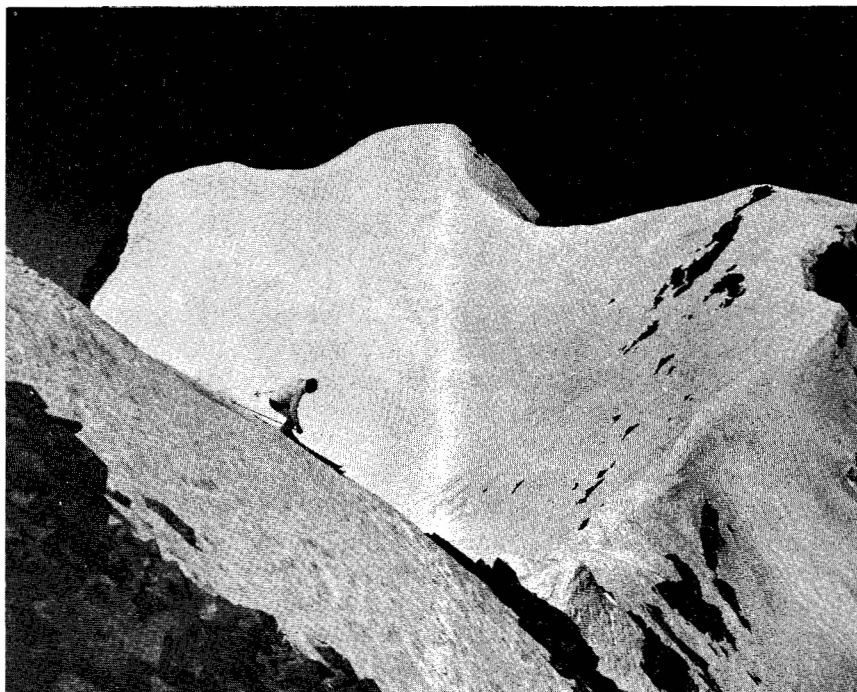


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CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 1965

Register for all trips at Club Headquarters, EM 3-7150

- April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Thursdays ROCK CLIMBING -- Meet at Pete's Rock about 5400 So. on Wasatch Blvd. Come out as early as you can for some practice and exercise after a hard day at work. Everyone is invited, whether rock climber or socializer, to get in shape after wasting away while skiing all winter. Social functions after climbing. No registration necessary for these Thursday night climbs.
- April 4
Sunday RESCUE GROUP PRACTICE -- All members of rescue group meet at Pete's Rock, 9:00 a.m., for informal technique practice. Rock Climbing after the practice session, so bring a lunch and all your gear. Register by 6:00 p.m. April 3.
- April 6
Tuesday SLIDE SHOW -- FIRST ASCENT OF WICKERSHAM WALL (NORTH FACE) OF MT. MCKINLEY --- Because of repeated requests, the WMC is again sponsoring this excellent slide show. Tom Spencer, a member of the expedition led by Hans Gmoser, will narrate the slides. Bring your friends! Show will start at 8:00 p.m. at Utah Power & Light Auditorium (6th So. and 7th East). A donation of \$1 is requested.
- April 10
Saturday CREVASSE RESCUE PRACTICE -- Meet at entrance to Memory Park in City Creek Canyon at 2:00 p.m. Bring Ice axe, ice pitons or screws, carabiners, and prussik slings; you'll need these to extract a climber from an apple tree -- whoops, I mean from a crevasse! Mountaineer requirements may be passed at this practice session. Register by 6:00 p.m. April 9.
- April 11
Sunday BIG BEACON -- Our first spring hike, an easy one. Two hours round trip. Elevation 7,143; rating, 3.0. Meet at "This is The Place" monument at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Roger Jackson. No registration necessary for this hike.
- April 15
to 24 REGISTRATION FOR BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE CLIMBING COURSES -- See Mountaineering Ramblings for details.

- April 17
Saturday BIG BEACON -- Repeat of April 11 hike for those who didn't get to go then. Leader, Mel Davis. Meet at "This Is the Place" monument at 9:00 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m. April 16.
- April 18
Sunday ROCK CLIMBING -- For Mountaineers and Mountaineering Leaders only. Meet at Gate Rocks (Near the gate in Little Cottonwood Canyon) at 9:00 a.m. for a morning of bouldering or a short climb. Leader, Tom Stevenson. Register by 6:00 p.m. April 17.
- April 19
Monday RESCUE GROUP MEETING -- Meet at 355 Douglas (Tom Stevenson's) Apt. #3, upstairs, at 7:30 p.m. Seriously interested persons are also invited.
- April 22 - Hikers Climbing Class - see page 4*
- April 24&25
Sat. & Sun. CANYONLANDS -- We intend to visit some combinations of Salt Creek with its Indian Ruins, Angel Arch, Elephant Canyon and Druid Arch, Chesler Park, Virginia Park, Bobby's Hole and the junction of the Green and the Colorado. A base camp will be established at the end of the automobile road Friday night (late), and hikes taken from there Saturday and Sunday. The return to Salt Lake City will be made Sunday night. Leader, Paul Schettler, DA 2-3010 Leave: 7:00 Friday, April 23. Register by 6:00 p.m., April 21.
- April 24
Saturday DEAD LINE FOR REGISTRATION -- Those wishing to register for either the Beginner's or Intermediate's Climbing Course must do so prior to 6:00 p.m. See Mountaineering Ramblings for details.
- April 25
Sunday BLACK MOUNTAIN -- This hike will get your legs in shape for the hard ones. An intermediate hike. Rating 6.5, el. 8,062. Probably some snow along the ridge. Leader, George Smith. Meet at the Shriner's Hospital at 9:00 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 24.
- April 29
Thursday HIKERS CLIMBING CLASS -- Second lesson. This class open only to those present at the first session

- May 1 BLACK MOUNTAIN -- Repeat of April 25 hike for those who
Saturday didn't get to go then. Leader, John McDuff. Meet at
 Shriner's Hospital 9:00 a.m. Register by 6:00 p.m.
 April 30.
- May 2 MT. GRANDEUR -- One of our favorite Mill Creek Canyon
Sunday hikes. El. 8,299; rating 5.0. Leader, Carl Bauer. Meet
 at Red Carpet Inn (old Finlandia) 3923 Wasatch Blvd.
 Register by 6:00 p.m. May 1.
- May 8 & 9 WESTWATER TO MOAB -- A good way to start the river running
 season is this short two day trip. Westwater Canyon and
 the remaining river area Northeast of Moab are noted for
 their scenic attractions. The red sandstone that pre-
 dominates throughout this area was formed by wind and water
 into a great variety of shapes; a good example being Fisher
 Towers. Like all boating trips, there will be a work party,
 scheduled for Sunday, May 2, at Ann McDonald's home. For
 directions, phone 277-0816. Price of trip will be \$12.00
 Time of departure is Friday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. Place of
 departure to be announced at work party. Leader, To be
 announced. Register by 6:00 p.m. May 4.
- May 8 MT. AIRE
- May 9 MT. OLYMPUS
- May 15-16 NOTCH PEAK

ICE CLIMBING -- March 6, 1965

By Robb Russon

Early on a clear, frosty Saturday morning, six not-so-clear-but-nevertheless-frosty climbers met at the large ice fall in Little Cottonwood Canyon. After a brief shuffling of spare crampons, we started toward the scene of operations through class 6 brush and knee-high snow. Five puffing climbers and one glorious leader (T.Q.; who was not puffing at all) gained the first ice pitch and T.Q. (glorious leader) discovered that he had forgotten his ice screws, whereupon he leaped and bounded downward toward the cars to obtain said screws. This afforded the five puffers time to strap on crampons (and gain their collective breath).

Two routes on the almost vertical first ice pitch were attacked simultaneously by Jack and Tom. The grunts and moans of these two

attested to the obvious fact that the ice was of the ice-box variety and not even remotely connected to the glacier type. The rest of the "frosty-six" came up in good order. Mont Mahoney, who followed on Tom's rope, was heard muttering something about the barely visible scratches Tom had scraped, under the name of "steps".

Tom and Jack then went ahead to the upper ice-falls while the rest of the party collected from below. The two lower ice falls are connected by a steep snow slope, slightly crusted (but not enough to hold one's weight), and, believe-it-or-not, hollow underneath. The snow was carved by a rushing torrent of water which was surely rushing (as Jack found out when he fell through up to his hips.)

The second pitch was not as steep as the first, but this defect was made up for by the ice being ultra-thin, and, like the snow, hollow underneath. Any steps that were more than two inches deep broke through revealing rushing water and hardly inspiring confidence. The upper slopes were utilized as a practice area and soon every available inch was covered with crampon holes and all types of cut steps. The fun was cut short by Jack remembering that his wife was due to have a baby that day. We descended by two rappels, the author achieving a new "first" by taking movies of himself while rappelling, as the rest of the party called "ham!"

Climbers:

Tom Stevenson
Jack McLellan

Robb Russon
Mont Mahoney

Marv Wharton
Ron Calder

MOUNTAINEERING RAMBLINGS

by Tom (T.Q.) Stevenson

Climbing Courses

The Hiker's Climbing Course is offered for all hikers and for those persons who desire to find out if they want to climb. The course will be held on two successive Thursday night practice sessions, April 22 and 29 (see the schedule); register for the course by calling Club Headquarters no later than April 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Instructors will be Dale Green and Tom Stevenson. Subject matter to be covered is as follows:

1. Essentials to take on any hike
2. How to hike over scree
3. How to cope with a short rock scramble
 - a) Use and control of balance on rock
 - b) Use of hands and feet
4. Fundamentals of roped climbing
 - a) 2 knots - bowline, bowline-on-a-bight
 - b) Sitting and standing hip belays
 - c) Calls used in climbing
 - d) A rappel, the Dulfersitz
5. Participation in a short climb

This course could serve as a testing ground for those who don't know if they should take the Beginners Climbing Course. I hope to see all of you trail stompers there. The Hiker's Climbing Course is recommended for all hikers, whether they have been path finding for years or want to begin. No fee for the course will be charged; all that is required is rubber soled shoes.

The Beginners Climbing Course (B.C.C.) is open to those club members or their children who pay a tuition fee of \$2.00 and have the following gear:

1. Hard Hat 2. Piton hammer 3. Pitons 4. Carabiners
5. Ten feet of sling rope 6. Rubber soled shoes

Ice axes for snow climbing can be borrowed. Payment of tuition and checking of equipment may be accomplished any time between April 15 and 24, including the Thursday night practice sessions, by calling Tom Stevenson at 364-5268 and making arrangements. If you have any questions concerning registration or equipment for the course, please inquire.

The B.C.C. will be conducted in three, 8-hour periods held on weekends. The dates for the periods are:

1st period - May 1 2nd period - May 16 3rd period - May 23

The course work will involve approximately nine hours of lecture and 15 hours of practice at Pete's Rock, Storm Mountain and Gate Rocks. Subject matter to be covered is as follows:

1. Basic ability to climb
2. Calls

3. Knots
4. Belays and falls
5. Pitons and carabiners
6. Rappels
7. Multipitch climbing
8. Snow climbing
9. Climbing dangers

Requirements for completion of the course are as follows:

1. Attendance at all instruction periods.
2. Participation in three rock climbs of at least three pitches each.
3. Participation in one snow climb.
4. Satisfactory demonstration of climbing ability in a testing session.
5. Satisfactory demonstration of knowledge of climbing in a testing session.

The testing sessions will be held on July 8th and 10th. Graduation recognition will be given shortly thereafter.

The Senior Committee on Mountaineering feels that this course will be well worth one's time and money provided he or she has a desire to learn the basics of technical climbing. Upon graduation from the course the student will be able to follow a grade 4 lead in nearly any mountain region.

The Intermediate Climbing Course (I.C.C.) is open to those club members or their children who pay a tuition fee of \$2.00 and have the following:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. All B.C.C. gear | 2. Good piton selection | 3. Eight carabiners |
| 4. Climbing shoes | 5. Crampons and ice axe | 6. First aid kit |
| 7. Summit pack | 8. Parka | 9. Three Manila |
| 10. One year climbing experience | | Prussik slings, |
| | | 10' nylon |
| | | webbing and X' |
| | | parachute cord |

Payment of tuition, checking of equipment and assessing of climbing ability can be accomplished any time between April 15 and 24, including the Thursday night practice sessions, by calling Karl Dunn at 364-8595 or 363-8222 and making arrangements. If you have any questions concerning registration or equipment for the course please call Karl or Tom Stevenson.

The I.C.C. will be conducted in three phases. The first phase will consist of two, 8-hour periods held on weekends. The dates for the periods are:

1st period - May 8 2nd period - May 22

The second phase is participation in several climbs with an instructor throughout the summer. The third phase is participation in seminars with climbers working on their Mountaineer requirements.

Subject matter to be covered is as follows:

1. Basic climbing proficiency
2. Piton craftsmanship
3. Rappels
4. Belays
5. Prussiking
6. Snow and ice climbing
7. Direct aid climbing
8. Trip planning

Requirements for completion of the course are as follows:

1. Attendance at all instruction periods.
2. Participation in at least nine rock climbs.
3. Participation in at least two snow climbs.
4. Satisfactory review by his instructors.
5. Completion of the Advanced Red Cross First Aid course.

The course will be concluded about Sept. 11, and graduation recognition will be given shortly thereafter.

If all requirements are not met for completion of the B.C.C. or I.C.C. courses, the students may wait until the following year, re-register, and complete the course at that time.

The Advanced Climbing Course is organized for those climbers working on fulfilling the Mountaineer requirements. No tuition fee will be charged. The course is open only to experienced climbers and involves the following:

1. Review of B.C.C. and I.C.C. material
2. Mountain rescue operations
3. Climbing instruction
4. Route finding
5. Lead climbing

In addition, candidates for Mountaineer will conduct seminars occasionally on some aspect of mountaineering.

Upon successful completion of the course, the student is designated a Mountaineer and is given a WMC patch with the word "Mountaineer" under the regular patch.

Canada '65

For information about the two-week excursion to the Canadian Rockies either the last two weeks of July or the first two of August, contact Dennis Caldwell at 466-6578. The trip will include sight-seeing, hiking, camping and climbing.

Registration

Everyone please re-read the discussion on REGISTRATION for club and private trips on pages 8 and 9 of your February Rambler. Please, everyone, register for all trips.

MONEY MATTERS

by Dale Green, President

At a recent Board of Directors meeting a trial vote on a dues raise from \$6 to \$10 was taken. Five were against, one undecided, and eight, including two who weren't there, indicated yes. It takes nine to change a By-law. This is not the first time a dues raise has been discussed but the vote was closer this time than previously. The discussion was started when someone mentioned that we spend more on the lodge than we take in. Lack of revenue is due to lack of participation. Except on kiddies weekend, a typical summer Saturday night can only induce 6-8 people to use the lodge. I might add that too many of our bus-boat trips are cancelled for lack of participation and many of them go with only 15 people on a 37 passenger bus.

I hold that raising the dues will not raise the participation, which is the primary problem. Raising the membership will raise participation and raise money at the same time. Raising dues to make up for lack of participation forces those who aren't very active to subsidize those who are. Six dollars dues is an equitable rate for those who use the Club infrequently and receive a Rambler each month. Those who are active and use the facilities pay for them according to their use. This is the way it should be. But with a huge lodge, enough boats to hold 60 people, and a 37

passenger bus, we just cannot support them with only 170 local members when considerable over half are inactive.

As I will show later we do have money. True our bank account is perpetually low but I maintain this is due to an awareness of the Board that money has to be spent now to make up for what wasn't saved in the past and because of several unique expenses. I hope no one will take my discussion as an indication that I am against making more money because I'm not. I do believe, however, there is a distinct danger in trying to make more than conditions warrant.

To gain an understanding of how money has been spent in the past and what might be available in the future, I have tabulated below all expenditures for acquisition, improvements and repairs to Club property and the total in the bank accounts for the past 16 years. This may not be the best way determining our financial status but because of the way the books are set up, it is the only criterion I could find that would allow a consistant comparison between the years. The net gain column is the sum of the expenditures and gain in the bank. The last column shows the number of new members per year starting in 1954.

Year	Checking Savings		Expenditures				Net Gain	Mem-bers
	(at start of yr)		Lodge	Boats	Bus	Other		
1949	329	880	21			(loss)	369	
1950	172	620	69				449	
1951	283	890	831			7	361	
1952	287	409	64			22	199	
1953	243	566				16	256	
1954	199	851	107			44	428	27
1955	353	974	314			21	569	21
1956	368	1193	254			20	661	25
1957	428	1420	1899	413		75	1041	13
1958	524	5	82				234	24
1959	277	405	258			82	632	16
1960	357	417	71			36	133	13
1961	320	429	189	328			310	36
1962	300	242	35	6	2366		1983	74
1963	143	5	661	165	390		1235	55
1964	163	5	145	498	593	97	1305	47
1965	135	5	(includes \$125 ins. refund)					

The average net gain from 1949 to 1962 was \$400 a year. In the three years since, it has been \$1500 a year. This year we spent \$500 on repairs and new boats, \$150 on the lodge, bought two batteries for the bus (\$60 a piece), a new manifold(\$160) and new timing chains. These are, for practical purposes, non-recurring expenses. Assuming the same income,

the money we spent for them will be available next year for other things.

The next question is how much revenue we can expect from a dues raise. The unknown factor is how many will drop out or not join because of the increase. The past two treasurer's reports show about \$1100 a year comes from dues. Over \$100 is from out-of-state members leaving \$1000 from about 165--\$6 a year members. Each year 20-40 people drop their membership. About a third of these are due to marriage, moving, etc. The rest must drop out because it isn't worth \$6 to them to stay in for the little they use the Club. These are mostly people who have been in only a few years. Most seem to be active for a short period, then become inactive but pay dues for a few more years, then quit. Considerable over 1/2 of the membership fall in this category. For the sake of discussion let's assume a dues raise increases the number of people who drop out by 20% of the total membership or 30 people. Included in this are about 10% of the active 70 members of 7 people. This includes a few who are discouraged by the dues from joining, some of the inactive who may have become active had they been receiving the Rambler and some of the active who just can't pay \$10 at the time and let it slide until they never do.

Out total expenditures are: (these are 3 year averages)
Acquisitions, improvements and repairs--\$1500, printing and postage--\$700, Lodge lease--\$50, L. insurance--\$72, L taxes--\$85, L. lights--\$120, L. coal--\$75, L. commissary--\$25, bus license--\$135, bus insurance--\$250, telephone--\$84 and about \$200 miscellaneous for a total of \$3200. This represents the clear profits from dues, trips, parties and lodge rental. Subtracting \$400 lodge rental leaves \$2800, the amount that will be affected by people dropping out. The \$1700 above dues comes from the 70 active members and their spouses for an average profit of \$24 per active member(\$12 apiece for a couple). Stated more concisely, our income is \$400(lodge) + \$100(out of state) + \$1000(165x\$6) + \$1700(70x\$24) = \$3200. Raising the dues to \$10 and using the percentage decreases I conjectured above gives \$400 + \$100 + \$1320(132x\$10) + \$1510(63x\$24) = \$3330, only \$130 or 4% above the old figure after a 66% raise in dues! There are other factors to consider - because of a slight decrease in membership a marginal trip that would give us \$100 profit might be cancelled.

The figures I've used are somewhat arbitrary. What I've tried to show is that since only 1/3 of our income comes from dues and the rest from activities, raising the dues may not raise money if our activities are affected.

What will raising the membership do toward raising money? Our expenses go up only \$1 for each new member, the price of printing

and mailing the Rambler. In other words, our expenses are practically independent of the number of members but our income goes up more than proportionally because of the increases likelihood of successful money making ventures. Compare the number of new members with the net gain. Where there is a steady gain in new members the profits rise, when they drop as in 1960, so do profits.

Currently, we are not operating in the red and have had to postpone paying only one bill mainly because we bought \$60 worth of avalanche probes. We now have more operable boats than we can use on any one trip. The bus is paid for and every mechanical problem that has plagued us in now repaired for the first time. The engine's compression is good, it doesn't use too much oil and with less than 5000 miles a year travel, it should last several more years without significant expense. The lodge framework needs a lot of work but the money involved for the materials is relatively minor. Some of the inside refurnishing will be more expensive but we don't have to replace it all in one year.

The most controversial issue is how much should be sent aside for depreciation. Nothing has been saved for replacing the lodge, boats of bus. One of the reasons we are so broke now is that we are spending money from this year's income for things we should already have money in the bank for. As far as the bus and boats go, saving aside \$300 a year would probably be more than adequate. (We may not even buy another bus.)

How much we'll need for the lodge depends on whether you want to save for complete replacement or just future upkeep. The building has been standing for 40 years and is at least good for another 100 with reasonable care. I's against saving for anything but improvements, repairs, and replacement of furnishings. Adding up what has been spent for this in the past 16 years and what should be spent in the next 5, we need about \$400 a year. We will probably spend about \$200 a year as we go along which means saving \$200.

This totals to \$500 to be set aside. Assuming a year similar to last year, nearly \$800 would be left over, of which \$2-300 will automatically be spend for routine bus maintenance. The rest, \$500, is a sizable sum in my opinion. We worked hard on the lodge last summer and spent only \$150. Excluding expenditures for furniture we'll have a hard time spending that much this summer.

If you still feel you want to give more than \$6 dues to the Club, may I suggest you get a friend to join. It's practically the same as a \$5 gift to the treasury and if they come on a few river trips the "gift" could amount to \$50.

As a compromise on the dues issue, I am in full agreement with the proposal to have a family membership for an additional \$3-4. This would give the spouse voting privileges and some think it should be required

for those going on bus or boat trips. Something else to think about is a junior membership for the 16 and 17 year olds. I've opposed this idea as strongly in the past as I have a dues raise, but I'm gradually becoming convinced we need it. The trouble is, I can think of so many arguments against juniors that I can't as yet convince myself it's a good idea. I would like to hear your ideas on the subject.

WHAT IS THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB?

No doubt nearly every member of the club will be asked, during the next few months especially, "What is the Wasatch Mountain Club? What is its purpose?" Perhaps the best way to answer these questions is by energetically repeating the Preamble to our Club Constitution (or part of it anyway). So get out your memorizers; here it is:

PREAMBLE

"The name of the club shall be Wasatch Mountain Club, Inc. It is a non-profit corporation, organized and with headquarters at Salt Lake County, State of Utah. Its purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well-being of its members and of others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to advertise the natural resources and scenic beauties of the State of Utah; and to encourage preservation of forests, flowers and natural scenery as well as wild animal and bird life."

Musings

by Marie Demint

Right now, when people are just durned tired of winter, would seem to be a good time to try to help the club drum up some business for the bus and river trips.

Yes, to get places, we have a bus. Some of you have seen how beautiful it is and still you won't get on it and go with us on a trip. And I don't know why because this bus can DO things. It has taken off more cornerstones, park service posts, etc, than some of us do in the whole year we're learning to drive (taught myself). Musing back over some of our adventures, it occurs to me that we ought to change the name of this bus from "Charter" to "Wayward". In fact, permanent signs could be affixed to the front and sides to read Wayward or something instead of Charter on the front and New York on the side. Besides people from New York keep waving and screaming at us and this

disconcerts the driver who thinks surely he's taken off a leg this time. We're just kiddin', you lovely drivers. You deserve a bouquet of turnips and a wreath of victory (no! not of poison ivy!) for your brave conquests of narrow streets for rest stops, narrow park service accomodations, wooded terrain (including stump-ed terrain), devil's hole washes, goat paths around crumbling cliffs, lakes, people's lawns that are in the middle of our route, rest stops on barren hills (Dale), negotiations with filling stations (the time we got a gallon of gas and all our windows washed), and numerous forest trailblazing experiments with ole "Monster Mule". Yes, that's it--"Monster Mule" or maybe "Mule Train".

Some people might wonder what we DO on the bus. Well, some sing and some try to sleep and some sing, etc. Yes indeedy, children, we do sing, although a lot of unfavorable comments have been made about our singing--these from the sleepers, of course, and all with roots of jealousy. Last trip a funny thing happened. A couple of people got bored and were seen looking out the windows. We tried this and got a shocker; there's something on these trips besides people; there's scenery, and almost everywhere you look, too.

Once when ole "Cannonball" went over a stump, I lurched across a passenger, slightly breaking her hand, which was clutching the arm rest. "One shouldn't traipse about in the aisles while a bus or plane is in motion," says she. Concerned about her shattered typing hand, I asked, "Can you still make a living with it?" Then, testing my hip, I wondered about broken hips and making a living, etc.

I keep trying to think of something nice to say about bus trips but everything I say sounds disparaging and just when we're trying to get people interested in a Canyonlands trip. I will say this: there's nothing in the world like leaning back in ole--in the old bus and letting time wash over you as Moosie plunders ahead.

Now leaning back in a boat and letting a raging river dash over you is another thing, especially for such a chicken soul as mine. Last year I was finally allowed to go on a boat trip--hot pups-- and shall hereby render a report, or rather an expose of that trip. I know it would be better to just let it read, "We came, We saw, We conquered." But let me tell any greenhorn, this crew lets you learn river running the hard way--puts the novices in the bow. On your first trip you think it would be a good idea to run alongside the waves instead of straight into them, for cat's sake. But no. After a few swacks that drench you to the gills, they throw you a towel--ha! ha! ha!--and warm dry clothes, and a cup of hot coffee and say, "Not that way, Darling." No. Let's make the report like this; In what we conclude to be true river rat fashion, the better trained rats scurried into the best seats and seemed only to nibble at the oars while the eager beaver novices fought valiantly at the helm against horrendous odds, never realizing that as they toiled in their

traps, the more educated varmints basked beady-eyed and highly entertained, snug in their nests out of the waves. After we landed they fed us the same ole corn they probably always shell out, "Couldn't you wait?" indicating our wet seats, "Why didn't you insist on a rest stop!"

And speaking of rest stops, let us recall that initiation a couple of summers ago. For some of us this was our first bus trip and our very first rest stop. Ann McD and Dale Green were having an argument about when we were ever going to have a rest stop, when suddenly Dale stopped the bus on a dime and said, "This is it--first, last, and only stop!" At first we were stunned because we had expected the fracas to last a little longer. Then we were double stunned when we beheld his choice--one barren bush alongside the highway and up on a rise silhouetted against the sky. This was for the girls, should we survive the trip over the barbed wire fence to get to it. The rest of the episode cannot be described. (Not here.) As we scrambled back onto the bus I mused that here indeed were two mortal enemies who might even duel to the death and that, what with us gals being caught in the middle, it no other part of us got killed, our dignity had certainly been lowered. Mommy, I learned some new words that night. And 'pon my word, this tale is the truth and you can call it an expose if you like and not be far from the truth.

I can see you people are getting interested in this dissertation now so let's talk about the rest stop we had in a little town in Wyoming. "Five minutes for a rest stop", says Curly. Well, there was a convention going on there and one could hardly even get into the rest room to rest. And besides, it took more than five minutes just to find something to fit the coin slots on the "pay or else" apparatus. (Well surely you don't say apparatuses). Upstairs again, we were amazed to find some of the gang ordering dinner. "This is what we're going to do with our five minutes," smirked they. So we had dinner, too. Have you ever seen people who are just back from a camping and river trip? They have a "distinctive" smell and look about them. Several patrons stared at us; even turned in their seats and gaped. Patting my hair, matted into strings, I mused, "My, I must be even more beautiful than I ever imagined!" Then I looked at Bob. What a mess! Ratty beard, ragged pants looking recently wet, shirt that had seen action in the war and on a river trip or two, and all because John wouldn't let anybody bring an ironing board aboard the bus--just threw a fet when we tried to.

Outside, the town was crawling--uh staggering--with all kinds of odd looking and strange acting people. (We looked so good ourselves) One little old lady staggered up to a couple of young cops and began waltzing around with them while we watched, popeyed. I would have dearly loved to have waltzed with those cops, too, but the gang hung onto me

tight and dragged me back to the bus, insisting that we had only five minutes for a rest stop. A couple of our gang had gone to spend their five minutes in a bar and had gotten lost and it was such fun hunting them down for an hour or so. All in all, this was the jolliest five minute rest stop we had on that whole trip. Someone said that Curley got a little anxious and even blew the horn once. But I'm not still mad at him for that if nobody else is.

But I'll tell you what I really am mad about. This happened when we were back in camp. Every morning at about 5:30 or six, Bob and I, Moose McDuff, and a couple of kids popped out of our sacks to greet the day. When the others got up, practically in the middle of the day, say seven or so, there was much griping about people who get up in the middle of the night, laughing and whooping it up around the bon fire, one or two with laughs like mooses. (meese?) I happened to have a whistle which we thought might bring this contention to a crisis. I even blew it to show it's worth--an earsplitting "police are coming" sound. We would decide on a time and next morning I would blow a reveille. Next morning everyone was up before me--just don't know why. I kept crying and shaking my head, as I cooked breakfast, because I didn't get to blow my whistle. Well, "The best laid plans of meece and mon go merse". I was so mad I didn't offer anyone any of my good strong coffee and so blinded by tears, I didn't see who put a dirty, greasy, camp-type dish rag into the pot. But just to show all is forgiven, I'm going to bring my whistle to help with reveille on all the trips and I'm saving up a lot of dirty, greasy dish rags to help people with their coffee making because someone said mine tasted so much better after the dish rag was dropped into it.

COVER PHOTO -- Larry Swanson skis off Mt. Superior on a late Spring ski tour to Lake Blanche. Several Spring Tours will be scheduled as late as Mid-May; all are different and exciting. Skiers should attend at least a couple of the tours coming up!

EDITORAMBLERIZING

by Jack McLellan

"Howdy" from your new Publications Director and Editor of The Rambler. What a hectic month March was; don't ever try to have a baby and put out The Rambler for the first time, all in the same month. (It worked out pretty well though. My wife had the baby, and I put our The Rambler.) (My new daughter's name is Charlyn Gay; she was born March 9, weighed 6 lbs 12½oz, and was 20 in. long.)

I'm sure everyone joins with me in thanking last years board members

for their excellent leadership and representation. To those leaving the board; good luck, good rambling, and thanks again! To returning veteran board members; welcome back! And to us new board members; help! What have we gotten ourselves into! Seriously, all of us on the new board hope that the leadership and representation we offer for the coming year will be as beneficial as that given by the previous board.

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Members of California's famed Sierra Club have pooled their knowledge of wilderness travel to bring you specific ways on how to hit the trail. With the world becoming more and more crowded, the nation's wilderness areas are slowly but surely being taken over by four-wheeled monsters overflowing with slobs in sandals and flowered shirts. Because these tourists walk not, more and more roads, larger and wider, are needed to propel the cars in swiftness from one Park or "unspoiled area" to another so the travelers may say, "We went through four parks in five days".

Going Light With Backpack or Burro is available at Cottonwood Books (the refined outpost of the Mountain Club in the Lower Cottonwood Mall). It is a book that should prove invaluable for those hikers going to the mountains. Written by backpackers seasoned in the trails, it covers all aspects of wilderness camping, from how to read and interpret a map---what clothing to take---foods suitable for toting-- how to be happy even though your wife and six children go along-- when to eat---down to a graphic description of how to treat snakebite. (And staying away from snakes sounds simpler!)

For those who want to see the wilderness as it should be seen, the only way to go nowadays is "up". --"It was simply a matter of arithmetic. The crowd diminished according to the cube of the elevation above it. Thus, no matter what the crowd (in Yosemite), the rock climbers had no problem at all. The Cathedral Spires were all theirs." -- Thank goodness there are some places a car can't go.

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