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## General Club Meeting

Held at 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, normally in the large meeting room of the Idaho Falls Public Library. NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

## Membership Fees

### Full year:

Individuals: \$20

Family: \$25

### After July 1:

Individuals: \$15

Family: \$20

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Full-time students (18 or older) and seniors (65 or older): \$5 off the above fee schedule.

## Council Meetings and Bulletin Deadline

Any interested member is invited to attend.

Materials for the bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings. Please send material to the bulletin editor at 2188 St. Clair Road, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404 or by email to [rener@srv.net](mailto:rener@srv.net)

## 40th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Picnic!

**August 2, 2000 6:30 pm**

Barb Brown's House, 201 Commons Road, Idaho Falls  
See inside for all the details...

## President Speaks

Happy Summer!! It is almost time for the annual August member picnic! This year, in celebration of the IAC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the club is going to provide the meat in addition to the usual beverages. Barbara Brown has graciously offered to have the picnic at her lovely home out off of East River Road. Details of what to bring and a map to Barbara's house is above for your reference.

Club shirts will be for sale at the picnic for \$12 per shirt. They are a short sleeve, crew neck, oxford gray Dri-Release material with

an embroidered IAC logo. Sizes available are medium and large. They dry really fast, don't show dirt, (even after wearing them a week), and don't shrink in the wash.

June 3, National Trails Day had a great turn out of 14 hard workers to do some trail reconstruction at the City of Rocks Flaming Rock trail head. We crushed rock as fill for framed in stairs, dug postholes to build railings along the stairs to keep hikers off of the old trail that we had decompacted and revegetated, put in waterbars, and built a railing to keep the owners of vehicles from parking further into the sagebrush.

On June 21, four IAC members were standing on top of Mt. Whitney at 14,497 feet. The weather and the views were fantastic. We also found out that June 21 is National Hike Naked Day. On the way home we stopped in Yosemite National Park for a day and a half of sightseeing and climbing.

We still have plenty of room on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary week long backpack through the Sawtooth Mountains and several of the other outings planned. Mt. Moran is now full. Sign-up sheets for upcoming trips will be at the picnic.

See ya out there!  
Donna

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*Found at Memorial Day Salmon River raft trip, one small black frying pan. We think you brought grapes in it Saturday night. To claim, call Garney at 522-6128.*

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## June Council Minutes

Meeting notes from June 27, 2000

8:29pm - Reading of last months council meeting minutes.

8:34pm - approved.

8:35pm - Treasurer's report...

General fund = \$4,816.00

Rafting fund = \$1,373.00

CD's = \$4,144.00

Expenditures = \$150 Postage and Bulletin

Members to date = 114

8:37pm - National Trails Day report from Donna. Built steps, reveged, and put up rails on Flaming Rock trailhead.

8:39pm - Common release form discussion/report. Boise members have current rev. and are using it on outings.

8:45pm - Wolverine Canyon cleanup for National Crags Day project discussion. The climbing area at Wolverine isn't that messy plus the City would be centrally located for members at both sides of the state. Trail construction at the City more

- preferable. Donna to ask Jeremy about it.
- 8:49pm - FWOC update. Decision made to contact Marty Huebner at FWOC to obtain more info about FWOC.
- 8:52pm - August 2nd picnic discussion. Will need Paul Worth's grill, Eric to bring sliced tomatoes, onions, & lettuce, Tim has list of items to pick up for picnic. Approved providing the meat, buns, and condiments in honor of IAC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 8:56pm - Discussion from Eric about possible club financing of new climbing equipment. Moved to new business.
- 9:12pm - Minor trip requirement discussion. Donna to check with EXUM, Scouts, etc. about release forms and legalities. Garney found out that the Ski Club just gets a parent consent form. Also discussed putting language regarding taking minors on club trips in upcoming newsletters. Club members need to be aware when taking minors along on club trips that the IAC By-Laws require that if they are under 18 at least one of their parents must be a member of the club and should accompany the minor.
- 9:38pm - New business...  
Climbers request new top rope (150') and webbing. Motioned and approved.
- 9:48pm - Next two council meetings:  
Whitham's, July 25 & August 29.
- 9:51pm - Adjournment.

## **Boise IAC Minutes 6-15-2000**

### **Old Business**



Terry has prepared a poster, which is up at REI, The Benchmark, and Idaho Mountain Touring. It has worked to attract the attention of several attendees. Terry will pursue further placements and will calculate his costs for reimbursement.

Suggestions for our web link included scanned photos of trips, a calendar of events, and listings with major search engines. Doug will pursue.

Question as to possibility or renting a booth at health/fitness or outdoor/adventure fair. Are costs reimbursable? What are reasonable limits etc.. Jim to pursue

Sawtooth trip finalized to meet at Grandjean trailhead at 11:00 AM Saturday 6-17-2000. Overnighters to camp at or close to Baron Lake, day hikers to return to the Grandjean campground.

### **New Business**

Tabled details of other adventures until next meeting.

Tuesday climbs to continue, Thursday hikes cancelled until cooler weather prevails.

Discussed possible climbing class, Ken will teach if there is interest.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:20

### **Addendum: Current and Prospective member list**

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Watchmans Gunar von der Rockies CGC, passed away, due to cancer, on June 12, 2000 at the age of 9 years and 8 months. She loved to go backpacking and hiking with his Mom and Dad (Donna and Mark). She relished watching TV especially when we rented a video particularly for her. She was a shameless flirt who knew how to bat her eyes to get treats, to go for a walk, and to convince someone to turn the TV on for her. Gunar

greeted everyone she knew with a wild wiggle of her little stubby tail. She was a truly sweet, wonderful dog. We will sincerely miss her.

## Climbing/Mountaineering 2000 Schedule

This schedule is for beginner to advanced climbers and can be somewhat flexible in terms of the routes we choose and the difficulty of the climbs, depending on the levels of the climbers taking part in each trip. The trips to City of Rocks, Massacre Rocks and Thursday night climbs will provide good opportunities for less advanced climbers to practice technique and learn more about rock climbing protection and placement of gear.

July 28-30 Tetons: Mt. Moran (CMC, South Buttress routes)

August 25 - 27 Grand Teton or Middle Teton

Sept 15 - 18 Yosemite, Owens River Gorge, or Red Rocks

Oct 2 -3 Blodgett Canyon, Montana

There will probably be other climbs or hikes not on this schedule, as well as activities coordinated by others. Call Kurt Myers or Eric Peterson for climbing and scheduling information.

Thursday night climbs will start June 1st. These are short, local-area climbing outings which take place every Thursday evening for much of the summer. We leave at 6:00pm from the lot behind the old McDonalds (between Burger King & Albertsons), travel to the area and climb for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The schedule details will be released soon.

## BACKPACKING 2000

### White Clouds July 28-30.

Castle Peak or vicinity. Details to be determined. Contact Alan Queen at 208.336.8421 or alanq@micronet-systems.com for details and to sign up

### Hotsprings in the Selway/Bitterroot Wilderness July 28-Aug 6

Firm plans are not finalized, but so far the plan is to mosey on over to the trailhead at the Wilderness Gateway Campground the first day, stopping (of course) at either Jerry Johnson or Weir Creek Hotsprings. Once on the trail we will investigate Stanley Hot Springs (6 miles from the trailhead) and the Seven Lakes Loop (18 miles round trip). From there, depending on time, we may look for Stuart Hot Springs and/or Prospector Hot Springs, or just wander around for a few days. Returning the last night to stay at Stanley Hot Springs and soak our weary bones. Of course, a stop at Jerry Johnson or Weir Creek on the way home is a must! Contact George Cole 522-4084 (email:hockey@srv.net) to reserve llama space!

### Kane Lake - August 5 - 6

A strenuous, partly cross country, 4 or 5 mile hike depending on where you park takes you into a pretty milky turquoise lake in the Pioneer Mountains at the base of Devils Bedstead. The view of several 300 foot waterfalls streaming down the cliffs across the lake from the campsites is the reward. A high clearance vehicle is needed for the 2 fords of Kane Creek to get to the trailhead or you can park at the 2nd ford and bushwhack an extra mile. This hike is also an overniter for those who want to spend more time at this pretty lake. Last time we were there we saw two mountain goats on the ledges by the

waterfalls. For more details and to sign up call Mark and Donna Whitham at 524.6119.

### **Borah Peak August 11-12.**

Travel to camp Friday. Hike early Saturday. Return Saturday night or Sunday. Contact Alan Queen at 208.336.8421 or [alanq@micronet-systems.com](mailto:alanq@micronet-systems.com) for details and to sign up.

### **Sawtooth Trek September 2-9, 2000**

A week long trip into the Sawtooths, to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence for the Idaho Alpine Club, is scheduled for September 2 - 9. The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club is planning to join us once again for this trek through some of Idaho's most incredible scenery. Because of the SNRA requirements for party size, space will be limited so don't wait until the last minute to decide to go.

The preliminary schedule is to start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> by taking the early ferry at Redfish across the lake, then hike to Cramer Lakes, the 3<sup>rd</sup> to Edna Lake, the 4<sup>th</sup> will be a layover for one of our infamous day hikes or hanging out to fish, tan, etc., the 5<sup>th</sup> to Imogene Lake, the 6<sup>th</sup> will be a layover to scramble up Mt. Cramer or the hanging out thing again, the 7<sup>th</sup> to Toxaway Lake, the 8<sup>th</sup> will be either at Twin Lakes or Alice Lake, and end on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pettit Lake trailhead. The scenery is incredible and every nite will be next to a lake. A SNRA trailhead pass is required for those leaving vehicles at either end of the trail or any trailhead in between. Those are available through Idaho Mt. Trading locally. The SNRA does also require that the four legged hikers be on leashes.

For more information and to sign up, call Mark or Donna Whitham 524.6119.

## **2000 Bicycling Schedule**

**August 12 & 13: Taft Tunnel ride.** The tunnel should be open this year. The Missoulians On Bicycles will be doing this ride. 10 rider limit. 120 mile tour (50 gravel). Camping or hotels. Paul Gibson will lead. Contact him at (406) 728-8722 or [pgibson@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:pgibson@mcps.k12.mt.us) (Off-road ride)

### **August 26 & 27:**

**Double Divide Ride - Helena, MT.** 87 miles on the first day & 52 miles on the second day. Overnight in Lincoln, MT - former home of Ted Kazynski. Helena Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 4682, Helena, MT 59601. (Road ride)

**Sawtooth Bicycling Bonanza.** Dates not yet fixed. A week? of road and off-road riding in the Sun Valley / Ketchum and Stanley Basin / Sawtooth areas. Rides of all types from easy / short to difficult / long are planned, along with some hiking and other activities thrown in for variety. Base camp will be one of the Redfish Lake campgrounds. Car shuttles would be needed for some of the planned rides. Rides will be on paved roads and highways, paved and unpaved trails and dirt roads. There are 2 books out on the rides / trails in this area. More details later. (Road & Off-road rides)

### **September 23-24: Tour des Lacs.**

**Spokane / Couer d'Alene area.** Variable mileage options. 1200 rider limit. Round and Round productions, 2704 South Stone, Spokane, WA 99223. <http://www.roundandround.com> (Road ride)

**Other Rides:** Let me know if you have any other rides in mind that you would like to do. Contact Jeff Coward at (208) 522-8135 (home) or (208) 529-0775 (work), or email me at [jdc1100@srv.net](mailto:jdc1100@srv.net)

## Trip Report: West Yellowstone to Warm River mountain bike ride.

(Jeff Coward)

Jeff Coward, and Jim, Kay, & Pat Rose left Idaho Falls on Saturday, June 24th and drove to the Big Springs campground in Island Park where we set up camp. While there, Jim talked with some other campers, one of whom agreed to ride up to West Yellowstone with us and return our vehicle. This eliminated the need for us to drive back for it later.

We left West Yellowstone in the early afternoon and began the ride. The Montana section is on a Forest Service road that parallels the old railroad bed, since the trestles on the Montana side have been removed. After crossing a fork of the Madison River, the road turns southwest and follows a stream for several miles as it heads for Reas Pass. The road section of the ride is the only one with any hills to climb, and they are not at all steep by mountain biking standards, although Kay did walk a small part of the most significant climb. Once we reached the top of the pass we moved onto the old railroad line and soon began the descent back into Idaho. The weather was good, with clear skies and enough breeze to keep the mosquitoes from being a problem. The descent features views of Sawtelle peak and the Henry's Lake area, although the lake itself is not visible. We arrived back at the campground in late afternoon after riding about 22 miles (according to Jim's bike computer). We then shuttled one vehicle to Warm River to be ready for the next day's ride. The breeze stopped later in the evening which increased the mosquito activity, but it was still not a major problem. The breeze resumed the next morning, but from the northeast instead of the southwest. This was the first time we have ever enjoyed a tailwind on this ride, which was especially nice since the route from Big Springs to Warm River

passes through more open meadows with fewer trees to block the wind.

Along the way we crossed the Henry's Fork and the Buffalo River as well as several smaller streams. We passed by many meadows and ponds and saw some cranes, swans, moose, and assorted other birds and wildlife. The purple flowers that usually cover the meadows were not visible, since we were riding two weeks later than usual, but there were still many different types of flowers blooming. The trail condition was good, with several washouts from previous years having been repaired and no significant damage from cattle. There were the usual sections of sand and cinders to ride through, as well as some washboarding from the ATV's, but the only place with any real condition problems was a small washout section on the final descent into Warm River where fill consisting of baseball sized rocks has been used. Kay hit one of these which caused her bike to slip out from under her, but she was not hurt.

The views along the Warm River section are fantastic, which is why this is the most well used section. Most of the other trail users we met were on this section, with most of the rest on the first day's forest road section or near Big Springs. We met several ATV riders, some motorcyclists, horseback riders, and other bicyclists. All were courteous and friendly. After passing through the old railroad tunnel, we finished the ride at Warm River campground in late afternoon, having ridden 33 miles (again according to Jim's computer). We then loaded up the bikes and drove back to Big Springs to pack up and head home. The recommended route for this is back through Ashton, since the Mesa Falls road is ALL under construction (none of it re-paved as yet), with a detour on Forest roads around one section.

Once again we were reminded why this may be the best mountain bike ride in eastern Idaho. The trail is easy to ride, and the views of mountains, rivers, streams, ponds, plants

and wildlife are as good as you will find anywhere. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who has not yet ridden it. It can be done as a one day trip by anyone who is in shape to ride 55 to 65 miles (depending on whether or not you take the side trip to Warm River Springs), or in two days as we did. We will definitely schedule it again next year.

## Rafting Trips Summer 2000

Gear is still stored at Vicki and Greg Hulet's house. Anyone wanting to lead a trip, or anyone having a permit open to club members, please call Vicki at 523-6199.

### JULY 22

Alpine Canyon ~ Contact: Hulets 523-6199

### AUGUST 4-6

Spring Creek Campground, Main Salmon River, Shoup. Contact: Jim Lee 524-5836  
Established trip open to club members also.

### August 19

Alpine Canyon ~ Contact: Hulets 523-6199

If anyone has a week permit on rivers that is interested in opening your trip up to club members, please let Vicki know and we will advertise for you.

To rent club gear for additional trips, please call Vicki Hulet, 523-6199. Anyone desiring to rent gear from July 28-Aug 12, please call Jim Lee, 524-5836.

### Raft Rental Requirements & Fees:

Life Jackets	\$3/day
10 - man raft	\$40/day
10 - man self bailing	\$60/day
(\$300 deposit for raft rental to be left with coordinator)	
Club trip fee	\$10/person/day

### Rental Criteria:

The person renting a raft must be:

- An active member of the Idaho Alpine Club.
- Have recognized captaining abilities for planned river.
- Have assisted in raft maintenance within the last year.
- Be able to load gear without assistance.
- Have provided rafting coordinator sufficient notice for equipment pickup.

## IAC LOGO T-SHIRTS!!

The t-shirts are really cool! Short sleeves, crew neck, heather grey (just dark enough to not show dirt unless you wallow in the mud) Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! The logo is sooo detailed that you can even see the rope hanging from the little climber! \$12 each. Sizes Medium, Large and X-Large. These shirts are great out in the field. They dry really fast and don't get stinky like the polypro stuff does after a couple days or even a week on the Teton Crest Trail. The shirts are available at the monthly meetings, but if you just can't wait until the next meeting, contact Mark or Donna at 524.6119 to get yours sooner.

## Club Member Benefits

K & R Adventure Gear - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on hiking, climbing, and outdoor equipment. For more information the web address is [www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com) and email: [knrgear@srv.net](mailto:knrgear@srv.net) or call Kurt or Rebekah locally at 208.522.5279 or toll free at 1.877.369.7407.

Canyon Whitewater Supply - is offering club members, with a current member card, a 10% discount on rafting and kayaking non-sale supply and accessory items. For more information call 208.522.3932

All Topo Maps on CD-ROM are now available to IAC members who have a current membership card at a 15% discount through Timberline Outfitters

Discount membership to the American Alpine Club. Singles may join the AAC for \$40 (instead of \$65) Couples may join for \$65 (instead of \$92.50). Applications must be accompanied by a copy of your Idaho Alpine Club membership card to get the discounted rates. Applications can be accessed on the AAC website:  
<http://www.americanalpineclub.org> or at IAC general meetings.

10 % discount on (nonsale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:

- Idaho Mountain Trading, Shoup & B
- Timberline Outfitters, Eagle Rock Station
- Sports Korner, Inc., 660 Northgate Mile

\$1.00 discount at Stone Walls Climbing Gym

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking and Biking guide books

Outdoor (nonrafting) gear is available for free use by paid up club members

Rafting gear available at a low rental fee

Connect with climbing, whitewater, hiking, backpacking, biking, ski, expertise

Great activity schedule

Two annual socials (January and August)

Specialized information on outdoor activities from local experts

Informative, fun, and even occasionally educational programs

And last but not least, a subscription to this wondrous newsletter. . .

### **Alpine Club Rental Gear:**

Gear is available to paid-up members. Call the appropriate coordinator for more information.

North Face VE-24 tent--George Cole

Climbing helmets-- Leon Wolfram

Climbing harness, carabiner & figure 8-- Eric Peterson

Caving helmets-- Dean K.

Carbide lamps-- Dean K.

Ice axes-- Leon Wolfram

Clinometer & compass for cave mapping----Dean K.

PLUS rafting equipment --Vickie Hulet

### **Newsletter Advertising**

Members: Free space is usually available for members' ads for used or needed equipment. Free space (up to half pages depending on space) is also available to businesses that offer discounts to members.

Nonmembers:Half page ad - \$25

12 half-page ads, purchased at the same time - \$20 each for a total of \$240

Full-page ad - \$40

12 full-page ads purchased at the same time  
\$33.34 each for a total of \$400.

### **Stone Walls Rock Gym**

Hours are 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mon-Fri

1:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. Saturdays

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sundays.

The gym offers a \$1 discount to Alpine Club members. *[Note: these hours may be out of date--please call to check.]*

### **Web site news**

Have you visited the Idaho Alpine Club's homepage at <http://www.srv.net/~iac> lately?

Have you tried the great interactive features that have recently been added to the site:

\* An IAC CLUB BULLETIN BOARD where you can post information, announcements, ask questions, make comments, whatever you'd like. It's like our own club newsgroup!

A 'SHARE-A-LINK' page where you can link to WWW sites submitted by members. You can even submit your own favorite links and they'll automatically be added to the list.

\* Looking for specific information on the site?  
- use the IAC SITE SEARCH feature to locate pages of specific interest