c3)

V Discussion on how to get more younger members

A Julie gave brief history

B Use Facebook for "casual meets" more?

C What kind of club do we want?

1. What it's been all along?

a. Small

b. a group of friends doing outdoor stuff together

2. How to get more members in operations?

3. Partner with other organizations?

4. Get grants -it would raise our public profile

D Put a survey on Facebook?

1. Sure why not

2. Survey in Dec. newsletter

VI Special meeting to discuss 501(c3) stuff?

A Formed committee -Candy

B Jan. 24th, 2023, 6:PM

VII Start thinking about officers for next year - ask specific people to do be specific officer?

VIII Website Report - Alden

A Members-89 individual, 37 family, 2 or 3 youth

B Reasonable stream of new members

C Hasn't updated trip leaders bios

D Sell merchandise on website? We have full web store ability but no one wants to handle it

E We do have a Thank You letter confirmation for joining or renewing

F Cabin bookings are sparse now but Feb. booked, March partially booked

XI Cabin Status

A Everything is good

B A system to advertise if like only two people are booking it and others also want to stay at the same time, not sure how to do that

X Trips and Events

A Need more trips and trip reports

B Alden needs photos as attachments and not embedded in documents

C Great Burn volunteer trail work weekend

1. Did 3/4 mile of trail work

2. Those who went had a good time

a. Great Burn people want to supervise

b. Hard work

3. Take it up as a project for TRM?

a. Middle of summer? National Trails Day in June? End of Sept again?

b. Try to set a date before the April Presentation?



D Skin & Wax party: 6-7 down-hillers, 1 xc person

E Winterfest

1. Some trips -Backcountry, groomed trails, snowshoe
2. No avalanche course
3. Working on setting up beacon practice
4. Participants gifts? yes, decals
5. People need to bring firewood, Forest -beer

XI Presentations

A Don't have anyone for Feb and May

1. Julie -Dog people
2. Duncan Lennon- Casey -Mt PK2 list (2000ft of prominence)
3. Himalaya or MT, Spencer Gray

B Advertise more for Terry Kennedy -*Searching for the Mt. Cleveland Five* -next month

C Church- we need to do a better job of cleaning floors, removing garbage and putting tables back

XII Roundtables

A Have here at BSBC

B Focus more on underserved groups?

XIII Field day events

A Winter Conditioning Wed. not many people showing up- they can be out doing it

1. Take it a shot at a time?
2. Switch to x-c skiing up the Rattlesnake?
3. Jan. 14th needs a trip leader
4. Alden will take tomorrow, Mt Sentinel

B Send photos of events for postings

C Jan. 2023, do a beacon practice at BSBC for owners of new gear?

XIV Merchandise

A Stickers -Elizabeth can make some vinyl ones at the public library

B Coozies in next order

C Puffy coats -for special services by a member, -got chuckles

D Special pricing for individual items

XV Adjourn 7:42 PM