



WAMOC RAMBLER

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB
 CLUB HEADQUARTERS - 62 EAST 2ND SOUTH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
 LODGE - BRIGHTON, UTAH

AUGUST 1954

PRESIDENT.HAROLD GOODRO
VICE-PRESIDENT	JACK WHITE
SECRETARY.JANET CHRISTENSEN
TREASURER.	WENONAH MCGHAN
COMMISSARY DIRECTOR.	SHIRELY STAUFFER
ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION DIR .	.VERA VAN TONGEL
LODGE DIRECTORDON BENNION
MEMBERSHIP & RECEPTION DIRECTOR. . . .	COLEEN COX
PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR.	ELIZABETH LARSON
MOUNTAINEERING DIRECTOR.TOM CHAMBERLAIN
PUBLICITY DIRECTOR	JACK WHITE
TRAILS DIRECTORROBERT WRIGHT
TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR.	AARON FILLER
TRIPS AND OUTINGS DIRECTORBERNARD LEE

TRIP SCHEDULE ----- AUGUST 1954

- AUG. 8 WATER SKIING AT PINEVIEW. SKI ON H₂O INSTEAD OF SNOW, FOR
FOR SOFT (WATER) LANDINGS.
BRING YOUR LUNCH OR BUY IT THERE. TRANSPORTATION \$1.00
LEADER: COLEEN COX 6-3355
REGISTER BY 5 P.M. FRIDAY.
- AUG. 15 ANNUAL VISIT TO THE DEVIL'S CASTLE. WE'LL START AT SEVEN,
BE ON THE TRAIL BY EIGHT. TRANSPORTATION \$1.00
SWIMMING AT SECRET LAKE - BRING YOUR LUNCH.
LEADERS: ELFRIEDE AND JIM SHANE 22-0289
REGISTER BY 5 P.M. FRIDAY
- AUG. 18 SUNSET BEACH. LAKE-FLOATING, BOATING, CAMPFIRE SINGING,
WIENIE ROAST! MEET AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE TEMPLE GROUNDS
AT 6:30. TRANSPORTATION 50¢ FOOD 75¢
LEADER: VERA VAN T ONGEL 9-0021
REGISTER BY 5 P.M. MONDAY, AUGUST 16.
- AUG. 21 WESTERN UINTAS. EXPLORE THE WILDERNESS AREA ALONG THE
22 HIGHLINE TRAIL, OR CLIMB MOUNT AGASSIZ OR HAYDEN.
SWIMMING, OF COURSE, AND BRING YOUR ROD AND REEL. FOOD \$3.50.
LEAVE: FRIDAY NIGHT, 7 P.M. TRANSPORTATION \$3.50
LEADER: AARON FILLER 22-0830 (DAYTIME)
REGISTER BY 5 P.M. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18TH.
- AUG. 25 HORSEBACK RIDING. AN INVIGORATING EVENING RIDE ABOARD THE
NOBLE HORSE (HOW CAN ANYTHING STUFFED WITH HAY BE SO HARD?)
THE RIDE STARTS AT 7 P.M. AT SUN-TAN RIDING ACADEMY; HORSES
RENT AT \$1.00 PER HOUR. TRANSPORTATION 50¢.
LEADER: HELEN GOODRO 87-1247
REGISTER BY 5 P.M. MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD.
- AUG 29. LAKE DESOLATION. HIKE FROM BRIGHTON VIA THE RIDGE (VIEW!) TO
THE LAKE. BRING YOUR SWIMMING SUIT. START 8 A.M.
BRING YOUR LUNCH. TRANSPORTATION \$1.00
LEADER: JANET CHRISTENSEN 4-9835
REGISTER BY 5 P.M. FRIDAY
- SEPT. 4 DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT!!! DON'T MISS THIS ONE! SEE THE
5 SPECTACULAR CANYONS OF DINOSAUR, A GEOLOGY TEXTBOOK IN 3-D.
6 WE'LL CAMP IN BEAUTIFUL JONES HOLE, THERE'LL BE SWIMMING,
EXCELLENT FISHING, MARVELOUS PICTURE-TAKING. HIKING - NAT-
URALLY. WE'LL START FRIDAY 8 P.M. FOR VERNAL, SATURDAY WE'LL
DRIVE THE THIRTY MILES OF RANCH ROAD TO ISLAND PARK, WHERE
WE'LL BEGIN THE SEVEN MILE HIKE INTO THE "HOLE". THOSE NOT
WISHING TO PACK THEMSELVES IN MAY RENT A PACK OR RIDING HORSE
AT \$4.00 PER DAY.

REGISTER BY AUGUST 15TH.
LEADERS: ELIZABETH LARSON
CARL BAUER

TRANSPORTATION \$6.00
7-0300 FOOD \$4.50
5-6036

* * * * *

RED FISH LAKE - SAWTOOTH RANGE BY GERRY CRAIG

TWENTY-TWO "HAPPY WANDERERS" BOARDED THE BUS FRIDAY EVENING AT ABOUT 9 P.M. EVERYONE WAS READY TO START BY 8 O'CLOCK SHARP, EXCEPT JOE CHEMERYS AND JOHNNY HOMOLA--JOHNNY HAVING JUST DRIVEN IN FROM GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, FOR THE OCCASION.

BY 4 A.M. WE REACHED CRATERS OF THE MOON AND, WITH THE HELP OF CARL BAUER AND GEORGE DOUGLAS, FOUND SPACE AMONG THE ROCKS TO UN-ROLL OUR SLEEPING BAGS FOR A FEW HOURS.

RED FISH LAKE WAS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT TO ALL OF US AS WE FIRST GLIMPSED ITS SPARKLING WATERS. GEORGE UNSELD DID SOME SKETCHES OF THE SPECTACULAR COUNTRYSIDE, WHILE MARGE BARKOFF "STAKED OUT" A SPOT TO PITCH HER TENT AT OUR IDEAL CAMPSITE ON THE "POINT." SHIRLEY STAUFFER AND VERA VAN TONGLE DRESSED THEIR SWIM-SUITS FOR A QUICK DIP IN THE LAKE.

LATER IN THE EVENING MEREDITH PAGE LED CAMPFIRE SINGING, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AARON FILLER AND HIS GUITAR, AND HARRY FRASER WITH HIS HARMONICA.

SUNDAY FEATURED A VARIETY OF HIKES: JIM MORRIS AND JEANNE PINAIRE LED THE GROUP, WITH ROGER DORRELL AND REE BROWN A SPEEDY SECOND. RUBY OBERG AND OPAL KEMP WERE "SPELLBOUND SHUTTERBUGS" (WE HOPE THEY'LL HAVE SOME PHOTOS TO SHOW US.) WHILE MOST OF THE GROUPS RETURNED HOT AND DUSTY, ELIZABETH LARSON AND GERRY CRAIG WALKED INTO CAMP FRESH AS DAISIES - FOLLOWING A DIP IN THE CLEAR ICY WATERS OF A SPARKLING MOUNTAIN STREAM.

JANET CHRISTENSEN AND AUSTIN WAHRHAFTIG SPOKE FOR ALL WHEN THEY AGREED THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE BEST TRIPS EVER, COMPLETE WITH SINGING ALL THE WAY.

* * * * *

NEW ADDRESS - JEANNE PINAIRE, 378 G STREET

* * * * *

WELCOME INTO THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB, DON BROWN, 425 B STREET,
4-1038 AND ROGER HILLAM, 2493 CHADWICK, 6-8477.

* * * * *

MY FIRST MOUNTAIN

BY MICKIE GOODRO

WHEN WE STARTED TO CLIMB MOUNT OLYMPUS THE SKIES WERE CLOUDY, BUT THE AIR WAS NICE.

MOUNT OLYMPUS LOOKED SMALL AND EASY TO ME THEN, BUT LATER I FOUND OUT HOW LARGE IT REALLY IS. AT FIRST THE TRAIL WAS EASY AND LOOKED KIND OF SHORT. SOON, THOUGH, IT SEEMED AS IF IT WOULD NEVER END. AT LAST WE CAME TO THE FIRST RESTING PLACE. THERE WAS A PRETTY STREAM WHERE WE ALL HAD A COOL DRINK.

ALL TOO SOON WE HAD TO START AGAIN; NOW THE TRAIL WAS GETTING STEEPER, ALMOST TOO STEEP. NEAR THE TOP WE LOST THE TRAIL AND SPLIT UP, CLIMBING THE ROCKS. WE RAN INTO AN OVERHANG, BUT MADE IT SAFELY OVER AND AT LAST REACHED THE TOP. THERE WAS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VIEWS I HAVE EVER SEEN - WORTH ALL THE WORK.

WE WAITED ON TOP A LONG TIME FOR THOSE CLIMBERS WHO WERE COMING UP THE RIDGE THE HARD WAY. WE FINALLY GAVE UP AND STARTED DOWN.

I REALLY ENJOYED THE HIKE, AND I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE WHO BELONG TO THE MOUNTAIN CLUB ARE LOTS OF FUN TO BE WITH. I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THE NEXT HIKE.

MEMBERS MAY REGISTER FOR CLUB TRIPS AT WMC HEADQUARTERS (JACK WOLFE'S OUTDOOR SPORTS STORE, 62 EAST 2ND SOUTH.) REGISTERING HERE MAY SAVE YOU TIME AND INCONVENIENCE IN TRYING TO LOCATE A TRIP LEADER. CURRENT RAMBLERS TO GIVE TO INTERESTED FRIENDS, AND LATEST TRIP INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE POSTED THERE. LOOK FOR THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB SIGN.

DROP IN SOON AT CLUB HEADQUARTERS AND SEE THE BEAUTIFUL WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB PINS, NOW AVAILABLE. WEAR YOUR CLUB INSIGNIA ON YOUR PARKA OR HAT.

AMERICAN FORK TWINS

BY CAINE ALDER

ON THE 10TH AND 11TH OF JULY WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO THE GERMANIA HUT, AND FROM THERE ON UP TO THE TOP OF AMERICAN FORK TWINS. RUSS STRITE, JEANNE PINAIRE, JANET CHRISTENSEN AND MYSELF STARTED FOR THE HUT SATURDAY EVENING AT 8:15 FROM THE PICNIC AREA BELOW DEVIL'S CASTLE. THERE WAS A FULL MOON; WE HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN FOLLOWING THE TRAIL. AN HOUR LATER WE ARRIVED, FINDING AARON

(WHO HAD COME EARLIER) IN A LITTLE DIFFICULTY - HE HAD MISPLACED HIS CASE OF BEER.

THE NIGHT WAS RELATIVELY COOL AND ENJOYED BY ALL UNTIL ABOUT SIX THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE MOSQUITOS INVADED. THEY MADE SLEEPING SO UNPLEASANT THAT WE FINALLY HAD TO ABANDON OUR SLEEPING BAGS.

AT ABOUT THIS TIME KURT ROSENFELD, O'DELL PETERSEN, AND WESLEY WOOTON ARRIVED. KURT HAD TO BE BACK IN THE CITY BY NOON, SO HE CONTINUED ON TO THE SUMMIT. JUST AS THE REST OF US WERE READY TO START, JIM MORRIS AND VIRGINIA PARMALEE JOINED US. WE MADE GOOD TIME ON THE JAGGED RIDGE AND REACHED THE SUMMIT BY NOON. THOSE WHO MADE THE TOP WERE VIRGINIA PARMALEE, JEANNE PINAIRE, JIM MORRIS, KURT ROSENFELD, RUSSELL STRITE, WESLEY WOOTON AND CAINE ALDER.

ON THE WAY DOWN WE HAD A SHORT BUT PLEASANT GLISSADE TO FINISH THE TRIP.

* * * * *

RED BUTTE-- EMIGRATION CANYONS

BY ELIZABETH LARSON

NEARLY 36 WMC MEMBERS MET DR. WALTER P. COTTAM AND HIS STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY ANNEX, WHERE WE BOARDED OUR CHARTERED BUS, AND GENIAL GENE, THE DRIVER, WHISKED US THROUGH EMIGRATION CANYON TO THE LITTLE MOUNTAIN SUMMIT.

THERE DR. COTTAM POINTED OUT THE OVER-ALL SCARCITY OF PLANT-COVER, THE DENUDED SHEEP TRAIL, AND THE LOW PROPORTION OF EDIBLE GRASSES ON THIS ONCE BADLY OVER-GRAZED AREA. HE COMPARED THE AREA AT PRESENT WITH DESCRIPTIONS BY THE PIONEER SCOUTS, WHO HAD TO CRAWL THROUGH DENSE TANGLES OF TREES AND BRUSH.

THE THIN SOIL DEPTH WAS ILLUSTRATED BY CROSS-SECTION IN THE HIGHWAY CUT. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF LOSS OF TOP SOIL WERE THE EXPOSED ROOTS OF THE MOUNTAIN MAPLE, WHICH ORDINARILY DOES NOT GROW ROOTS SO CLOSE TO THE SURFACE. DR. COTTAM EXPLAINED THAT PLANT COVER ON SUCH AN ERODED AREA DOES NOT QUICKLY RECOVER, EVEN WHEN PROTECTED, DUE TO LOSS OF THE BEST TOPSOIL.

HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY WATERSHEDS IN FLOOD PREVENTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CLEAN DEPENDABLE WATER SUPPLY, AND OF SOIL CONSERVATION TO CONTINUED PRODUCTIVITY OF GRAZING LANDS.

DESCENDING TO PINECREST, WE ABANDONED THE BUS AND HIKE OVER THE HUMP INTO RED BUTTE CANYON. IT WAS MORE OF A CLIMB THAN IT LOOKED, BUT EVERYBODY MADE IT - EVEN THE LADY IN HEELS.

RED BUTTE, WITH ITS LUSH GRASS AND DENSE FIR, SPRUCE, AND BRUSH FOREST, WAS AN IMMENSE CONTRAST TO ONCE-SIMILAR EMIGRATION CANYON. CUTS ALONG THE JEEP-TRAIL SHOWED AN 18 IN. TO TWO-FOOT DEPTH OF RICH TOPSOIL. THE CREEK'S RAVINE WAS SMALL AND SHALLOW, SHOWING THAT HEAVY

VEGETATION HAD PREVENTED THE WASTEFUL, DAMAGING RAPID RUN-OFF COMMON TO DENUDED AREAS. COMPARISON OF THE TWO CANYONS SHOWS THE RESULTS OF SELFISH OR UNINFORMED TREATMENT OF OUR RENEWABLE RESOURCES.

ARRIVING AT FORT DOUGLAS' GATES, OUR SYMPATHY WAS DIVIDED BETWEEN OVER-GRAZED EMIGRATION CANYON AND OUR ACHING FEET; SEVEN MILES OF ROAD-HIKING IS HARDER, APPARENTLY, THAN SEVEN MILES ON A TRAIL.

* * * * *

LAKE BLANCHE AND SUN DIAL

By JANET ROBERTS

IT MIGHT BE SAID THAT THE LAKE BLANCHE SUN DIAL HIKE WAS A DRIPPY TRIP. RECORD TIME OF 1 1/2 HOURS WAS SET BY THE GROUP AS A WHOLE, AND DESPITE CLOUD "HERMAN" THAT HID THE SIZZLING SUN ON THE TRIP UP, EVERYONE DRIPPED GALLONS FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

AFTER A SNACK AT THE LAKE, MEMBERS WENT THEIR VARIOUS WAYS, HAROLD GOODRO, LEE STEORTS, CAINE ALDER AND DON BROWN, WITH NYLON ROPE, CLIMBED THE FACE OF THE SUN DIAL, WHILE HAL CUTLER, ELIZABETH LARSON, AARON FILLER, FRANK MOYLE, MICKEY AND BOBBY GOODRO, FRANKLIN PRICE, RONNY PETERSEN, JANET ROBERTS, AND JOAN JOHNSON CLIMBED THE HUNK OF ROCK VIA THE ROUND-ABOUT, BUT MORE OR LESS SOLID TERRA-FIRMA ROUTE. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND THREATENING RAIN MADE FOR A DELIGHTFULLY COOL CLIMB, ESPECIALLY AFTER SUCH A SCORCHING WEEK IN TOWN. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TRIP - TED GOODFRIEND, JIM MORRIS, ELBERT BACHMANN, O'DELL PETERSEN AND JANET CHRISTENSEN SPENT THEIR TIME SUN BATHING, SWIMMING AND TAKING PICTURES.

IT WAS STILL EARLY WHEN THE GROUP GATHERED AFTER THE HIKE ON THE STREAM BANK FOR LUNCH AND A SMALL WATER FIGHT. AUSTIN WAHRHAFTIG MADE A FLEETING STOP AND YVES ERICKSON, HIS LOVELY WIFE, AND A FRIEND STOPPED TO SAY HELLO BEFORE THEY CLIMBED THE SUN DIAL. THESE QUICK VISITS INCREASED THE NUMBER ON THE TRIP, SO O'DELL WON A BEER FROM AARON. SWIMMING WAS THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM, AND EVERYONE WITH A SWIM SUIT ENJOYED THE DUCK+BUMP-DIP IN LAKE FLORENCE. MOST EVERYONE GOT A LITTLE WET. THOSE WHO DIDN'T GET IN THE SWIM, WATCHED THE CLIMBING PARTY WITH RONNIE'S TELESCOPE, UNTIL DARK CLOUDS BEGAN TO GATHER AND A LIESURELY EXIT WAS MADE FROM THE BEAUTIFUL SPOT. THREE GIGGLING FISHERMEN MANAGED TO KEEP JUST WITHIN GIGGLE SHOT OF THE GROUP FROM THE LAKE TO THE CARS. LADY LUCK LEFT AND THUNDER AND RAIN TOOK OVER ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF THE TRIP DOWN. MOST EVERYONE ARRIVED AT THE CARS SLIGHTLY DRIPPY, THIS TIME FROM THE OUTSIDE IN, BUT AGREED IT WAS GOOD TO BE COOL.

* * * * *

* * * * *

*