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TRIP SCHEDULE

January 1964

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

- January 4 -- Mary Ellen Gulch (to American Fork Canyon). This Saturday tour will take about a half-day (plus time for getting a car to American Fork Canyon and returning after the trip). Meet at the Y-intersection at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:45 p.m. (note change from last month's Rambler). Register by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 2, so that transportation can be coordinated. Any ski widow who would like to drive up to pick up the tourers in American Fork Canyon after the trip, call Leader Gale Dick (El 9-5764) And be sure to register.
- January 5 -- Ski at Solitude. Join the beginning skiing class at Solitude for a day of skiing (not to mean you'll be in the class - but you can kibitz) and possibly enjoy some after ski socializing.
- January 12 -- Cardiff Pass. This is another half-day trip, with some climbing involved. Meet at the parking lot at Alta at 9:00 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 11. Leader, Laird Crocker.
- January 12 -- After Ski Social. Stop in after skiing at Barbara Evans (7652 South 2325 East) for some warm food and friendship. Register with Barbara or headquarters by Friday.
- January 19 -- Gad Valley. This trip was scheduled earlier but was cancelled because of poor snow conditions. The tour is one of the club's favorites and will take about a half-day. Meet at the Wildcat Lift at Alta at 9:30 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18. Tentative leader, Charles Hall
- January 22 -- General Meeting. What is to happen to the Wind River Range, the Sawtooths? Wilderness, sheep, mining?-- What is "multiple use"? Mr. John Herbert, Assistant Regional Forester for the Intermountain Region, will speak to us about the Bridger Wilderness Area and the Sawtooth Mountain Region. He will discuss the management programs underway, some of the problems that the Forest Service faces, and their plans for the future. The meeting will be held at the 7th East Utah Power & Light second floor Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments following.
- January 25 -- Snow Basin. A Saturday trip up to Ogden's ski area. Leader Clix Byrne says he doesn't know how much actual touring he can promise, but he'll give us a "guided tour"

of snow Basin. Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 24. Meet at Clix's home (1147 36th St. in Ogden) at 9:00 a.m. Take Highway 89 to Ogden and turn off on State 103 (Harrison Blvd.). First main intersection past Weber College is 36th St., Clix's home is in first block west of Harrison Blvd.

- January 26 -- Ski at Alta. Join us for a day at Alta possibly followed by some socializing ...at an After Ski Social with Mel & Clare Davis (4647 Idlewild). Please register for the social to aid the planning of food.
- February 2 -- Red Pine - Maybird. Our Groundhog Day trip for 1964 will involve some climbing, and will probably take most of the day. Depending on snow conditions and the participants, we may take a side trip near the end of the tour. Any questions can be referred to Leader Alexis Kelner (359-5387). Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 31.. Meet at the Y-intersection at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m.
- February 6 -- After Ski Social at Ann McDonald's (5344 Cottonwood Lane). It's always fun after a hard day skiing to relax around a fire with some tempting food and good friends. You will help your hostess by registering beforehand. (If you are not familiar with the complicated route to Ann's, better telephone for instructions.)
- February 9 -- Brighton to Park City. Tentative leader, Bob (Park City) Wright.
- February 21-23 -- Those of us who can wrangle a 3 day weekend may organize a trip to Jackson, Wyoming, or Sun Valley, Idaho.

TRICK OR.....WEISWURST? -- October 26
by Forrest Hatch

On the delightfully cool Saturday evening of 26 October, the annual Halloween celebration commenced with, not witches brooms and skeletons but with the arrival of gaily-clad ladies and gentlemen dressed in Dirndles and Lederhosen.

The Lodge was immediately filled with the classic tunes from the old country which inspired even the less fleet-footed to try a polka or a waltz. Between Steve Cole, his band, and the recorders, the entire evening was filled with the foot tapping aires.

The happy arrivals were immediately directed to the dining tables where dishes such as weiswurst, dockwurst, and streukusen helped to keep the innersides happy. The Keg Tap was kept busy and

the fire offered an inviting and domestic atmosphere where friends and new acquaintances discussed the recent past and the hopeful future.

As the evening progressed the windows became frosted and some members became more lively while others became more sedate. And as is inevitable the crowd thinned to the few hardies who slept over to enjoy a fresh and cool goodmorning.

Those looking back will remember best the food, the dress of the "true" natives, and the delightful music. For the food special thanks goes to Elfrieda Snyder and Glenna Wood. For the music thanks goes to Steve Cole; and thanks also goes to Keith and Ora Edwards, and Harvey Wood-party co-supervisors.

The Canyonlands of Southeastern Utah _ November 9-11

by Betty Bottcher

Saturday's dawn and our departure came with a threat of rain, but perfect autumn weather had soon reasserted itself for the "duration". Some miles beyond Moab we paused to see the petroglyphs of Indian Canyon's Newspaper Rock, and were soon admiring the Golden Yellow Cottonwoods at Dugout Ranch. Beyond, the colorful cliffs recede with gradually lightening tones to give the appearance of endless space.

After another thirty miles with the road dipping into washes and up again, we came to a sign "Cave Spring - please register. Four wheel drives only beyond this point". We continued on to Squaw Spring, near which, beside a huge Red Rock shaped like a toadstool, we found Clare, Marie, and Mel relaxing. They had arrived at 3 a.m. and had since explored the heighboring area.

Mel led us up a nearby formation of wind-scoured rock which afforded good friction climbing, and enough elevation for a view of the entire region. Dominating a world of peaks and cliffs were the LaSalle Mountains to the northeast, the Abajo and Six-Shooter Peaks to the East; and beyond Solitary Islands of Rock to the South, an unbroken wall of pinnacle, and spires of the "needles".

The air cools quickly after sunset, and added to the attraction of the cozy fire beside the toadstool. The stars were the most brilliant I have ever seen.

An early start began with Ernie, who had arrived before bedtime, shuttling us the three miles remaining to base of Elephant Hill, beyond the Hill we turned up a dry creek bed, and soon the Canyon became narrower and the pinnacles more spectacular. The walking was good, mostly sand and Barc Rock, until we came to a large deep pool flanked by overhanging cliffs. Our leader had forgotten this impasse,

but then remembered a detour up the cliffs to the left.

Beyond we scrambled up the steep dry bed of a cataract, and rounded a bend to find Druid Arch, some 200 ft. of pink and cream pastel rock towering over us. For a better view we walked up a very steep wall using a dry tree branch for a prop. It appeared to be easy - as others did it.

We regretted leaving the hugh amphitheatre, but hoped to still climb to a shelf along the west wall of Elephant Canyon for a glimpse of Chesler Park. With the recommended route presenting more difficulty than anticipated, and only thirty minute allotted for the effort, we were unsuccessful.

We later attempted a "short-cut" over Elephant Hill. While Bauer was climbing one "dead-end" ravine, Marie and I found another, and at a point several hundred feet above the Canyon floor, discovered that the Cairns we were following were mineral land markers.

We were reunited at Dusk on the Canyon floor, and as the light faded from the western horizon, topped Elephant Hill for a last view of the needles - a fantastic, unbelievable country.

At the foot of the hill, the darkness was soon broken by the headlight beams of the plucky hiloman which, before returning to Salt Lake City, had shuttled in again for the stragglers.

Converts and Proselyter:

Clare Davis
Marie Demint
Mel Davis

Ann McDonald
Ernie Katten

Betty Bottcher
Alfred Goodwin
Carl Bauer

Canyonlands Re-echoed

The foregoing account will, we trust, when coupled with Wasatch Skiing and such additional charm as our region is able to muster, presage for New York State the permanent loss of Dr. Betty Bottcher; and for the WMC and Utah, a corresponding and equally permanent gain.

Our plans for the "needles" country, especially when repetitious, seem to indicate failure; but in that fascinating land even frustration is rewarding, and there is the promise of even more exciting tomorrows.

Druid Arch, we feel, will for the more discerning rival our renowned Rainbow Bridge; and much including Chesler and Virginia Parks, the Maze, and incomparable Angel Arch still remain as unfinished business.

Imagine our delight as we reluctantly started for home to again

meet the Gregorys from British Columbia. After a scant two months of workaday pursuits they had journeyed back for another reprieve in Canyonlands.

Need we add that we speedily logged much data from their new explorations. Included is a new route from Elephant Hill into Chesler (three hours), several choice arches, Virginia Park, and numerous cliff dwellings, one of which is near wooden shoe Arch and our "Toadstool" campsite.

1964, with its dearth of extended week-ends, will prove something of a problem for the avid "Canyonlander" but our Motto, which is unsullied by contemporary heroics, remains "we shall return".

MOUNT OLYMPUS (TRAIL GROUP) - November 10

by Bill Janney

At 8:20 a.m. on a beautiful Novemer day, the less adventurous group left Finnlandia's parking lot and headed for Pete's rock. We started up the slope and picked up the trail. Bill Kirkpatrick, who had flown in from New York on his way to California, set a steady pace up the mountain.

Bill pointed out many items of interest as we progressed up the trail, one of which was the proposed location of the mountain top cafe. We had to stop many times to view the valley floor. The air was very clear and the view was magnificent. On the last ridge before we started up the rocks to the peak, we got another grand view of the Big Cottonwood Canyon. We all caught our breath and started up the rocks to the peak. At 12:10, after 3 hours and 50 minutes, we reached the top. There was some snow, but the rocks were bare, warm and very inviting after the hike up. After a lunch, some lounging around on the rocks, and more gazing, we started down at 1:15. At 3:20 we were down and ready to head for the house.

Those partiscipating in the hike were:

Bill Kirkpatrick

Chris Christensen

Eric Olseen

Earl Hansen

Helen Bassey

Carry Gray

Jeanette Fasnacht

K.C. Kim

Kathie Williams

Dave Jenks

Ken Jenks

Bill Janney

LOGAN CAVE __ November 24, 1963

by Phil Penney

First to approach the cave location, Dave Cook and I could

easily see the entrance with the absence of summer foliage. We parked and within a few minutes the crew was all accounted for. With hard hats, lights and other assorted gear we scrambled up a wet and scree covered slope to gain entrance in the main opening of the cave. With the usual popping sound of carbide lamps being lit we were on our way by 11:00 a.m.

The first part of the cave is dry at this time of year, so we proceeded on until we could hear the sound of running water. As we negotiated the stream, keeping our feet dry by using counterforce holds, an occasional splash was heard until I began a continuous racket sloshing through the water like a Zion Narrows hiker in the night. Our leader Earl Hansen informed us that we were nearing, to our relief, the end of the water stream. Sure enough although it looked to me like the end of the cave, too, but our leader wasted no time in climbing up and securing a fixed rope in the key opening. With each using their own discretion we surmounted this obstacle and continued on.

After some side-step squeezing and knee bone bruising we arrived at the back of the cave in time for our luncheon appointment at 1:15 p.m. After lunch, carbide lamps were refilled and we started back. A few squirming, crawling, stopping stretches later we gathered in the area just below the Crystal room. With some advice as to route and holds available all were able to enjoy the sight of the delicate and lovely crystal formations found in the Crystal room.

With more or less a repeat of the same gymnastics as mentioned before we commenced on our return to the light of day. An awesome looking crew arrived back at the entrance by 4:00 p.m. and in short time we were on our way home.

Spelunkers were:

Ann Colette	Earl Hansen
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Reid	Dave Cook
(Bud and Fern)	Earl Petersen
Ann McDonald	Phil Penney
Ernie Katten	

ALBION BASIN - December 1
by Laird Crocker

A short writeup for a short tour. The group of five lost souls: John MacDuff, Bob Woody, Allen James, Scotty Imber, and Lair Crocker made the trip. The snow was good for touring in spite of temperature inversions and lack of snow on the paked slopes, etc. We started from the top of Albion Basin lift and snaked around to the East to the

saddle of Catherine Pass. Then on South and West on the ridge toward Devil's Castle. The trip down was swift and uneventful. Total lapsed time - about five hours.

BRIGHTON TO ALTA SKI TRIP AND BACK - December 8
by Lois Barr

Our ski trip from Brighton to Alta and back on December 8 began officially when Bob Woody, tour leader yelled, "Okay, let's skin up." And from then on the trouble began. The three women, Lois Barr, Betty Bottcher and Helen Bessey had never used climbing skins before, while, of course, the men, Woody, John McDuff, Carl Bauer and Allan James, were oldtimers.

We found our skins to be too long, but, with the help of four gracious men, they were soon adjusted and only came off an average of twice during the trip. Carl Bauer was an exception. His skin broke, but he borrowed one from Allan James--after side-stepping half the way. We wondered why he came in last.

Most of us made the mistake of wearing too many clothes and we became quite warm as we climbed uphill. But, we were glad we had them when we passed Lake Catherine. The wind was blowing an icy crust across the snow. At the high point of the trip, we peered down into Alta. Then, because the cars were still at Brighton, we decided to return there.

The way back was much easier because it was all downhill. McDuff led the parade with the rest of us following after. The snow was heavy-making turning rather difficult.

But nevertheless, we made it back to the Brighton lodge in time for a beer.

CONSERVATION NOTE :

The W.M.C. has long had a special interest in the Bridger Wilderness Area of the Wind River Range. A major club trip has been scheduled there almost every other summer for many years. In addition, many small groups have made private trips for the marvelous scenery along the trails, with rock climbing or winter mountaineering available for the ambitious. We have scheduled fewer trips to the Sawtooth Range, but in its own way the area is equally scenic. There has been talk concerning both areas that they are of National Park stature, and strong feeling that the high areas and

much of their surroundings should be preserved as wilderness. There are also pressures to keep all lands open to grazing, lumbering, and unrestricted prospecting.

Come to the general membership meeting, Wednesday, January 22. Hear Assistant Regional Forester John Herbert of the Ogden office, the central office for the entire intermountain region. He is personally acquainted with the areas involved. If we are to have the voice we deserve in what happens to our mountains, we must know what is happening, and then let our opinions be known.

Mark it on your calendar --

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 22 :

RAMBLINGS

We have received a note of greetings from former director Dick Hills who reports. "Just got back from a short trip to Brasilia. No mountains there, but nice building. Brazil is more a country for river running, need to schedule a WMC trip down the Amazon. Hope you have a white Christmas; we will have intermittent rain and 90 degree temperatures."

Dick's mailing address is Depto. De Fisica
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Brasil

Perhaps you have seen the publicity, however, in case you have not or in case you need a reminder -- a special mountaineering film has been scheduled for a Salt Lake Showing. It is "Assault on Everest" by Mr. Barry Carbet. This film which tells the story of America's successful Everest Expedition will be shown on January 9 at 8:00 p.m. at East High School. Sponsor is the Alpenbuck Climbing club. For further details contact Rich Ream IN 7-4801.

December 21 will have special significance for at least six WMC members in the coming years. It seems that three couples chose that date as their wedding day. Exchanging vows on that day were the following:

1. June Pitkanen and Al Wickham
 2. Shiela Mattes and Karl Dunn
- Mimi Winterling and Tom Stevenson

Congratulations to these three happy couples. (We hear that there was quite a drive among the other single female WMC members to promote an even greater number of weddings for this day, but there have been no definite reports on their success.)

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