

# The Mountain Ear

September 2021

## President's Message

It's hard to believe it's almost September! I hope you had a Summer full of adventures! This time of year, for me, marks the start of school (for my kids) and getting back into routines and schedules. With the cooler temperatures and recent rain (and the clearing of the thick smoke), it has inspired me for more climbing and biking!

We had a memorable 17th Annual Glacier Classic (Kercher Classic) last weekend despite the rain and inclement weather. Quite a few people cancelled, but just as many hearty souls showed up to remember our friend on our outings and for story sharing and camaraderie around the campfire (the campfire ban was lifted hours before our arrival). Casey Lammers (Vice President) and her children grew a big garden this year where they live in St Ignatius. She treated us all to a warm ear of corn on the cob Saturday night after a day in the mountains. Also a huge thank you to Forest Dean for coordinating our signature event for 17 straight years in a row!

We have lots of events starting back up shortly. We have our monthly presentations starting with our annual "Welcome Back Party" on Tuesday, September 14th at Imagine Nation Brewing. The presentations follow on the second Tuesday of every month from October through May. Also, we have our Quarterly Business meeting on Thursday September 9th at Big Sky Brewing Company. This meeting is the brainstorming meeting for our year and all are welcome and encouraged to come join us and have your voice be heard and to participate in some of the exciting things we have planned this year.

I hope to see you in the mountains soon!

Cheers, Elizabeth

## September 'Welcome Back' Party!

Our monthly club presentations will resume on **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** at IMAGINE NATION BREWING COMPANY (1151 West Broadway Street). Whew, its been a long time! With everything shut down last year due to COVID, we haven't had a live presentation since March of 2020! Looking forward to seeing a whole bunch of you again!

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! NOTE: Assuming weather cooperates, we are planning to host this event OUTSIDE under their big white tent. So, go through the brewery and onto the back patio to find us!

### **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".

Also, new this year, if you have someone you would like to nominate for an award, please let us know. You could nominate someone for just about anything related to a TRM trip or event. Maybe someone was an exceptional leader. Maybe someone took the reins in a time of need. Perhaps someone had the funniest tumble off a trail that you have ever witnessed. Send your comments, ideas, funny stories to the editor ([mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com))!

### **Upcoming Trips and Activities**

Climb- **The Shard and The Tusk (Bitterroots)**- Sat-Sun, Sept. 11-12

Climb- **Grey Wolf Peak (Missions)**- Sun, Sept. 19

Hike- **Ogden Mountain (Helena NF)**- Sat-Sun, Sept 25-26

Workday- **TRM Cabin Workday**- Sat, Oct 2

Scramble- **Hidden Lake Peak (Bitterroots)**- Sun, Oct 3

Hike- **Clearwater Crossing (Great Burn area)**- Sun, Oct 17

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

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

### **TRM Cabin Workday- October 2**

Join us as we prepare our club cabin for winter use! We will clean up the inside, make repairs as needed, cut and stack firewood and get the facility ready for the upcoming season. We really encourage you frequent users of the cabin to come and give us a hand! Afterwards we will have a BBQ at the trailhead. Distance to cabin is about 1.5 miles and gains about 1200'. If you'd like to help out, please contact Forest Dean with your availability and any resources (tools) you may have access to.

We could certainly use a couple of chainsaws and splitting mauls. We'll plan on carpooling (for those interested). Plan will be to be at the Bass Creek Overlook trailhead by 10:00am.

Email Forest at: [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

### **The Rocky Mountaineers Business Meeting**

As reference above, we will be holding the first quarterly business meeting of the season on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm** at Big Sky Brewing Company.

We are always interested in having new folks show up for these and helping guide the club into the future. These are open to all members and we encourage you to attend! (a business meeting at a Brewery does sound kind of fun, right?). Hope to see you there- second floor conference room.

### **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.

<http://rockymountaineers.com/tripreports/>

### **Club Officers**

President- Elizabeth Moore

Vice President- Casey Lammers

Secretary- Tom Statz

Treasurer- Chris Soriano

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