

# The Rambler



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## THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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## TRIP SCHEDULE

Dec. 3 - 4 Ski Alta. See all your friends whizzing by on Germania. Investigate the new top floor of Watson Shelter. Find out what everyone has been doing all summer.

Dec. 11 Ski tour to the Germania Hut then down one of the trails in Albion Basin. One should be back in time for half a day of skiing at Alta. No registration. Just meet at the bottom terminal of the Wildcat lift at 9:30 a.m.  
Leader: Don Pearson

Dec. 17-18 Christmas Party at the Lodge and Overnight. There will be a Yule log burning and a tinsel Christmas tree. Because this is our special party of the year, it is limited to WMC members only and their spouses or dates. Saturday night, Christmas dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. Bring a present for exchange of gifts around the Christmas tree. (50¢ limit.)  
Leaders: Plenty of them - - the Board.  
Dinner and party \$2.00. No charge for Overnight.  
Breakfast 75¢. Register by Dec. 15. EM 3-7150

Dec. 24-25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dec. 31 -

Jan. 1 Whoopie! See the New Year in right!  
There is going to be a party at the Lodge. B.Y.O.L. and mixer. Ice (in the form of snow) is free. There will be a snack of cold cuts, hors d'oeuvres, etc., dancing. Party starts at 9:00 p.m.  
Confetti will fly at midnight.  
Cost \$1.00 for party. Overnight & breakfast 75¢.  
Plan to stay overnight. Either by choice or otherwise.  
Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 30.  
Leader: Ginny Winkle

- Jan. 7        Ski Tour. Cardiff Pass and Canyon.  
After Ski Social.
  - Jan. 13-14   Brighton Lodge and Snake Creek Hut Ski Tour.
  - Jan. 20-21   Ski at Alta. A tour will be arranged.  
After Ski Social.
  - Jan. 27-28   Ski at Solitude.
  - Feb. 5        Gad Valley Tour.
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## TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Zion Narrows (cont'd) October 1 and 2

In the last edition we left the hardy hikers just as they settled wearily into their sleeping bags at the end of the first day of rugged (or ragged?) hiking. Norma and Steve MacDonald take up the thread of adventure the next day as the group pushed on through the Narrows!

Non-Factual Impressions: We awakened from our second delightful sleep to find our forms concreted in sand. Due to shrinkage during the night it was possible to slip free. Breakfast was fascinating. It was fun to imagine the whole ritual as subject matter for a "Robert Benchly" type lecture on Survival Packages. Everything seemed to come out of little sterile packages. There was an unsuspecting splash as the powder reached the water. It was as if a "Genie" were unleashed. We heard full scale kitchen sounds; pans clattering, stirring, testing, turning and smacking of lips as the meal progressed, complete even with survival maple syrup. Imagine surviving without it.

The seven o'clock business at hand seemed to be the fitting of tender feet back into the vices we only a day ago called boots, or keds, and once again tippy-toeing, or barging into the busy

river. In any case, we were in full wading positions in ten minutes - sticks fixed. From then on we all seemed to settle into our own secret minds, held together - the group that is, only by the river and its sounds. The sounds stereophonically surrounded us like a "wade-in-movie", I guess it could be described as a more advanced medium even than the new "Smellies". Here we actually wade-in and the scenery unwinds before us. Our legs and feet by now, are fully trained so they can keep up the rhythm without our concern. We now have the freedom to branch out in our own "oh" and "ah" specialty. It seems that our adjectives were worn out completely by mid-morning. Some enthusiasts even branched out to a specialty of watching bubbles eke out between rocks with all the enthusiasm that the rest of us un-leashed on the full panorama. We called them "bubble watchers". It's amazing to look back at "bubble - watchers" ankle-deep, bending over with tremendous packs on their backs at the foot of magnificent cliffs reaching to the sky and watching bubbles eke out between rocks. Well, there's something for everyone. It didn't matter which group one was in; he had the feeling that others had been there before - there were candy wrappers.

During the day we had two sun-breaks. The first at mid-morning when we shoveled in energy food not knowing how many water miles away lunch would be. At the second sun-break we were a little like seals crawling up on large rocks to sun and feed ourselves. Then, back into the afternoon cool shadows and grey water we disappeared.

Semi-Factual Impressions: At the first sign of civilization near the mouth of the Narrows, Don Pearson sat counting his sheep. His "Hurry, Hurry, the bus is waiting," Despite the fact that it was 1:00 p.m. and the bus was scheduled for 2:00, scurried the stragglers on. When the last man squished in, there was still no bus. The Rangers received word by radio that it was delayed. Don subsequently gathered up his reserve energies to hitch hike another 7 miles to Springdale while the rest of us tried to look as alert as possible after our 20 mile trek.

We sampled bits of wild conversation while waiting: "The fern has a perculair double sex life. At one time it is a mushroom and next it is a fern". Why are there more species of plants than animals?"

We could make a stew for dinner out of bullion cubes, tea bags, and maple syrup". "There are so many species of insects that if they were lined up end to end, they would reach around the world. The only problem is how to line them up". And "You can always tell a happy motor cyclist by the bugs in his teeth".

Time passed and three hours later a Park truck arrived to take us to Springdale. We knew Don would come through" It seems our bus driver had a heart attack at the Motel in Springdale the day after he left us and was rushed to a St. George hospital. (We later heard he was alright). A new driver was on his way from Salt Lake. We had dinner, and after dinner calisthenics, then climbed back into the bus for the 3rd delightful sleep at 7:30 p.m. Arrival time in Salt Lake 3:00 a.m. Monday. Luckily, there was one left-over adjective - "Swell Trip".

Mt. Lewiston Hike and Trip to Mercur      October 16  
by Dorothy Bunting

On this beautiful fall morning, four members: Dale Green, Verne LeFevre, Dorothy Bunting, Carl Bauer and three guests: Sherm Hill, Gilly Graham, and Rob Robertson (the last two driving from Brigham City to join us) journeyed to the old mining town of Mercur. At this point we took off, Mt. Lewiston bound, but not until after unsuccessful attempts to deter a too friendly pup following us. Carl finally took the pooch back, bodily.

Despite three various routes, all of us ran into some trudging upward in almost knee deep snow. The rewarding view at the top was well worth the struggle and it was just as the Rambler said - "A superb view of the entire Wasatch front from Ogden to Provo". Lunch never tasted so good.

A rapid, easy, descent was made and our two guests, Gilly and Rob, who had not completed the hike were waiting for us at the cars. I am sure in the meantime they had scared up a few ghosts.

Hallowe'en Party    October 29 - 30  
by Pat Sherren

Approximately sixty people turned out for the Hallowe'en Party, some in costume, some not in costume, and those you weren't sure were in costume or not. There was one spooky character in black, who, when everyone removed masks, turned out to be Jean Pearson. Jean, along with Dick Bell, Janet and Delbert Yergensen, Terry and Diane Arney won prizes for their costumes. The prizes were selected in good taste by John and Maxine MacDuff.

The "Spook Alley" was even better than it has been in previous years. There were such things as a two-headed baby, old woman in a rocking chair (if you saw the movie Psycho, you will know what I mean), a coffin with flowers right from the graveyard, and many other weird and gory objects.

Thanks to Clix Byrne, Harold Bingham and assistants for the terrific "Spook Alley", Clare Sundwall for the very appropriate decorations and Marilyn Hicks for the delicious dinner the Hallowe'en party was a big success.

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### SKI SWAP

Some of our members have ski equipment for sale or swap and others would like to locate same. The following items have been listed and you are invited to contact the people concerned if you are interested:

For Sale: 7 ft. Head skis. May trade for 6'9" Soft Heads.  
Call Burr Lee CR 7-4651.

For Sale: 6'6" Hickory laminated skis with Cubco Bindings.  
\$18. Call John MacDuff HU 7-7188.

For Sale: Size 7 woman's boot. Suitable for children.  
\$10. Call Terry Arney EM 4-5607

Want to buy: Ski equipment for large 6 yr. old and  
9 yr. old boys. Call Steve Olson CR 8-8312

Since we may have numerous items from members this winter, Helen Lee has offered to serve as the proprietor for the Ski Swap Shop. The telephone number at the Lee residence is CR 7-4651. Call Helen to list your requests. She will try to connect you with an interested party or list your item in the Rambler.

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### NEWS ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Four of our Conservation interested members have offered to serve on that Committee and work with Austin Wahrhaftig in our Club efforts along that line. They are: Carl Bauer, Gale Dick, Charles Hall, and Harold Goodro. We will be hearing from them at General Membership meetings and through the Rambler. They undoubtedly will be prodding all of us on to doing something constructive to save our wilderness areas in a sensible manner.

We learned belatedly of the death of Dennis McSherry's father. Our most sincere sympathies go to Dennis' family. We had some news come to us about Dennis and his mountain climbing activities in Switzerland. It seems that he got inland for a visit and did some interesting climbing in the Alps. The Matterhorn was on the list to be scaled but the storm clouds swept in and added too much risk to the undertaking.

We realize that we have a number of new members who probably have not heard about our WMC patches which may be worn on caps, sweaters, parkas. We are going to have a supply at Club Headquarters where they may be obtained for 50¢ apiece. If you cannot get to club headquarters to pick them up you may order them by mail, by sending 50¢ to any of the Board Directors.

Does anyone know where the Toboggan is? At one time, it was hanging in the front hallway at the Lodge where it was handy to haul supplies from the parking lot up to the Lodge. It is no longer there and no one seems to remember where it was last in evidence. Any clues will be appreciated.

Our After-Ski socials will be starting in January. We have an invitation or two already but Entertainment Leader, Dave Sundstrom will welcome any other offers of conviviality for after-ski hours. Our sign will be posted at Alta again on weekends to inform you when and where the gathering will be. You are most cordially invited to come to these ski socials which add a bright spot to the season.

Terry Arney, Transportation Director, announces that anyone desiring to register for the car pool - either for a ride, or having a car to offer rides - should contact him as soon as possible. This will include mid-week and weekend skiing. Terry will try to match everyone up with rides or riders. His telephone number is EM4-5607.

We went over the top with the help of our generous membership and collected enough Folger Stars for the shiny new 55 cup coffee maker which is now installed at the Lodge. Not only does it make the coffee but it keeps it hot and ready for consumption for hours at a time. In fact, some of our members enthusiastically suggested that we save for a smaller one to be used whenever smaller groups are at the Lodge. So, we are in business again for Folger Stars, if you feel like saving them once more.

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Now for a little review. The snow is here and almost a month before we expected it. Don't miss the ski tours and watch the sign at Alta for our After Ski Socials.