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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

GOATPACKING 8 P.M. Wednesday, May 3, 2000 Idaho Falls Library ~ Large Meeting Room

Marilynne Manguba will be presenting the Idaho Alpine Club with a slide show on goatpacking. Marilynne did her first Idaho backpacking trip with the IAC soon after moving here in 1988. An article in Sierra magazine on goatpacking got her interested in packing with goats, after trying llamas. One commercial trip with goats in the Red Desert of Wyoming and she was hooked. She now shares her household with 15 goats, including 5 packgoats.

President Speaks

Hi there! Here it May already and time to start planning those summer trips. The

coordinators have some trips already lined up ranging from day hikes to backpacking to mountaineering and bicycling. The Thursday night climbing starts at the end of May and the water sports coordinators are planning out their schedules for the summer too. Start making your plans now so you don't miss out on some of the great trips scheduled.

Gary did a great job of teaching the map and compass class on April 14 & 15. Seven of us had a lot of fun learning how to pace off and judge distances, how to compute true, grid, and magnetic bearings, and how to use triangulation to find our position on the map.

If you haven't signed up for the CPR class that we have arranged for the club on May 20, the class size is limited so don't wait until the last minute to sign up and miss out on this valuable course that could save a loved ones life. Coordinators and potential trip leaders are strongly encouraged to take the course. We have room for two more participants.

June 3, National Trails Day plans are set to do a little work on the trails at the City of Rocks. We have made arrangements for our club to do about 30 man hours of work on the trails. Even if you don't feel like working much it would be a nice outing. Of course, the more that participate, the sooner we can spend the rest of the weekend climbing. The climbing ranger that we are working with will be setting us up with campsites to use the nites of June 2nd & 3rd.

This months presentation by Marilynne Manguba will be an entertaining one about packing with goats. Don't miss it.

Finally thank-you to all those members who have renewed their memberships for the year and a big welcome to all of the new members who have recently joined the IAC.

Donna

Council Minutes

IAC COUNCIL MINUTES: No minutes for April

Next council meeting:

Donna Whitham 706 Laurelwood - 5/30/2000

Minutes from Boise IAC meeting 4-20-2000

First ever Boise meeting. Attending were:

Name	Member	Phone	e-mail
Brien Barnett	Yes	342-5962	elcap1@excite.com
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Jean Kutty	No	333-8258	NA
Alan Queen	Yes	336-8421	alanq@micronet-system

Issues discussed: (New Business)

Overview of the IAC and how Boise is (can become) more involved. Review procedures for trips, that we are not a guide service, and what we wish to accomplish.

Reviewed upcoming IAC event Calendar. Possible turnout for Smith Rocks and Snow School. (But no definite commitments)

Discussed some possible trips and the details required for IAC trips. No formal decisions made.

Decided that we need some exposure on the IAC web site. Alan Queen to contact George Cole re space. Brien Barnett will handle any required interface/web update etc.

Decided that we need more recruiting. Discussion included Potlucks, Speakers, Newspaper. Brien to explore possible article in the REC section of the Statesman.

Decided to meet again 5-18-2000 at the Courtyard by Marriott at 6:30

Decided to have regular weekly Climbing at the Black Cliffs Tuesdays at 6:30, Hiking Thursdays meeting at the old Penitentiary and up Table Rock.

Special thanks to Scott for allowing us to use the Courtyard by Marriott meeting rooms. (Very nice and new, a definite recommend for anyone traveling to Boise)

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:15 PM

Trail Maintenance Coordinator

Two of the Trail Maintenance Coordinator Positions are now open. Trail maintenance is part of the IAC's desire to promote the principles of conservation including resource preservation. Trail maintenance projects can even benefit the climbing community as we have seen at places like Smith Rock and the City of Rocks. Volunteers put those trails in. Promoting National Trails Day, the adopt-a-trail program, coordinating some of the trail maintenance on the Lava Trail, and coordinating with the Forest Service for the IAC matching contribution to the Trail Grants program are the main duties of the position. Paul and Norm are willing to help the new coordinator(s), but would like to be workers now. Norm even comes complete with chainsaw and proper PPE to help cut down or cut up anything needing cutting. Please call Donna if you are interested in the position, 524.6119.

Highway Cleanup - May 7

We plan to do highway cleanup on our section of Highway between mileposts 6 & 8. It will be dependent on the weather. This is a great opportunity to do some community service with your friends. Let's all show what a great group we are to the community as we do our part in keeping the landscape clean. For more details and to sign up call Mark and Donna Whitham at 524.6119.

CPR Class ~ May 20

CPR Class with the American Heart Association will be held on May 20. Cost is \$14.00 for the Adult CPR. Child CPR will be held in conjunction for an extra fee of \$5.00. American Heart Association text, hands on practice, and 2 year certification will be provided. Sign up sheets will be at the May 3 meeting or call Mark or Donna to sign up 524.6119.

Memorial Day Trip Announcement

Looking for something to do over the Memorial Day Weekend? Join us at the City of the Rocks. Families (with kids of all ages), singles, everyone's welcome. Camping, hiking, biking, climbing, eating, and lounging about! Let us know as soon as possible so we can arrange for appropriate camp sites (group or otherwise). Contact Gaylon or Rebecca at 528-6637.

National Trails Day ~ June 3

We will be performing about 30 man hours of light maintenance on the hiking trails at the City of Rocks. The more participants we have, the sooner we get done with the work and go play. The climbing ranger will arrange for a group site for us if we have at least 17 participants. Sign up sheets will be

at the May 3 meeting or call Mark or Donna to sign up 524.6119.

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.

May 6th	Snow School
May 26-28	City of Rocks or Red Rocks
June 24-25	Sawtooths (Elephant Perch or Finger of Fate)
July 7-9	Mt. Jefferson, Oregon
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 & Albertons), travel to the area and climb for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The schedule details will be released soon.

Mountaineering Mt. Whitney June 19 - 23, 2000

Mt. Whitney is located in the High Sierra mountains of California and at 14,495 feet is the tallest mountain in the contiguous 48

states. We drew a permit in the lottery for the Mt. Whitney Trail permits and have an opening on the permit for one more person to join our summit party. Cost for your share of the permit is \$15 plus food and driving or car pooling expenses. We will leave for California on June 19 and return possibly via Yosemite the following weekend (sometime between the 23rd and 25th). For more details and to sign up call Mark and Donna Whitham at 524.6119.

BACKPACKING 2000

Sawtooth Trek - September 2-9, 2000

A week long trip into the Sawtooths, to celebrate the 40th 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 2nd by taking the early ferry at Redfish across the lake, then hike to Cramer Lakes, the 3rd to Edna Lake, the 4th will be a layover for one of our infamous day hikes or hanging out to fish, tan, etc., the 5th to Imogene Lake, the 6th will be a layover to scramble up Mt. Cramer or the hanging out thing again, the 7th to Toxaway Lake, the 8th will be either at Twin Lakes or Alice Lake, and end on the 9th 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

May 6: Victor - Driggs loop. Check out the bike trail and back roads in the Teton Valley. About 30 miles on paved roads & trails. (Road ride)

May 13-14: Henry's Lake, Quake Lake, Hebgen Lake Loop. 65 miles on Highways 87, 287, 191, and 20, with a lunch stop in West Yellowstone. Snowmobiling season will be over, and the tourist season will not yet have started, so traffic is usually light. (Road ride) This ride is sponsored by the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce. About \$25, with food stops and sag support. <http://www.westyellowstonechamber.com> (406) 646-7701

May 13-14: STOKR 2000 - Scenic Tour of the Kootenai River. \$40. This annual ride is sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and is in Libby, Montana. 98 or 45 miles on day 1, and 38 miles on day 2 (on a paved private road). (If you choose the 98 mile day 1 option, the last 23 miles are all downhill.) Several IAC members are planning to go on this one. I have more information and an entry form that I can send you on this if you are interested, or contact Susie Rice at (406) 293-2441, or e-mail gregrice@libby.org for an entry form. 250 rider limit. <http://www.libby.org/~gregrice/STOKR/>

May 20-21: TOSRV West - 230 miles in 2 days. \$70. 700 rider limit. Missoulians on Bicycles, Missoula, Montana. Information and applications available at <http://www.missoulabike.org> (Road ride)

June 8-18: HP LaserJet International Women's Challenge. Possible race viewing trips. See schedule at the end of the ride list. <http://www.hplwc.com> (Road race/ride)

June 24-25: West Yellowstone to Warm River ride. 65 miles on the old railroad bed. No steep hills. Overnight at the Big Springs campground (halfway). Excellent scenery. Car shuttle required & mosquito repellent recommended for this ride. (Off-road ride)

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 (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 e-mail me at jdc1100@srv.net

HP LaserJet Women's Challenge:

Thursday, June 8: Boise to Idaho City Road Race
 Friday, June 9: Lowman to Stanley Road Race
 Saturday, June 10: Elkhorn Circuit Race (Ketchum / Sun Valley)
 Sunday, June 11: Rupert to Pomerelle Road Race
 Monday, June 12: Burley South Individual Time Trial
 Tuesday, June 13: Burley to Buhl Road Race
 Wednesday, June 14: Twin Falls to Glens Ferry Road Race
 Thursday, June 15: Payette Valley to Firebird Raceway Road Race
 Friday, June 16: Mountain Home Air Force Base Road Race
 Saturday, June 17: Statehouse Criterium (Boise)
 Sunday, June 18: Middleton to Boise Road Race

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.

Memorial Weekend May 27-29

Spring Creek Campground Main Salmon by Shoup. We'll run the river twice a day, and end each day with a "gourmet" potluck dinner. Some of us will be at Spring Creek by Fri noon, so we can possibly raft on Friday afternoon too. Anyone able to haul gear (even life jackets) please let us know. Call Vicki Hulet at 523-6199 to reserve a place on a raft.

June 3

Fall River ~ Contact: Hulets 523-6199

June 17

Alpine Canyon or Murtaugh, depending on interest Contact: Hulets 523-6199

June 21-25

Sunbeam Dam (Salmon River)/Payette River

Camp at O'Brien Campground, near Stanley, with a day trip to the Staircase section of the Payette River (Class III). Contact: Jim Lee 524-5836

July 15

Blackfoot River (depending on water level) Morgan bridge to Trail Creek Bridge (CLASS III). Contact: Jim Lee 524-5836

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 and email: 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.

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For Sale

DuoSport Bike Trailer/Stroller \$65

Can be used as a stroller or can be hitch behind a bike as a trailer. Holds two children combined maximum weight 85 pounds. In good shape. No longer big enough for one 9 year old.

For more info call Rene at 542-5126.

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