

The Rambler



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TRIP SCHEDULE

May 1964

Call all Registrations to Club Headquarters-- Em 3-7150

- May 2 -- Mt. Olympus. One of our traditional spring hikes which is of medium length (rating 8.0). One group may do some rock-climbing, but the main group will hike up the trail. Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 1. Meet at "The Place" parking lot (formerly Finnlandia) at 39th and Wasatch Blvd. at 8:00 a.m., and bring water. Leader, Ernie Katten.
- May 3 -- Bountiful Bicycle Trip. We leave from club headquarters (425 So. 8th West) at 8:00 a.m. and will cycle to the airport (the scenic dump route) and then head up to Bountiful on a service road. This will be a leisurely half-day (40-mile) trip to get everyone in condition. Register by 6:00 p.m. Saturday May 2. Leader, June Wickham.
- May 7-10---Grand Canyon. We will leave from Ann McDonald's (5344 Cottonwood Lane) at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 7. There is room for a few cars behind Ann's home so some of those going on the trip could park there over the weekend. We will drive to the North Rim that night and camp, then hike to the bottom Friday. If you plan to prepare meals at the bottom, bring a stove because wood is scarce. Those wishing to stay at Phantom Ranch be sure to indicate this when registering. On Saturday we will climb to the South Rim and camp. and then return to Salt Lake on Sunday. Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 1 - there is a lot of interest in this trip so don't delay in registering. Be sure you are in reasonable good condition because the climb to the South Rim is a hard one. For information call Joe Gates (364-9577) or trail leader Bob Demint (277-5056). Cost for transportation - \$15.
- May 10 -- Mt. Aire. This is another of the club's favorite spring hikes, and is an easy warm-up for the longer summer trips. (Rating 3.0) Register by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Meet at "The Place" parking lot at 39th and Wasatch Blvd. at 9:30 a.m. Tentative leader, Dale Green.
- May 14 -- Glen Canyon River Trip. Due to the unpredictable water conditions at Lake Powell, we are rescheduling this trip. As of now, we are still a little uncertain as to the conditions that

will prevail on May 14, and the trip may be cancelled. However, if we go, the trip will be the same as mentioned in April Rambler. The Work Party for all those going will be on Sunday, May 3, at 1:00 p.m. at Ann McDonald's home (5344 Cottonwood Lane). Departure will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, from Ann's. Trip cost will be \$30. For more information and registration, call Dave Cook (355-4086), trip leader.

May 16 -- Lyndyl Dunes. This is one of the more interesting spots in Utah. Join us for a leisurely 3-hour drive to the dunes, followed by sightseeing and a little hiking in the area. There may be some interested in overnight camping - if so, contact leader Dave Sundstrom, (364-6143). Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 15. We will leave from club headquarters at 7:00 a.m.

May 17 -- Riverton Bicycle Trip. Meet at the Pancake House at 3434 So. State at 8:30 a.m. and cycle to Riverton - followed by practice climbing on Dick Bell's roof - or perhaps we will continue to Saratoga. Register by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Leader, June Wickham.

May 24 -- Pilot Peak. This peak is just across the Nevada border, north of Wendover. We will leave at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 23 from Club Headquarters and drive to the Wendover area to camp. We will then make the climb Sunday morning. Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 22. Leader, first member who registers.

May 28-31 -- Yampa River Trip. The rapids and the beauty of Whirlpool Canyon and Split Mountain again are available to club members. Those who were along last year probably will agree that the Yampa is one of our best trips. As usual, there will be a work party at Ann McDonald's home (5344 Cottonwood Lane) on Saturday, May 23, at 1:00 p.m. Departure will be from Ann's on Wednesday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. sharp. (Please arrive early for bus loading.) Cost will be \$25. Register by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 23 at Club Headquarters. Leader, John MacDuff

June 6 -- Deseret Peak. The view from this peak probably is one of the best in western Utah - on a clear day (which we have not had the last few times we have made this climb) you can

see parts of eastern Nevada. This is a hike of medium length (rating, 8.0). Register by 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 5. Leave from club headquarters at 7:30 a.m. Leader, Joe Gates.

June 11-14-Desolation Canyon River Trip. (Green River) Hidden away in a beautiful canyon between the towns of Ouray and Green River is the stretch of white water nearest to Salt Lake. This is one trip that has been overlooked by the club in the past, but we are now going to enjoy its beauty, rapids, side canyons, abundance of petroglyphs and ruins. The trip distance (on the river) is 128 miles and the cost will be \$25. The usual work party will be held at Ann McDonald's (5344 Cottonwood Lane) on Sunday, June 7, at 1:00 p.m. Register at Club Headquarters by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. Departure will be on Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. from Ann's. (Please arrive early for loading the bus.) Leader, Gale Dick.

June 20-21-Craters of the Moon. A trip for the kids - tentative leader, Ann McDonald. (Date changed from that given in the April Rambler)

July 3-5 --Colorado River Trip. (From Westwater to Moab)
(Date changed from that given in the February Rambler)

July 18-August 2 -- Canada Climbing Trip. (See February Rambler)

July 24-26 -- Snake River Trip.

ROCK CLIMBING SCHEDULE

(Continued from last month's schedule)

May 10 -- Rock Climbing. Meet at 11 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon for enjoyable scrambling at Storm Mountain and near the Lake Blanche trail. There will be multipitch climbing practice for the intermediate climbing class at Storm Mountain. Please register at Club Headquarters.

May 14 -- Rock Climbing. Meet at Pete's Rock after work. Beginners' class will be held. Recreational climbing for all others.

May 21 -- Rock Climbing. Meet at Storm Mountain. Park and meet in the reservoir parking lot which has its entrance just above the bridge about three miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon. Class for intermediate and experienced climbers will be held. Please

register at Club Headquarters.

May 23 -- Snow and Ice Practice. Meet at Storm Mountain parking lot (not the reservoir) at 9 a.m. Bring ice axe and crampons if available. Self arrests and belays will be practiced. Please register at Club Headquarters.

May 28 -- Rock Climbing Meet at Storm Mountain reservoir.

May 29-31 - Mountaineering Weekend. (At Lake Blanche) It is a beautiful time of year for camping, climbing and hiking. People in the experienced and intermediate classes will find enjoyable rock climbing on the Sundial and rewarding snow climbing on the Twin Peaks and others. Let's break out the rucksacks and camping gear for the enjoyable weekend of fun. Please register at Club Headquarters. Call Tom Stevenson for additional information.

June 4 -- Rock Climbing. Meet at Storm Mountain reservoir. This is the last class for intermediate and experienced climbers. Recreational climbing for all others.

BICYCLING TIME

by June Wickham

During the past two years quite a few of the club members have become interested in bicycling trips. Those of us who have gone on one or two day trips have thoroughly enjoyed cycling (please don't check the veracity of this statement). Last year we scheduled only one of these trips in the Rambler - Evanston to Mirror Lake and return. This was the most enjoyable trip of the year; we only wrecked two bikes and one cyclist. Since so many club members have expressed interest in cycling (at least two people have mentioned it to me), we are going to schedule most of our idiotic trips in the Rambler.

Last year the bicycle trips included: Salt Lake City to Saratoga for a nice swim and return. Round trip Salt Lake City to Clearfield and a cold swim. SLC to Riverton and return via Point of the Mountain and a short visit with the relatives. SLC to Bountiful via the Airport and Woods Cross. Round trip Park City to Homestead and (of course) a nice swim. The classic trip, however, was Wendover to Salt Lake City in 1962, which, we hope, shall never be repeated.

Cycling is for those of you who are bored with the every weekend humdrum of hiking, rock climbing, and river running. Most of the

trips will be scheduled in the spring (if we have one) early summer, and fall. The Mirror Lake trip, which is a two-day jaunt, will probably be scheduled both in the summer and fall.

The House of Hopper, 138 East Broadway, gives a discount to Wasatch Club members, of 10% on new bicycles and 20% on parts.

YOUR NEW BOARD

	Judy Allen <i>Sec</i>	<i>Trail</i>	Ernie Katten
	Dave Cook <i>Boating</i>		Alexis Keiner <i>publicity</i>
<i>Sub. Sec.</i>	Clare Davis		John MacDuff <i>Treas</i>
<i>Treas</i>	Bob Demint	<i>Sec. 1st</i>	Ann McDonald
	Leon Edwards <i>Lodge</i>		Paul Schetler <i>Comm. Sec.</i>
<i>Membership</i>	Joe Gates	<i>T + S</i>	George Smith
	Dale Green <i>Pres</i>		Tom Stevenson <i>climbing</i>

This group was elected to the 1964-65 board of the Wasatch Mountain Club at the April 16 membership meeting. They will be electing officers and assigning directorships at the May 6 board meeting.

As a final assignment, your retiring Rambler editor will prepare a brief resume about each of these persons to be published in the June issue. You might be surprised and impressed, who knows!

SNAKE CREEK PASS TOUR (CANCELLED) or AN EVENING AT THE LODGE BY June Wickham

March 14. Mel and Clare Davis, leaders of the Snake Creek Pass Tour Cancelled Because Nobody Signed Up, devoured their stew despite the envy of all other lodge guests. All the rest of us had simple dinners consisting of charcoal-broiled steaks, baked potatoes, salads, garlic bread, vegetables, and cake (stolen from Barbara Evans). The delicious steak dinner and lodge overnight had originally been planned by Mel and Clare --Food and Festivities to begin after the strenuous ski tour. Someone, however, got confused and told our glorious leaders that Stew was IN and Steak was definitely OUT. Unfortunately, there were only two IN people, while there were ten OUT people, and one IN and OUT person (Betty Boettcher somehow managed to eat both stew and steak).

Most of us arrived quite early in the afternoon; only the skiers were late. Therefore, being quite exhausted after dinner we grouped around the fireplace and spent the evening spinning tales (like way high), and telling elephant and grape jokes. Our intellectual conversations were interspersed with dancing and Dale Green's interpretations of some jokes. Betty Boettcher headed down the canyon and the rest of us bagged down for

the night in the lodge. 'Us' included:

Mel and Clare Davis, leaders	Ann McDonald
Connee Clemens	Leon Edwards
Joe Gates	Dale Green
Jack Berkshire	Helen Battison
Barbara Evans	Al and June Wickham

ZIONS NARROWS TRIP CONT. FROM LAST MONTH'S REPORT

The following persons participated in the 1963 Zion Narrows hike. Some did not make the long hike, but all contributed to an enjoyable and memorable trip.

Dave Thornell	Wayne Newson
Boone Newson	Mimi Winterling
Dale Green	Helen Battison
Jerry Powelson	Ray Marchi
Luise Marchi	Sarah Weller
Max Tyler	Wilford Hansen
Charlie Keller	Ernie Katten
Dick Schroeder	Larry Fisher
Dick Feltis	Maurine Tyler
Phil Penney	Ija Korner
Jean Korner	M. K. Wheeler
Pete Hovingh	Margaret Wheeler
Bob Demint	Tom Stevenson
Marie Demint	Ann McDonald
Alexis Kelner	Barbara Evans
Karla Kelner	Frank Humbolt
John Bander	Diane Jones
Gale Dick	Bill Ohlsen
Howard Segal	Ruth Ohlsen

WHY THE GIRLS IN THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB WEAR BLOOMERS

By Life Member "Pa" Parry -- as told to Dale Green

When we first started we didn't even allow girls in the Club. There were only 13 of us and we didn't take in any new members for several years. However, some of the members had sisters who would occasionally come along on our hikes. Many other fellows would also tag along. We decided since these people were going to be with us whether they were members or not, we should reorganize so they could join the Club. This was around 1920.

The girls almost always wore skirts on our outings because bloomers, which is what we called girls' pants in those days even though they were worn on the outside, were looked on by the local ladies' church groups as decadent, undecent, immoral and unladylike. This was very upsetting to our girls. They enjoyed the out-of-doors but long skirts on the trails were impractical. No amount of verbal argument with the church ladies would change their minds.

The situation was finally remedied when I invited some of the ladies from the Relief Society and Young Women's M.I.A. to accompany us on a hike. About five of them showed up. The hike was straight up a steep hill and we allowed our girls, all of whom were in skirts, to go ahead of everybody. The girls who knew what was going on, gave us boys a show unlike anything we had seen before and left our visitors aghast. One by one they dropped out until about five blocks later only one of the ladies was still with us. Exhausted and mortified by what she realized the boys were seeing, she turned to me and said, "Mr. Parry, you win."

And, that is why the girls in the Wasatch Mountain Club wear bloomers.

RAMBLINGS

by Dale Green

A reminder: to go on a river trip, or any bus trip, you must be a member. To be a member you must be moved on by the Board of Directors after you have attended two scheduled Club functions. The Board meets only on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Potential members and members who have friends they want to take along, please remember this!

By-Law III-D does not allow the normal two month grace period for members who go on major trips. i.e. any trip involving the bus. Therefore, anyone going on a trip after May 1 must pay their dues first.

When paying by check for trips, dues, parties, etc., ALWAYS make the check payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club, not to any individual member.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's Note: For some months your editor has hoped to add such a feature to the Rambler. Now, the opportunity arises with an open letter submitted by one of our members. Rules will have to be established -- letters cannot exceed one typewritten page and some members cannot monopolize such a feature, for example. In addition, due to the nature of our Club, it will be important that each question, criticism or comment be given an accompanying answer by an appropriate member of the Board. With this rather sketchy beginning, let's see what will happen.)).

Dear fellow members:

I note with some distress that we, as a club, had an election meeting recently which I, and possibly many others, was not able to attend. I feel that those of us who cannot attend the most important meeting of the year should at least be given our franchise by either proxy vote or mail vote. Knowing the type of attendance most meetings have, the elected board is probably put in by a minority vote and, therefore, is unrepresentative of the total membership. This is a dangerous precedent which can become open to abuse.

I feel strongly enough about the W.M.C. and its welfare, as it is a good club with admirable aims, to think it worthwhile sticking my neck out to suggest a change in the Constitution. At least I hope this letter provokes serious thought and possibly some consideration of an absentee vote for constitutional changes and general elections.

Sincerely,

Margaret H. Piggott

Dear Editor:

The above problem has come up several times for discussion by the Board both in Board meetings and informally in small groups. While the following is not an "official" answer or the last word, it does reflect much of the thinking on the subject.

A general mail ballot is opposed because it would not give good results. Over half of our members are inactive and the candidates would be only names to them. This wouldn't prevent them from voting, however, and could easily lead to the inactive determining who will lead the active. In contrast, those who show up to our elections are the active members and they know the people they are voting for.

Proxy votes are a good idea if - and this is a big if - someone can come up with a fair way of determining who should vote this way. We can't let everyone that wants to vote by proxy or we'll have a few candidates show up with all their friend's votes. But where do we draw the line - at the person that can't find a baby sitter, at Margaret who "had to go to another meeting", or at George Smith, whose company sent him out of town? If it is left up to the Board to determine, friendships or prejudices may influence the decision which, I think, is far worse than what we have now. Also, no matter what rules are set down on paper, it invariably happens that the first case that comes up is one nobody thought of.

Another solution would be to have ballots at Club "Headquarters" and let members who can't attend the meeting come down the day of election and vote. But then what about George who was involuntarily out of town for a week and wanted to vote? We might keep the polls open a week and not catch everybody.

Another point to consider is that no one could be nominated from the floor the night of the elections with any of these methods. I'll admit few or none are now but this provision in the nominating procedure was deliberately included to give the membership time to see the list of nominees published in the Rambler and then propose more if they felt someone was left out or the nominating committee "loaded the ballot" with their favorites.

Anyway we slice it, there are going to be inequities in our voting unless we make rules paralleling the complexity of the local government's. (And there are complaints about inequities there, too.) If I sound pessimistic, it's because I'm trying to push another system. Have the nominating committee nominate 1 member for each specific position (after interviews) and then vote on this group as a whole. I'll admit this has drawbacks also but there are a number of advantages that make this method very practical and attractive. Your comments are invited.

Dale Green, President

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Just married -- Caine Alder. Congratulations to you and your new bride. Be sure to introduce us sometime.

Another newlywed is Roselyn Stewart, married recently in Salt Lake. Best wishes to this couple!

Also recently wed, Thais Smedly Gelbund writes, "please say hello to everyone for me. I really miss going up to the lodge and seeing everyone."

When sending his change of address, Lawrence Fisher comments, "I sure miss the Wasatch. This country is too darned flat. Only low hills and valley visable from town."

A similar remark comes from the Ray Heaneys, who write, "don't let the address fool you, there are no aspen trees for many miles, but we do have a lot of eucalyptus trees which we have become very fond of since our arrival in California. We always enjoy reading the Rambler and learning about our friends in Utah."

This is just a written thank you from your Rambler editor. The job has been a pleasant one in the past year due to the cooperation of the many members who have contributed to this publication. It only can be as interesting and newsy as the material submitted. Please continue your support to your new editor.

One more thing -- a special thanks to you who helped with that big monthly chore of assembling and mailing! (I may ask for the position again sometime!)

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