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TRIP SCHEDULE

April , 1963

- April 7 - - - - - Little Blank Mountain. Our first spring hike, intermediate length. If you don't feel like going clear to the top, then stop midway and enjoy the scenic overlook of Salt Lake City. Register by 2 p.m., Saturday. EM 3-7150. Meet at the Union Building parking lot, Campus, at 8:30 a.m. Leader, Dave Sundstrom.
- April 7 - - - - - Costume Race. (note the date change, because of inclement weather on the first scheduled date.) We are co-sponsoring this event. Costumed couples will race through an obstacle course. Some will win. Some will lose. All will have fun. Entry fee, 50¢. Come to race or to watch, and enjoy accompanying refreshments at the Lodge, Brighton.
- April 14- - - - - Mt. Grandeur. A scenic hike of intermediate length. Meet at Finmlandia (39th South on Wasatch) at 8 a.m. Register by 2 p.m. Saturday. April 13. EM3-7150. Leader, Dale Green.
- April 17 - - - - - Annual Election Meeting. Appointment of a new board is an important job. We hope for everyone's attendance. Power Company Auditorium, 6th South and 6th East at 8 p. Refreshments.
- April 18 - - - - - Rock Climbing. At Pete's Rock. After-work sessions will be held on this and all subsequent Thursdays. Leader, Tom Stevenson. No registration necessary. Spectators welcome.
- April 20-21- - - - - Lehman Caves, Ely. The date for this trip was changed to a void Easter. At the same time, Dale has been able to have a special photography tour arranged for us. Bring your camera and a tripod, if available. Flash guns desirable but not necessary since a number of cameras can use a single flash. The trip will leave by bus from the University parking lot, East of the Union Bldg., at 7a.m. We will stop for breakfast at Harman's. After the cave, Saturday night will be spent in Ely. A 10:00 a.m. departure Sunday morning will ensure an afternoon arrival in Salt Lake. Transportation \$8.00. Bring sleeping bags or stay at Motel in Ely, at your own expense. Register by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 18. EM3-7150. Leader, Dale Green.
- April 21 - - - - - Gourmet's Ski tour. Ski and eat and ski. Bring your choicest items, things you didn't dare open at home. A winner will be announced in this competition for originality and sparkle. No cash award can be offered - your

award will-be in choice eating. Quite incidentally, the trip will go to Cardiff Pass and go north (Mill D) or South (back to Alta) depending on snow conditions. Register by 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20. EM 3-7150. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader, Gale Dick.

April 25 - - - - Rock Climbing at Pete's Rock.

April 28 - - - - Mt. Air. A short to intermediate hike starting in Mill creek Canyon. This should be good conditioning for longer summer hikes. Register by 2 p.m. Saturday. EM 3-7150. Meet at the Finnlandia parking lot at 8 a.m. Leader, Bill Ohlsen.

May 2, thru 5- Glen Canyon. Scheduling problems have forced us to postpone to this later date. We are still not sure what the water conditions will be - we may have to use motor a good deal where the new reservoir is forming. Register early to keep informed and to ensure a place on the trip. This will be strictly limited to one bus load. \$10 deposit of the Total \$30.00 is required by April 25. Dale Green will be trip co-leader, and will accept deposits.

May 5- - - - - Mt. Olympus. Harold Goodro will lead this favorite excursion. The hike is intermediate to long. Register by 2 p.m. Saturday. Meet at the Finnlandia parking lot (39th South on Wasatch) at 7 a.m.

May 18 thru 21- Canyonlands. Needles Area Trip. This motorcade-hiking trip will explore that part of the proposed Canyonlands Park area encompassing the Needles and the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers. Transportation & Commissary will be individually furnished. Some backpacking will be done by those so inclined. Trail scooters and 4-wheel drive vehicles will be helpful, but not necessary. Co-Leaders Carl Bauer (EL 5-6036) and Dave Cook (355-4086) as well as Dave Sundstrom (EM 4-6143) will welcome calls from those interested. Further details in May Rambler.

May 30 thru June 2 - - Yampa - Green No. 1. See March Rambler for detail on this river trip.

June 21 thru 23 - Yampa Green No. 2. See March Rambler.

July 4 thru 7 - - Teton climbing trip.

July 24 thru 28- River running, sightseeing and climbing in Colorado.
See March Rambler

August 17 thru 25 Salmon River

August 31 thru Sept. 2 - - Snake River

TRIPS AND OUTINGS

February 22 Weekend

by Connie Clemens

Salt Lake Valley's low snow count on February 22 still outmeasured the "under 12 inches" at Jackson, so the club's annual jaunt to that center of skiing and fun was cancelled '63. As a result, several mountain clubbers decided to make the best of it right at home and still a smaller group dared to go to Jackson, anyway. (The latter group will have to make it's own report, but here's what happened to some of the stay-at-homers.)

Activities actually started Thursday night at the Hacienda where two large booths of socializers joined the regular Thursday night "hard core." The purpose: determine what to do that week-end. The following morning (not too bright and early) a trio of Dale Green, Ann McDonald, and the author gathered for a casual climb up Mt. Olympus. Dale carried some clippers as well as an altimeter to map the trail officially for the USGS. Therefore, all along the upward trail there were many stops to note trail landmarks or to clear the path of overgrown bushes and weeds. Portions of the trail were made up of a thin layer of soft, slippery mud over frozen ground. (Ask Ann about her spectacular downhill slip.) Some upper portions of the trail were snow-covered which did not hinder the hikers until it passed the "knee" level -- about half an hour from the summit.

That evening the hikers were joined by Joe Gates and Mel Fletcher in Park City which was disappointingly quiet for a Friday night. Seems that Bob and Kathy Wright had already left for Salt Lake and others who knew of the excursion had previous plans.

Saturday everyone apparently headed to their favorite slopes, but that night another group got together for an evening of relaxation and charcoal broiled steaks at the Lodge. The diners included Anita and Dick Feltis, Dave Sundstrom, Dale Green, Ann McDonald, the author and Dave Cook who arrived later in the evening. Bright and early Sunday morning those registered for the Snake Creek Hut tour began to gather at the Lodge. About 9:30 the four men (leader Bob Woody, Blaine Wasecha, Ed Schneider, and Al Wickham) began hiking from the Lodge. The two lady tourers (Ann McDonald and Connie Clemens) preferred a more leisurely trip and rode to the top of the Mt. Majestic lift where the climbers reunited. The sun was shining brilliantly, the snow was just lightly crusted in sunny areas, and the overall conditions were ideal for the trip. The trail became steeper and steeper but quickly lead the sextet to the top of the ridge which offered an awe-inspiring view of Heber Valley as well as the Brighton area. The spot was "a natural" for the customary exchanging of foods and beverages and a relaxing siesta in the sun. Two unexpected trips

down the otherside to retrieve sun glasses and a glove which managed to slip away seemed to give energy to some of the group (those Ambitious men again.) They decided to hike to another peak for an extra run. After they all returned safely the party headed down into the woods for some powder skiing back to the Lodge. Thus ended the celebration of George Washington's birthday weekend.

Maybird Gulch Ski Tour- -March 3

By Gale Dick

Maybird Gulch offers one of the great ski tours of the Wasatch Mountains and unlike some of the greats it does not involve excessive climbing. This doesn't mean to say that we weren't ready to stop for our second lunch when we reached the little knoll below the Maybird-Hogum ridge: little after noon. The route took us across the boulders at the bottom of White Pine Canyon which formed a real maze with so little snow. From there we worked around into Red Pine Canyon and part way up this canyon headed west over the ridge into Maybird Gulch. This last part gave us a beautiful walk up through the woods with only the usual amount of cursing of broken climbers.

Our highest point gave us a fine lunch time view of the Pfeifferhorn and the picket fence ridge that divides Red Pine from Maybird Gulch to the south and various summits all named "Twin Peaks" in other directions. The snow was unusually good for skiing so that we were able to enjoy to the fullest the run down the gulch to the highway. This involves what must be one of the longest open slopes in the Wasatch and breathtaking view of a bit of the road that appears to be almost vertically below. At its end there is a short, steep, messy scramble through rocks and bushes down into the narrow gulley you see from the road. A deer trail led us to a snow bridge over the creek.

At the end of the trip a discussion of what, exactly, constitutes excessive climbing might not have reached a unanimous consensus. All agreed, however, that Alexis Kelner, our leader, had shown us an unusually fine ski tour that was new to most of us.

PARTICIPANTS:

Alexis Kelner

Bob Woody

Carl Bauer

Don Breitinger

Vern LeFebre

Dave Givens

Ray Marchi

John Sylvester

Al Wycham

Blaine Wasesdra

Ann and Gale Dick

A NEW CLIMBING PROGRAM

by Tom Stevenson

Beginning this month a new climbing program will be instituted for the Club. This is being done for several reasons, the first of which is to insure that members who want to climb with the club and on their own will do so safely and secondly to offer a guide to what techniques are necessary for a person to handle himself competently in the hills. This is also being done with the idea that when the club plans a serious climbing outing that the participants will be fully qualified and that little thought will have to be given to altering the trip for the safety of the insufficiently experienced.

The formal foundation of the program begins with the alteration of By-law 25 as noted in the March Rambler, the change of Section 3 in the constitution made at the January 23 general meeting and continues with the following new by-laws:

33. A Mountaineer is a member who has completed certain requirements as outlined by the Senior Committee on Mountaineering.
34. A member of the Senior Committee on Mountaineering is an active Mountaineering Leader having a minimum of five years climbing experience and one who is approved by the Board of Directors upon recommendation by the Mountaineering Director. The term of office shall be 2 years. The number of members on the committee shall be at least 3 but no more than 5. The Mountaineering Director shall act as coordinator for the committee. If any committee member be considered inactive or otherwise unsuitable, he may be discharged by unanimous action of the the Board of Directors.
35. The Senior Committee shall be responsible for upholding the standards by which members may become Mountaineers and by which Mountaineers may become mountaineering leaders. The committee shall establish the standards subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. It shall be the function of the committee, by unanimous action, to discharge a Mountaineering leader from his duties if he be considered inactive or otherwise unsuitable.
36. A Mountaineering Leader is a Mountaineer with at least 2 years climbing experience who has been approved by the Senior Committee on Mountaineering. A Mountaineering Leader shall lead all scheduled climbing trips and shall lead each rope on such trips. A trip leader or Mountaineering Leader may require that all members of a climbing trip or rope be Mountaineers.

The working mechanisms of the program are the above constitutional changes and additions and a two page guide to the requirements necessary to become a Mountaineer. The latter is called a "Mountaineer Qualification Record and Application," and is available from the Mountaineering Director to all who are interested in learning the basics of Mountaineering.

The "Application" outlines eleven requirements covering the span from knot tying to use of the ice axe and multipitch climb. Once a member has completed the eleven requirements which are signed off as having been satisfactorily completed by a mountaineering Leader, he is reviewed by the Senior Committee on Mountaineering and asked several questions of a general nature concerning mountaineering and fundamentals of first aid before he is accepted in the Club as a Mountaineer.

To show that a person has put forth the effort to accomplish and has shown proficiency in the "application" tasks and has demonstrated good judgement, he will be entitled to wear a patch with the word "Mountaineer" attached.

It is hoped that all interested persons will participate in this program for their benefit as well as the Club's and that with this the climbing activities of the Club will move forward.

RAMBLINGS

By Dale Green

A reminder: to go on a river trip, or any bus trip you must be a member. To be a member you must be voted on by the Board of Directors after you attend two scheduled Club functions. The Board meets only on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Potential members and members who have friends they want to take along please remember this.

By-Law 24 does not allow the normal grace period of two months to pay dues for members who go on major trips; i.e. river trips. In other words, anyone planning to go on the Glen Canyon or Yampa-Green trips must pay his dues first.

A new constitution change, the last change expected for some time, will be voted on at the Election meeting. This is to amend section 18 which now reads:

"The Board of Trustees shall compile both written and pictorial history and shall present them to each annual meeting."

The proposed amendment reads:

"The Board of Directors shall appoint a Club Historian to compile and maintain said history."

The change is proposed because the Board of Trustees has never compiled a history. We believe an appointed historian could at least

keep a scrapbook of newspaper clippings.

The State Legislature took action to finance the tramway up Snake Creek to Sunset Peak which is just 1/4 mile south of Lake Catherine. In just a few years there will be a road to Mud Flat, a few hundred feet below Catherine Pass, because of a large, new housing subdivision there. I can't think of a similar instance where a tramway has been built with a road that close. Of course, the road is closed in the winter, but there are few tourists then and the tramway is not going to be used for skiing. Those who believe that a lift will be built from the top of Neversweat to the ridge above should be informed that much of the skiing terrain is now being subdivided for houses.

The peat bog above Secret Lake in Albion Basin and about 1,000 feet too the lower left as you come over the crest from the top of the Germania lift is going to be mined by open pit methods this summer.

There is a chance that we will be accompanied by a reporter from the Saturday Evening Post on the Glen Canyon Trip. He is doing an article on the last trip down.

My mention that the average publication costs per month run to 13¢ per member brought comments not only from members, but from other Clubs in the Western Federation. All suggestions to reduce this involves having someone type free. Paying a typist as we do now is probably the major cost. Only by paying someone else to type can we guarantee you will get a Rambler in decent time. The complaints about the cost are only a drop in the bucket in comparison to what happens when the Rambler is a week or two late.

The inside bathroom facilities at the Lodge will be out of order until mid-May. Alexis Kelmer had an interesting article in Summit Magazine on the trip he, Bruce Christensen, and others took in the Wind River Mountains this winter. Summit Magazine has many interesting articles for the hiker, back packer, camper, and mountain climber. Subscriptions are \$4, \$7, and \$9.50 for 1, 2, and 3 years. Address: Summit, Big Bear City, California.

Please attend the election meeting, our most important function of the year.

CLUB NOTES

There are a limited number of Mountain Club patches available at Club Headquarters. Get there fast if you want one.

We welcome Colleen Cox back from four years spent in South America and Mexico. The first two years were for the Department of State in Guatemala; the last two for a Mission in Mexico. She has really earned the title of Senorita.

Two of our members, Virginia Saville and Lee Steorts, had short stints in the hospital recently. The grapevine tells us that they are doing fine. Virginia feels good enough to take off with husband Dick for a months visit to Greece. We will look for a report when they return.

A note from Annette and Gary Larsen tells us that they are involved in suburb living ten miles out of Washington D.C. They are looking forward to investigating the country there, but wish they were not missing out on the skiing here.

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Change of Address:

John MacDuff
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Gary Larsen
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Annandale, Virginia