

The Rambler



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TRIP SCHEDULE
December, 1962

- December 2- - - - Ski Alta. If there is not enough snow, this day will be devoted to praying for it.
- December 6- - - - Ice Skating. Details in November Rambler. Hygeia, 1224 E. 21st S., will be the meeting spot, and 8 p.m. the time. Leader, John MacDuff.
- December 9- - - - Gad Valley? Will there be snow enough? If so, meet at the bottom of the Wildcat lift at 9:20 a.m. Leader, Cal Giddings. Other details in the November Rambler. Be sure to register by 2 p.m. Saturday, Em3-7150, in order to get the latest information on the trip.
- December 15- - - - Christmas Party. A special holiday treat at the Lodge, featuring roast turkey and a Santa Claus (guess who!) distributing presents to all. This is one party restricted to members (and dates) only. Bring a 50¢ gift to put under the tree. Leaders: Paul and Dortha Pederson. Register by 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 12, Em3-7150. Cost \$2.00 per person. Party starts at 8 p.m.
- December 16- - - - Snake Creek Pass. This is a short and leisurely trip which takes you to the pass just above the Mt. Majestic lift. Leader, Dick Hills. Register by 2 p.m. Saturday. Meet at the Club Lodge (or stay overnight at the Christmas party) for a 9:30 a.m. start.
- December 23 - - - - American Fork Canyon Via Mary Ellen Gulch. This is the famous American Fork Canyon trip which the Club has been doing for many years (an alternate which we will schedule later is the main Am. Fork Canyon without Mary Ellen). Meet at the bottom of the Wildcat lift at 9:20 a.m. It is essential to register by 6 p.m. Friday so that enough pick-up cars can be shuttled into Am. Fork Canyon. Leader, Alexis Kelner.
- December 23 - - - - Ski Alta. For those not going on the ski tour.
- December 30 - - - - Cardiff Pass-Mill D. A delightful ski tour from Alta into Mill D Fork of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Register by 2 p.m. Saturday, EM3-7150. Leader, Bob Woody.
- January 6 - - - - White Pine Canyon. This is much like the Gad Valley tour except it is somewhat longer (White Pine borders Gad Valley on the West.) Register by 2 p.m. Saturday, Em 3-7150. Meet at the bottom of the Wildcat lift at 9:20 a.m. Leader, Gale Dick.
- January 6 - - - - After Ski Social. Stop at Dale Green's place, 4230 Sovereign Way, after your day of skiing. If you did not ski, come anyhow. A modest charge will be made for

food and drink. No registration necessary. Newcomers who wish to get acquainted with the Club are especially welcome.

January 20 - - - - After Ski Social. Keep in mind for another get-together at Dale's house. Skiers and non-skiers invited. No registration necessary.

TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Willard Peak Rock Climb - - - - October 7

by Tom Stevenson

The crew of six began the hike up to the quartzite Willard Cliffs under the threat of rain and soon felt a few drops of that wet stuff. An irrigation ditch long known to be dry was encountered wet, but was forded by some and jumped by others. The hike slowly changed to an easy rock scramble as elevation was gained and shortly afternoon the climb was under clear, sunny skies. The party split into two ropes of two and three each; Bob Goodwin didn't climb because of a recent dislocated shoulder. The first rope, lead by Ron Perla with Dail Ogden and June Pitcannon following, went halfway up the West ridge of the middle buttress of Willard Peak, then made a spiral traverse to the North and gained the summit from the East. The second rope stayed on the ridge and summited shortly after the first group.

The descent was as quick as possible but not quick enough to prevent one party from completing one third of it in the dark. The rock is quartzite and on the West ridge was very loose with large blocks forming the step like route. On the faces, however, the rock is firm and makes fine climbing. The climbing was easy and enjoyable being about grade 3 in difficulty with only one pitch requiring a rope for protection.

Those present on the climb were: Ron Perla, June Pitcannon, Dail Ogden, Bob Goodwin, Tom Stevenson, and non member Don Briettinger.

The Halloween Party - - - October 27

by Howard Segal

It seems impossible that so many people could be serviced by our small Brighton Lodge but an impossibility became a reality when over 180 mountaineers and friends congregated at Brighton for the annual Halloween party. The major attraction, Spook Alley, could only be adequately described by seeing it. It was morbidly fascinating from the "hand"burgers to the open heart surgery. The many doctors milling around the room made one feel medically secure. We all realized that in case of an emergency appendix attack an immediate operation could be performed "upstairs" by one of staff M.D.'s (Meat Doctor)

The pot luck approach to providing food worked exceptionally well. (Thanks to Ann McDonald). There was plenty of food for all. One of the most amazing features of the party was that people actually had room to dance. There was violent twisting along with folk dancing far into the night.

The costumes were so good that half the people were not even recognized. Of course the winners of the main prizes: Mrs. Earl Hansen as a witch and Clint Barker as the Maiden form Man were identified upon receiving their prizes. Other prize winners included the cave man and woman. Their costumes were a revelation!

All in all a good time was had by all and we shall all be looking forward to another gala event next year!

Mount Olympus - North Face - - - October 28

by Tom Stevenson

A ruddy fine Halloween group of 13 met at the Skaggs parking lot the morning after the night before. The leader was a little late having been told that he was the new leader at 7 a.m. while still at the Lodge and hungry. Harold Goodro was unable to lead this invigorating annual hike

After shuttling cars around to Pete's Rock, the group started up the trail at 8:12 a.m. in the cool shadow of towering Mt. Olympus. Good time was made by most up to the beginning of the rock face where the party split into two crews who chose routes paralleling each other. The scrambling on the face was pleasant and cool under the clear blue skies and soon all had reached the North Peak.

The climbing to the South Peak was begun with Ron Perla, Boone Newson, and Dennis Caldwell leading the way. Once around the middle peaks a fixed rope was set up for descending into the South peak notch. A few rappelled down but most chose to practice down climbing. The main group reached the Olympus high point shortly after 1:30 and enjoyed the beautiful tranquil vistas and lunched under a warm fallsun. An audit of the register revealed that a total of 316 persons had reached the summit since the 2nd of May! Incidentally a new register book will be needed soon.

The hike down Vern LeFebre's "Blister Hill" in Tolcat Canyon was uneventful except for wondering where Bill Kirkpatrick and Al Wickham were. They, having not gone on to the peak, had started down earlier but were soon met and all padded the dusty trail down. Ron Perla, Dennis Caldwell and Boone Newson who had descended earlier were met at Pete's Rock at 4 p.m. The hikers seemed not to regret the late hours of the Halloween party the night before and enjoyed the refreshing mountain air and pleasant rock scramble.

Those present on the hike were: Earl Hansen, Boon Newson, Al Wickham, Vern LeFebre, Kathy Smedley, Dail Ogden, Ron Perla, Bill Kirkpatrick, Dennis Caldwell, Tom Stevenson and non members: Ray Markhi, Sue Smedley, Ed Schneider.

CLIX BYRNE - - - - Our Spook Alley Creator

We asked Clix, creator of the never-to-be-forgotten spook alley at the Halloween party, to give some personal background and details on the origins of his work. He gives us the following interesting story:

I am a native of Ogden, and have been interested in art since childhood. I attended Weber College 1 year, 3 years at BYU where I graduated

with a Bachelor of Arts; and 2 years at California school of Fine Art in San Francisco where I studied sculpture, ceramics and painting.

Work experience varies from railroad "ghandi-dancer," policeman, Navy hospital corpsman, etc., and for four years I worked as artist for a costume company where I made and repaired head masks of animals of every description. I made many special order masks such as all the masks for U. of Utah's "Nutcracker Ballet." Most unusual were a couple of orders for custom-made masks for performing circus dogs. A german Shepherd dog was dressed as a "horse" and a Chihuahua was dressed as an "elephant. Such a job was fascinating but poor money-wise, so I quit and presently I work in an office for Army Engineers as a clerk-typist.

In a San Francisco craft's class I learned the laminated-paper process of mask-making and about that time I wanted to go to an artist's costume ball. I decided to make a mask of a favorite, fictitious 'pin-up' who originated during Navy Days (but that is another story too long in which to delve.) Needless to say, she was a 'beauty' and her name was "Lola." Lola was the germ from which came masks of 6 other types of woman and a satire on a woman's fashion show. (This may be presented at the Nomination Dinner, by the way.) The said ball was a huge affair and as I entered the ballroom, a colored entertainer called, "Tiny" and weighing about 250 lbs. was on the stage singing with the band. As he was facing the door, he was one of the first to sight 'Lola'. He stopped dead in the middle of his song and just gaped at me. The orchestra stopped playing and he then came lumbering across the dance floor, throwing his huge bulk around me and calling me "Honey!" After an introduction on the stage, etc., I won first prize for costume, a case of expensive champagne... and me a non-drinker!

On the way to another party it was necessary to wear the costume on a San Francisco bus. Passengers were in hysterics. Once I was yanked out of a group of spectators and made to join a parade to the Civic Center where there was a costume ball.

My employer at the costume company borrowed two of my masks which he wore to a National Costume Convention and won first prize.

Various humorous episodes have occurred, especially with the 'horror' masks. Harold Bingham in the werewolf mask gave a herd of cows such a fright that I doubt if they gave any milk for a week. The most hilarious experience was at the San Francisco zoo where Harold put on the complete gorilla costume and cavorted in front of the chimpanzee cage. The frantic antics of the chimp were side-splitting. Tourists at the zoo had fits.

While taking pictures of the gorilla in the redwood forest, Harold gave people in passing cars a jolt. Another time in Yellowstone, Harold, who is almost as nutty as I am, stood at the roadside (we had been taking pictures again) in a cloud of steam with a blanket around him and the "diseased-creature" mask. Cars were parked for a block in both directions. He attracted more attention than the bears. Cameras were clicking like mad and people threw coins at him. The werewolf and diseased creature

gave a group of girls a bit of a fright in Minnetonka Cave, and at home, caused one little cub scout to wet his pants. I felt bad about that because he was bringing ME a treat instead of asking for one.

Each mask, it seems, has assumed a certain personality and recalls very specific experiences or memories. All of them have added up to the craziest bit of fun imaginable. The 'burned head' actually was in a fire which gutted a house trailer of Harold's brother who had the head stored in a cupboard at the time. When the insurance man was investigating the fire, he opened the cupboard and practically fainted.

I am not sure of the origin of the horror masks, but I believe it had to do with a Halloween party. Each succeeding season became more involved until it was more exciting time around our house then Christmas. Usually, 'trick-or-treaters' forget why they come to our house and always leave in a greater hurry than they came.

Harold Bingham shares my enthusiasm in all such fiendish activity. He made the coffin, one of the gorillas, and some of the shrunken heads. We have fun, but I am glad that Halloween is but once a year. I maintain, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, that an artist should create BEAUTY ... not horror. If I were not so busy making monsters, I would devote more time to serious painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, and skin-diving, canoeing, hiking, skiing, swimming, skating, reading, and music.

A LIST OF REVISED and ENLARGED SKI TOUR RATINGS

by Cal Giddings

These ratings are a rough measure of the number of hours and fairly steady hiking, climbing and skiing needed to complete the tour under average circumstances. They are not a measure of required skiing ability. (check with the trip leaders if uncertain about this.)

Snake Creek Pass - - - - -	2.0
Upper Peruvian Gulch- - - - -	2.4
Brighton to Alta (Twin Lakes Pass)- - - - -	2.4
Brighton to Alta (Catherine Pass)- - - - -	3.0
Alta to Brighton (Catherine Pass) - - - - -	3.2
Gad Valley - - - - -	3.3
White Pine (from Alta)- - - - -	3.9
Cardiff - Mill D South- - - - -	4.2
Mary Ellen Gulch (Am. Fork)- - - - -	4.3
American Fork Main Canyon - - - - -	4.3
Major Evans (Am. Fork)- - - - -	5.7
White Pine (Via Twin Peaks Summit)- - - - -	6.0
Maybird Gulch (From Alta)- - - - -	6.4
Major Evans (via Twin Peaks)- - - - -	6.6
Cardiff - Lake Blanch- - - - -	7.5
Red Pine-Alpine - - - - -	10.0
Thunder Mt. Bowl- - - - -	14.5
Corner Canyon - Bell's Canyon - - - - -	17.0

RAMBLINGS

by Dale Green, President

The Club now has 204 members. Roughly 165 are Utah members, 30 are out of State, and 9 are life members. This is probably the largest membership the Club has had since before World War II.

As you will note on the front of the Rambler, John MacDuff is now our Transportation Director and Ann McDonald has been appointed as the Entertainment and Recreation Director.

Ann was born in England and came to America just before the War to attend school. She moved to the Salt Lake Valley about 10 years ago and now lives in a unique and beautiful house on Cottonwood Lane. Ann is one of the few women life insurance agents in Utah and is employed by the New York Life Insurance Company.

After the holidays are over, we are starting our "After Ski Socials." These are strictly informal gatherings immediately after skiing at some member's house for some chow, drink and gab. Something hot like chili or hot dogs, and pop and beer will be available at very reasonable prices. If you prefer something else you are welcome to bring it. Friends and prospective members are invited, but since space will be definitely limited don't bring the whole lift line with you. The first two socials will be held at my house at 4230 Sovereign Way. Turn west from Wasatch drive onto Edwards Way (4190 South). Drive down about 2 blocks to Sovereign Way (3190 East) then turn south to 4230.

Austin Wahrhaftig, our Conservation Director, has been confined to the hospital. At this time I haven't the details on his ailment or when he will be back with us. We hope a speedy recovery.

Our Lodge at Brighton was broken into recently, as it is about every six months. We are extremely fortunate that little damage is done. As some of you know, because Brighton has no fire department we are unable to insure the Lodge above a fraction of its worth. Our current problem is not the done by the vandals but the fact that when they leave, they do so by unbarring a door and leaving it flapping in the breeze This invites all sorts of trouble. Anytime you are at Brighton, the Board would appreciate if you would take a few minutes and walk around the Lodge. If there are any signs of entry, notify myself or Dave Sundstrom, EM 4-6143, immediately.

Many members appear to have some misconceptions about the nature and function of our "Club Headquarters." Our headquarters consist mainly of a telephone, EM 3-7150, and a writing pad at the read of O'Dell's Shoe Repair Shop at 425 South 8th West. Life Member O'Dell (Pete to everybody) Peterson and his wife Edyth (Pinky) have volunteered to have the phone there to take registration and inquiries about the Club. They also collect the Club mail. Because the Board of Director's never tell Pete what they do, and the trip leaders rarely, if ever, call him with more trip details, he is many times unable to give callers

any more detail than what is printed in the Rambler. Since neither Pete nor Pinky is on the Board of Directors (they already have the biggest job in the Club) they can do nothing directly when you call in with a suggestion, complaint, or comment. All they can do is pass it on for later Board action. If you would like faster action, call the appropriate Director, as shown on the face of the Rambler. If you don't know who to call, then call me at CR 2-6417 and I will be happy to inform you. The Club Headquarters is open from 7 am to 6 pm. and is closed on Sunday and Monday. Pete, like the rest of us, takes vacations and gets sick once in a while. So if no one is around to answer the phone, you can always register directly with the trip leader. By the way, if you are in the neighborhood, drop in and meet Pete. He's always happy to meet Club members and you can spend an interesting hour looking at his collection of photographs from Club trips.

CLUB NOTES AND NEWS

The Ute Alpine Club is sponsoring Hans Gmoser's ski film this year. All proceeds will be donated to the victims of the Storm Mountain Climbing accident. The title of the movie is "To the Forbidden Snowfields" which will include skiing in British Columbia with Jim McConkey and Manfred Parker, the Pro Race at Heavenly Valley, and an ascent of Mt. Eisenhower in the Canadian Rockies. The movies will be shown in Kingsbury Hall at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4.

Since both Carletta Ybarguen and Paul Burton have used a great amount of blood and will need more in the months to come, there has been a account set up at the L.D.S. Hospital under the name of the Ute Alpine Club. People are encouraged to donate; the hospital recommends that appointments be made. Karl Dunn is directing the blood account. Contact him for further information at EM 4-7657.

WMC member Bob Goodwin, who this fall returned from Alaska, will present a program covering a scientific mountaineering expedition on Monday, December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater at the University of Utah Union Bldg. The Ute Alpine Club invites all interested Wasatch Club Members to enjoy the solendor and to learn about science in the mountains.

Margaret Piggott is now on the mending list and we hear she is planning a five month stay in England. She will be back in the spring to join us again.

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