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THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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TRIPS AND OUTINGS

December, 1964

Register for all trips at club headquarters EM3-7150

- Dec. 1 Folk Dancing. Beginners class every Tuesday night at
Tues. 7:30 PM at the Marwadell Dance Studio, 255 East 3rd South.
Advanced class at 9:00 PM. Cost is \$0.75 per person.
- Dec. 2 Board meeting.
Wed.
- Dec. 4 Folk Dancing. Announcing: a new folk dancing group, at
Fri. the University Union Building Friday nights from 8 to 10
PM. All Mountain Clubbers are invited. This will be a
fast-moving group with open and request dancing and
instruction as desired. No partners necessary. See the
bulletin board or desk at the Union Building for location
each Friday. There is no specific charge but contribu-
tions will be requested for the purchase of records.
Call Ron Perla, IN6-6578 for further information.
- Dec. 6 Ski Tour, Cardiff Pass - Mill D. Wear lots of clothing
Sun. for this trip-- it will keep you warm longer should you
be buried by an unscheduled avalanche. (Last year June
Wickam was caught in an avalanche on this trip.) This
trip is recommended for beginners--climbers and lunch
are not necessary items, but convenient to have along.
Due to the transportation complexities involved, regis-
tration in advance is most important. Register by 6:00
PM Saturday, Dec. 5. Leader: Scotty Imber.
- Dec 6 After ski social. After a day on the slopes, relax with
Sun. friends and enjoy the warm comfort and tempting refresh-
ments at Ann and Clint Barker's new home -- Cottonwood
Lane. If you need directions call 278-7254.
- Dec. 12 Christmas Party. After Thanksgiving comes Christmas! And
Sat. since that's the way it is and everyone loves the "party-
part" of the holiday season, we've scheduled ours early
this year so it won't interfere with all the other parties
you folks will be attending. Again, this party will be

at the lodge and is restricted to members and dates only. As customary, "loads of good food" in the Christmas tradition will be served. Don't forget a 50¢ gift to put under the tree. And maybe we can find a "fat Santa" to join us in our festivities. Cost will be \$2.00 with a double charge for those eating without reservations. BYOL, as you wish! Starting time -- 8:00 p.m. Leaders Maurine & Max Tyler. Register by Wed., Dec. 9 at club headquarters.

Dec. 12 Ski tour, Gad Valley. The touring group will meet at
Sat. the top terminal of Germania at 1:00 PM. This trip,
being restricted to the half-day, is not recommended for
beginners or those lacking proficiency on skis.
Register by 6:00 PM Fri., Dec. 11. Leader: Bob Woody.

Dec. 13 Ski tour, Alta-Brighton-Alta. Meet at the bottom of
Sun. Neversweat lift in Alta at 9:00 AM. The tour will proceed
across Catherine Pass to Brighton and return via Twin
Lakes Pass to Alta. (Those who desire to make only one
leg of the journey should arrange for their own trans-
portation in advance. This is an excellent trip for
beginners. Register by 5:00 PM Saturday.
Leader: Carl Bauer.

Dec. 19 Ski Tour, Park City-Brighton-Park City. Meet at
Sat. Treasure Mt. Lodge at the ticket office at 9:00 AM. We
will make a leisurely tour to Brighton and return then
to Park City town for the evening. Bring skins, lunch
and money (for ski tickets and night life). Leader:
Dale Green. Register by 6:00 PM Friday Dec. 18.

Dec. 20 Ski tour, Alta - Mineral Fork. Those who do not care
Sun. for Park City can join us in exploring a here-to-fore
untoured area. This is a tour for intermediate and
advanced skiers only. Register by 5 PM Saturday. Meet
at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 AM.
Leader : Alexis Kelner.

Dec. 27 Ski tour, Alta - White Pine. This is a good trip for
Sun. trying out the new climbers or rucksack you received for
Christmas. We meet at the bottom of Little Cottonwood
Canyon at 8:00 AM, shuttle the cars around, and then

proceed to the summit of American Fork Twins via the top of Mary Ellen Gulch. The descent down White Pine Canyon is among the finest and longest in the entire Wasatch. Bring climbers and enough food for several lunch stops along the way. This is NOT a beginner's tour so unless you have good endurance and are somewhat proficient on skies do not attempt to register. Register by 6:00 PM Friday. Leader: Bruce Christensen.

Jan. 3 Ski tour, White Pine - Maybird Gulch. This was one of
Sun. last season's most popular ski tours and is recommended
for all classes of skiers. Bring climbers and "goodies"
for two lunch stops. Register by 6:00 Friday. Meet at
the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 AM.

Jan 29 Nomination Dinner
Fri.

THE ZION NARROWS - A Novice's View -
by Grace Ormsby

There were 22 lively souls gathered together Friday evening to make the trip to Zion Park, and you couldn't have wished for a finer group of people with whom to invade the remote depths of the Narrows. We were very fortunate in weather, too,--warm, dry and clear.

Brilliant Fall foliage filled the upper canyon with color and the still-young Virgin River danced innocently in the sunshine. But each crossing of the river became more of an adventure as the depth of the canyon increased and soon both the river and we were working quite a bit harder. I, for one, was very grateful for my cheerful, helpful companions on this hike. Aloneness would take on a strange and different quality here in the Narrows, where nature has carved with such massive, raw power.

There is so much that stands out in memory in such a setting as this. A cave warmly lit by campfire, filled with the color of camp singing, the stacatto of laughter. A long row of socks and boots drying before the fire. A slender slice of stars between cave roof and the far canyon wall, viewed as weary muscles sink into the balm of sleep. Ray Plock wrestling an air mattress into submission, looking like an 8-armed octopus thoroughly enjoying himself. Sarah as she gamely leads the singing. We sounded rather good, thanks to some fine voices like Mel Davis's tiding us over the rough spots

Everyone hiked faster than your's truly, so I cannot give you an arrival time for each member. A number of lucky members had time to explore some of the side canyons and satisfy some of that ever-present curiosity as to what's around the next corner. We were blessed with low water in the river, but I still can't imagine how several fellows kept their feet dry until they reached the cave on the first day. That ought to set some kind of record for nimble feet.

I took some slight comfort in noting I wasn't the only one with a decided limp at the end of the trip. But there couldn't be a more wonderful way to spend a week-end. I can only envy Carl Bauer who has made this trip at least 7 times. Besides, a limp is a small admission price to a place such as this on our good earth.

Members present on the Zion Narrows trip:

Ray Plock	Max Tyler	Carol Hatch
Boone Newson	Scotty Imber	Roger Jackson
Clare Davis	Corinn Gonzales	Grace Ormsby
Mel Davis	Noreen Weber	Phil Penney
Carl Bauer	Dale Green	Donna Penney
John MacDuff	June Viavant	Kathy Tyler
Charlie Keller	Don Zimbeck	Larry Fisher
Sarah Weller	Joan Miller	

Lyndyl Dunes

October 17,

By Sharon Winburn

A beautiful drive down Redwood Road took us along the west side of Utah Lake, sparkling in the early morning sun. Turning west at Elberta we found ourselves in hilly country, dotted with dark junipers and the sunny yellow of blooming Rabbitbrush.

After some searching on a dirt road south of Eureka, we located our first dunes, 15 miles from the highway. Turning off the dirt road we followed a cow-trail as far as we dared, until we were within a short distance of the dunes.

The sand was clean and very fine, and the contours fascinating. Boots came off! How good the sand felt between the toes. South of the Dunes' crests the sand was warm and cosy, and when the warmth became too soporific we had but to step over the crest to find refreshing refrigerated sand on the other side.

Except for the infrequent droning of distant jets, the stillness was so immense that the occasional comment of a raven or howl of a coyote proved startling.

The consistency of the sand wasn't quite right for glissading, but the children in the party explored every means of descending the dunes--leaping, falling, rolling, breast-stroke, back-stroke, head first, feet first, and so on. Some of the "children" were over 21.

A few desert sunflowers still in bloom, brilliant purple thistles, weird forms of sand-smothered Junipers, plus the necessary white streaks of clouds in a blue sky provided ideal conditions for the photographers present. A varied assortment of animal, bird, and insect trails in the sand lent much to excite the photographer and fire our imaginations.

We had a bit of an adventure getting back to the cars. As we had parked but 5 minutes from the dunes, we became just a bit disgruntled when after a half hour of tramping the cars failed to appear in the maze of Juniper and 5-foot Sagebrush. Leader Dave Sundstrom wanted to make just one more circle, so we all waited. After ten minutes he didn't respond to our calls, so we held council and decided the only thing to do would be to return to the dunes and find our original tracks into them. Then follow them to the cars, hoping we could also find our lost leader. While carrying out this plan, we heard the distant honking of an auto horn. There was some shouting, soon pistol shots sounded much closer, and finally appeared Dave to our rescue. (What a sneaky way to be a hero!)

In party: Dave Sundstrom, leader
Betty Bottcher
Ross Stenerson, prospective member
Sharon Winburn and her three, Robin, lauri, david and
the Beagle.

SWIMMING AT THE UTE SWIM SCHOOL
October 24, 1964

By Carl & Helen Chindgren

Fifteen members enjoyed swimming, diving and water polo at the new pool. Those who didn't come missed an evening of fun. Mel, Clare, and Larry arrived early and were well water-logged when the pool closed. The water churned while John made up for lost time. Evidently someone told him we were "SKIN" diving so he left his suit home!

Dave's NEW swim trunks weren't initiated. Seems that he is trading his lederhosen for nylonhosen. (Dave, do Geococcyn Californianus swim?)

Swimming at the Ute Swimming School (Cont.)

Those who enjoyed Swimming, Pizza's and Smorgasburgers were:

Carl and Helen Chindgren: Leaders	John MacDuff
Mel, Clare and Larry Davis	Ann Ruhmann
Ralph and Fay Hathaway	Phil Wennhold
Fred and Evelyn Bruenger	Sarah Weller
Dave Sundstrom	Barry Quinn

ZION PARK - KOLOB ARCH
by Carl Bauer

November 7-8, 1964

We (Charles, Ernie & I) had motored within striking distance Friday night and unfurled our air mattresses under a star-jeweled firmament. We had emerged from our cozy bags at dawn secretly thankful for the lack of ice-covered wash water thereabouts.

The precise planning of Charels Keller was evident from the beginning as the Caywoods who left from Tooele, the Demints who left SLC Friday afternoon, and our trio who left SLC Friday evening converged for breakfast at Cedar City only minutes apart.

Later, while the long shadows of a perfect morning still lingered, we started our six mile trek. Despite long stretches of sand, we advanced at a surprising rate, and our mid-day snacks were enjoyed within sight of the towering walls of LaVerkin Canyon.

Camp on LaVerkin Creek was made with ample time remaining for Charles and Ernie to hike to the LaVerkin Narrows and scenic Bear Trap Canyon, while the others prowled in the vicinity of Kolob Arch.

Preparations for Sunday breakfast were well under way when the sunrise tinted the crest of Gregory Butte. After a short sojourn at Kolob Arch the Caywoods, the Demints, and Ernie began their return through Hop Valley, while we (Charles and I) continued down canyon to explore a longer route via the Finger Canyons and Taylor Creek.

Much "unfinished business" still remains in this enthralling region, and there is little hazard in predicting that a loop circuit of the Kolob Country including Hop Valley, LaVerkin Canyon and Taylor Creek, is destined for high priority among W.M.C. activities next year.

HIKERS:

Charles Keller: Leader	Marie Demint
Clarise Caywood	Bob Demint
Pat Caywood	Clay Demint
Ernie Katten	Carl Bauer

July 23-25

After decent from Abbott Pass and the luxury of hot showers at Tunnel Mt. Campgrounds in Banff, the group left on Thursday afternoon (the 23rd) for the Selkirks in (Canadian) Glacier National Park. A very pleasant three hour drive took us over Kicking Horse Pass and down the Kicking Horse River in Yoho National Park, and then out into the valley of the Columbia River. We crossed it and began to gain altitude, following the Canadian Pacific up the brand new Rogers Pass section of the Transcanada Highway. Where the railroad takes the coward's way out, with the five mile Connaught Tunnel, the highway continues up an easy pass, crossing several avalanche areas under huge concrete snowsheds. Just over the top we found the Illecillewaet River with its old climbers' camp; now a fine, modern campground. Here we met Dail Ogden and family, just arrived from Salt Lake City.

The mountains were hidden from the campground itself, but a short walk revealed beautiful views of the Sir Donald Group-McDonald (9,4921) to the north, Eagle and Uto, the majestic pyramid of Mt. Sir Donald (10,818), the Vaux Glacier, Terminal Peak and Perley's Rock, the Illecillewaet Glacier, and the great snowfields of the Illecillewaet Neve.

A late and well appreciated supper was followed by prolonged debate, discussion, and planning, but finally everyone got off to bed for a few hours sleep. The morning would find them scattered to the far corners of the Sir Donald Group, like this:

To Mt. MacDonald: Ron Perla, Patti Parmalee, Dave and Judy Allen

To Terminal, and hopefully on to Sir Donald by the Southeast arete:

Tom Stevenson, Dail Ogden, and Scotty Imber

To Sir Donald, by the Northwest Arete: Larry Swanson, Dennis Caldwell, and Bill Isherwood

The rest of us were to spend the day hiking, sightseeing, and watching mountaineers.

The morning, which had already advanced to a shameful degree by the time we hikers arose, greeted us with good weather, which was a welcome change from the snow of Abott Pass and the rain which the Selkirks had been having. Only a few clouds drifted by, occasionally obscuring the peaks. Ernie, Mimi, and I hiked up towards the foot of Sir Donald, and had two electrifying views of the Northwest Arete climbers, once high on the ridge and later just under the summit blocks. We were soon joined by the Ogdens, with whom I continued up to the tarn of the Vaux Glacier while Ernie and Mimi hiked up the trail towards Perley's Rock. From the tarn we had a fine view of Sir Donald and expecially of the Northwest Arete, but no more views of any climbers. So we returned to camp, and to our

surprise found that Tom, Dail, and Scotty were already down. Scotty provided the following account:

They had, with "much huffing and puffing", hiked up the trail to Perley's Rock, and cut left up snowfields to its left on a traverse towards Terminal Peak. They found good, firm snow and crossed the bergshrund without difficulty. There was steep, somewhat icy snow near the top of Terminal, but crampons were not needed and it went with no problems.

From the top of Terminal the proposed route went down a chimney to the col between Terminal and Sir Donald, and thence up the Southeast Arete. But a look over the summit overhand revealed that Sir Donald looked "rather forbidding"-fresh snow on the rocks, and lots of loose rock falling- so it was decided not to attempt it. They ate lunch on the rock summit of Terminal, and admired the view. They could see across the entire Illecillewaet Nevè, and around a wide expanse of the Selkirks, "Mountains in every direction!", reports Scotty.

Decent was made carefully to and across the bergshrund. From there they had excellent glissading to the trail below Perley's Rock. They soon met Ernie and Mimi, who was quite happy to see Tom. All were delighted to hear that the Northwest Arete group was moving so well, although they were somewhat concerned that they intended to descend over the Southeast Ridge.

Back in camp darkness fell with no further arrivals, and some of the more timid of us began to feel some uneasiness. But finally, amidst great commotion from all of us, everyone arrived, almost simultaneously. Ron Perla reported on MacDonald:

We got off to our usual early start-8:00 A.M.- and hiked two hours to a snow couloir. 500 feet of steep snow was climbed with crampons to easy rock ledges leading to the Southwest Arete. Easy scrambling up the ridge led to a 75 foot free rappel off a gendarme. There the steep part of the ridge began, with six leads of enjoyable 4th class climbing and a nice view of Sir Donald. Decent was uneventful and we were off the mountain at 8:00 P.M."

The climb of Sir Donald will be described below, by the participants.

On Friday some of the party rested in camp, while others hiked up Mt. Abbott west of camp, from which was visible an excellent panoramic view of the Selkirks in general. Tom, Ernie, Scotty, and myself climbed Lookout Peak, west of Terminal across the Illecillewaet Glacier. We hiked back up to Perley's Rock and traversed across to its right onto the ice. Roping up, we crossed the glacier to the rocks of Lookout. Tom found a good, although somewhat precipitous,

snow bridge across the moat and scrambled up 150 feet of rock, while Ernie belayed me over the moat and up the rock. Class two it may have been, but that rope felt awfully good to this novice. A short detour past the summit cornice brought us onto the long, flat summit, whose register we were the first to sign this year. It was an easy but varied climb, and a nice one for my first real climb—even if one of the climbers who signed in last year was a dog.

Our descent took us to the edge of the Neve, which extends virtually to the top of Lookout (the peak is really a rock point), and back across the glacier to the snowfields between Perley's Rock and Terminal, down which we glissaded. There I learned that self arrests really do work, when my rather inglorious sitting glissade went out of control. Soon we reached the now-familial trail, and hiked back to camp.

Most of the others had already left, so we hastily broke camp and set off for Banff, urged on by thoughts of a good steak dinner, and a hot shower!

RAMBLINGS

The club wished to thank Earl (Lonesome Earl) Hansen for donating a pump to the inventory of lodge maintenance equipment. A pump of this type was badly needed for periodic servicing of the disposal system (inside johns) and kitchen sink drain tank.

BY-LAW CHANGE

At the request of the Mountaineering Director, By-law IV-B was changed to more clearly define the Mountaineering Directors job.

The third sentence was changed to read: The number of members on the committee shall be at least 3 but no more than 5 excluding the Mountaineering Director.

The fourth sentence was changed to read: The Mountaineering Director shall act as coordinator for the committee and shall have a vote.

The changes are underlined.

FRONT COVER PHOTO

This picture was taken by E. Katten last fall on a club trip to Druid Arch in the Needles section of the new Canyonlands National Park.

BLANK PAGES IN LAST RAMBLER

Our publisher was swamped with Xmas advertising printing and goofed up. The last page of the material didn't get printed.

WEDDING BELLS

Annette Odegard and George Altgelt were married on Sat. Oct. 3 in a San Antonio, Texas hospital chapel while 7 year old Dawn Raye Odegard watched over closed circuit television. Dawn was recovering from mumps complicated by meningitis. Annette has three children by a previous marriage, her husband, four .

CONSTITUTION CHANGE

The following changes were approved at the last membership meeting. Please mark up your copy of the constitution.

- Section 4 (was) The annual business meeting of the membership shall be held in April of each year, the date to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (to) The annual business meeting of the membership shall be held in February of each year, the date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

- Section 9 (the last line was) The officers and Directors shall serve for a period of one year commencing May 1 following the annual business meeting.
- (changed to) The officers and Directors shall serve for a period of one year commencing March 1 following the annual business meeting.

MOUNTAINEERING RAMBLINGS

by Tom Stevenson

The Senior Committee is pleased to announce that 3 new Mountaineering Leaders have been selected. They are:

Gary Larson
Bill Isherwood
Tom Rees

This brings the total of leaders to 16.

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