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TRIP SCHEDULE

April 1964

(Call all registrations to Club Headquarters -- EM 3-7150)

- April 4-5 -- Park City to Brighton to Park City. We will meet at the Summit House at Park City at 1:00 p.m. and ski over to Brighton and spend the night at the lodge. Then on Sunday we will ski back to Park City. If you would prefer not to pack your gear over to Brighton, someone will take a car to Brighton Saturday and could carry gear up. Leader: June Wickham (364-8845). She will arrange for the transportation of gear to Brighton. If you can only make the Sunday portion, meet at the lodge at 9:30 a.m. Register at Club Headquarters by 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 3. Less ambitious skiers will just ski and party Park City Saturday.
- April 12 -- Gad Valley. We will try for the third time this year to take this popular tour. The trip will take about 4 hours and we will meet at the Wildcat Lift at Alta at 9:30 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. Leader, Dick Hills.
- April 16 (Thursday) -- Election and Membership Meeting. Be sure to come and help elect your board. Meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Utah Power & Light Co. Auditorium (7th East & 6th South). A special program, slides on Canada, is being planned by Tom Stevenson to follow the election and of course, there will be the traditional refreshment time. Please make every attempt to support WMC for this important meeting!
- April 19 -- Little Black (Blank) Mountain. Our first hike of the year will be in an area where (we hope) the snow will be mostly gone. This is a medium-length hike (rating 6.5) but we will set an easy pace. Female hikers, especially, will appreciate being led by two of the club's most gallant hikers, Leader George Smith and Chief Scout Earl Hansen. Meet at the Shriner's Hospital (Fairfax Ave. and Virginia St.) at 9:00 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 18.
- April 23-26 -- Glen Canyon River Trip. This year we plan to try Glen Canyon from a different approach. Instead of the difficult route through North Canyon to Hite, we will enter and leave from Wahweap Creek in Southern Utah. There are no rapids in the canyon because of rising waters at Lake Powell. This will be primarily a sight-seeing trip with, we hope, some water skiing thrown in for good measure. Some of our members who own boats say they are willing to take them along. Part of the trip will be in an area not usually seen by river runners (from the dam to Kane Creek). The rest of the time will be spent upstream at some of the more familiar places including

Rainbow Bridge, what's left of Music Temple, Etc.
There will be a work party for all those going on the trip. It is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at Ann McDonald's home (5344 Cottonwood Lane). Please register by 6:00 p.m. on April 21. Registration is completed when a \$10.00 deposit is made or when the full price of \$30.00 is paid to Dave Cook or Club Headquarters. Departure time will be 7:00 p.m. sharp on Wednesday, April 22, from Ann McDonald's. Please arrive 30 minutes early for bus loading. Your leader, Dave Cook (355-4086).

April 26 -- Grandeur Peak. This is another short to medium-length hike (rating 5.0) where trail conditions should be good for this time of year, and the view of Salt Lake Valley is excellent. Meet at the school east of the intersection of 33rd and Wasatch Blvd. at 9:00 a.m. Register at Club Headquarters by 6:00 p.m. April 25. Leader, Dave Sundstrom.

May 2 -- Mt. Olympus. This is one of our favorite spring hikes and is of medium length (rating 8.0). The main group will hike up the trail under the leadership of Ernie Katten, and another group may climb a different route using ropes. Register by 6:00 p.m., Friday May 1 at Club Headquarters. Meet at the Finnlandia parking lot (39th and Wasatch Blvd.) at 8:00 a.m. Be sure to bring a canteen as there usually isn't any water on most of the trail.

May 8-10 -- Grand Canyon. We will leave Thursday evening, May 7 and drive to the North Rim (providing the road is open). On Friday we will hike to the bottom of the Canyon and camp. If you don't want to carry a pack, lodging is available at Phantom Ranch in the Canyon for \$5.00 (supper at the ranch is \$4.00, breakfast is \$2.00, and a box lunch is \$1.75 - however, you can carry your own food if you like.) On Sat. we will climb to the South Rim and camp. After some brief sightseeing on Sunday, we will take our bus back to Salt Lake. Space on the bus may be short, so register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 1. Those wishing lodging at Phantom Ranch should register by Wednesday, April 29 so that we can reserve space. For information, call Joe Gates (364-9577). The trail leader will be Bob Demint (277-5056). Details on departure will be in the May Rambler. Cost for bus transportation - \$10.00-15.00

May 10 -- Mt. Aire.

May 16 -- Lyndyl Dunes.

May 24 -- Pilot Peak. If anyone knows the trail, how about volunteering to lead this trip?

May 28-31 -- Yampa River Trip. We will shoot the rapids on this picturesque river again this year. With a little luck on weather and river conditions, this trip should be one of the year's best. If you missed it last year, make a special effort to join us this time.

June 13-14 -- Craters of the Moon (designed for the kids, especially)

NOTE: We also are hoping to arrange a trip to Desolation Canyon some time during June. Because of water conditions, this trip is tentative, but must be scheduled earlier in the summer. It probably won't be possible to set it up around any holidays even though it will be a three or four day trip.

SPECIAL ROCK CLIMBING SCHEDULE

April 2 - Rock Climbing. Time to come out and enjoy late afternoon exercise and an after-climbing social. Meet at Pete's Rock-about 5400 So. on Wasatch Blvd. between 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. Bring rubber soled shoes, a warm jacket and climbing equipment if you have it. The club does have several ropes and they will be available for use. No registration necessary and all interested persons-whether climbers or hikers are invited.

Beginner-beginner climbing class commences; see Rock Climbing and Mountaineering write up further back in the Rambler.

April 9 - Rock Climbing. Meet at Pete's Rock. Need practice or exercise or want to socialize? Come out and join the fun! Climbing is held on each Thursday afternoon so regardless of weather come on out.

Beginner-beginner class continues.

April 16 -- Rock Climbing. Meet at Pete's Rock. Beginner-beginner class continues.

April 23 -- Rock Climbing. Meet at Pete's Rock. Tests will be held to determine registration for regular climbing classes. All persons seriously wishing instruction must be present on this date. See Tom Stevenson.

April 30 -- Rock Climbing. Meet at Pete's Rock. Beginner climbing class starts. All who are registered for it should attend. All others who need exercise or practice are invited to come out but are asked not to interfere with the class.

May 7 -- Rock Climbing. Meet at Pete's Rock. Intermediate and experienced climbing classes start. All who are registered for them should attend. All others who need exercise or practice are invited to come out but are asked not to interfere with the classes.

BY-LAW VOTED BY BOARD

By-law III has been revised to read as follows: "A year's dues shall be paid with application received during the first half of the fiscal year, and half year's dues shall be paid with application received during the second half of the fiscal year, except that during the last two months of the fiscal year application for immediate membership will be accepted with dues for the next fiscal year."

Please take this into consideration when advising any prospective member concerning dues.

NOMINATIONS DINNER REPORT

Friday, March 20, arrived offering WMC members the first day of spring in a leap year and the club's social event of the year. Ignoring the "highest price in our history" 84 members and guests were pleased with a delicious and satisfying meal accompanied by "all the extras we have wished we had before." A lively, humming social hour got things underway and by 8:00 p.m. the crowd was eager to work on the heavily-laden buffet table.

Probably the happiest moment of the evening for everyone was the presentation of the annual service award to Odell ("Pete") and Pinky Peterson. Emcee Dale Green had a special speech prepared for the occasion and since it did not get entirely used, it is hoped that this item will be offered for publication in the Rambler in some future issue. (This was Pete's 34th nomination dinner in 35 years as a member. Isn't that a record!!) Pinky added a footnote to Dale's report of the marriage of 14 members in the past year that she, too, found Pete in the club. (The trophy will be on display at the shop, in case you missed the dinner.

Report of the nominating committee also was made by the president. Those persons running for the board include the following. Present board members are marked with an *.

Judy Allen	*Ernie Katten
Dennis Caldwell (Tent.)	*Alexis Kelner
*Dave Cook	*John MacDuff
Care Davis	*Ann McDonald
Bob Demint	Paul Schetler
Leon Edwards	George Smith
*Joe Gates	*Tom Stevenson
*Dale Green	Sarah Weller
Diane Jones	*Mimi Stevenson

ROCK CLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING

by Tom Stevenson

'Tis that time of year again when we start listening to the call of the warming rock and begin digging out our winter-rusted pitons and carabiners and tangled ropes and slings. 'Tis the time we check our foot gear and other equipment and wish that we were millionaires.

It is the time we begin our slow and sometimes frightening return to the competence on the rock that we gloriously remember from last season. It is the time the novices come out to see what this business is all about and the time spectators come out to ponder why we do it.

This year the Senior Committee on Mountaineering hopes that all who are seriously interested do come out to participate, and we intend that all who do shall gain more enjoyment than in past years.

The climbing instruction program will be modified over what has existed before. First, there will be a warm-up session for those who need to learn or to remember the basic fundamentals starting April 2. The climbers who wish instruction will, after the 3 to 4 week warm up session for beginner-beginners, be segregated into one of 3 classes- beginners, intermediate or experienced - by tests on April 23. All persons wishing instruction must be at Pete's Rock on this date. The formal classes will begin on April 30 and last into the first or second week in June. The beginners class and the classes for intermediate and experienced will be held on alternate Thursdays with the beginners commencing on April 30. There will be 1 or perhaps 2 week-end day sessions in May for each group. All climbers are invited out each Thursday, but instruction will be given for each group only on the scheduled days; please refer to the Rambler to check when each class will be taught. To add a little variety to the classes some time will be spent on Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

We are starting the season with a beginner-beginners class which will commence at Pete's Rock on April 2. The definition of beginner-beginner is one who 1.) knows nothing or very little of climbing techniques, 2.) has a fear of heights, 3.) doesn't know what his or her feet are used for and 4.) WANTS TO LEARN TO CLIMB. This class will do very little more than teach that a person can climb on rock with out falling off. It is open to only eight (8) people; registration is required. Register with the instructor, Karl Dunn, at or before 6:00 p.m. April 2 at Pete's Rock.

The Mountaineer program is continuing and all that are seriously interested in this should be in the class for experienced climbers. I shall be available whenever I possibly can to work with people on this. The more Mountaineers that go to Canada this summer the more we shall accomplish up there in the hills. The booklet Mountaineering

Basics is still available to all who wish this composite and condensed version of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills and The Manual of Ski Mountaineering.

If climbing is not your cup of tea, there is plenty of good hiking around Pete's Rock and in various places around Storm Mountain. Every Mountain Cluber should come out occasionally to join in the exercise and the after climbing (or hiking) social.

LODGE WIRING IMPROVEMENTS

by George Smith

Early Sunday morning for two weekends, small but efficient groups have worked toward improving the safety and convenience of the lodge electric facilities. Most of the hazardous wiring was repaired or replaced. Lights were installed over the dorm stairways. Seven new outlets were installed at various locations. Six additional circuit breakers were installed to eliminate some of the electrical problems occurring at previous parties. We can even have a heater in the little house out back. The improvements were planned by the Lodge committee.

Those working without benefit of food or heat were:

Dave Sundstrom

Wolf Snyder

Gerry Powelson

Austin Wahrhaftig

Larry Fisher

John McDuff

Earl Hansen

Carl Bauer

ZION NARROWS October 5-6, 1963

by Phil Penney

As I made the last turn on route to Ann McDonald's, there in view was the WMC bus in all her parking light splendor. Quickly transferring my gear onto the bus and parking my car, I joined the party of Zion Narrows commuters.

The bus trip down was enjoyable. The atmosphere was informal and very congenial, a pleasant one for making and renewing acquaintances. Dale Green, the trip leader showed us where he was born and raised in Mona, Utah. Boone Newson pointed out Mount Nebo in the rising moonlight. As some vestige of sleep was an obligation to our bodies, most all activity subsided somewhere around Lehi.

Most of us were aware that we had come to the turn off and would not proceed further until daylight. So some of us unloaded our

sleeping gear, found a level spot and got a little sleep. If bugs are a necessary evil, then their conspicuous absence was an outdoor sleeper's delight. As I lay noticing the moon through the clouds, sleep came very easy. Upon rising and getting equipment ready I found the soil to be like sticky paste with the addition of nights precipitation.

All back on board, the bus proceeded until the grade of the road was more than the motor could pull. With everybody out, a healthy push and the hill was subdued, until we came to another one. A repeat of the same got us on our way again. Well!! Why is the bus stopping by this bridge? I soon learned that it was the Virgin river and the place where "Shanks Mare" would take over transportation. Also it was time for breakfast and the mornings exercise had found eager appetites.

The days procedure was casual. Hiking in a group of from 2 to 6 people we would eat lunch along the way and look for camp a little ways past the confluence of the Virgin River and Deep Creek.

The previous night's precipitation caused the river water to appear a slate color, but a reassuring leader and a clearing sky remedied all foreboding thoughts. Where we start hiking along the rivers edge we stroll through an abandond ranch yard and apple orchard. Loads were light, spirits were high and the merry group was finally ontheir way.

Shortly, attention to the surroundings was interrupted by boot adjustments and the thought of getting our feet wet which incidentally was not avoidable but could be prolonged for some distance by hopping rocks. Without ceremony most all got their feet wet in the first mile of the 17 mile hike. After a short time, I reasoned that the shortest distance between points was a straight line and in many places this meant walking straight down the middle of the creek rather than from one side to the other. For most hikers the water depth varied between 3 to 8 inches deep with an occasional knee dunking, but Gerry Powelson managed to nearly immerse himself in one spot that was avoided by those following him.

The picture on the front of the 1963 Utah highway map by Alexis Kelner depicts very well the serene granduer of towering walls. The narrowness which in spots is about six feet across combined with the parallel curving of the walls completly blocks out the thread of sky overhead. Many areas along the way are as wide as 30 feet and some spots like the one we camped at were 50-60 feet wide. In moreopen places, slopes of talus soil supported beautifully colored autumn flora.

Without the sun in sight to mark passing time, the distance went by very fast and before long we were at the confluence. Downstream from the confluence it seems reasonable that the water would be deeper but the Narrows average a little wider stream bed with little increase in stream depth. Our hearts were soon lightend when we found that we had reached the overnight camp. Some early arrivals were already envolved with the evenings chores.

A large undercut area in the wall formed an amphetheater that looked ideally suited for keeping the morning dew off a group of sleepers. I quickly unharnessed my pack, staked out my bed roll and with a hearty appetite polished off a hot meal cooked over GI canned heat. The camp fire was warm and friendly as were those gathered around her. The evening passed and we all retired for the night.

The morning brought a pleasant awakening and shortly everybody was about their tasks of breakfast and packing. In short time we were on our way again for we planned on being out of the Narrows by noon. It was a beautiful morning and the river water had cleared up during the night which made it easier to see out footing in the water.

Suddenly without realizing it we came upon the Forest Service sign at the bottom entrance to Zion Narrows and followed the paved trail to the parking lot. There we pleasantly passed the time waiting for the bus and the trip home. After a good meal in Cedar City we rode nonstop back to the big city.

INVITATION

At 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30th, the Uinta Regional Group of the SC is sponsoring a program of interest to conservationists, recreationists and the public in general. This program, to be held in the Mtn Fuel Supply Company auditorium, will be on "The Great Salt Lake." C.C. Sanders of Ogden, owner of the Sanders Brine Shrimp Co. (which supplies tropical fish food) will present his slides of the Great Salt Lake & environs; followed by Dr. Armand J. Eardley (PhD Geologist), Dean of the College of Mines & Mineral Industries, University of Utah, who will speak on the Great Salt Lake. Following the speech will be a discussion period.

- - - Clyde F. Gillette

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