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COVER PHOTO was taken in Colorado National Monument by Jack McLellan. In the center is Independence Monument, a 550-foot high sandstone monolith. Colorado National Monument is in western Colorado, near Grand Junction and Fruita, about 25 miles from the Utah line on Highway 6 & 50.

Like many of the uplifted and eroded sandstone areas, Colorado National Monument is a geologic wonderland. Rain, frost, and wind erosion has sculptured a fantastic landscape of corridor-like canyons lined with sheer cliffs, towering monoliths, and weird rock formations. To the north and northeast, the Book Cliffs form the skyline and mark the north side of Grand Valley. Grand Mesa, largest flat-top mountain in the world, looms to the east.

Many trails provide means for extensive exploration of natural history. Wildflowers dot early spring and late summer landscapes. The monument is a wildlife sanctuary; deer, foxes, and bobcats are plentiful, and elk are seen occasionally. Birds of many species are abundant. In 1926, three bison were transplanted from the Denver Mountain Parks. The herd, now maintained at about 15 head, is frequently seen by hikers and climbers.

A hermit named John Otto (considered "father" of the monument) made the first ascent of prominent Independence Monument in the early 1900's, with the aid of iron pipes driven into the sandstone. Several mountain clubs have enjoyed climbing and hiking on the good sandstone, and have made worthwhile ascents of monoliths and spires.

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE 1965

Register for all trips at Club Headquarters, EM3-7150

May 29 - 31
Sat., Sun.,
Mon.

YAMPA, GREEN RIVER TRIP.-- If you're reading this at home between the 29th and 31st of May, you're missing one of our best river trips. But there are still three more to come. So go!

Jun 3
Thursday

ROCK CLIMBING AT GATE ROCKS-- Meet at the gate in Little Cottonwood Canyon for practice on granite. Refreshments, after, either here or Storm Mtn.

Jun 5
Saturday

MT. TIMPANOGOS. Leave from Aspen Grove, early. Bring lunch, sunglasses, cream, and ice axe. Leader: Ron Perla. Register by 6:00 pm Jun 4, for this easy but long snow climb.

Jun 5
Saturday

REYNOLD'S PEAK.-- We follow a beautiful trail along the North Fork of Mill D to Dog Lake, and on to the summit. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 am. Rating: 4.5. Leader: Delbert Yergensen. Register by 6:00 pm Jun 4.

Jun 5 & 6
Sat. & Sun.

LODGE OPEN-- Your host will be Roger Jackson, Lodge Director. Enjoy a pleasant Saturday evening at the lodge--bring your steaks or hamburgers to char-broil over the grill, and Sunday you can help Roger with the Spring cleanup of our Brighton Retreat. (See MOUNTAIN CLUB LODGE! WHERE? LET'S GO! on ahead a page or three.)

Jun 6
Sunday

LODGE WORK PARTY-- Help remove the snow and clean up the lodge for the Summer fun. Bring shovels, mops, buckets, and other cleaning materials. **LUNCH FOR WORKERS** -- but to eat, you must register by 6:00 pm Saturday. (See MOUNTAIN CLUB LODGE! WHERE? LET'S GO! on ahead somewhere.)

Jun 10
Thursday

ROCK CLIMBING AT GATE ROCKS -- Meet at the gate in Little Cottonwood Canyon. **HEAD INJURIES SEMINAR:** Dr. Ed Schneider will give a short dissertation at 6:00 pm on identification and treatment of head injuries. All climbing students should attend. Refreshments afterwards.

Jun 12
Saturday

ROCK CLIMBING-- Meet at 8:00 am at the outhouse (yes, outhouse) at the base of the Lake Blanche Trail for an enjoyable morning of slab climbing. This is an easy outing. Every climber is welcome. Leader: Bob Wright. Register by 6:00 pm Jun 11.

Jun 12
Saturday

GRANDEUR PEAK MOONLIGHT HIKE -- The Wasatch Range under a full moon is tops, especially if you have your best girl or boy friend (or even husband or wife) along. Bring a flashlight, warm jacket and munchings. No youngsters on this hike, please. Meet at Red Carpet at 5:00 pm. Leader: Dale Green. Register by 6:00 pm Jun 11.

Jun 12 & 13
Sat. & Sun.

LODGE OPEN-CHILDREN'S WEEKEND-- Children's weekends will be scheduled the second weekend of each month. Bring the kids and let them enjoy our lodge and it's beautiful setting. Your hostess will be June Viavant (364-9684).

Jun 13
Sunday

DESERET PEAK -- An intermediate to long hike (rating 8.0), well-known for the spectacular view from the top. Leave from Club Headquarters at 7:30 am. Leader: Gale Dick. Register by 6:00 pm Jun 12.

Jun 17
Thursday

ROCK CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN-- Come on out for some exercise in that wonderful Wasatch Mountain air. SEMINAR: Denis Norton will give a short climbing seminar. All students are urged to attend. Refreshments afterward.

Jun 19 & 20
Sat. & Sun.

ZION OUTING -- Bring the family. If enough go, we may use the bus. Climbing will be directed by Forrest Hatch. Hikers will direct the hiking! Register for this pleasant trip with Forrest by Jun 15 at 6:00 pm. (295-5894).

Jun 19 & 20
Sat. & Sun.

LODGE OPEN-- Leon Edwards, host, will keep the fireplace glowing this weekend. The charcoal will be heated for those who like to have a barbecued dinner Saturday evening. The usual congenial, cozy atmosphere will no doubt prevail. Call Leon at 277-4466 or 277-5098.

Jun 20
Sunday

TWIN PEAKS -- A very popular long hike, hiking time about 6½ hours (rating 10.5) Meet at bottom of "S" curve up Big Cottonwood Canyon. Bring an ice axe if you have one. Leader: Harold Goodro. Register by 6:00 pm Jun 19.

Jun 24
Thursday

ROCK CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN-- Short climbs can be made by those who get there early. Hiking and socializing for all others, of course. "Wasatch Burgers" and refreshments afterwards.

Jun 26 & 27
Sat. & Sun.

LODGE OPEN -- Get away from the bustle of the city hustle--slow down to a nice relaxing pace by spending some time this weekend at the lodge. Go hiking or meandering around the hills, practice a bit of climbing, snooze away a few hours, or read a good book. Your choice. The charcoal is waiting every Saturday evening for barbecuing. Hostess, Marion Ohr (364-6784).

Jun 27
Sunday

ROCK CLIMBING ON GRANITE-- Meet at the gate up Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 am for a day of moderate climbing on the south side of the canyon. All climbers are invited. Leader: Dave Allen. Register by 6:00 pm Jun 26.

Jun 26 & 27
Sat. & Sun.

SKYLINE TRAIL (TETONS)-- This overnight backpacking trip covers about 20 to 25 miles of the spectacular and often neglected west side of the Tetons. Starting at White Grass Station the trail passes through Death Canyon, turns north and climbs to about 11,000 ft. Needless to say, we will be walking on snow a good deal of the way. We then head west into Alaska Basin and camp. (Be prepared to camp on snow. There's really nothing to it, and provided this sort of thing isn't overdone it can be kind of fun.) On Sunday we will hike over Hurricane Pass, where the classic western profile of "Les Trois Tetons" is seen, and drop down into Cascade Canyon. This part of the country is at its best now. Bring your camera. (Diehards can bring skis.) Leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday night. Register with the leader, Dennis Caldwell (466-6578).

Jun 27
Sunday

PFIFFERHORN - THUNDER MOUNTAIN-- Only experienced hikers in excellent condition should attempt this hike. The route will be up to Red Pine Lake to the Pfiifferhorn, along the ridge to Thunder Mountain, down the bowl and out Bell's Canyon. Hiking time about 11 or 12 hours. Rating is 17.0. Register with the leader, Dale Green (277-6417).

Jul 1
Thursday

ROCK CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN-- Come early for the short climbs or later for fun bouldering on the Academic Rock and others. 'Burgers and refreshments after.

Jul 3 - 5
Sat., Sun.,
& Mon.

MT. MORAN (TETONS)-- Let's go to the NE side of the hill and climb either the Skillet Glacier, NE Ridge, or the Triple Glacier route on this remote peak. All climbers, campers, and hikers are welcome. We'll take the boat across Jackson Lake and camp near Moran Bay. Register by Jun 30 at Club Headquarters. Leader: Tom Stevenson.

Jul 3, 4, (& 5?)
Sat., Sun.,
& Mon.

LODGE OPEN-- For those remaining close to the city, a weekend at the lodge can be most pleasant and relaxing--and cool. Come up for a few hours, overnight, or the whole weekend. Host, Dave Sundstrom (364-6143). If you plan on being at the lodge the 5th, call Dave and let him know he'll have company. Hike to Catherine Pass the 4th.

Jul 3 - 5
Sat., Sun.,
& Mon.

CANYON OF LODORE-- Get away from the old ordinary 4th of Jul and experience the exceptional in river running and scenic beauty. Few river trips surpass the Canyon of Lodore. Like all good boat trips, we'll have a work party at Ann McDonald's home at 1:00 pm Jun 27. Registration closes Jun 29. Trip starts at 7:00 pm Fri. Jul 2. Place of departure to be announced at the work party, so please be there! Price: \$25. For information and to register, phone leader Bruce Christensen (277-1618).

Jul 11

PFIFFERHORN VIA RED PINE LAKE-- Leader: Bill Isherwood.

Jul 18

MT. TIMPANOGOS -- Leader: Pete Hovingh.

Jul 25

LONE PEAK -- Leader: Pat Caywood.

Jul 24 - 30
(Approx.)

SALMON RIVER -- From East to West down the main channel of the Salmon. This is a long trip due to the miles covered by bus and length of the river run, but it will give us a good look at some of the beautiful Idaho wilderness area. To know if this trip is practical, we must know in advance if you plan to go. For more information call Dave Cook, Boating Director (355-4086).

Sep 4 - 6

JACKSON, SNAKE RIVER -- Don't forget the last trip of the season! This one is always a lot of fun. More details later.

DO YOU SOMETIMES WISH THAT YOUR CHILDREN COULD BE INCLUDED IN MORE CLUB TRIPS?

Bill and June Viavant are interested in helping organize more family camping and hiking trips. Will club members who are interested please phone the Viavants at 364-9684 so they can determine how much interest there is, what kind of activities are most desirable, etc. Let them hear from you!

TRY FOLK DANCING

by Celia Rockholt

Looking for entertainment now that skiing season is over? Try folk dancing for a refreshing change. Monday Nights (through the Summer), dance at the U of U Union Building, in either the den or the ballroom, from 8 - 10 pm. No charge. Tuesday nights (except August) dance at Marmadel Dance Studio, 255 E 2nd S, upstairs, from 8 - 11 pm. Admission is 75¢ per person. Wednesday nights go to Flinders Mountain Meadow Ranch, Highway 40 about one mile East of Kimball Junction. Dance from 8 - 11 pm. You might enjoy dinner before the dancing starts. Phone Celia (328-2018) for more details.

KAYAK FOR SALE

Robb Russon has a 14-ft., double-end kayak, canvas covered, including three paddles, that he will sell to the highest bidder. Perfect for river running! For more information, give Robb a call at 485-8972.

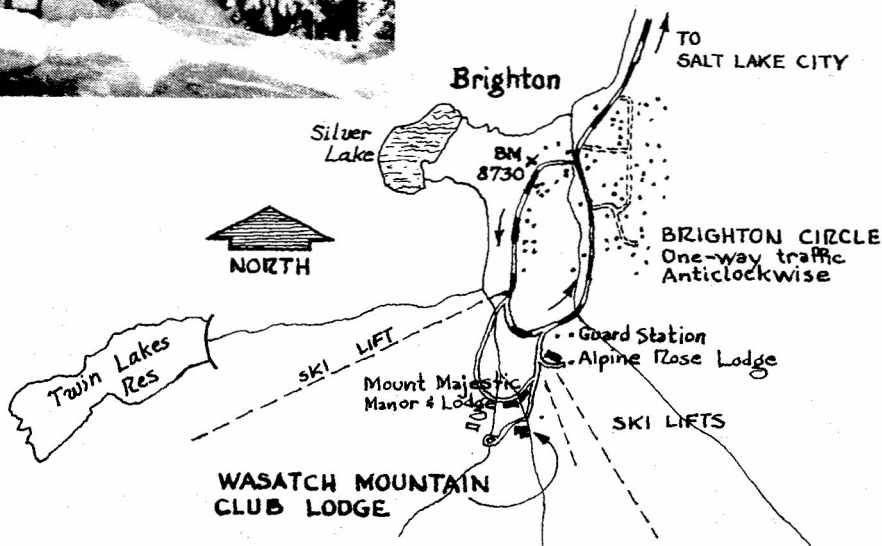
MOUNTAIN CLUB LODGE! WHERE? LET'S GO!

Yes, the Wasatch Mountain Club has a lodge. A big, rustic one. At Brighton. Now, all the old-timers know where the lodge is, how it's arranged, etc, but for the benefit of all the new members, here's a short run-down on lodge information.

First, Roger Jackson, Lodge Director, has drawn a detailed map to show the lodge location. Just go between the two ski lodges, turn right, and walk (later you can drive) on up to our lodge.

People wishing to eat at the lodge should bring their own food, as plain or fancy as they desire. Good cooking facilities are available. The kitchen is just off the recreation room, which takes up most of the main floor.

The upstairs is divided into two dormitories, one side for men and the other for the other kind. Bring sleeping bags or bedding as none is provided. We hope to improve the sleeping facilities in the near future by adding new bunks and mattresses. What we have now is by no means Hotel Utah quality, but it is adequate and comfortable.





Overnight cost is 50¢ per person for members, and \$1.00 for guests. Call the weekend lodge host to find out what time the lodge opens for a particular weekend. (See the activities list.) The second weekend of the month is designated as children's weekend. Bring your kids along and have a real family outing. The

lodge may also be rented for group functions, upon approval of the Board of Directors. Call Roger Jackson, at 322-0751, for more information about rates, open dates, etc.

BIG BEACON HIKE

by Eveline Bruenger

This hike was scheduled as "our first spring hike", April 11. Well, it did not look like spring at all early Sunday morning. A few inches of snow were on the ground; the sky was still overcast; and an occasional snowflake came sailing through the air. If it had not been for our German Shepherd pup, who needed some exercise, I should not even have considered getting up so early. By the time we reached the meeting place (shortly before 9 am) Roger and Bob were just about to drive back home. They seemed to be quite surprised that another couple of people did show up. Bob was still in doubt whether we should hike or not--but finally we decided at least to try. So we stepped over the barbed wire fence, trotted through the snow, and slowly started climbing through the brush towards the beacon. The closer we came to the top the deeper the snow became. Walking was hard work, and it must have taken us about two hours to reach the summit. There we had a tremendous view--not more than 20 yards!

On the way back we were quite satisfied that this "first spring hike" was accomplished after all. We also had the feeling we got a lot more shaping up out of it than originally intended. It certainly was different and yet beautiful in its own way.

Hikers were Eveline Bruenger, Friedrich Bruenger, Bob DeMint, and Roger Jackson.

LETTER FROM CONNIE GATES (Joe is with
the Dept. of State, in Cairo.)



QUEEN NEFERTITI الملكة نفرتيتي

Hi, Everybody----!

April 8, 1965

From all the reports we've heard on Utah snow depths this certainly was the wrong season and wrong year to leave. Ah well, we have a picturesque view of the Nile and Giza pyramids every day of the week. Presently we are living on the 9th floor, east (city) side of the Nile Hilton Hotel trying our best to find a "flat" as they are called here. So far, it has been a most discouraging venture. Apparently we arrived at the wrong time; however, should a number of W. German families leave, there may be some suitable availabilities. In the meantime, Joe is getting well acquainted with his new office, boss, business associates, and hopefully his job. It's a good thing we've had lots of practice camping out in primitive spots--we may be doing plenty of that at Kharga, in the S. Western desert, one of Joe's main work areas. Let's just say we have some fantastic adventures in living ahead of us.

The city of Cairo truly is the fascinating mosaic of many people, things, and activities we anticipated and more! In some sectors you feel as though you are suddenly transferred to Bible times--the dress, vehicles, and actions of the people create this impression. Yet, you can hop in a taxi and zip through some modern areas that demand your respect with their modern architecture, etc. After the many initial adjustments to the new schedules, new diet, new surroundings, and weather we have been taking in sight-seeing in a rather leisurely fashion--after all, we have two years. As we become more acquainted, our list of "things to do" grows & grows.

Locally, as a woman, I am not allowed to write any checks although I can spend Egyptian pounds. This actually permits the husbands to carefully supervise the wife's spending--a most depressing situation. At least I still have the joy of mailing checks back home--so enclosed is a check for my dues (not Joe's) which I presume should be paid about now. We wouldn't want to miss our Rambler, which arrives regularly.

S' all for now--

Connie

MOUNTAINEERING RAMBLINGS

by Tom Stevenson

We are beginning (actually we've begun) a series of short seminars on climbing. These will take place during the Thursday evening practice sessions and will cover various detailed subjects concerning climbing and hiking. The persons giving these seminars are those who are participating in the Mountaineer requirements program.

The first seminar was on May 20. Steve Ellsworth skillfully demonstrated direct aid climbing. There will be two more this month, the first on June 10 and the second on Jun 17. (See the activities list.) These will be informative for everyone, and of course everyone is invited.

The climbing courses are progressing nicely. We have a total of 27 enrolled, 19 in the Beginners Class and 8 in the Intermediate Class.

The American National Red Cross Advanced First Aid Course has been completed by 11 members of the club. As you remember, the basic course was begun in early February, under the direction of Dr. Ed Schneider. The final period for the advanced course involved $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours of practical problems--simulated injuries prescribed by Ed, using members of the class as victims. As a bonus, we were able to treat two real accidents. The first was a probable broken ankle caused by a slide into third base during a baseball game. To this we responded with finesse, a splint, the club litter, and several litter bearers, and soon had the gentleman on his way to the doctor. The second case the young Dr. Kildares treated was that of minor cuts on Mrs. Chindgren's hands after she dived out of the way of a falling rock.

All-in-all, the two courses were well taught, stressing mountain rescue and safety as well as the standard Red Cross program, and all who participated benefited greatly. Next winter we shall try to repeat the courses.



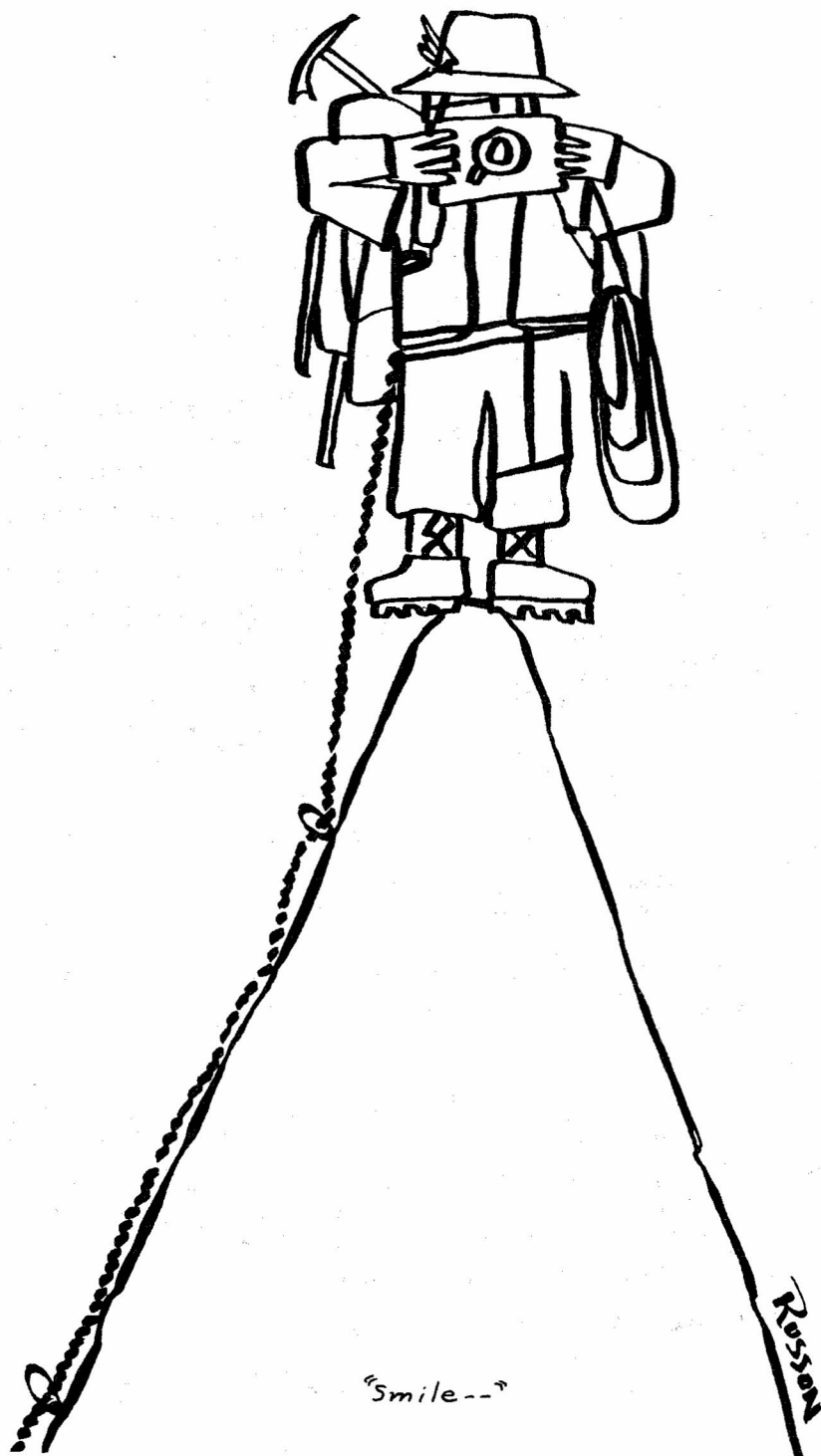
BLACK MOUNTAIN HIKE

by Dave Sundstrom

Sunday morning, April 25, portended a cold, wet hike to the summit of Black Mountain. Heavy, rain-laden clouds hovered in the immediate vicinity, although a patch of sunshine bathed the four hikers preparing for the hike. Heading out the four trudged up and across slopes, passing a few species of wildflowers, some old mine diggings, and a couple of old lime kilns. A good, steady pace was maintained, while the participants discussed various subjects. One subject was the "rest step", discussed by Dale Green at his Thursday Hiker's Climbing Class. This author learned of it for the first time there, and used it to good advantage on this hike. The route later led to a jeep trail, which was followed almost to the summit. While some sunshine was enjoyed, a strong, brisk breeze along the ridges caused the hikers to make good use of the parkas and jackets they had brought along. This correspondent also was glad that he was wearing windproof lederhosen, rather than cloth shorts, for this hike---

Nearing the top, some patches of snow were encountered. At the top, more snow, and a cold wind were found, and with no lunches to munch on, the group made a "180-degree" and headed back down. Attempts were made at glissading, but where steep enough, their routes were not oriented in the right direction or lacked a safe runout. About this point, a ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) was spotted moving across the snow among the scrub oak. About half-way down, while traversing around a knoll, the roar of an engine was heard on the jeep trail. Expecting a jeep, we walked up towards it. We were quite surprised to see a Triumph motorcycle parked there, with its helmeted rider gazing at the view. Two other motorcyclists later roared onto the scene. Chatting with them for a while, everyone then pursued their respective activities. The hikers headed downhill, while the cyclists roared off along the jeep trail on their 650 cc scrambler cycles, heading for the top of Black Mountain. We conjectured that they would get no further than the steep patches of snow near the ridged summit.

The hikers soon found themselves at their vehicles, and following some discussion, went their various ways. An activity which started out with weather conditions alien to the fair-weather hiker turned out to be very enjoyable, with no precipitation, some sunshine, exhilarating exercise, and good companionship. Hikers included John MacDuff, Elmer Boyd, Diane Boyd, and Dave Sundstrom.



"Smile--"

WILDERNESS CANOE - KAYAK TRIP: YOU'RE INVITED!

Janet and Delbert Yergensen invite you to join them on a 70-mile circuit of lakes and streams in Bowron Lake Provincial Park, British Columbia. The Sierra Club calls it, "...one of the finest canoeing trips in North America."

Canoes can be rented at Bowron Lake upon advance arrangement. There should be a team of two persons per canoe. Rain is to be expected so rainwear and a small, light-weight tent (preferably screened) will make happy campers. Light-weight equipment and light-weight food will make happy paddlers.

References: Brochure on Bowron Lake Park, obtainable by writing Provincial Parks Branch, Division of Recreation and Conservation, Parliament Building, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

For a Special map of Bowron Lake Park (price 60¢), write The Geographic Division, Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Parliament Building, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Field and Stream magazine, Jan 65 issue (obtainable at a library) has a report and pictures of a kayak trip around the circuit of lakes.

A supplemental announcement from the Sierra Club concerning Bowron Lakes, British Columbia, canoe trip is available from the Sierra Club, Mills Tower, San Francisco, California.

Outfitters on Bowron Lake include Cariboo Lodge, Box 129, Wells, British Columbia, Canada, and Bowron Lake Lodge, Box 265, Wells, British Columbia, Canada.

Departure is scheduled for Jul 24. For more information, phone Janet and Delbert Yergensen (485-9887).

LETTER FROM VERA VAN TONGEL in Heidelberg, Germany, 19 April 1965

Dear Friends -

Here are my dues for 1965. Please keep The Rambler coming. I always enjoy reading it.

I've been skiing quite a bit in the German, Swiss, and Austrian Alps and the runs are fabulous. Have done very little hiking and no river running and hope to catch up on that sort of sport when I return to the States one of these days.

Greetings to all of you "old timers".

Vera Van Tongel

FEDERAL RECREATION-CONSERVATION STICKER INFO --

How will the \$7 Federal Recreation-Conservation Sticker affect club members, and the local camping and picnicking areas? The following excerpts from an article by Roger Pusey that appeared in the Deseret News on May 4 generally spells out sticker effect. Many questions are as yet unanswered. If members have specific questions about the stickers, write them on a card or letter and send them to The Rambler Editor. We'll try to obtain the answers.

"The \$7 Federal Recreation-Conservation Sticker will be required at 430 developed national forest recreation sites in the Intermountain Region. The \$7 sticker will allow the driver of a non-commercial auto, and up to eight passengers to use national forest recreation areas and enter national parks. A single entry fee of 50 cents per person (over 16 years of age) per day will be charged to those without the stickers.

Stickers may be purchased at Forest Service offices, from field offices of the agencies administering the areas and individual rangers or patrolmen. There is no limit to the number of times a sticker may be used each year, although the length of stay in some areas will be determined by local rules."

According to the article, about 60 per cent of the recreation sites in the region's forests are involved. Of particular interest to us is the fact that most of the Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood Canyon areas are affected, including Storm Mountain, Brighton, and the Albion Basin.



"---that's not what I meant by becoming used to exposure---"

Tom has pretty well summed-up the first aid classes in Mountain-eering Ramblings. I would like to add my own thanks, praise, and appreciation to Dr. Ed Schneider for his many hours of excellent instruction. (Gosh, Ed, hope we didn't damage your hedges and trees too much by carrying the litter over and through them, and I'm sure those ice-axe-point holes in the living room can be worked out without too much trouble. I know you'll miss having us around to eat up all your cookies, cake, donuts, coffee, tea, punch, etc, etc)

I received several items in response to my request for articles, sketches, etc. How about that cartoon of Robb Russon's? Isn't that a masterpiece? Eveline Bruenger and Dave Sundstrom wrote very good reports of the hikes they were on. Be sure to read Bill and June Viavant's, Celia Rockholt's, and the Yergensen's articles on children's activities, folk dancing, and a wilderness canoe-kayak trip, respectively. Connie, thanks for the letter. I hope you and Joe will keep us informed of all (well, nearly all) that happens to you over in Pharaoh's land.

Keep the input coming! All kinds. ESPECIALLY SKETCHES AND PHOTOS. DIG 'EM OUT AND SEND 'EM IN!

How about doing The Rambler a favor? When shopping, browsing, and drooling over all the goodies in stores that advertise in The Rambler, let them know you saw the ad, appreciated it, are responding to it, and encourage them to keep advertising!

Many of the new members are no doubt wondering what in the world all this "rating number" gibberish is, in the activities list; rating 3.0, 10.5, 17.0, etc, as applied to hikes. Well, next month we hope to run an article explaining what the numbers mean and how they are derived. A revised list of popular Wasatch and Uintah hikes and their ratings will also be included.

New members and address changes. Because of the many new members and address changes for this month, space does not permit including all of them. Instead, a brand new membership list has been prepared and enclosed with this issue. Hopefully, all new members, address changes, and corrections have been added. Many thanks to Barbara Evans and Dale Green for their effort in compiling the new list. Anyone noticing errors, omissions, etc, please call me. Please inform me of address changes as soon as possible after they occur, so The Rambler can find you. We are mailing copies by third class mail now, and the post office doesn't forward third class mail.

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COTTONWOOD BOOKS (ADVERTISEMENT) NOTICE TO ROCK HOUNDS--read this at your own risk. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

It's all very well to want to be a rock hound...but if you don't know where to go to hunt...and if you don't know what you've got if you find something, there's really not much sense in starting out in the first place. Luckily, Ann and Leon at Cottonwood Books (Lower Cottonwood Mall) have done all the tedious preliminary thinking for you and have assembled a pile of goodies for your knapsack. (Leave out the food if you must--but don't forget the books.)

First-off is Western Gem Hunters Atlas, as tidy a collection of Western area maps as you've ever seen. The best spots to dig and hunt are marked very clearly, with five pages devoted to Utah alone. Many of the places are found at the end of "doubtful" roads...but when did that designation ever stop a dedicated Mountain Clubber?

If you're off for fossils, there's An Illustrated Guide to Fossil Collecting, and Fossils, an Introduction to Prehistoric Life. They are both quite interesting books with many drawings and photographs...and comprehensibly enough written to give you a good, basic course in fossils.

Rocks and Minerals is a handbook which explains how rocks and minerals are classified, how they can be recognized and identified, and how they should be collected and displayed. It covers the entire range of the mineral kingdom which includes minerals and rocks, ores and metals, crystals and meteorites, as well as artificial minerals (not that there are many of those just lying around).

Before you start out on the Big Gem Hunt, make your first stop Cottonwood Books and choose a few, lightweight guidebooks to take with you. Ann and Leon don't want to hear from you later if you don't find anything...but if you turn up a few diamonds by mistake, they would be more than happy to hold your samples for you.

And in case you're not going rock hunting...why not stay home and read Happiness is a Rat Fink...modern day living with a Peanuts approach and a Fanny Hill leer. Life can be beautiful....

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AN IMPORTANT BY-LAW CHANGE -- Affects Application for Membership

By-law III-B has been changed to read:

"Applicants for membership in the club shall have participated in at least one scheduled event, sign the application blank, pay the required fees and have the application blank signed by two members, one of whom is a director. The participation requirement may be waived upon sufficient recommendation by a member in good standing. All applicants must agree to abide by the Constitution, By-laws, and Rules and Regulations of the club."

This changes the previous requirement of two trips before submitting an application. In many cases, the requirement of two members signing the blank can be taken care of by Board members at our bi-monthly meetings.

For your convenience, an application blank is printed below. After filling it out, give it to any board member or mail it to Club Headquarters.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Application for Membership

To Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club. I enclose \$2.00 entrance fee and \$6.00 annual dues. The scheduled event I have attended is _____
_____ on _____ (approx. date).

I agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the club.

Name: _____

Recommended by:

Address: _____

Member: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Director: _____

Zip Code: _____
