# The Rambler





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## THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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#### TRIP SCHEDULE -- July, 1963

- July 4, 11, 18, 25, and August 1 Rock Climbing at Storm Mountain.

  Every Thursday evening after work is the time to gather.

  Climbing school is held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Leader,

  Tom Stevenson.
- July 4 -- Devil's Castle in Albion Basin. Here's a popular hike and an ideal way to get away from the holiday crowds. Take along a canteen and lunch for the pause at the top.

  Register by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. We'll meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader, Carl Bauer. (Rating 3.5)
- July 4-7- Teton Climbing Trip. A climbing, hiking, camping and river running four-day excusion. You must pay in advance and discuss the type of climb you will take with the leader before leaving Salt Lake. Trip cost for everything except boating is \$8.00. With boating it is \$12.00. Your leader is Dail Ogden. CR 7-7643.
- July 4-7- Lodge Open. The Paul Pedersons are lodge hosts for the weekend and might be persuaded to have it open all four days. Children are welcome to stay as overnight guests, with their parents, and also join the Sunday hike. Register with the Pedersons so that you will be certain the lodge will be open when you arrive.
- July 7 -- Lake Catherine. This is an easy hike from the lodge to a pretty spot in Big Cottonwood Canyon. There will be no registration required and children are welcome. The lodge hosts will lead this hike. (Rating 2.5)
- July 13 Mt. Timpanogos. Now's a chance to see beautiful Mt. Timp before the trampling herd knocks down most of the vegetation. The exact trail to be taken will be left to the discretion of the leader, but most of the scenic spots described in the June Rambler will be seen. If there is enough time, a swim at Saratoga might be included. Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday at headquarters. Meet at Harman's on 3900 South and State Street at 7:00 a.m. Leader, June Pitkanen. (Rating 10.5 -12.0)
- July 13-14 Lodge Open. Our last month's barbecue at the lodge was such fun it was voted to try it again. That big charcoal brazier will be ready for your steaks, chicken, or hambergers when you arrive at dinnertime. You furnish your own commissary and there'll be some good listening in folk music furnished

- for you. To help defray the miscellaneous expenses there will be a 50¢ charge for both "dinner only" or overnite guests. Host, Leon Edwards.
- July 19 General Membership Meeting and Keg Party. Spend a pleasant evening at the lodge and stay overnight if you please. Also, if you have some slides or movies that we haven't seen, bring them along. (Limit, 20 slides per person). The business meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. followed by light and heavy refreshments. There will be a \$1.00 charge for refreshments. Bring your own mug and register at headquarters by Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (EM 3-7150)
- July 19-21 Lodge Open. The lodge will be open for overniters both Friday and Saturday. Why not enjoy the pleasant atmosphere and companionship our lodge offers. The fee is only 50¢ per night for members, unless you prefer to work for your board. Leader. Mimi Winterling.
- July 20 Garnet Hunt at Brighton. What about that? You rock hounds may be able to pick up a few stones (Dale Green reports that he knows of a place in the canyon that has had garnets, but no guarantees are made). Meet at the lodge at 9:00 a.m. No registration necessary. Leader, Dale Green.
- July 21 Brighton to Homestead Hike. After a long hike, a refreshing swim is always welcome. And, here's an opportunity to enjoy both in one day. Leave Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. from the lodge. The hike will proceed over Snack Creek pass and decend into the Heber Vally to the Homestead for the swim. Transportation will be provided at the other end for those not wishing to trech back. Please register at headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. Saturday so that transportation can be arranged. Leader, John MacDuff.
- July 24-28- Colorado Trip. Just two days off from work will allow you this five day pleasure trip. There will be hiking, climbing, sightseeing and river running all in the Aspen area. Camping: the main camp will be established at Maroon Lake, which is 10 miles southwest of Aspen.

  Climbing: within walking distance of Maroon Lake there are five peaks over 14,000 feet. Boating: portions of the Roaring Fork and Colorado River will be run if water conditions permit. Sightseeing: there might be a possibility of a bus excusion as well as a chance to view some

of th local "wild life" ("bars" maybe?) in the Aspens. Hiking: there are almost no limits here. Please register by July 17 at headquarters, and state your preference of boating

or climbing. This will belp determine how many boats should be taken. Charge will be \$12.00 with an extra \$4.00 for boaters. A work party will be held at John MacDuff's home on

Saturday, June 20, at 1:00 p.m. to make final preparations. EM 3-7150 For additional information, phone Dave Cook. the season, but it is always a very beautiful hike any time of year. Bring a lunch to eat at the lake Posist quarters by 6:00 p.m. Friday. Leader, Janet Christiansen.

(Rating 5.0) El 8.900. July 27 -- Lodge Open. LaMar Peterson and the Stan Murdocks are making plans for this lodge weekend. You may want to join the Lake Blanche hikers or plan an excursion of your own. No registration necessary. Fee, only 50¢ for members. (No children, they are only invited on the first weekend of each month.) August 4 -- Hayden Peak. The destination this week is about four miles

northeast of Mirror Lake in the Uintas. Starting at Lake Bud, the hike will proceed up the talus slope between Hayden and Agassiz Peaks. Please register at headquarters by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Then meet at Stillman Bridge in Parley's Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Leader, to be announced. (Rating 5.0) El 12,475. August 10 - Lake Desolation from Brighton. August 11 -- Reynolds Peak via Dog Lake.

August 17-25 -Salmon River. Although most of the details have not been worked out, this run will undoubtedly be down the main channel of the Salmon. It is essential for us to know in advance how many persons intend to participate. Please notify head-

quarters as soon as possible. The trip should cost approximately \$30 to \$40.00. The price will be partially determined by the number signing up. A \$10.00 deposit will guarantee

you a seat on the bus. August 31-Sept 2 -- Snake River Trip. Sept. 21-22 -- Elko and Ruby Mountains. Oct. 12-13 -- Zion Narrows.

Nov. 9-11 -- Southeastern Utah.

#### GLEN CANYON-COLORADO RIVER TRIP - May 2-5 By Barbara Evans

Twenty-one eager, soon-to-be river rats stacked gear and boarded the bus Wed. evening, enroute south for the proposed Lake Powell area. We made it to just past Hanksville 2 a.m., rolled out sleeping gear for a couple hours shuteye, and then got all gear and beavers aboard truck and headed over a bunp-and-jog road (and beginning of spectacular scenery) to the river. Launching was above Hite (to save a few bucks launching fees) and we started our first day on the river. It went a little slow—the 16 HP motor "konked out" after but a couple hours service and we journeyed on with two 5 HP and one  $7\frac{1}{2}$  HP engines.

For the nextfour days the camera "specialists" found it a problem wanting to photograph all the tremendous scenery and not run out of film. A stop was made at Lake Canyon for the first hike and visit to cliff dwellings. Camping areas were the best—the moon was three-quarters or so, and good food, drink and conversation around the campfires were well appreciated. Two of the best experiences were seeing Music Temple and Rainbow Bridge. Most of us returned from Rainbow Bridge in the dark down Forbidden Canyon, stumbling and tired, the last night on the river, having seen a highlight of the trip. A few enjoyed swimming and bathing in the pools along the return trip to camp. Next time we can motor boat up under Rainbow Bridge as this area will be covered with water, as will most of the area traversed on our trip. The waters are steadily rising and the lake was backing up as far as The Rincon as we journeyed down.

This novice at river running (among other mountain club activities) found new experiences galore—togetherness, aching muscles, sunburn, sore feet, etc. I pondered a couple of times over how very alive one could feel with all the ache and sunburn on the outside and the warmth of good camp food and "vino" on the inside.

MacDuff was waiting for us at Kane Creek several miles above Glen Canyon Dam (near Crossing of the Fathers) at about 1 p.m. Sunday. We were suprised to find many boaters and swimmers—who looked askance at the "river rats" not knowing the fun we'd had, nor the sights we'd seen.

On our return trip in the bus(hasn't anyone named our bus?) we stopped at Kanab for dinner and on to Salt Lake amid much singing, to arrive

at Ann Mc Donald's "parking lot" on schedule at 2 a.m. Monday morning under the able and reliable leadership of our prexy Dale Green.

Gordon Taylor

Dick Feltis

Marion Ohr Ray Ploch

Those 21 hearty souls were:

Dale Green Dave Cook Carl Bauer Ann McDonald Mimi Winterling Ruth and Bill Ohlsen Janet and Delbert Yergensen Rudolph Mayer

George Smith Earl Hansen John Houghton Marie and Bob Demint Sue Smedley Barbara Evans

John MacDuff - drove truck Maurine and Nax Tyler, bus

SUPRISE HIKE

we turned back.

By Dale Green

The biggest suprise of the suprise hike was that so few showed up on such a beautiful day. John MacDuff, Ron DeWall and myself decided on Fergusen Canyon near Big Cottonwood. The trail led us by the stream (sometimes right up the middle of it) and past waterfalls in one of the more beautiful canyons in the Wasatch. We found our way past an apparent dead end to some mine prospects on the south ridge of Big Cottonwood Canyon and then higher up Ferguson Canyon. The feldspar crystals which weather out of the granite were particularly numerous in this section. I picked up over a dozen whole ones lying in the middle of the trail. The trail soon branched into several animal paths which led us under Storm Mountain. As we didn't bring lunches and time was getting late,

Yampa-Green River Trip-May 30-June 2

By Mozelle Millard

Believe it or not it was a wonderful feeling to rise in the morning at 5 A.M. after going to bed at 3 A.M. It was a wonderful feeling because the day ahead brought the beginning of a trip down the Yampa River. We started down the river about one and a half bus hours (Wasatch Mountain Club Bus hours) from the Utah-Colorado border. By we I mean--

Dave Cook
John MacDuff
Max Tylor
Laird Crocker
Carl Bauer
Connee Clemens
June Pitkanen
Kathy Smedley
Vern LeFebre
Ray Ploch
Sue Smedley
Mimi Winterling
Ernie Katten

Barbara Evans
Mozelle Millard
Dorde Wright
Bob Wright
Marion Ohr
Ray Marchi
Jackie Thomas
Clix Byrne
Harold Bingham
Dail Ogden
Judy Hill
Sherman Hill
Carol Hatch
Al Goodwin

Ann Ruhmann
Joe Gates
Al Wickham
Dave Givens
Ann Dick
Gale Dick
Peter Nailer
Jack Keuffel
Betty Keuffel
Bruce Christensen
Cal Giddings
Stewart Gardner
Dave Chisholm

#### AND 40 SONG BOOKS

Dave Cook was our leader on the trip and Carl Bauer was the "boss" while we were on the river. The two of them did some good planning because they allowed us a smooth ride during the first morning. This gave us a chance to catch up on the sleep we missed the night before and prepared us for our trips through Tepee Rapids. We went through them four times. It takes clever planning to accomplish this. I wonder if anyone ever figured out which of the four was really Tepee.

Three kayaks, three small rafts and two large rafts left the shore at Lily Park that first and memorable morn of May 30, 1963. You'd say it was memorable, too, if you's huffed and puffed and blown up those boats. The three kayaks and one small raft must have had hidden motors because they lost us within the first half hour and we never did see them again except for Al Wickham whom we picked up the third day at Echo Park. The brave kayakers were Bruce Christensen, Cal Giddings, Stewart Gardner, and Dave Chisholm.

But brave as they were, I wonder if they had more thrills than we did. Such as the time when one small raft went over what was thought to be a large rapid. It turned out to be a large rock and as the raft floated down over the rock the occupants looked up and thought that what looked like a 15 foot waterfall above was surely going to bury them. But a strange thing happened. Their little boat folded over exactly in half and closed up just like an oyster shell. When the boat unfolded a few minutes later, the six little pearls inside found themselves safe and dry.

And the times when Ann Ruhman, Ann and Gail Dick and Dorde Wright suddenly found themselves overboard in a cold, cold river. But, we got them out safe and refreshed.

And still another instance, when the bravest ones swam through the worst of all rapids at Big Joe. They were June Pitkanen, Sue Smedley, Ray Ploch, Dave Givens, Vern LeFebre.

We had thrilling times and crazy times. Casualities like twisted ankles and tick friends are lots more enjoyable than usual with people around to advise you and comfort you with grusome stories. Speaking of stories, we enjoyed the true tales of geology, too. We were confused for a while with the wayward boat that went round and round in the rapids. There must have been some imps aboard. The evenings furnished us campfires and music. Where else could you enjoy 40 verses of the same song? Our trip couldn't end without our discovery that democracy reaches even to the small sandy islands of the wilderness river. But those who found it a little umpleasant being separated from gear, friends and food supply, were well rewarded with an extra trip through Split Mountain.

Sunday, we enjoyed a trip to the Dinosaur Quarry and the Museum in Vernal. All in all, the trip was wonderful. I'm not sure we were completely happy that we arrived home in such good time—Sunday 7 P.M.

# MIDNIGHT ON THE TRAIL, OR, A SUPRISE PARTY ON GRANDEUR TEAK June 7 By Smith & Hansen

Two ascents were made this night: Smith, Hansen, and 4 Newsons went up the crest slope overlooking the city, the others went the right way (via Church Fork). The leader of the West siders, one "Boomer" Newson reached the summit without hesitation in 1 hour and 31 minutes. Lonesome George was right behind him. The view from the west side over the city as the sun set was breathtaking. The colorful lights of the city, cars threading their way along mysterious paths, and the lights of aircraft all with no more noticable noise than the whisper of the wind.

By 9:30 most had assembled at the summit and the party began. Each had brought a cupcake and candle, which were placed in a group and lit. Then, Dale was brought over as we sang happy birthday to him. (Dale is 21 and some months) Gifts were evidently "carefully" selected to Satisfy the needs of the most discrimination mountaineer, two flash-light batteries, a complete Cub Scout woodsman outfit including wrist

compass, jam, a distinctive tumbler, etc., plus a Coleman lantern from the board of directors which was carried up and back by little Scotty Imber.

As we did not want to be "rescued", it was not advisable to build a fire, so it was necessary to huddle somewhat to keep warm. sponse to overwhelming popular demand Dale recited two very high minded, thought provoking poems, "The Cremation of Sam McGee" and portions of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew". Most of us forgot the cold as we became entranced by the rousing recitation. However, some unattentive members of the audience were noted to be noisily froliking amongst the trees (Ray Ploch, etc.). Barbara giggled frequently. Ann complained about not being kept warm. Mimi coached us on the proper pronunciation of "y'all". Someone kept surprising us with Blinding flashbulbs, perhaps trying to photographically capture the togetherness of the group. As the full moon rose higher in the star studded sky, Dale was inspired to lead us in a spiritual singalong. Boone and Wayne started down first in an attempt to get back early. They somehow became misplaced, finding more brush than trail and were among the last getting down. The right trail down through Church Forks was smooth, well defined, and ideal for a moonlight hike. Most were down by midnight from an enjoyable suprise party and hike to be long remembered. Participating were:

Dick and Anita Feltis
Ron DeWall and 5 friends
Dale Green
Earl Hansen
Earnie Katten
Sue and Kathy Smedley
Vern LaFebre
June Pitkanen & friend Sandy
And probably others
Howard, Pat,
Barbara Evan
Lonesome Geo
Scotty Imber
Lyman Lewis
Ray Ploch
Mozelle Mill
Eric Olseen
Ann McDonald

Howard, Pat, Wayne, and Boone Newson Barbara Evans, and friend Bob Lonesome George Smith Scotty Imber Lyman Lewis Ray Ploch Mozelle Millard Eric Olseen Ann McDonald

LODGE BARBECUE -- June 15

By Leon Edwards

Charcoal Broiled Steak was the central theme on that Saturday night when the lodge was open for all desiring to attend. Lodge director Dave Sundstrom arrived earlier in the day in the midst of a pouring rain and soon had the building nice and warm...a comfort well appreciated by those arriving later. Hostess Connee Clemens showed her

skill by having the brazier glowing and ready for the flood of steaks which arrived with the hungry members. The resulting cloud of smoke from burning juices nearly drove everyone outside for fresh air, but after the initial smoke screen subsided the air was rapidly cleared and everyone sat down to enjoy their meal. Dave Sundstrom (and the author) kept everyone entertained during the evening with an excellent variety of folk music records. June Pitkanen showed some of her amizing vitality by dancing several fast polkas — all after a forty mile bicycle trip earlier in the day. How does she do it?

The general consensus at the end of the evening was that barbecue party was well enjoyed and should be duplicated in the near furture. Members attending included:

Overniters Diners only Dave Sundstrom Dale Green Mimi Winterling Helen Battison Leon Edwards Kathy Smedley Ann McDonald Sue Smedley "Dad" Smedlev Connee Clemens Dave Cook Vern LeFebre Lynn Roseman Ray Ploch The Dail Ogdens Joe Gates June Pitkanen The Clint Barkers Al Wickham The Gavle Greethams

Editor's Note: And a BIG THANK YOU to you, Leon, for donating that fine record player for the lodge. It surely was needed.

MOUNT SUPERIOR #2 -- June 16

By Dale Green

Pete recommended that we try Mineral Fork instead of the Mill B-Lake Blanche trail to reach Superior from the north side. We did and liked it enought to recommend this way as a standard route. Mineral Fork is one canyon east of Mill B. A little-used jeep road leads through this lush, green canyon to a few mines over 10,000 feet high. Due to snow, we had to leave the road at about 8,500 feet and kick steps up to the divide between the two canyons where we traversed over to the final slope. The recent rains had turned the snow into a wet, deep, slush. We only spent a minute on top because of impending storms. Everywhere we glisseded down the top, 2-3 inches of slush avalanched. It moved very slowly for several minutes and hissed like bacon frying in a pan. Some rain hit us as we approached Lake Blanche where we et Scotty Imber and

Margaret Piggott. Hikers were Sue Smedley, June Pitkanen, Al Wickham, Morie Whitaker, and Dale Green.

A REQUEST FROM CLUB HEADQUARTERS ...

Be sure to register for every trip at the Club Headquarters whenever you plan to participate in a club activity (unless otherwise stated on the trip schedule). Also, please try to meet the deadline by at least a few "minutes".

Early registration always insures a more successful trip and also eliminates many headaches for the leader, especially when there is commissary involved. In addition, early registration means someone will not be left behind due to lack of transportation.

You may register at Club Headquarters any day, except Sunday, between 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Then, if 13 hours are too few, and if you call by 9:00 p.m. (no Later) to EL 5-7216, the information and registration will be available. When calling Headquarters, and no one answers after two or three rings. be patient and allow at least two more. Sometimes we are busy. D.B.A.B.R.E. \*

MEMO TO LEADERS: Please get trip information to Club Headquarters as early as possible so that we can answer any inquiries about the trip.

\* See answer on back page

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RAMBLINGS

By Dale Green, President

The  $\underline{\text{membership}}$   $\underline{\text{list}}$  promised this month will be sent next month along with a copy of the Constitution and By-laws.

Several projects are contemplated for the lodge this summer. We would like to replace the refrigerator and electric stove, refloor the kitchen and porch, cover the inside of the foyer between the annex and lodge, and modify the inside sanitary facilities. How well we succeed depends on how much money we have and how many members are willing to help.

Do you have, or know someone who has, a refrigerator or electric stove for sale? The refrigerator should have a separate freezer compartment large enough for a couple gallons of ice cream. The stove should have at least 4 heating units on top and a large oven. Call me at CR 7-6417 if you have information.

The <u>recent tragic</u> <u>accident</u> to SOCOTWA has brought several questions from members about our operations. To answer them:

- 1. The brake system on our bus was inspected thoroughly by Linder and Wood this spring. L & W is perhaps the best truck repair station in Utah.
- 2. The bus's brake system allows repeated brake applications after the engine has stopped.
- 3. We do not carry insurance on passengers riding in the bus or on participants driving on any trip. This type of insurance is easily obtained locally at a minimal cost. If there is enough demand, an investigation will be made again for securing such insurance at a reasonable rate. I personally feel that this is a matter for individual action. Of course, we carry public liability and property damage (\$100,000.00 each person and \$50,000.00 each accident).
- 4. We will no longer carry the large boats inside the bus. Only one 10-man boat will be carried inside and it will be firmly tied down. The large boats and equipment will be carried in a rented truck and the trip fees thus increased to cover the cost.
- 5. You are requested not to put any hard objects (suitcases, canteens, ice axes, stc.) on the overhead racks. The space under the seats is rarely used to its best efficiency, Use it!

Tote Gotes — "A recent survey reveals that the Forest Service has kept the majority of the nation's riding and hiking trails wide open to tote gote travel. Forest policy goes so far as to recommend that administators encourage mortor transportation over back country trail systems and some rangers affirm they are following this advice." (From the Western Outdoor Quarterly.)

Tote gote usage in the Wasatch Mountains is increasing. Only one area on Mt. Timpanogos has been closed. This is because most of those who violently oppose seeing, hearing and smelling them as they literally tear past on the trail do not make their feelings known in the right places. If you are against trail vehicles...

1. WRITE a letter of protest to Secretary Orville Freeman, Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

- 2. Forward a copy to Chief Forester Edward P. Clift, National Forest Service, Washington 25, D.C.
- 3. You may also write to Supervisor F. C. Kozial, Wasatch National Forest, 430 South 4th East, Salt Lake City, regarding local problems. It may impress the local administrator more, if specific trail damage, fire hazards, etc. are cited.

Your president was pleasantly suprised when at the top of Grandeur Peak he was presented with a fine Coleman lantern, a gift of the present board. To add to the unexpected pleasure, numerous participants of the hike offered a variety of tokens of affection (?). A sincere thank you is extended to all involved who have not been thanked personally.

The <u>House of Hopper</u>, 138 East Broadway will give club members a 10% discount on the purchase of bicycles and 20% off on parts. In addition, if you are interested in cycling trips, you should contact June Pitkanen who is arranging numerous bicycle trips.

The <u>Mountain House</u>, 618 South 12th East, also is offering club members a discount on purchases. And, according to some of the club mountaineers, this shop "has the best selection of mountain climbing equipment in the state of Utah."

The standard <u>transportation charge</u> on club trips where private transportation is used is one cent and a half per round-trip mile, per passenger. When, because of convenience, more passengers are in one car than another, or a car carries mostly baggage, the payments should be split equally between the car owners. Drivers who charge only for gas are cheating themselves.

#### New Members:

John DeFord (278-9196) 2135 Cresthill Drive Salt Lake City 17, Utah

Gayle Greetham (CR 7-7526) 4121 Olympus Way Salt Lake City, Utah

Ernest F. Hart 1620 Del Norte Grants, New Mexico

Sheila J. Mattes 163 M\_Street #3 Salt Lake City, Utah

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## Change of Address:

Joe Gates (364-9577) 245 South 8th East Salt Lake City, Utah

Margaret Piggott (328-3934) 364-A West 7th North Salt Lake City 16, Utah

Mattie Sidwell (485-3440) 250 Truman Salt Lake City, Utah

# Correction:

Charles Keller (Not Heller) 3615 E. 2945 South Salt Lake City 9, Utah

(Answer: "Don't be a Bum, Register Early !")