

# The Rambler



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## THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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## TRIP SCHEDULE

- Oct. 1 - 2     Zion Narrows. There was a bulletin on this one to give you all the details. Leader, Don Pearson.
- Oct. 8 - 9     Lodge Overnight and hike to Lake Desolation on Sunday. You have been missing something if you have not tried a Lodge overnight this fall. There have not been many autumns any more beautiful than this one. Register by Friday, October 7, 6 P.M. at Club Headquarters, EM 3-7150.
- Oct. 16        Oquirrh Mountains. Climb the highest peak which is over 10,500 feet. From the top you will have a superb view of the entire Wasatch Front from Ogden to Provo. On the way back we will stop by the ghost town of Mercur and scare up a few. Leader, Dale Green. Register by Saturday, October 15, at 6 P.M. Transportation charge \$1.50. Bring lunch and canteen.
- Oct. 22-23    General Membership Meeting at the Lodge. Come Saturday night to socialize and meet everyone around the fireplace. See you there about 8 o'clock. There is an overnight also, with a work "party" scheduled the next day. Don Pearson, our amiable Lodge director, will be the leader and if we are not there, lightning will strike us dead. Well, it's really not that bad, but we all know that if some things aren't done around the Lodge it will not be an especially pleasant winter. Register for the work trip in order to plan for the food on Sunday. Incidentally, dinner is free to those who labor for good old WMC. Call EM 3-7150 by Friday, October 21, 6 P.M.
- Oct. 29-30    Hallowe'en Costume Party at the Lodge and overnight stay. This year we are happy to present the one and only, horrific, curdling spook alley by Clix Byrne, Harold Bingham and ghoulish assistants. There will be a bulletin about this one later.

- Nov. 6      North Face of Mt. Olympus. Straight up and straight down.
- Nov. 12-13 Open to suggestions. Here is your chance to make a request. Something you have always wanted to do or wished we would do. We are waiting to hear from you. Notify Trips and Outings Director Dale Green, of your suggestions.
- Nov. 19-20 Glen Canyon Dam and Kodachrome Flats in So. Utah.
- Nov. 26-27 Snowball at the Lodge. Official opening of the ski season.
- Dec. 3 - 4   Ski Alta - we hope. M-m-m-m. Have you seen the ski styles for this year? The stretch pants are becoming even more stretchier.
- Dec. 11      Ski Tour - we hope. If there is no snow by now we start our snow making ceremonies.
- Dec. 17-18 Christmas Party at the Lodge.
- Dec. 24-25 Open. 'tis Christmas.
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### TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Cave Trip - - - September 3-4  
by Earl Hansen

We selpt pleasantly in White Rocks Canyon. After crossing what seemed like "acres of rivers," we began to ascent to White Rocks Cave. An hour and a half later we entered. For two of us it was our first experience in a wild cave, plus the fact that it is one of the most beautifully decorated caves in the state. Multi-colored stalagmites, odd stalagmites, popcorn, and crystal clear pools were a part of the vast display. Human bones reminded us of another's unfortunate ending. The 1500 foot length seems far too short. Nevertheless, this experience alone was more than worth

the whole trip and the climb. About halfway out, Vern was ascending a wall. His descent was premature, and somewhat more rapid than anticipated. This could have been very serious, but - - "Tougher'n Mossehide Vern" suffered only a dislocated arm and a few bruises. At the Vernal hospital, knock-out gas allowed two strong doctors to re-assemble him. We stayed at Iron Springs Campground that night.

Big Brush Creek Cave was different, with its vastness, ice-formations, driftwood, and labyrinth of passages. Two of us took the scenic loop while Dale led the others on a mapping exploration. This too, was a very interesting experience. The only disappointment was the few participating. Present were:

Dale Green - Leader  
Vern LeFevre  
Earl Hansen  
Clyde Collett - Guest  
Carl Dunn  
Syd Atkin

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Mt. Timpanogos Hike - September 10  
by Dave Sundstrom

Four Club members and two guests valiantly made a successful assault to the top of Mt. Timpanogos on another Saturday hike. Members Clare Sundwall, John MacDuff, Dick Hills, and Yours Truly, and guests, Rosalind Schmutz and Otto Puhlmann composed the small group of intrepid climbers.

Aspen Grove was the "jump-off", and the route upward was enhanced by occasional waterfalls and seeps, which afforded the group cooling drinks of delicious water. After some time, the little band topped-out on the beach at Emerald Lake, and headed up the trail towards the summit. Soon the trail disappeared and rock-hopping took over. Soon, the trail appeared again, leading all the way to the top.

Following a short stop at the shelter on top and a couple of

photos, the descent was made. Due to very rocky ground, both on trails and rock slides, some participants had to limp down much of the way.

The hike was enhanced by ideal weather and breathtaking scenery, causing one to really appreciate "Scenic Utah."

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Square Dance Party and Wood Gathering Weekend - Sept. 17-18  
by Don Pearson

This turned out to be a sad weekend. Saturday night square dance cancelled. Poor regristration.

Wood gathering Sunday. 4 men (2 members, 2 non-members), 5 women, a few assorted little children. While the gals tacked the kitchen for some much needed tidying the men struggled to load some wood into the empty basement. 3 of the children who happened to be seven years old pitched in with fetching and carrying. And so the day went. Night caught us tired, but with as much done as 9 grown-ups and 3 children can accomplish for a club with a membership of 140. There is a pile of logs stacked outside the door which must be cut into lengths and moved to the basement. The serious note is that this is not enough wood to last the winter.

Those present were:

The Bill Clayton Family.  
Virginia Winkle  
Frank Slater  
Pearl Tate and son Richard  
Courtney Richards  
Clare Sundwall  
The Don Pearson Family

Epilogue: The following weekend Paul Bunyan (Dave) Sundstrom sawed all the logs and stacked them in the basement with an occassional assist from passersby. Art Hicks arrived with the re-charged fire extinguisher and ended up by serving a stint on the other end of the saw. Visitors Gil Graham and Bob Robertson

walked by to see what the Lodge looked like. They ended up on both ends of the saw while Dave rested by stacking wood. Doug Elkins, Lodge Director from a while back, walked through and shook his head. He thought the old days of arm power were gone. Now, if we can gather another supply of wood before the winter sets in we will be all set. If not, it will be B.Y.O.W. - - - bring your own wood.

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### The Canyon of Ladore

We have some brave ones who accomplished a tour de force when they challenged the might Ladore with their small craft. Here is their tale of adventure as related by Cal Giddings.

"After a successful and enjoyable trip through Whirlpool Canyon and Split Mountain several weeks earlier, we decided to try Ladore Canyon in our small craft over the weekend of Sept. 17. Stan Gardiner, one of the pioneer golfboaters on this and other Western Rivers acted as river guide. With two kayaks, one foldboat, and one 7 man raft we entered the beautiful gates of Ladore in Dinosaur National Monument. Many small, enjoyable rapids precede the first major rapids, upper and lower Disaster Falls. Being the first major rapids on the Green River, this area has an exciting history of tragedy for early boatmen, especially Ashley and Powell. At the low stage of water found on Sept. 17 every rock in the river bed for a quarter of a mile contributed an eddy, a side current, or a blocked passage in the rushing water. We were thankful for the high maneuverability of our boats in getting successfully through this stretch. After several more rapids we arrived at Triplet Falls, a long rapid with a tremendous midstream boulder nearly blocking passage at one point. Although the 7-man boat had a close call at this point, the rapid was successfully negotiated.

About 1/2 mile downstream from Triplet Falls is the worst of all Green River rapids "Hell's Half Mile." Here a narrow chute into which the entire stream is compressed precedes a long boulder field. In the chute the water swerved violently left,

then rebounded right, and finally churned around and through three large boulders. The best run of the day was made as Bruce Christensen put the 7-man raft down through the chute and back-paddled rapidly to the right where a passage around the three boulders was found. After some soul searching, the kayaks were tried. These were thrown like matchsticks in the rebounding current. I went through the last half of the chute backwards after a collision with a boulder that by all physical laws, should have capsized me. Bruce, returning from the raft run, managed to scrape by my rock, but capsized immediately thereafter. He was rescued by Carl Bauer, who was waiting on the shore for any such flotsam. We were all content to arrive at the bottom of this rapids knowing that nothing severe was to follow in the remaining seven miles to Echo Park. Our thinking about running river in neoprene raft has been changed as a result of watching Bruce maneuver the 7-man boat with oars. This is a highly developed skill that should be acquired on easier water than Ladore. The split-open, abandoned 10-man raft that we found on a beach above Triplet Falls indicates the seriousness of miscalculation."

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#### BUREAU OF STATISTICS and ODD BITS OF INFORMATION

##### New Members:

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New Members, cont'd.

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Salt Lake City 17

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Salt Lake City

Change of Address:

Chuck Dunham  
139 Minnie Street  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Add telephone number:

Art Whitehead  
EL 9-0211

On October 1 and 2 the Lodge is rented to another group. This is not expected to interfere with any of our members as simply everyone will be going down the Zion Narrows that weekend.

Carl Bauer dropped by to one of our recent Board meetings to speak of conservation of our natural resources. Carl performs a valuable service to the Club by keeping abreast of developments in this field. He mentioned the efforts of the Federation of Western Clubs in which we hold a membership. The officers of this Federation serve diligently and without pay. As well as our Club membership, individual memberships may also be obtained for \$2.00. In return for the support thus given, the Federation keeps its membership informed of conservation activities. Without active conservationists we may some day find the United States consisting of a solid sheet of cement decorated with billboards.