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TRIP SCHEDULE

- September 1 Rock climbing at Storm Mountain.
- September 3, 4, 5 Cave Trip to the Uintas. See August Rambler for all the details. If you have further questions contact trip leader Dale Green. Remember to bring plenty of flashlight batteries and warm clothing. The cave is cool year around and you know what it is like to camp out overnight this time of year in the Uintas.
- For the stay-at-homes, the Lodge will be open for the three days. Dave Sundstrom will be there and he says there will be hiking, sunning, ping-pong, chess by the fireside and guitar strumming. A good time to make use of the Lodge. Bring own commissary.
- September 8 Rock Climbing. Probably at Pete's Rock this time, as the days will be getting shorter.
- September 10 Climb Mt. Timpanogos. A Saturday hike. Register by 6:00 P.M., Friday, Sept. 9, at EM 3-7150. Transportation \$2.00. Leader? We'll take you to him later.
- September 15 Climbing at Pete's Rock.

TRIP SCHEDULE -- cont'd.

- September 17, 18 Square Dance Saturday night. Don Pearson will do the calling. A real hoe down. Be sure to be there. Next day will be our annual wood gathering. Dave Sundstrom will be the straw boss while we load up the basement with our winter's supply of firewood. Register by 6:00 P.M., Friday night, Sept. 16 at EM 3-7150. Cost: Dinner Saturday \$1.25. Overnight and breakfast \$1.00. The eats are free Sunday for those who labor at the wood gathering.
- September 22 Last scheduled day for Rock climbing unless the warm weather lasts.
- September 25 Climb Red Pine Lake and Phiferhorn. Register by 6:00 P.M., Saturday, Sept. 24, at EM 3-7150. Transportation cost \$1.00.
- October 1,2 Zion Narrows. This is a different date than listed in the last Rambler. This should be one of the highlights of the year - just ask anyone who has hiked it before. Leader: Don Pearson. There will be a special bulletin out to clue you in on this one.

WORK PARTY - August 6

Dave Sundstrom

One beautiful Saturday morning found a robust crew straining their muscles around a little hole in the ground. This work party was determined to pull the septic tank, which weighs almost half a ton empty, from the hole, dig the hole deeper, and re-enter it. While part of the crew rigged blocks and tackles, others accomplished the task of moving four tons of chink coal into the basement coal bin through a trap door in the outside hall. Later, with the help of other club members, strong backs strained at the ropes to wrest the heavy tank from the tenacious grip of the earth which jealously and successfully sought to hang on to it. At this point, the welcome aid of Gene Barber and his "G.I." 4-wheel drive truck with "A" frame and winch was utilized. This indomitable vehicle, with a mighty tug, lifted out the tank. The hole was mucked out deeper and made more level. Then the tank was returned to its permanent resting place, we hope. With the help of Jim Kenney's red pickup truck, gravel was thrown in along the sides, and then the dirt and rocks added.

Following this exhausting and sweat-producing physical endeavor, all workers dug into a hearty repast of swiss steak, baked spuds, tossed salad, coffee, punch, and pie. Workers included Marilyn and Art Hicks, Jeanne and Don Pearson, Chuck Dunham, Jim Kenney, Dean Burnham, Maxine and John MacDuff, Dave Sundstrom, and prospective member, Dr. Ralph Richards, and his son, Court.

The following day found workers again toiling for the benefit of the Lodge. Clare Sundwall washed the lower tier of windows, while more hole-burying was carried on by Court Richards, Chuck Dunham, and Dave Sundstrom.

SWIMMING SOCIAL - August 8

Bruce Williams

August 8, 38 Club members arrived at the Crestwood Swimming Club for an evening of relaxation. The membership practiced various crawls, kicks, and just plain staying above water. Another activity, just soaking and talking over old times.

The Wasatch Mountain Club version of water polo was started by choosing of sides by Don Pearson and Terry Ahearn. This contest, with the object of keeping the ball away from the other side, stresses very little finesse, but much intent to commit mayhem upon the opposite side.

Everybody adjourned to the picnic area where refreshments were had. Delicious watermelon was served and drinks were available. A discordant note was struck at the table when Dave got up to say that drinks would be 25¢. Not that the price wasn't reasonable, it was his attention commanding device, the famous Sundstrom yell!

We thank our hostess for the evening, Clare Sundwall, for an enjoyable and thoroughly pleasant time.

WESTERN PARTY - August 20

Janet Christensen

The Wasatch Mountain Club Western Party got off to a good start Saturday evening, August 20th about 8:30 P.M., when Austin Wahrhaftig started exchanging our United States one-dollar bills each for \$100.00 of boni fide western money to members and guests.

This wild west gambling hall had a number of games all going at the same time. Dick Feltis, Terry Ahearn and Don Pearson handled the Black Jack game dealing for the house. Bill Clayton and Frank Slater officiated at the Roulette wheel. There was an interesting interlude at 11:15 when "Echo" passed overhead, and most of the group went outside to observe the wonder.

Austin and Ruby had charge of the kitchen. The cowboy dinner, for which we paid a sum of \$98.00, had a continental flare and consisted of a delicious meat dish of lamb and mushroom over boiled rice, meat balls, mixed fruit, punch and coffee, and ice-box oatmeal cookies. Very, very good.

Back to the gambling for a little longer. It was then announced that all gambling was to come to a halt, as there are rules even in an old wild west gambling hall. Much fun was had watching those who had won hundreds of dollars buying those miles and miles of tickets for the drawing, Ann Ohrn winning the main prize.

After thanking leaders, Dick and Anita Feltis, and cooks, Ruby and Austin Wahrhaftig, most of the guests headed for home, but we understand that the party did not end, but went on until about two in the morning, with a "jam" session. Seems at though guests of Terry Ahearn and Mel Fletcher had with them, Bongo drums, guitars and performed very much like the Kingston Trio.

It was a fun party; let's have more of them.

BITS OF NEWS ABOUT THIS AND THAT -

Many of the pots and pans at the Lodge are full of leaks, or holes, on the bottoms. This makes a difficulty in cooking or even boiling. Therefore, we are turning to the generosity of the membership for donations of any size pots or pans, without holes in the bottoms. Our Lodge Director, Don Pearson will serve as the pan collector. Please call Don if you have a donation. It will be most appreciated by all the kitchen crews.

We are almost over the top! We have 650 Folger stars out of a needed 750 for our coffee maker. Please keep collecting them and sending them in as fast as you get them. It won't be long now before we will be able to serve a mighty good cup of coffee at the Lodge.

There has been some work done at the Lodge. The tank and the hole - yes, again - have been excavated and re-settled. The addition now sports a rustic outside finish. A load of coal has been stored in the basement. As soon as we have our wood-gathering we will be all snug and prepared for the long winter ahead.

Bob Ream has been obtaining some River maps for us. This should be good news to all River runners. Now we shall not only know where we have been, but where we are going. So far the collection included the Yampa, Green, Snake, Salmon, and Grand Canyon Rivers. In addition to the areas we've already run, they show lots of water to be explored.

Chuck Dunham flew back to Fairbanks, Alaska, on Aug. 8. We understand he will be working for the Highway Department. He said he was going back for good, but we will hope for a visit occasionally.

Saturday hikes are still being scheduled although the attendance has not been very good. Evidently, all the Saturday hikers were out hiking on Sundays. There is another one scheduled for September 10, on Mt. Timpanogos. Hope everyone can be there.

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The Lodge has been leased for the weekend of September 10 and 11 to another group. Therefore, it will not be available for the use of our members those two days.

Autumn will soon be here. To many, this is the best part of the year. We'll look for you around the crackling fire on the Lodge weekends and on the hikes through the changing colors and falling leaves.