

# The Mountain Ear

May 2022

## President's Message

Although I found winter last week skiing in the high country, spring is showing up everywhere here in our valley. The Yellowbells and Glacier Lilies are blooming and the Bitterroot, Arrowleaf Balsamroot and Lupine plants are filling in on the surrounding mountains and getting ready to pop in a few short weeks.

We have the Spring Fling and BBQ coming up on May 7th with a host of trips leading up to the event. Check the calendar to sign up. We have our yearly elections and approval of bylaws coming up this week, as well. There is also a Trip Leader Meeting near the end of the month. This meeting is for all current Trip Leaders and anyone curious about leading trips for TRM. Everyone is welcome to join us.

I hope you will consider joining an upcoming trip this Spring! Check out the calendar for more details.

*"Keep close to nature's heart... and break clear away, once in a while, or climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean." -John Muir*

See you outside!  
Elizabeth

## Membership Renewals

### DUES NOTICE

The Rocky Mountaineers annual membership has traditionally run from May 1 to April 30. Recently we made a change so your membership will now run for 12 months regardless of when you join or renew. Many of you reading this will have had your membership expire at the end of April. If you have not yet renewed, we would really appreciate you taking the time NOW to do so.

What are the benefits of membership?

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

- Free use of our winter cabin on Little St. Joe
- Social events
- Attend the *Glacier Classic!*
- Monthly Newsletter
- Be a part of a group of like-minded outdoor recreation enthusiasts!

Annual dues:

- \$30 - Individual
- \$45 - Family
- \$20 - Student/Youth (under 23 years old)

NEW- How to renew: Go to [rockymountaineers.com](http://rockymountaineers.com) and click on the "Join here or sign in" button. Choose the appropriate membership, and click on "add to cart" or "select options". If you are not already logged in, click on the "Returning customer? Click here to login" link, and login. Add your billing details and credit card information, and check out. Make sure that your cart includes only one membership.

If you are signing up for a family membership, you will be asked for a team name. Enter a team name---you might use your last name. When you are logged in, you will see a "Teams" tab. Here you can invite additional family members to join your team with their own e-mail. They will be able to login to the website and will have member privileges and receive e-mail from the club.

### **Spring Fling and BBQ**

On SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Annual Spring BBQ. This will be held in conjunction with a day of activities! Please mark this on your calendar and consider attending!! Here is the plan:

- Several trips to choose from during the day:
  - MT. DEAN STONE (Hike)
  - PETTY MOUNTAIN (Hike)
  - LOLO PEAK (Bike/Hike/Ski)
  - GASH POINT (BC Ski/Snowshoe)
- 6:00pm- BBQ in Missoula @ Ft. Missoula's Meadowlark Shelter. Food, Beer and Drinks!
- Raffle Prizes! (Climbing Gear and TRM Swag)
- Lawn Games!

To help cover our food costs and the shelter rental, we would like to ask all attendees to contribute \$5.00 this year (kids are free). You will get one free raffle ticket for your contribution. (More tickets can be purchased as well)

The Meadowlark Shelter is at the Fort Missoula Regional Park at 2920 South Avenue West. This is just past the Community Medical Center parking lot on the other side of a parking lot south of South Avenue. See Meadowlark Shelter.

We REALLY want you to attend this event! Hope to see ALL of you there! MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND (members can bring guests though). Also, an RSVP is requested. Email: Forest Dean- [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

### Trip Leaders WANTED

Do you have experience leading trips into the backcountry. Or, perhaps you don't, but would like to start doing so? Trip leadership can be a very rewarding experience. It can also provide you with partners to go and do things you would otherwise maybe be doing solo. Either way, if you are interested, WE WANT YOU. One of our greatest challenges with this club is always coming up with enough trips for our membership (note the lack of trips listed above...). We need folks willing and capable of leading these adventures. Interested? Please consider attending our Trip Leader Meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Forest for more details: [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Trips and Activities

Hike- **Calf Creek Wildlife Area**- Sun, May 1  
Various Trips- **Spring Fling and Club BBQ**- Sat, May 7  
Snow Climb- **Peak 8632' (Missions)**- Sun, May 15  
Hike- **Woody Mountain** - Sun, May 15  
Run/Hike- **Black Mountain**- Sun, May 22  
Alpine Climb- **Blackfoot Mtn/Mt. Logan (Glacier)**- Sat-Mon, May 28-30  
Hike- **Lewis and Clark Pass**- Sat, May 28  
Various Trips- **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Kercher Glacier Classic**- Thu-Sun, Aug 18-21

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

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

## **Board of Director Elections**

It is once again time for our Club to elect its officers. All of our current officers are eligible for another year in their same position. We have nominated these same four individuals and they have all accepted their nomination for a second one year term. We did not have any other nominations.

Our bylaws require the membership to vote to approve these candidates. In the next few days, if you are a current member, you will be receiving an online ballot asking you to vote yes or no for these candidates. Please take a moment to respond- we appreciate it.

## **Officer Candidate Biographies**

### **Elizabeth Moore - President**

Hi there. I'm Elizabeth Moore. When I joined the Rocky Mountaineers in 2017, after years of solo adventure and training for multi sport races, I quickly realized I had found my community. I was born in Northern Maine to parents who prioritized time with their family in the outdoors. After college graduation, with about \$300 in my pocket, a friend and I set out on a roadtrip slated to last a month, but ended up being a lifetime, because I fell in love with the mountains.

I am impressed with The Rocky Mountaineers' long rich 60+ year history in Missoula and I'm excited about our future. I've enjoyed working on the board this past year and I'd like to continue our work transitioning into a 501c3 non profit and the exciting things that means for us into the future. I'd like to help in any way I can to see our membership continue to grow, offer benefits to trip leaders and members and continue to be a place to mentor and encourage skills for safety and leadership in all sorts of mountain sports.

Thank you for considering me for President.

### **Casey Lammers - Vice President**

Hello, I am Casey Lammers. I am a native Montanan. I grew up on a large ranch in central Montana. I spent my childhood running around the prairies and foothills of the Rocky Mountain Front. I had always dreamed of big adventures high in the

peaks to the west. My dreams came true in 2014 when I moved to the Mission Valley. I quickly started exploring the wonders of the Mission Mountain wilderness with my adventures becoming bigger and bigger. I joined The Rocky Mountaineers in the spring of 2019 and quickly found a family of mountain adventurers.

I am honored to be a part of the close camaraderie we all share in The Rocky Mountaineers. I feel privileged to be considered for a leadership role in this fine group and look forward to helping maintain and grow our memberships and activities.

Thanks for your consideration.

### **Chris Soriano - Treasurer**

Hi TRM members. I'm Chris Soriano and I am excited to again put my name forward to be Treasurer of the The Rocky Mountaineers. Getting outside has always been a part of my life and as a TRM member I have been inspired by the enthusiasm of members to get outside and share their knowledge and passion for exploration with each other.

After participating in TRM activities for a few years I now enjoy playing a more active role in the organization as Treasurer and I look forward to continuing to support the organization as it grows and builds on its long rich history.

### **Tom Statz - Secretary**

Greetings. I'm Tom Statz. When I moved to Missoula I joined The Rocky Mountaineers looking for friendly, welcoming people who enjoy the outdoors as much as I do. TRM exceeded my expectations.

I grew up with the 'adventure' bug but didn't know it until later in life. I discovered organized adventure when I was an undergrad at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. I joined the student outdoor club, The Hoofers, and quickly became an active member. First going on then leading trips. In San Diego I was a Leader in both California Camping and Hiking and Take a Hike Meetup groups. In those groups I led multiple long backpacking and canoeing trips along with numerous day trips.

I'm impressed with The Rocky Mountaineers and their commitment to the group members, the community as a whole, and the environment. I would like to continue to help The Rocky Mountaineers to grow, serve its members old and new and continue to respect the outdoors we are so privileged to have here in Missoula. I also look forward to adding more adventures to the TRM calendar.

### Notice of Annual Meeting

We will be holding our final quarterly business meeting of the year next Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. This is considered our "Annual Meeting" as we will certify election results and begin our next business year. All members are welcome- and very encouraged- to attend. Location: Big Sky Brewing Company, second floor conference room. Please attend and help with the direction of YOUR club!

### 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)

### **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