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the outdoors---

Oct 2 & 3
Sat. & Sun.

ZION NARROWS, ZION PARK CLIMBING-- See September Rambler. We may go up the Narrows this year, avoiding overnight camping at the grotto. Contact Dale Green for additional information. (277-6417.)

Oct 2 & 3
Sat. & Sun.

LODGE OPEN -- While many of us are swimming through the Zion Narrows, Corinn Gonzales will be warm and snug, waiting in front of the Lodge fire to welcome those who stayed behind.

Oct 2
Saturday

MT. AIRE -- A favorite WMC hike from Mill Creek. (Rating 3.0.) Leader: Ralph Hathaway. Meet at the Red Carpet at 8:00 am. Register by 6:00 pm, Oct 1.

Oct 7
Thursday

CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK-- Beginners, Intermediates, Experts, Socializers---all are welcome.

Oct 9
Saturday

ROCK CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN-- Those fall colors and cool air should provide a good setting for an enjoyable morning on the rock. Meet at the regular parking lot at 9:00 am. Register by 6:00 pm, Oct 8.

Oct 9 & 10
Sat. & Sun.

LODGE OPEN -- Dave Stephenson will be host for this work weekend at the lodge. After this weekend we will not have any official host or hostess awaiting you. Members wanting to use the lodge should contact Club Headquarters or Roger Jackson, Lodge Director. The usual lodge rules will prevail. Don't forget the **WOOD GATHERING PARTY** on Sunday the 10th. Also bring hammers, etc, for a bang-up time on general repairs. Register by 6:00 pm Oct 8 to be included for lunch. Work begins at 9:00 am.

Oct 10
Sunday

MT. OGDEN -- We'll start at the Wildcat picnic area near the Snow Basin Shelterhouse. From the summit may be seen one of the finest views of Great Salt Lake. Leader: Laird Crocker. Meet at Clark's Cafeteria at the State Capitol at 8:00 am. Register by 6:00 pm Oct 9.

COVER PHOTO: Tom (T. Q.) Stevenson showing excellent form on the rock.

Oct 13
Wednesday

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - The meeting will be at the UTAH POWER & LIGHT BUILDING, ON 6th South and 6th East, not at the Lodge as listed in last month's Rambler. Harold Goodro will show pictures of his Peruvian Andes expedition last summer. If time permits, Tom Stevenson may also show some of the "Canada 1965" pictures. Some business will come before the membership for discussion, and we will have refreshments, of course.

Oct 14
Thursday

CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK -- This is "try-a-route-you've-never-climbed-before" night. Might be a good time to do some practice falling, too. This is one climbing skill that few climbers have practiced much, or know how to do correctly. Have one of the Mountaineers explain the technicalities of falling, and the proper way to set up a practice area.

Oct 15 - 17
Fri. to Sun.

SHIPROCK -- The route is ingenious and the rock huge. Both aspects are realized by all who reach the summit. The climb is truly a challenge, providing the special problems of mountaineering in the arid southwest. Register with Tom Stevenson no later than 6:00 pm Oct 12.

Oct 15 - 17
Fri. to Sun.

GRAND CANYON, RIM TO RIM -- See September Rambler for details. Firewood is scarce in the canyon. Plan on trail lunches and evening meal Fri., three meals Sat., and breakfast and trail lunches Sun., or lunch at Harvey House on South Rim. Arrangements may be made direct with Transportation Dept., Fred Harvey, Grand Canyon, Arizona, for meals at Phantom Ranch (breakfast on Sat., \$2, and possibly supper Fri., \$4, but you will have to be a fast hiker to make the 6:00 pm evening meal.) Carry at least a pint of water, and keep your pack light.

Oct 17
Sunday

MT. OLYMPUS -- Rating 8.0. Leader: Art Whitehead. Meet at first parking lot south of Pete's Rock (about 5600 S. on Wasatch Blvd.) at 8:00 am. Register by 6:00 pm Oct 16.

Oct 21
Thursday

CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK -- Our organized Thus. climbs end tonight, but actually climbing continues on until the snow is falling so hard that holds can't be seen. Good exercise for skiing!

Oct 23 to Nov 2 HUNTING SEASON -- STAY OUT OF THE WOODS.

Oct 30 HALLOWEEN PARTY -- Regular old-fashioned Hallo-
Saturday ween Party and Pot Luck Dinner. Everybody plan to come;
let's refill the club's coffers and have a good time,
too. Prizes for the best costumes in various catagories
dancing, games. BYOL. You will be contacted and asked
to bring one dish for six people, and then we'll put
the \$1.50 charge in the Treasury. Register by Oct 28.

Nov 13 & 14 KOLOB BACKPACK-- Leader: Charlie Keller. Details
Sat. & Sun. later.



RAMBLINGS FROM THE BOARD

by Tom Stevenson

The October general meeting's agenda will include the proposed changes in the Constitution; in fact a new constitution! Due to the vagueness, the errors and the new memberships, major changes are necessary if we are to have a readable and workable Constitution. A committee comprised of Dale Green, Tom Stevenson, Dave Cook and Ernie Katten are endeavoring to write an acceptable new constitution. Anyone interested in giving constructive criticism should call Tom Stevenson NOW.

Let's get as many questions answered and arguements settled as is possible BEFORE the general membership meeting.

MOUNTAINEERING RAMBLINGS

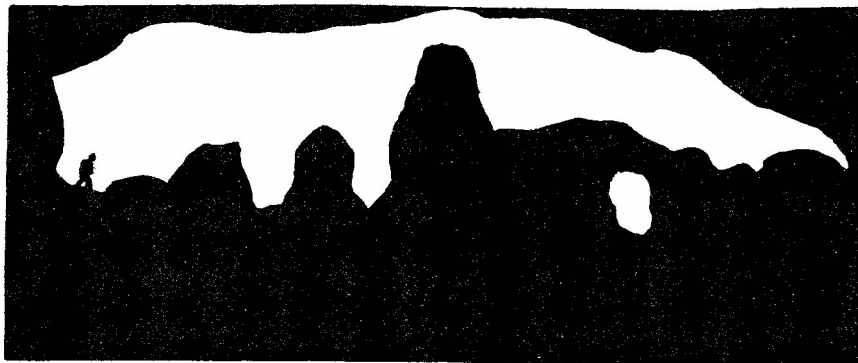
by Tom Stevenson

Ed Schneider and George Lowe are saluted by the Senior Committee on Mountaineering as the Club's newest Mountaineering Leaders. Ed has been climbing for 10 years and has much experience on snow and ice. George, who just recently returned from a stormy but successful summer in the French Alps, is one of the areas better climbers; he has many first ascents in the Little Cottonwood Canyon area.

The Hiking Seminar on September 18th was considered successful even though the weather was not the best and it was officially postponed until September 25th. We drew 5 hardy persons and ironed out the bugs in this public service function. We hope that this safety-oriented function for the general public will continue to be presented once or twice a year from now on, to promote safety in the hills and the sport of hiking.

The Wasatch Mountain Club must pause and pay its respects to Mark McQuarrie who died in a tragic fall on September 19th. He was a fine young man who enjoyed and loved the mountains as only a true mountaineer can. A technical report on the death of Mark McQuarrie will follow in the November Rambler.

The club now may obtain a discount on all purchases over \$10 from Perma-Pak. On orders of more than \$10 the price is reduced by 10%; on over \$100, 15%. To get the discount, all purchase orders should bear the signature of the President or Vice President. So, when going on trips, consolidate orders or go down to Perma-Pak, 40 E. Robert Ave., in a group. They have some good and light weight food.



MT. RAYMOND

by Boone Newson

You couldn't ask for better weather than that we had for the trek up Mt. Raymond on August 29th. Judging from the number of registrants who'd called Pete, it appeared that this now-classic hike was failing in popularity, or that the poor weather of recent weeks had slowed-up some folk's decision-making facility. Before noon, however, we had 18 members and 2 non-members within sight of the top.

Everyone that wanted to climbed the peak; however, a few were content to laze around at the pass between Big Cottonwood and Mill Creek canyons. Incidentally, those who didn't make this hike missed seeing some beautiful wildflowers. Particularly in Butler Fork, they were more profuse and taller than ever before.

We all know that Helen Battison was waiting at her cabin on the Mill Creek end of our hike with refreshments. In fact, this pleasant end to a scenic hike has made this annual trek a must for many of us. Those with the greatest thirsts made it down in record time. The others meandered in during the next 2 hours.

Bob and Marie Demint and Carmen Orosz did an interesting variation of the down-canyon portion of the hike by going around the west side of Mt. Raymond and down Porter Fork. The rest of us took the Bowman Fork trail. It works out okay, either way, because Porter and Bowman intersect near Helen's cabin.

A note of appreciation to Helen for her hospitality, to Carl for the thirst-quenching Life Savers, and to George, Sarah, and the Demints for the shuttle transportation. Boo to Sarah for bringing clean clothes, taking a shower after the hike, and thereby shaming the rest of us who looked so bedraggled! Oh yes, must not forget Dale's trail clearing efforts. He gets "A" for effort. Hikers were: Elmer Boyd & son David & Daughter Diane, Carl Bauer, Jan and Carmen Orosz, Bob & Marie Demint, Chuck Cronenwett & his 4-legged buddy, Ann MacDonald & friend Anne Carter, Jackie Thomas, Sarah Weller, Dale Green, George Smith, Park City's Bob Wright, Victor Dirnfeld, Charles Keller, Boone Newson.

BOARD MEMBER CHANGES

A couple changes have taken place on the Board of Directors. Barbara Evans resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Ann McDonald, formerly the Publicity Director, took over Barbara's duties as Entertainment And Recreation Director. Ed Schneider will be our Publicity Director for the rest of the term. Welcome, Ed!

LODGE CLIMBING

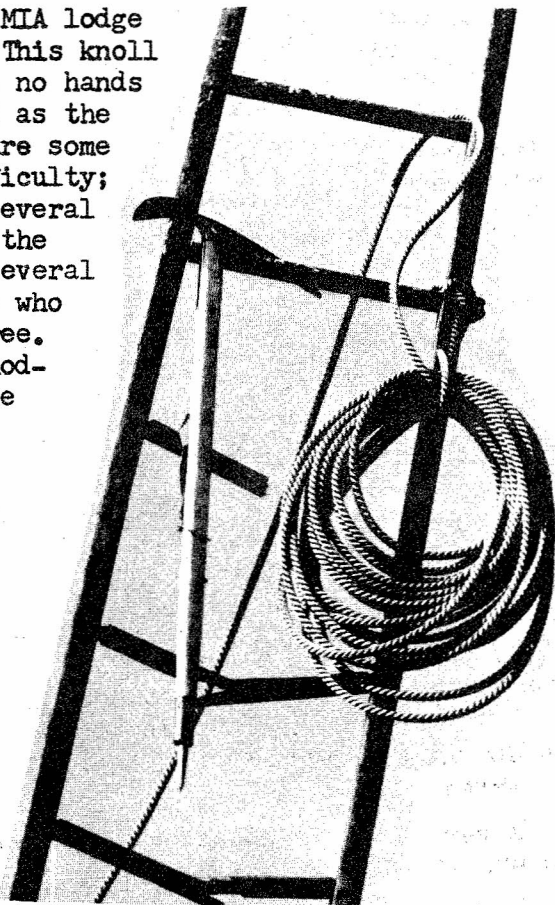
by Tom Stevenson

Several days this summer climbers have enjoyed themselves on the delightful, small-grained granite near the lodge. The rock behind the lodge, Club Rock, provides no less than 16 challenging routes; they vary from delicate friction moves to strenuous finger and arm moves. Each route is marked with a green letter; the further down the alphabet, the harder the climb.

The rock out-cropping near the MIA lodge is a mecca of wonderful climbs. This knoll provides good friction practice - no hands type - plus many routes as varied as the rock itself. On the north nose are some fine free climbs of moderate difficulty; to the immediate left there are several easy routes on the 55° face. On the NW, the 80° to 100° face offers several fine aid routes, which, for those who wish to try, might be ascended free. The SE face has several easy to moderate free climbs and at least one RURP crack for aid work.

Next summer watch for the "Climbing Weekends" at the lodge.

They're fun ---



WANT A KELTY PACK?

Here's your chance to get one at a special price. A group purchase order for five or more complete packs (frame & bag) qualifies for a 10 per cent discount. This offer is subject to cancellation at any time, so if you are interested, contact Sarah Weller before October 10 for an immediate order. Shipment is to one address only. Sarah has a Kelty catalog from which to pick the outfit you want.

TWIN LAKES PASS (via Lake Solitude)

by Dave Sundstrom

On Sunday, August 22, eight enthusiastic hikers assembled at the Lodge, reassembled near Ray Watrous's Brighton Village Store, and started out around the north side of Silver Lake. With recent precipitation, hikers were vigorously awakened fending their way through moisture-laden willows -- very refreshing. Along the wide path, several species of wildflowers were observed, including western yarrow, tall chiming bells, wild geranium, senecio, and others. Leaving the lake, the trail led through wet undergrowth and tall aspens. One fascinating feature of the Silver Lake Trail to Lake Solitude is that it has a tendency to follow the contour with little uphill direction, at least for a large portion of its length. Following this interesting trail, part of which is carpeted with needles and cones from the many Douglas firs, the hikers arrived at Lake Solitude. This lake is a pretty little mountain marmade impoundment, ringed by willows with "wet feet", and situated in a bowl of massive cliffs, with extensive mine diggings on one side. A brief reconnaissance was made of the largest tunnel, which at one time was complete with electric lights, ore car, and machinery. For safety, the group decided not to seek out the end of the tunnel. From here, the hikers continued on, following up an old wagon road (jeepable) to the ridge. From here, a trail was followed to a saddle on the upper side of Evergreen Mountain, at which point the non-distaff participants took the trail up to Twin Lakes Pass, walking through a beautiful garden of wildflowers with picturesque Twin Lakes on the left. While viewing the magnificent scenery on every side, three mule deer were observed moving along a trail towards Twin Lakes, possibly looking for nooks in which to hide when the bow hunters came seeking venison for the table. From here, this group further split up. Four decided to head up Tuscarora, Wolverine, and Catherine Pass, thence returning to the Lodge. The other two made the return to Silver Lake via Evergreen.

A very fascinating hike, one which should find its place oftener on WMC schedules.

Participants on this hike included the following: Marie Demint, Bob Demint, Vic Dirnfeld, John McDuff, Gayle (Liz) Page (guest), George Smith, Phil Stillman, Dave Sundstrom (leader).

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THE AMERICAN PLAN OR THE EUROPEAN PLAN?

by D. J. Green, Pres.

Hotels have two methods of charging. One, the American Plan, charges for room and all meals whether you eat or not. The European Plan, on the other hand, charges for the room only. All meals are extra.

Up to now our Club has operated on the European Plan. Your dues pay for what you automatically receive - the Rambler, telephone service etc. with enough left over to help in other areas. If you attend any activity which costs the Club money you pay for it.

The trouble is we are broke. Our bank account is "zilch" and it doesn't require much looking to see why. Last year, for instance, the bus ran up a \$500 deficit. As a result several members of the Board, a majority at times, have strongly advocated going to the "American Plan" - raising the dues and let everyone pay for the bus deficit whether they use it or not.

This really goes against my grain as any Board member can tell you. Maybe nine destitute years in College has given me a distorted sense of the value of a buck but I object to paying someone else's bus fare. Even if raising the dues solves the money problem (which I doubt) it won't change the fact that the bus didn't pay for itself. The basic problem is not money, the problem is lack of participation. Raising the dues will not raise the level of activity. Only raising the membership will raise both income and activity.

With the present usage we can't charge enough for bus rides to make it pay for itself and remain competitive. On the other hand, prior profits (when everybody wanted to go on a trip) were so great that I can't recommend selling it. The only difference between the profit years and the deficit years was an average decrease of 5 members per bus trip.

Therefore, I don't see any other practical solution to our finances than to more actively recruit new members. They are our life's blood. A new, active member contributes 10 to 20 times his dues for trips (and has never had a better bargain). I know a great many of you have volunteered to pay higher dues but I would like to point out something to you - if you brought in one new member instead, not only would his dues contribute directly to the treasury far more than a dues increase but the presence of these new people on trips has a value that is hard to measure in dollars.

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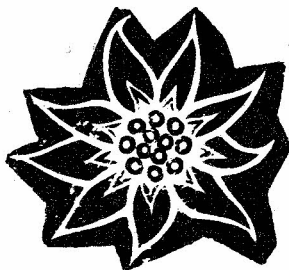
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A "must" book for cavers is "Exploring American Caves" by Franklin Folsom, a spelunker of long standing. (One should probably say "of long crawling.")

Here, in one inexpensive paperback (at Cottonwood Books in the lower Cottonwood Mall in Salt Lake City, Utah, not too far away from explorable caves) is the history, geology, lore and location of all the major American caves. Techniques of spelunking are given, as well as a glossary of cavers' language and a complete listing of local caving organizations.

The book itself is beautifully written...scientific without being pedantic...factual without losing the mark of a "good writer" the easy flow of words. For those who want to go underground, to explore the beauty that lies waiting in the darkness, "Exploring American Caves" is a necessary book. What else does a caver need besides this book?...."when all is said and done, shanks' mares, plus a sharp eye and alert ear, plus persistence and luck, are the most practical equipment. Happy caving!" (But buy the book anyway.. the pictures are beautiful.)

"How To Build Your Home In The Woods", a paperback book available at Cottonwood Books, starts out with logs as the main building ingredient...but if you're planning to build a home in the woods, you probably plan to use logs, anyway.

This is a fascinating book that could be used by a real beginner in construction. And the author is so enthusiastic and so careful in his details and drawings, that even a novice at sawing is overcome with the feeling that, given a saw, some logs, and a piece of land, he could erect a tidy little shelter in a few days.

This is also a book that would be great to give an ambitious twelve year old who has always wanted a cabin. A joint father-son project could be worked out very nicely. Mr. Angier, the author, also tells one how to build a cabin without logs...how to build a leanto...how to make a blockhouse. Fireplaces...furniture...heat and light...and how to live off the land are included.

Ann and Leon suggest you purchase a saw and then come down to Cottonwood Books in the Mall for your book. While the supply lasts, Band-Aides will be given away with every copy of "How To Build Your Home In The Woods." (Mink-lined sleeping bags will be given away with every purchase of "Exploring American Caves". But hurry... the supply of these is EXTREMELY limited.)

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To Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club. I enclose \$2.00 entrance fee and \$3.00 half-year dues. A scheduled event I have attended is _____ on _____ (approx. date). I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the club.

Name: _____	Recommended by: _____
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