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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

7.12.2007: Jo Ann Sherwin's home, 6695 Rimrock

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	529-8142
	Eric Larsen	522-9354
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:30 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.

AUGUST Bulletin Deadline is:

Midnight July 15

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 15th of the month due to bulk mailer deadlines.

Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at editor@idahoalpineclub.org

Note: Hand written or hard copy material will be included in the bulletin, time permitting.

"Get Out and Have Fun in July"

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB

AUGUST PICNIC IS BEING PLANNED

Details in the Next Bulletin

President Speaks

In last month's newsletter there was a fitting tribute to honorary member Paul McCarthy who died recently. I would like to use the president's message this month to pay my tribute to Paul as well. I was lucky enough to count Paul as a friend and mentor as did many other club members.

Together, Paul and I scrambled up peaks and did cross country ski trips that I would never have done if it weren't for him. He stretched my awareness of what I was capable of doing. I always felt safe with Paul because he never took any unnecessary risks. I could relax because he would also take care of the route finding. Paul had a calmness that inspired confidence and he was just a lot of fun to be with because he was such a good conversationalist. In recent years he devoted time, along with club member Norm Kramer, to maintaining and grooming the cross country ski trails at Kelly Canyon. We are indebted to him for his service to the outdoor community and those of us who had the good fortune to know him are deeply saddened by his passing.

Bob Tyler

Climbing

For information on current trips, driving instructions, or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen 522-9354, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

Grand Teton:

August 16th, 17th, & 18th

This is the big one. The Grand Teton is the crown jewel of the Teton Range, and a must do for any aspiring mountaineers. There are no walk up routes to the top. All routes require solid technical climbing ability. Participants in this trip must have demonstrated competency in all aspects of mountaineering. Climbing, belaying, rappelling, massive exposure, carrying big packs, moving fast over rough terrain, and dealing with the Teton's unpredictable August weather are all needed skills for this trip. Sign up will begin in July, and applicants must be active participants in other club climbing trips this summer to be considered.

Route selection will depend on conditions (of course), and participant skill and desire. Upper Exum Ridge or Owen-Spaulding routes will be the most likely choices. We will reserve a camp site in the moraines for 2 nights, but if all goes well we'll only need one.

We will hike in on Friday, set up camp, and try for the summit early Saturday morning. This schedule helps to beat most of the weekend crowd. Park regulations limit us to 6 climbers.

2007 Wednesday Evening Climbing Schedule:

Meeting places for the climbs: If we are heading north (Ririe, Heise, or Paramount) we will continue to meet at the McDonalds by Fred Meyer. If we are heading south (Blackfoot or Ross Park), we will meet at the climbing gym. This means less driving and more climbing.

July 11th - Blackfoot

July 18th - Ross Park

July 25th - Paramount

August 1st - Heise (or Paramount)

August 8th - Blackfoot

August 15th - Ross Park

August 22nd - Paramount

August 29th - Ross Park

Rafting

For information on rafting trips, or contact Greg Hulet at 523-6199 or rafting@idahoalpineclub.org, or contact the trip leader indicated in the trip description.

July 18-22 - South Fork Boise (class III-IV) - Contact Jim Lee 524-5836. Sixteen mile long day section with no services camping near launch site. We will launch around noon each day. Bring your own boat.

Trail Maintenance

July 20-21 - Sheep Creek Trail:

The Alpine Club will support the Palisades Ranger District by conducting tread work (trail widening) on the Sheep Creek Trail (trail 096, non motorized), July 20 and 21, Friday and Saturday. We will meet Dave Woodcock at the trailhead at 8:00 am on Friday, camp that night at the trailhead and work again on Saturday. Bring all your own camping gear and food. Dave will provide the tools and animals to haul the equipment but we will start work on the bottom end of the trail and work our way up. Our support is part of the larger project which will include drilling and blasting the upper portion of the trail to provide a 24 inch wide trail. Contact Alan Crockett if you plan to help, abcrock.fu73573@msn.com.

Day Hiking / Backpacking

For information on current trips and or to sign up to go, please be sure to contact Sam Pole in advance so he knows you plan to go on a trip. Contact him at either email: Backpacking@IdahoAlpineClub.org or sbpole@cablone.net or at 523-4970 unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions.

July 7, 2007, Saturday: Hell's Half Acre from Hwy 20

Round trip approx. 11 miles. Trip Coordinator: Sam Pole. Let's try this again. Dry rocky hike over basalts to volcanic vent and back. Fairly

easy hike over relatively flat terrain with somewhat uneven footing. Meet at the West-side Walmart, garden area, 8:30 a.m.

July 12, 2007, Thursday: Craters of the Moon west of Arco, Idaho. Another make-up hike.

Round trip approx. 6 miles not counting short side trips to view various volcanic features off the main trail. Trip Coordinator: Sam Pole. An easy hike under desert conditions. Will proceed out to Echo Crater, and beyond if the group wishes and time allows. Meet at the West-side Walmart, garden area, 8:30 a.m.

July 28, 2007, Saturday. Glory Bowl, Tetons. Sam Pole, leader, 456-2924. A stroll in the Tetons.

The hike begins in Teton Pass east of Victor Idaho; climbs to the top of Glory Bowl; and then meanders along the mountain crests to Ski Lake or beyond to the Teton Crest Trail; then returns to the highway below and east of Teton Pass. Strenuous for first 0.5 mile then approximately 5.5 mile moderate rambling hike out.. Elevation gain in the first 0.5-mile climb above Teton Pass is approximately 1400 feet. Meet at the Ammon Walmart, garden area at 8:00a.m. We are meeting earlier because this hike can be longer than the norm. Can return directly to IF or eat in Victor before returning home.

Bicycling

For biking information and trips, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or email:

bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org unless otherwise indicated in the trip description. Weather can affect events at any time of year. Most events are held regardless of weather conditions, but events can be abbreviated or cancelled due to weather at any time. If conditions are questionable, contact an event coordinator for a status update.

Trip Reports

May 26. Sam Pole, Ken Krivanek and Ken's dog Sam had a beautiful hike above the Snake River canyon. The weather was perfect (Blue skies, moderate temp) and no one else around.

June 14, Sam Pole, Bruce Anderson, Susan McKinley, Mel Edmondson, Edna Cardenas, and Mike Fryer enjoyed a beautiful day in Blowout Canyon. After missing the turn-off for the road into Blowout we ventured up through the slide debris with political, environmental and philosophical discussions going full tilt. Though we solved no world problems, a fine time was had by all.

June 9, 2007 - West Yellowstone to Warm River: Seven riders participated in this annual Alpine Club trip. Jeff Coward, Ken Krivanek, and Peter Shaw rode the entire 50 mile distance, while Donna Nicklaus, Sandy Pew, Dave Heath, and Joe Groberg rode the section from West Yellowstone to Big Springs, where we stopped for lunch. Dave also rode about 5 miles up from Warm River to meet the riders coming down, and provided primary transport for the riders and bikes to West Yellowstone. We did not take the 4 mile side trip to Warm River Springs this year.

Weather conditions this year were excellent, with sunshine, reasonable temperatures, and light breezes. Most of the wildflowers were already done blooming this year, so we didn't see large fields of them as we have in past years. However, there was an abundant variety of wildlife. There were three moose on the trail near Big Springs. We had to wait for them to move off into the forest before proceeding down the trail. Other sightings included four sandhill cranes, one antelope, two swans, an eagle, and a groundhog on the trail. The water level in the ponds was

considerably lower than usual due to the less than normal snowpack this year. The views of the Tetons with recent snow were also excellent.

There were quite a few people rafting and canoeing on the river downstream from Big Springs, and we saw several groups of motorized riders on ATV's and motorcycles. They were more courteous than some motorized riders we have met in previous years. The number of motorized riders has increased dramatically in the past few years. Five years ago, we would not see any riders of any type on the long straight middle section of the trail, but the entire trail is now being used by motorized riders.

May 19, 2007 - Sheep Bridge Trail Mtn Bike Ride: Teak, Danelle and Dan Cummings and Bob Tyler enjoyed an uneventful ride on the short Sheep Bridge Trail in Teton Canyon. For those who ski the road in Teton Canyon in the winter, the Sheep Bridge Trail would be an enjoyable alternative. It parallels the road to the south and, like the road, is flat and easy but without the crowds.

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Free Maps:

By the time you are reading this, 10 more of Alan's color topographic maps at a scale of 1:112,500 covering the entire Dubois Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest will be available for free download from the National Forest web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/maps/>. These maps complement maps of the Palisades and Teton Ranger District that were posted last year. There are also 5 specialty (more detailed) maps of the Dubois District covering popular trail use areas including: Trail Creek, Stoddard Creek, Eightmile Canyon, Signal Peak and Webber Creek. Hard copies of the specialty maps will be available from the Dubois Ranger District. On this page there is an index map showing an 8 page map that covers the entire ranger district and connecting areas at a scale of 1:112,500. Each map must be downloaded separately and they can be pasted together to form one large map. Hard copies of these maps are not available from the FS. There are also 12 more detailed "Specialty" maps covering specific trails. These maps are at a scale of 1:50,000 with shaded relief and are detailed enough to replace USGS topographic maps in most cases. Coordinates of trailheads and key intersections are provided. Since the files are large, a high speed internet connection is needed.

For Sale

Yakima Child Carrier,

Used for only one child and still in perfect condition.

It is very easy to adjust from one adult to another and carries children up to 45 lbs. It comes with a child shade, bottle holster and small backpack.

It originally retailed for close to \$200. Selling for \$100 Call Katherine or Kevin at 529-8142.

Dates to Remember:

- July 7 - Hiking: Hell's Half Acre
- July 11 - Climbing: Blackfoot
- July 12 - Hiking: Craters of the Moon
- July 18-22 Rafting: South Fork Boise
- July 18 - Climbing: Ross Park
- July 20-21 - Trail Maint: Sheep Creek
- July 25th - Climbing: Paramount
- July 28 - Hiking: Glory Bowl, Tetons

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- August 22 - Climbing: Paramount
- August 29 - Climbing: Ross Park

Sept 5 - General Meeting

Now you have no excuse, get out there!

Enjoy the outdoors with the IAC

Join today

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Membership Fees

Full Year 7/1 to 10/1

Individuals: \$20 \$15

Family: \$25 \$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.

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

NOTE: Monthly minutes are available at

www.idahoalpineclub.org

IAC Logo T-Shirts!!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$14 each. Long sleeve \$21 each, while they last. When the long sleeve shirts we have are gone, they are gone. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large. The shirts are available at the monthly meetings, but if you just can't wait until the next meeting, contact the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

IAC Stickers

Two styles: 4.25" high x 3.5" wide with the IAC logo, web address, and list of club activities. 1.5" high x 11" wide "Idaho Alpine Club" sticker. The stickers are white graphics on a transparent background with adhesive on the face so they can be applied to the inside of a window on a vehicle. 50 cents per sticker or \$1 if you want one mailed to you. Contact the club Treasurer to obtain stickers.

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