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TRIP SCHEDULE

March, 1963

- March 3- - - - Red-Pine - Alpine. See details in February Rambler.
(Ski tour rating 10.0)
- March 3- - - - After Ski Social. Dale Green's 4230 Sovereign Way.
- March 10- - - - Gad Valley. (rating 3.3) A repeat of this popular tour.
Meet at the bottom of Wildcat at 9:15 a.m. Register by
2 p.m. Saturday, March 9. EM 3-7150. Leader, Charlie Hall
- March 17- - - - Major Evans Gulch via Twin Peaks. (rating 6.6) In add-
ition to the spectacular Major Evans ski bowl, this trip
has an ascent to the top of American Fork Twins, the high-
est peak in the Cottonwood Canyon area. All for a measly
(?) expenditure of 6.6 on the exertion scale (this is two
Gad Valley in the same day.) Register by noon, Saturday,
March 16, EM 3-7150. Transportation must be arranged for
Saturday. Leader, Cal Giddings.
- March 23- - - - Swimming Party. Soak those tired bones. Y.W.C.A. pool
between 8 and 9 p.m. A small charge. No registration
but do come. Leader, June Pitkanen.
- March 24- - - - American Fork Canyon via Mary Ellen Gulch. (rating 4.3)
If you have heard that the walk at the bottom of A.F.
Canyon is long, you have heard correctly. However, there
is very little climbing at the beginning, so the trip
balances out quite well. It is also scenic. Register
by noon, Saturday, March 23 (to arrange transportation.)
EM 3-7150. Leader, John MacDuff.
- March 29- - - - Nomination Dinner-Dance. Finnlandia. 3923 Wasatch Blvd.
Come with dates, or spouses, or without - as you please.
7 p.m. social hour. 8 p.m. dinner. Followed by a remark-
able Clix Byrne fashion show which no one should miss.
Nominations will be held for Board of Directors and pre-
sentation of awards. Top this off with some dancing, and
we will have had a real evening. Price - \$3.50 per person.
Set-ups provided. B.Y.O.L. Register by 4 p.m. Thursday,
March 28. EM 3-7150.
- March 31- - - - Lake Blanche. (rating 7.5) This is a long time club
favorite, and has also the advantages of outstanding scenery
and a long downhill run. Register by 2 p.m. Saturday,
March 30, EM 3-7150. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood
Canyon at 7 a.m. Leader, Harold Goodro.
- April 7- - - - Little Black Mt. Time for a spring hike. Leader settled
later.

April 13, 14 - - Lehman Caves, Wheeler Peak. Saturday in the caves. Sunday in the mountains around Wheeler Peak. If it is too cold for camping, Saturday night will be spent in Ely. Leader, Dale Green.

Spring and Summer Trips

The following is a tentative schedule for some of our upcoming major trips. Some additions and changes will undoubtedly be made later. These will be announced as soon as possible.

April 24 thru 28 or 25 thru 28 - Glen Canyon. River run. Rumor has it that the river will still be flowing if we get there early this year. A last look at the beauties of Glen Canyon. Watch for further announcements.

May 30 thru June 2- - Yampa-Green No. 1 River run. In 1957 the Club tried the Yampa at its raging worst, and we almost lost some club members to the river. (It was also the Club's very first river run.) Ordinarily, however, the Yampa is considered as a beginner's trip and is no worse than Red Canyon. While no one can predict the vagaries of a river, this trip should only be of intermediate difficulty in this low run-off year. We will try to make provisions to let people off at Echo Park (after 2 days) if they wish to avoid Split Mountain on the Green. The river trip will be 3 days with one day for sightseeing in Dinosaur National Monument.

June 21 thru 23- - - Yampa Green No. 2 Same as No. 1 except only 3 days, all of which will be needed to run the river. Water should be lower and somewhat milder unless there is heavy rainfall preceeding trip.

July 4 thru 7- - - - Teton Climbing Trip. Mountain climbing and hiking in this favorite area.

July 24 thru 28- - - River Running, Sightseeing and Climbing in Colorado Our operations will center around the junction of the Colorado River and Roaring Fork, near Glenwood Springs, both runnable rivers. There will be a series of one day river trips, returning to camp each night. Sightseeing and climbing excursion will be arranged according to the group present.

August 17 thru 25- - Main Salmon River. A one week trip down the River of No Return, providing enough interest is shown.

August 31 thru Sept 2.-- Snake River. This is our annual trip down one of America's most beautiful Rivers.

TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Winter Scene, "on Ice!!" - - - February 8

by ~~Elaine~~ Wasescha

A Friday - the month is February and the day the 8th - ten members of the Wasatch Mountain Club gather to skate. The season is winter; the temperature a mighty 40 degrees. The scene: Hygeia Ice where John MacDuff welcomes the members as well as many other trusty youth who perhaps imagine that ice-skates and skater were as one. Many found the two did go together -- other found, ah the opposite.

So the story goes -- the proficient skate with charm, with exuberance and with lyrical bounce! Some skate with endeavor, determination and cheer. Others skate. The skillful display the stylish figure-skating art in various patterns as the figure-eight, shooting-ducks, "twisting" and gliding-swans.

Now, Mel Fletcher's blades sparkled as he zestfully waltzes the factually young. Later - - in the warming room - the same youth gleefully ask Mel . . . "How old are you . . . mister?" He seriously answers. And John MacDuff hopefully offers, "I graduated from the sixth grade on the G.I. Bill!"

During the course of the evening the members join in a special offering allowed to all "speed" skaters. All non-experts are asked to submit the rink to those of daring skill. And for a full ten minutes, the rink is clear to skate - - in the style of speed-skaters.

Finally, the ten float to Shakey's and while accompanied by the pianolla finish the evening quaffing refreshing drink and eating pizza. The ten: John MacDuff, Lee Sutton, Marion Ohr, ^MMary Brown, Mel Fletcher, Barry Quinn, June Pitkanen, Tom Rees, Vwe Klint, Blaine Wasescha.

40th Anniversary Party - - February 9

by Art Adams

The 40th Anniversary Party at the Lodge attracted about 140 members and guests the evening of Saturday, February 9. The snow en route up the road from the lower parking lot was well-packed as far as the creek bridge, beyond which some carrots in the diet helped to avoid the several holes. Another TVG (U.S. Navy signal code for "Well Done") is in order for Ann McDonald as old-times, new members, and guests; skiers, climbers, hikers, and river-runners, assembled together for what was certainly not "the Lonelies Night of the Week."

A fine meal, prepared under the direction of Earl Hanse¹, was fortified by kegged brew, again cooled in the snow on the porch, and some stronger beverages among a select few. However, there was difficulty with the spaghetti on our two-smoe kitchen stoves.

Somehow we missed an anniversary address by Prexy Green, nor was there any songfest or hand-made music. Most of the records for dancing were twists and polkas, plus waltzes and other steps for a bit of variety. Use of the female "facilities" by both sexes, with the male counterpart yet "out of Fix" resulted in a minimum of embarrassment under the circumstances.

As most of the troops retreated to the bunks topside or back down the canyon to SLC, a rugged six-some tested the Club² sled as a toboggan on the closest ski slope. After a short trial run to hit a tree below the Lodge and a longer one into the Alpine Rose snow fence, problems of steering were resolved despite some damage to the vehicle incurred in earlier mishaps. (see Dale Green notes elsewhere in this issue)

Gad Valley - - - February 17

by Bob Woody

At last! A tour.

Sixteen of us joined at the base of Alta, rode the lift aloft to the shoulder of Baldy, trekked across the Albion headwall and onto the Germania hut ridge. It was not a lovely day. Clouds clipped off the tops of the mountains. The wind blew snow laden and chilling.

Climbing skins were of little use this day. Those who put them on regretted it. The last steep pitch over the Gad Valley Crest was a formidable barrier. We virtually clawed our way up those last yards. In the shelter of trees under the North crest, we ate and speculated. Our leader Gale Dick observed that a certain competitiveness in luncheon fare we no longer existant. (Did he say someone used to bring smoked oysters?)

When the chill set in, we headed downward - - swish, swish through the snow and clakety-clack over the rocks. Dissent developed. Two factions emerged: the leftists and the rightists. The leftists wanted to go left; the rightists, right. And so the group divided, joining later in wooded glen.

"You should have been with us," said the leftists. "No, you should have been with us," said the rightists. Once again there was unity. We emerged on an open slope that everyone says is usually missed on the Gad Valley tour.

We tip-toed on rocks across the stream at the end. (A couple went wading.) And we congratulated ourselves for having skied in pretty good conditions in view of the fact that the day and the season were

rather poor examples and although it wasn't as good as last year, it was still pretty good.

Leftists and rightist included: Gale and Ann Dick, Jack and Mimi Crenshaw, Gal Giddings, Mary Louise Mayer, Alexis Kelner, Al Wyckham, John MacDuff, Charley and Em Hall, David Hall, Don Breitingner, Bob Woody.

Albion Basin Tour - - - February 16
by Laird Crocker

A light snow the day before spelled excellent skiing for seven intrepid members led by John MacDuff. The group met at Snowpine Lodge, Alta at 10 a.m. and proceeded to the top of the "Never Sweat" lift where skins were donned and tied on with string, baling wire and what have you. Carl Bauer, chairman of the board of the Life Saver Company, Passed around refreshments. The day was perfect with just a few high clouds in a blue, blue sky and the temperature just on the North side of shirt sleeve weather.

The pace to Catherine Pass was leisurely with plenty of time for photographing Superior and Devil's Castle and making needed repairs to bindings and skins. The pass was reached after a final valiant push and a banquet was held to celebrate. After the repast, a vote was taken and the decision was made to push on to Sunset-Devil's Castle ridge. This goal was achieved with alacrity and dispatch, opening up new vistas of the untracked wilderness of American Fork Canyon and Mt. Timp on the South and Albion Basin on the North. The pines covered with rime frost made a wonderland of the approach to the ridge. Lessons in avalanche survival were dispensed by the glorious leader and Carl Bauer provided some interesting hints on ski touring.

After removing skins and applying wax, a rapid descent from the ridge was made in a swirl of the powder snow on top of the icy base. The route down was through varying timber and open slopes in almost a direct line with the Never Sweat lift. It was decided that this ridge is the next logical step for further ski lift development at Alta (Financiers take note!) The day was brought to a close with one final ride on the lift and a brief rehash of the trip over beer and coffee at the Gold Miner's Daughter. Those present: Carl Bauer, Connie Clemens, Sarah Chase, John MacDuff, Yenta Kaufman, Al Wickham, and Laird Crocker - - - 7 in all.

OUR 40th ANNIVERSARY (continued)
by Dale Green

(Excerpts from a 1923 Rambler)

"If you want to know if a friend is real,
To wash off his varnish and his soul reveal,
To see if he's genuine or just imitation
Give him a Mountain Club Tip invitation."

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This rhyme introduces an article on the Club's social activities. The Club had an orchestra, drama group, chorus, bowling team, baseball team, basketball team, first aid class, and many parties. Pinecrest in Emigration Canyon, Maxwell's Lodge in Big Cottonwood Canyon and the Hermitage in Ogden Canyon were visited regularly. In 1923 as now "our dances have not been all the success that might be expected." On Thursday day of each week some 40 or 50 members met at the library for a geology class.

The main activities of the Club were out of doors and the bulk of the Rambler is devoted to trip descriptions. The Granddaddy Lakes, Yellowstone, Southern Utah and Fish Lake were all motored to. A trip was made to Bird Island in the Great Salt Lake to view the thousands of Pelicans there. The island was reached after a four hour cruise on a commercial excursion launch.

The largest turnouts and most trips were to the local peaks in the Wasatch. Lone Peak was climbed in two days, a camp being made at the upper reservoir of Bell's Canyon. The pictures accompanying this article and the others show one interesting facet. Nearly all of the men hiked in coat and tie. Mt. Olympus was a popular climb. The elevation is listed as 10,500 feet instead of the now known 9,026 feet. One interesting picture shows a spring climb on the steep north side with seven men holding onto 20 feet of rope while the top man is struggling to hold it. Twin Peaks was climbed by any of three trails although the Lake Blanche way was preferred. Mt. Timpanogos was an annual "must" hike and Timpanogos Cave was just rediscovered and declared a National Monument. A flag and register were placed on top of Mt. Nebo in 1923, about a dozen men participating.

Winter sports were not neglected. An annual trip was made from Park City to Brighton in mid-winter. The D.R.G.W. Railroad running up Parley's Canyon to Park City was the first leg of the journey. The road up Woodside Canyon to the Silver King Mine was walked to where "blocking the skis to assure easier ascent of the grades" they went up the ridge and down into Thayne's Canyon to the Comstock Mine where they spent the night. The next morning they climbed to Scott's Pass and skied down to Giles Ranch (about where Solitude is now) and spend the night in the S.L. Water Department cabin. The next day they skied down the canyon to the end of the Holladay carline.

The most interesting article to me is on Big Cottonwood Canyon by Claude Stoney. The article is mainly descriptive:

"One mile from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon is the old paper mill which was built by the L.D.S. church in 1882. It was destroyed by fire in 1893 and the walls, situated as they are in a grove of large cottonwood trees, from which the canyon received its name,

stand as a monument to early industries in Utah." (partially restored, it is now a dance club known as the "Old Mill.")

"At the mouth we pass an electric power plant and one of the city's storage reservoirs. In about two miles we come to the foot of the "stairs" where another power plant is located. Here the road cuts through solid rock for over a half mile, and on account of steepness is of stair-like construction, hence its name. (now covered by a newer road).

"A mile and a half farther on we come to Mill B flat where in the early days the first of a series of lumber mills was located. A quarter of a mile from Mill B flat is Mill B South Fork. After a few hours on the trail we get our first glimpse of Lakes Blanche, Florence, and Lillian. To the South and West is Sugar Loaf and Twin Peaks, and to the South and East Iron Mountain. (Sugar Loaf is now called Dromedary.) Another article calls the peaks just East of Twin Peaks "The Dromedaries." I believe this is now named Sunrise Peak."

"Past Mineral Fork to Mill D Flat are summer homes and camping grounds. At this point it has been proposed to build a large dam to impound water for Salt Lake City. A large camping ground, The Community Camp (now the Spruces.) The WMC makes its annual Labor Day trip to this place.

"The Canyon now turns south and ends at Brighton or Silver Lake. Brighton is named after old Bill Brighton, a pioneer settler and hotel keeper. There are about 25 first class cottages and summer homes, five or six hotels, a dozen stores, a postoffice and many campsites. One may, in a short time, climb past Dog Lake, Lakes Phoebe and Mary, now joined together, and Lakes Martha and Catherine. Lake Catherine, at the top, is named after the wife of old Bill Brighton. Lake Martha below it, with its little "Emfald Isle" is named after Mrs. Wm. Lambourne. Lower down are Lake Mary, named after the wife of a New York artist, and Lake Phoebe, named after Mrs. George M. Ottinger. During the early days Messrs. Ottinger and Culmer, the Lambournes, and Hartwig Bornemen, all artists of ability, spent a great deal of time in Cottonwood sketching and painting, and named many of the lakes and peaks."

My thanks to Mrs. Hazel Talbot McComb, a member 40 years ago, for the use of her 1923 Rambler.

RAMBLINGS

by Dale Green, President

The following By-Law has been proposed to the Board of Directors:

The President, with consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint at least thirty days in advance of the nomination dinner a Nominating Committee of three members, at least two of whom shall previously have served on the Board of Directors. This Committee shall present at the Nomination Dinner a slate of nominees for the Board of Directors, at least 14 and not to exceed 20 in number, who meet the qualifications of Section 3 of the Constitution and who are willing to serve on the Board of Directors if elected.

The slate shall be selected with due regard for the special abilities required for the various positions to be filled by the Board of Directors.

Nominations may also be made from the floor by any member at the Nomination Dinner and at the election meeting, provided that he has obtained a definite commitment from the member nominated that he will serve if elected, or that the person nominated is present and states his willingness to serve if elected.

The present Constitution and By-Laws does not specify how nominations are to be made. This proposed by-law will not be enacted until after the election this year, so we can see in advance if it works. Because the procedure is different, we will still allow nomination from the floor, this time, at the nomination dinner without advance permission of the nominee if he isn't there.

To be eligible for the Board of Directors the person must be a "qualified member" having participated in eight hikes, climbs, ski tours, cave trips, camping trips, or work trips regularly scheduled by the Club except that overnight boat trips and climbs of 4,000 feet shall be counted as two trips. Trips involving back packing or unusually difficult ascent shall register as three trips. Lift skiing or practice rock climbing does not count. Participation shall be in at least three of the above activities. (By-Law 25)

Dues for out-of-state members have been increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per year. (Dues will be due on the 1st of May)

Dick Hills, our Trails Director, is leaving on the 10th of March for the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he will continue his PhD studies for a year.

A surprise guest at the Anniversary Party was Hazel Talbot McComb who

was a member 40 years ago and whose 1923 Rambler I am using for excerpts.

There were some complaints about obnoxious behavior of a few individuals at the 40th Anniversary. It seems that it is difficult to avoid this at times. If you were one of those offended, the Board would like to apologize and promises that definite action is being taken to prevent further occurrences. If you are one of those who can't respect the rights of others - - shape up or ship out!

The toboggan at the Lodge which we use to haul supplies in the winter was meant to carry one injured person slowly down a snow slope. As a recent experience showed, it will break if it is handled roughly. Therefore - NO RIDING IN THE TOBOGGAN.

Club Notes

Change of Address:

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Sherman Hill - - Also congratulations to Sherman
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