

MARCH 1966

The Rambler

Official Publication
of

THE

WASATCH

MOUNTAIN CLUB

Salt Lake City, Utah



CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 1966

FOR ALL SKI TOURS: Call Alexis Kelner (359-5387) or Club Headquarters at least a day before a trip to register, and to obtain information on meeting place, leader, and transportation.

- Mar 5 & 6 W I N T E R C A M P -- An easy trip to either the Germania or Albion Hut for the night. Skiing or snowshoeing the 6th. The only equipment needed is a warm sleeping bag. The rugged ones may bring a tent if they wish, and battle the elements. Register at Hq. by 6:00 pm Mar 4. Call Tom Stevenson (364-5268) for information.
- Mar 13 A L T A T O W H I T E P I N E C A N Y O N --
Sun. This tour requires a climb of American Fork Twins. Tour leaves the bottom terminal of the Wildcat lift at 9:30 am. Register as indicated above.
- Mar 6 R E D P I N E T O A L P I N E -- One of the most
Sun. impressive tours in the area. For intermediate and advanced skiers only. Bring several lunches. Call Alexis Kelner (359-5387) for meeting place and time, and other information. Register as indicated above, AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOUR.
- Mar 13 A F T E R S K I S O C I A L -- At Charles and
Sun. Emily Hall's, 2652 E. 6200 S.
- Mar 16 - 23 W I N T E R M O U N T A I N E E R I N G -- A major trip to the Tetons or the Wind River Range is in the offing. Call Tom Stevenson (364-5268) for details.
- Mar 19 B R I G H T O N T O H O N E Y C O M B F O R K --
Sat. An excellent beginners and children's ski tour. The only climbing involved is a few hundred yards above the Millicent lift, but extreme beginners and children should bring climbers. Register as indicated above.
- Mar 20 R E D P I N E T O M A Y B I R D -- Including a
Sun. climb of the Pfeifferhorn for those who wish to do so. Meet at mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 am. Register as indicated above.

- Mar 25 - 27 S H I P R O C K -- We will try this fine climb again in what we hope will be better weather than in the past. 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. This is not a beginner's trip. Experienced climbers only. Register with Tom Stevenson by Mar 23.
- Fri. - Sun.
- Mar 27 A L T A T O D A Y ' S F O R K -- Last year several members did this trip on their own, and they recommend it with great enthusiasm. The tour is basically the same as the Cardiff Pass trip, except Flagstaff Peak must be climbed to gain access to the canyon east of Mill D. Bring climbers and several lunches. Register as indicated above.
- Sun.
- Mar 27 A F T E R S K I S O C I A L -- At Dave and Judy Allen's, 3848 S. 2215 E.
- Sun.
- Mar 31 I N T E R M E D I A T E C L I M B I N G C O U R S E Registration closes today. Register with Tom Stevenson. See Feb. R a m b l e r for details.
- Thurs.
- Apr 2 B R I G H T O N T O M T. W O L V E R I N E -- An excellent beginner's trip. Leave from base of the Millicent lift at 9:30 a.m. Little climbing is involved, but climbers would still be useful on the short uphill stretches. Register as indicated above.
- Sat.
- Apr 3 A L T A T O M I N E R A L F O R K -- About the same difficulty as the Lake Blanche trip. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 am. Bring climbers and lunches. Register as indicated above.
- Sun.
- Jul 1 - 4 M O U N T R A I N I E R -- This beautiful climb, to be led by Harold Goodro, is open to graduates of the Beginners Climbing Course and other qualified climbers. To register and for information, call Harold Goodro, at 277-1247.

DON'T FORGET THURSDAY NIGHT BEER AND GOSSIP AT THE HACIENDA!

"WHERE, OH WHERE, DID THE MOUNTAIN CLUB GO?" or

GAD VALLEY, January 30

by Emily Hall

It was 12:00 noon at the top of Germainia lift. Crowds jostled for first place behind the leader. The Yergensens had already set out at a fast pace for Germania Pass, while Emily and David Hall brought up the rear. Nose count at that point was exactly four. Actually, everyone else was biding his time for something a little more exciting than the Gad Valley trip, but don't underestimate the trials and tribulations of this very familiar one. It would be a good idea to have anyone who is planning a more difficult tour to do Gad Valley first to test his capabilities. It's too taxing on the leader to be responsible for a group of skiers who can't keep up.

After Germania Pass was reached two more skiers caught up, Tony and Guy Toombes. Everything went well until we were high up on the steep slope approaching Gad ridge. There, kick turns on hard crust became an acrobatic feat, and one unlucky person slipped down a few score yards. Undaunted, we inched up toward the especially heavy-looking cornices, careful to stay out from under them. With a little pushing and pulling we climbed over the lip and were on the comfortable side of the ridge. From here it was only down. I could sign off now except to mention two facts -- there happened to be wind crust in the upper bowl, and Janet tore a ligament in her knee which will keep her from skiing a few weeks. Don't underestimate this cheery little excursion to Gad -- it can be quite a handful.



The club bus pulled out of Cottonwood Lane to the sound of lusty singing (songs courtesy WMC song book), and we headed toward Zion. That night (Fri. Oct. 1.) was bone-jarring cold, and we quickly hopped into our sleeping bags -- under the stars.

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny, and we breakfasted leisurely and then, after Carl Bauer distributed the traditional life savers ("to counteract the taste of river water"), we set forth along the banks of the Virgin River.

We novitiates, who were ignorant of what was to come, expended much effort and ingenuity to keeping dry -- for about an hour. However, we soon got into the "swim of things" and agreed that it was most refreshing!

The colors were truly spectacular -- with brilliant red maples, green pines, yellow aspen and profusion of ferns. It was a photographer's paradise -- especially if he was using color film!

About midway down the first day's hike we doffed our packs to explore a side canyon that one of the veterans of the group had found. The entrance was narrow and lined with sandstone of deep shades of brown alternating with strips of tan colored rock. As we penetrated the scalloped rock, the lilting notes of an unfamiliar tune reached us. The setting, and the melody being piped, immediately evoked an image of Pan -- and sure enough, on climbing and scrambling further, there he was -- beard and all! (Charlie Keller and his soprano recorder). We named the place Pan Canyon on the spot. What acoustics! The music bounced between crevices and off walls and into funnels so that it carried everywhere, and forever!

On the way down river we passed a calf lying in midstream. It had "announced" its presence about a half mile before we came to it. After that, nobody even considered drinking the river water -- life savers or not! We saw other wildlife, however. A rattlesnake (heard first and then spotted by Scotty Imber) and a pretty nice buck.

We spent the night at the "Grotto Hilton" -- drying our socks and pants over the fire while some poor soul was trying to roast a chicken! (The Viavants said it tasted just fine.)

We were kind of sore going down the home stretch the next day. Two of our group, Add Eddins and Dick Neilsen had sprained their ankles but hobbled out fairly well, although Add also had a "run" for his money! (Well controlled with "instant cork"!) Getting



into the ice-cold water early in the morning was quite a shock but nothing compared to watching Leon Edwards take a tentative step in midstream and then going up to his shoulders (pack and all) in the water!

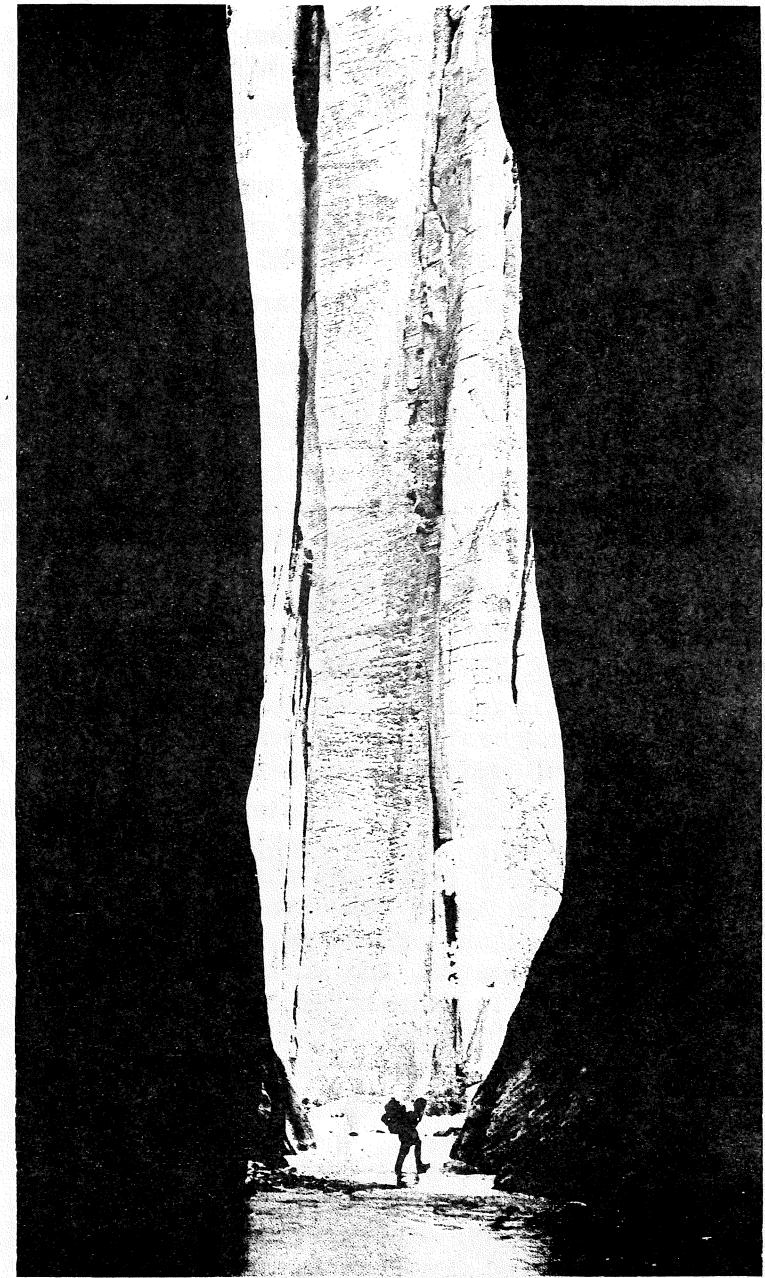
Everybody came out well -- and our thanks to Sarah Weller, Sharron and Ed Schneider, Carl Bauer, and Mel Davis for aiding the Stragglers.

Oh, by the way . . . there was talk of an 'expose' regarding a member abandoning his spouse, without even giving her lunch, while he explored some side canyons. But he's a nice fellow, and, after all, she doesn't eat very much!

Somewhere between here and there the list of water-walkers was lost. We tried to reconstruct the list, and we think we remembered everybody. However, if anybody got left off the list (or someone added to it who wasn't there!), please accept our apologies. As near as we can remember, these were the hikers:

Sharron and Ed Schneider, John Mildon, Sarah Weller, Jack McLellan, Roger and Benita Jackson, Dale Green, Helen Battison, Carl Bauer, Clare and Mel Davis, Maurine and Max Tyler, Larry Fisher, Add Eddins, Bob Bucher, Ann McDonald, Scotty Imber, Ann and Clint Barker, Bruce Christensen, Joan and Charlie Keller, June and Bill Viavant, Vic Dirnfeld, Leon Edwards, Gene Kingsford, Dick Nielsen, Noel DeNevers, Grace and Bill Ormsby, and Ed Robinson.

Congratulations to Paul Schettler and his bride, the former Karen Hegsted. They were married at the Hotel Utah Pioneer Room on February 11. Following a honeymoon trip to Hawaii the couple will be making their home in New Haven, Conn.



I've just returned from the election meeting. The meeting was such a success that I tore up the column I had prepared, and wrote this new one. These were some of the highlights of the meeting:

- Over 100 very enthusiastic members were present, probably a record number.
- We started on time! (Well, maybe five minutes late.)
- The voting was accomplished quickly and smoothly; a bit different than sometimes happens at WMC meetings, I must admit.
- Along with voting in new Board members, we voted "yes" on the two outstanding articles of the Constitution. We once again have a complete Constitution!
- The Sierra Club movie Glen Canyon was shown by Gale Dick. The movie shows how Glen Canyon's breath-taking beauty was obliterated by the needless construction of Glen Canyon Dam. The possibility of similar needless, permanent destruction of Marble and Bridge Canyons in the Grand Canyon area is sickening and frightening. Please, please support Gale's request for donations to buy the Glen Canyon film. This film must be shown to everyone possible. Sent money to the Wasatch Mountain Club Conservation Fund. Contact Gale Dick for more information.
- Dale Green, outgoing President, was presented with an engraved plaque commemorating his exceptional service during the past several years as President. Congratulations, Dale.
- The Pa Parry Award for outstanding service was also presented at the meeting, to your Rambler editor. I wish to thank everyone. I am very proud and pleased to be chosen for such an honor as this award represents. However, all the credit for The Rambler cannot go to me. Everyone who has contributed articles, pictures, and work must share in the award, particularly Alexis Kelner for his excellent photos and also the many people who have helped me stamp, address, staple, and mail copies. These people deserve special thanks.

Many thanks to the outgoing members of the Board, and welcome to the new Board members. The new Board of Directors consists of the following people: President, Ed Schneider; Vice Pres., Tom Stevenson; Secretary, Barbara Evans; Treasurer, Max Tyler; Boating, Dave Cook; Conservation and Trails, Bill Viavant; Entertainment and Recreation, Sarah Weller; Hiking and Ski Mountaineering, Charlie Keller; Lodge, Roger Jackson; Membership, Dale Green; Mountaineering, Ron Perla; Publications, Jack McLellan; Publicity, Robb Russon; and Transportation, George Smith.

The club will make its summer climbing and hiking outing at the end of July or the beginning of August. The destination this year probably will be the beautiful Mt. Robson region near Jasper. This area abounds with fine hiking, both easy and strenuous mountaineering, and has in its midst an inn which can serve as a headquarters for the group so that it won't be lost from civilization completely. This promises to be an exceedingly fine trip, and everyone is welcome to come. Let's have more hikers out this year.

Added note: Due to several factors, registration for the Intermediate Climbers Course will continue through Mar 31.

FROM WESTERN OUTDOOR QUARTERLY:

**Moratorium on
Bridge Canyon Dam**

Bridge Canyon Dam, proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation as part of the Department of the Interior's Pacific Southwest Water Plan, has been abandoned, at least for the immediate future. The federal Bureau of the Budget in a recent letter to the Secretary of the Interior suggested a five-year moratorium on construction plans, a suggestion in which the Secretary concurred.

The dam was to be located on the Colorado River at the headquarters of Lake Mead just west of Grand Canyon National Park and would back water some 93 miles up the Colorado River, through Grand Canyon National Mounment and into the Park itself.

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Resolution No. 7, adopted at the 1964 Convention, related to this proposed dam and the resultant precedent-setting invasion of a National Park.

The battle is not won; we must continue vigilant; but time has been gained.

**BISHOP'S
ULTIMATE**



No other tent is so waterproof, breathable, roomy, easy to erect, and light weight. The Bishop Ultimate Tent uses a newly designed Blanchard Draw-Tite frame, and is an improved version of the tents used on the American Everest Expedition. Waterproof fly, breathable tent; huge, protected window. 2, 4, 6-man models. Fitted or flat fly. Frost Liner. Write for 16-page brochure.

**BISHOP'S
Ultimate Outdoor Equipment**

6804 Millwood Road • Bethesda, Maryland 20034
Telephone: 301-652-0156

SNOWSHOE HIKE

by Helen Bander

Because your reporter of the January 16 snowshoe hike was the steady "tail-end-er" and most frequent (and only?) "faller-down-er" she may have missed some details. However, she can report that conditions were practically perfect -- clear sunshine, no wind, and three or four inches of powder snow on top of the winter's collection; that the scenery was winter-wonderland-type beautiful; that the main party looked awfully good to her when she finally reached the summit (a whole 200 feet above the starting point) as they sat about on ground cloths munching goodies and imbibing (and sharing) various liquids. The group, bundled in pink, blue, gray, khaki, black, and red parkas and jackets was led by Dave Sundstrom, who was wearing a vest and short-sleeved shirt (but no lederhosen). There were no accidents or near misses, except the Robinsons forgetting their eighteen-month-old's lunch and having to return to home base. Besides this babe in the backpack and her parents those on the Solitude Lake snowshoe hike were: Dave Sundstrom, leader, Fern and Bud Reid, Lucy Hoelscher, Wolf Snyder, Helen and Carl Chindgren, Evelyn and Fred Bruenger, Vivian and Fred Higginbotham, Marie and Fabio Goldschmied, Yenta Kaufman, Barbara and Bob Cushing, Bob DeMint, Helen and Catherine Bander.

CONCERNING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

by Emily Hall

I came in a little late on the junior membership argument but would like to add my two cents' worth. First of all, I'm glad someone has clearly defined what is involved in a junior membership -- i.e. the age doesn't go any lower than 16, etc.

I have been accompanied on several ski tours by my 15-year-old son and a friend of his. He is an avid reader of the "Rambler" and can hike circles around me, yet he has to ask me if he can go on a particular hike with the club and then I must accompany him. If he were a junior member, he would take certain pride in the club and himself that he hasn't had before; and his friend, whose parents don't hike, could receive the "Rambler" and could make his own decisions about joining the WMC activities. Who knows whether these boys will even be living in Salt Lake City by the time they are eighteen.

Incidentally, there aren't many other organizations for 16-year-olds that offer the high calibre, really challenging outdoor activities that the WMC does.

The Mountain Shop

Question: HOW DID THE Alp Sport COMPANY ORIGINATE?

SALE! SKI PARKAS 25% OFF

This year get the most pleasure from the outdoors with the ease and dependability of THE MOUNTAIN SHOP'S L - W* hiking and camping gear. Karl, Burnie or T Q will be happy to answer your questions and get you started on the trail to real outdoor enjoyment.

Answer: IN 1961, A gerry EMPLOYEE KNEW HE COULD MAKE BETTER PRODUCTS. HE FOUNDED ALP SPORT - AND DID!

* Next month find out what L - W really means.

2959 HIGHLAND DR.

FOR SALE:

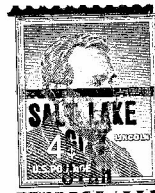
- Blue Reevair rain parka, extra-large size --
- Blue Gerry down sweater, large size --
- Quilted thermal underwear, jacket and pants, grey color, medium size --
- New U. S. Rubber insulated pacs (boots), large size 8, equal to normal size 9 or 10; good for snow & fishing --
- Bell Toptex hard hat, like new, size 7 --
- Two air mattresses, ideal for back packing --
- Piton hammer --
- Boy Scout sleeping bag; good summer bag for kids --

Contact Add Eddins (363-0835), at 209-A Douglas St.

ABOVE ITEMS MUST BE SOLD BEFORE MARCH 15, 1966.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB
425 South 8th West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

RETURN REQUESTED



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: _____ Phone: _____