


Hooray, Welcome May!

May 2019

Mountain West Outdoor Club

	<p>MEET THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ACTIVITY COORDINATOR: David Horsman. He loves to hike, lead hikes, AND 'hors' around.</p> <p>When asked what he'd like MWOC members to know about him, Dave spoke about being a member of Mountain West. He stated, "I googled 'hiking' when we moved to Boise and the MWOC was the top response. We were warmly welcomed as visitors at the next potluck dinner and the warmth has only grown. Most hikes are a pretty even mix of palaver and forward motion, the real test of success being whether you're caught up with the happenings of everyone on the trail by the time the last step is taken. And for me another great draw is the fact that no one expects you until they see you. There's no sign-up for the hikes, as required by most other groups, and that's a big bonus for a noncommittal retiree who's done with daily deadlines. Finally, MWOC has been the launchpad for many enduring friendships with people who share my values and make the world a better place for everyone around them." Well said, Dave!</p> <p>Did you also know that before retiring Dave was a newspaperman? And he has been sighted playing Pickleball? We are grateful to you Dave, for the hikes you have led us on and the many sharing times in-between.</p>
<p>May 1, Wed, - May 2, Thurs</p>	<p>BRUNEAU HIKING TRIP. Contact Peggy Belau if interested in going along peggybelau@hotmail.com.</p>
<p>May 4, Sat 9:30 am</p>	<p>CRATER RINGS DAY HIKE - Let's meet at the Park & Ride lot by St Luke's Hospital on Eagle Road at 9:30 a.m. We will drive to Mtn. Home; explore the Crater Rings, get lunch/dinner somewhere in town, and drive home. Limited to 8 people; No dogs, please. Call Alvena at 208-658-9081 if interested.</p>
<p>May 6, Mon</p>	<p>MWOC PLANNING MEETING AND POTLUCK</p> <p>The MWOC officers - and any others who would like to give</p>

5:00 pm	input - will meet at 5:00 pm at Idaho Fish and Game, prior to the potluck.
6:00 pm	<p>The May MWOC Potluck meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019, at Idaho Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut, Boise. Socializing starts at 6 pm, dining at 6:30. Bring a dish to share, your own plate, utensils and a beverage (no alcohol, please).</p> <p>Join us for featured speaker, Mac Eld who considers himself an expert on highway history signs in Idaho.</p> <p>According to the Idaho Statesman (Jan 22, 2019) "it started as a simple calendar project: Christmas gifts for his they've-already-got-everything-they-need brothers. Eight years later, Mac Eld has visited and photographed every highway history sign in Idaho. The project has taken him to every corner of the state on his three-wheel motorcycle, to an appearance before the Idaho Transportation Department board and to a state of obsession with Idaho's roadside history markers.... He became the one person who knows more about Idaho's history marker program than anyone else." Don't miss it!</p>
May 15	Deadline for June newsletter submissions. Send your event to aschorz@cableone.net .
May 18, Sat 8:00 am	PURJUE CANYON DAY HIKE: Meet at the northwest corner of the WinCo parking lot in Meridian at 8:00 a.m. This is a pretty little canyon off the Mud Flat road out of Grand View, Idaho. We'll car pool to the trail head, spend the day exploring the canyon, and area. We can get lunch/dinner at Grand View, or Mtn. Home before heading home. Limited to 8 people; No dogs, please. Call Alvena at 208-658-9081 if interested.
May 24 - Fri -May 27- Sat, Friday, 8:00 am	CAR CAMP @ BIG CITY OF ROCKS: This area is north of Gooding, Idaho, and is an exceptionally pretty area in the Spring, with lots of huge monoliths and hoodoos to explore. We will leave Boise about 9:00 a.m. We'll camp at a place called Coyote Springs (no shade), and spend a couple of days looking for petroglyphs, flowers, and enjoying amazing rock formations. Limited to 8 people; No dogs, please. Call Alvena at 208-658-9081 if interested.
Sept 15, Sunday - Sept 20, Fri	BRYCE CANYON FALL TRIP: Fellow adventurers, Bonnie and Frank Perri invite you to join them on a hiking/exploring trip to Bryce Canyon and some of the surrounding area. Bonnie has made contact with the Ruby Inn Campground located right outside the park for camping, RVs, cabins, and teepees. The response to this invitation has been great, although a few spots may be available or your name could be added to a waiting list. Full accommodation refunds are granted with 48 hr notice. For questions, or to add your name to the list, contact Bonnie Perri at bp.56@hotmail.com .

MID-WEEK/FUTURE ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY HIKES. Watch for a Yahoo Groups announcement each week for location and time. Hikes are of moderate difficulty, 3 to 5 miles, lasting approximately two hours. Lunch after the hike for those interested.

WEDNESDAY HIKES begin at 10 AM winter, earlier in the summer. Hikes are fast-paced, of challenging difficulty, 5 or more miles and lasting 3 or more hours, depending on trail and weather conditions. Challenging difficulty means that you'll need to be in good hiking condition because of significant elevation gain and/or increased mileage. Watch for the weekly Yahoo Groups announcement for meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

THURSDAY HIKES and other miscellaneous activities will be posted on Yahoo groups. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-385-0100.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUESTIONS ABOUT YAHOO EMAILS. Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are sent out through Yahoo Groups. If you have questions about receiving Yahoo e-mails (the subject line includes "Mountain West") please contact Cheri Worsley, cheriworsley@gmail.com.

Group emailing is not to be used to advocate for any political issue, whether national or local. Messages that provide only factual information, such as the time and place of a meeting, on an issue of likely interest to members are welcome.

MWOC ACTIVITIES: Planning a MWOC excursion? Or thinking of an excursion where you would like to invite like-minded souls? Send me the particulars and I'll publish it here - Anne Schorzman at aschorz@cableone.net

AIR ST. LUKE'S MEMBERSHIP: A reduced Air St. Luke's yearly membership rate is available to MWOC members on request. Contact information: stlukesonline.org/air or 208-706-1000

MWOC WEBSITE: You don't have to login to visit most of the MWOC pages, including the calendar of events, news, and resources. The pages that require login are your own profile, membership directory, Members' Marketplace, and Gallery. If you haven't already created a password for the website, click on Login at the top of the page, enter your email address, and click "Forgot password." You will receive an email message with instructions. Please address questions to: laura.jenski@gmail.com.

SAVE A TREE; CANCEL UNNEEDED PAPER MAILINGS: Most communications from MWOC are by email and through postings on our website. If you are still receiving paper copies of newsletters and directories mailed to your home, and you do not need the hardcopies because you are also receiving the information electronically, please contact Laura Jenski (laura.jenski@gmail.com, 208-860-9477) to stop the paper copy mailing.

THE MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE is a website feature where you can list outdoor gear and supplies you wish to buy, sell, or swap. You can post items yourself or have a website administrator do it for you. Go to the website, www.mwocid.org, and click on Members Only (you must login in to see Members-only Content).

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