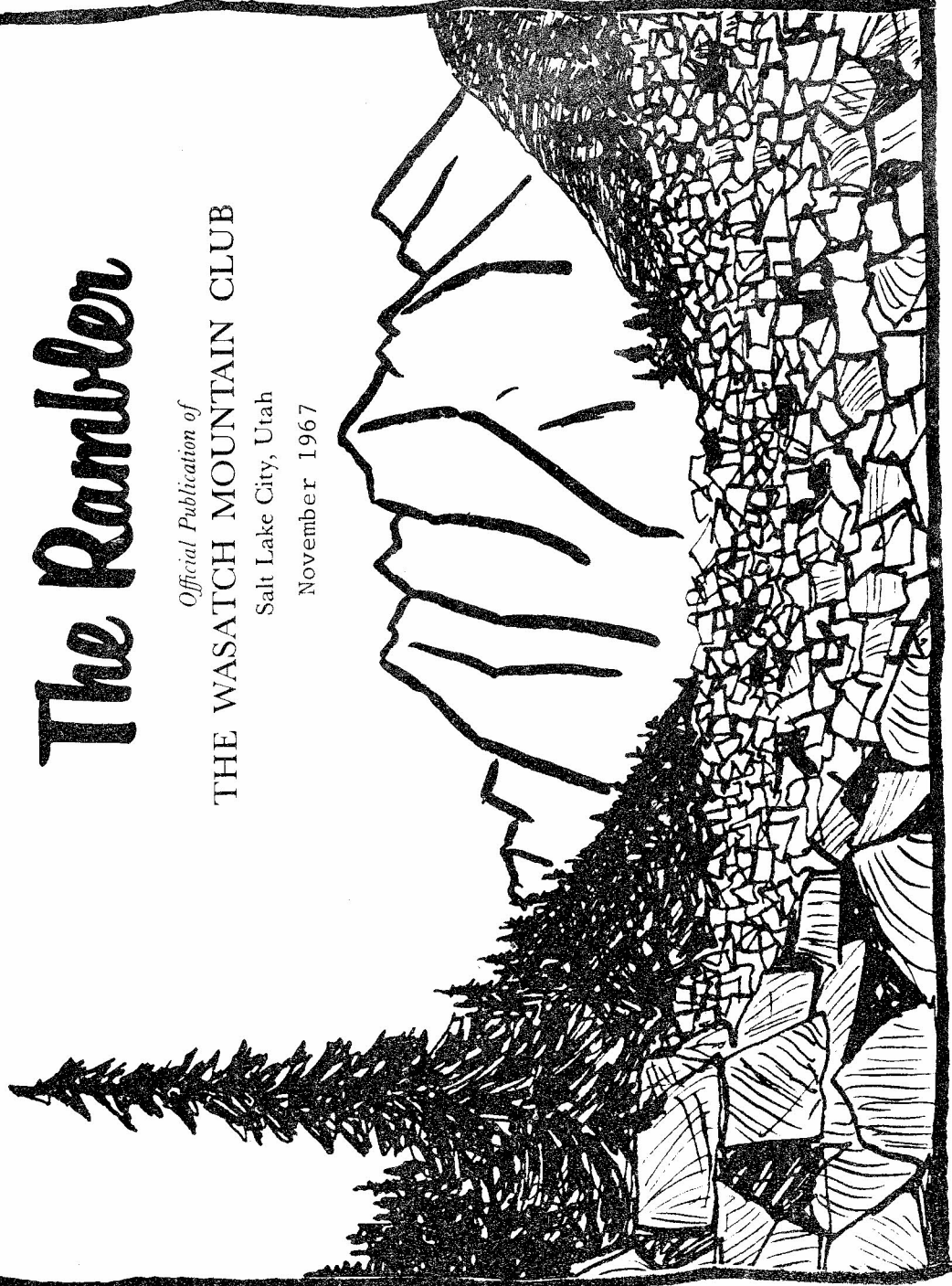


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CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1967

- Nov 5
Sun. GRANDEUR PEAK -- El. 8,299, rating 4.5. An easy, low-elevation hike for the beginner or addicted hiker. The view from the summit toward the Salt Lake Valley is extremely beautiful to see. Meet at the Red Carpet Inn at Wasatch Blvd. & 3900 So. at 8:00 a.m. Register at Club Headquarters by 5:00 p.m. Sat., Nov. 4. Leader, Earl Mason (278-0738).
- Nov 8
Wed. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -- The second General Membership Meeting of the year will be held at the Utah Power & Light Co. auditorium, 6th S. and 7th E., at 8:00 p.m. In addition to a brief business meeting, we expect to have films of Nick Strickland's recent Africa trip, and possibly a beautiful film by the BLM. Mark this date on your calendar!
- Nov 12
Sun. STORM MTN. VIA FERGUSON CANYON -- El. 9,524, rating 9.0. An intermediate hike for those who won't give up. Although some Club members don't believe it, there is a trail up this canyon if you know the way. Carry a lunch & meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to register at Club Headquarters by 5:00 p.m. Sat., Nov. 11. Leader, Boone Newson (277-5783).
- Nov 23-26
Thurs. -
Sun. THANKSGIVING IN THE GRAND CANYON -- a choice of two hikes will be possible after arriving at this colorful chasm of northern Arizona. Neither is an easy hike; the second is much more difficult & will require some conditioning.
- PHANTOM RANCH from the SOUTH RIM -- recommended for the person who has never hiked in the Grand Canyon. This is the most popular trail in the Park and the best maintained. The trip begins with a rapid descent through limestone and sandstone walls on the Bright Angel Trail to Indian Gardens, then into the Inner Gorge where man suddenly becomes insignificant in relation to the vastness of this large hole. Across the new suspension bridge is an oasis in the desert--Phantom Ranch. The following day will be spent relaxing at the edge of the Colorado River or making one day trips to other points of interest. Ribbon Falls is a magnificent sight if the trail is open. Lunch high above the base of the falls is a cooling change as the water spills from above and drops a few feet beyond a comfortable ledge. Creer Creek is another beautiful area unknown to most people--very exciting but a long 18 miles as it almost circles Zoroaster's Throne before dropping into a lush green creek bed that is completely foreign to the desert hike preceding it. The return hike to the waiting bus is very steep and will humble the strongest hiker, but the Kaibab Trail is a rewarding experience--when it is over--and the geology signs along the way are an informative history of the canyon.

C O V E R: Another beautiful ink sketch by Jen Giddings.

THE HANCE TRAIL -- RED CANYON returning by way of HORSESHOE MESA & GRANDVIEW POINT -- a hike of intrigue and suspense, full of the true spirit of adventure and exploration. Only for the very experienced and physically prepared hiker -- that does not mean that it is too late to get in shape, but you must be. If you have never experienced the different world of hiking in the Grand Canyon, Phantom Ranch is where you want to go. If you are still excited about going, take a hard hike and come back to read more! The following is from Inner Canyon Hiking: "This is no doubt the most perverse of South Rim trails due to the repeated efforts necessary to relocate the route. If nothing else, the Hance is a fine exercise in close use of the topographic map. The trail, or what remains of it, is characterized by an inability to see what lies ahead, total disappearance of the way every few hundred feet, and a seemingly illogical route of travel. The trail veers to the right, doubles around corners, and plunges abruptly downward in the most unexpected places." As difficult as it may sound, this trail is not dangerous in its self but does require a great amount of caution and alertness to the difficulties of desert hiking by each individual for the safety of the entire group -- only excellent physical conditioning will make this hike enjoyable.

For an exciting weekend plan to hike with one of these groups. Transportation cost will be \$14.00. Payment of all or part of this amount will reserve your seat. Register by 6:00 p.m. Mon., Nov. 20. The bus will leave at 7:00 p.m. sharp on Wed. For more information call Pat King (486-9705). For more information on conditioning hikes, check The Rambler!

ASPEN, COLORADO SKI TRIP * February 22, 1968

It may seem a little early to start thinking of skiing in February, but this year we want to try something different. We would like to take the bus to Aspen and spend Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday skiing in what is said to be the West's most fun resort. This will be in place of the traditional Jackson Feb 22 weekend. (As Jackson is such a short ways away, we may do this on another weekend.)

Aspen has a brand new several million dollar ski area, Snow Mass, plus three other major areas, all of which are accessible by shuttle bus. Lift tickets are advertised as "under \$7.00" with special rates for three days. Overnight lodging will be about \$6.00 per night including breakfast. Many after ski activities are available which should make this a weekend to remember.

HOWEVER - February 22 is Aspen's busiest week - so - we MUST make reservation within the next month. Deposits will be refundable with a 30 day cancellation, and 30% is the required deposit (\$6.00 will do it). Also our bus is limited to 25 people, so this will be on a first money in first served basis. Make your reservations through Ed Cook, leader, 355-5522 or send money to club headquarters before 1 January 1968.

BOARD ACCEPTS CHARLIE KELLER'S RESIGNATION

It was with regret that the Board of Directors accepted Charlie Keller's resignation. Since his mid-stream takeover from Ed Schnieder in early 1966, the club has flourished in number of members and activities, and has been frugal minded enough to acquire and nearly repay the cost of a new bus. These accomplishments are a tribute to his leadership.

The Board of Directors say thanks and wish Charlie the best of luck in his new activities. We hope he will return to again lend an able, helping hand.

Tom Stevenson, President

Board of Directors,
Wasatch Mountain Club

October 18, 1967

A combination of personal and business pressures makes it impossible for me to devote even the minimum time required to carry out the duties of President during the next two to six months. Under such circumstances, there can be no justification for my continuing to hold my present office. Therefore, I regretfully submit my resignation, to be effective at the end of the Board of Directors meeting of this date.

/s/ Charles L. Keller

Since I submitted my letter of resignation at the Board of Directors' meeting on Wednesday, 18 October, I have received numerous phone calls from some members who have said nice things about

the club operations over the past two years and about my part in them, and from other members who have made ominous predictions for the future of the club. I am flattered by the compliments and I thank each and every one of you for them. However, I must remind you that the club is run by the Board of Directors -- thirteen people in addition to the President. Each Board member has charge of one department, being solely and totally responsible for club activities and/or functions in that area of interest. It has been my policy not to interfere with the operation of any department unless that department was not functioning properly, and interference on that basis has not been necessary. Hence, if you have been pleased or impressed by the operations in any one or more areas of club activity, the person you should compliment is the Director responsible for that activity, not the president.

In club activities as in life itself, no one person is indispensable. The people who have done the work to keep the club running are still on the Board. The members who have helped the Directors keep the lodge, boats, bus, or what-have-you, running and in order are still in the club. If everyone will continue to work toward a smooth and profitable operation of the club in the future as they have in the past, the club will see even better years than it ever has before. And in a few short months you'll hear people ask, "Charlie Keller? Who's he?"

My sincere thanks to everyone for their support during the past few years, and a very special Thank You to the members of the Board of Directors both this year and last. The pleasure of working with them was all mine.

Charles L. Keller

KESSLER PEAK

by Dick Newson

Only five people turned out to hike Kessler Peak on Labor Day. But those five had an interesting time. There was no leader, and none of us knew the way. We hiked much further up the road than it appeared we should because we'd heard this was the way to locate the trail.... "the easy way up." The trail soon became just a game trail. We had to do a lot of side slope hiking which wasn't much fun. But finally we got to the top and the view made all that earlier effort worth while.

We decided that we didn't want to walk all that way back down just to re-trace out up climb. So we went straight down the east side of old Kessler Peak. The going was fast and easy for the upper half, then it became a matter of much bushwacking from midway to the bottom. The climb was worth the effort but we would like to have had a trail. We question that much of a trail really exists for climbing this mountain.

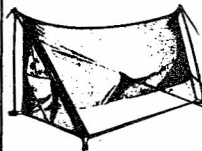
Those who attempted this climb were Rebecca Price, Earl Mason, Steve, Dick, and Boone Newson.

F O R S A L E -- Eckel Tourist bindings (release binding for touring and down hill). \$5.00 complete, including toe piece and cable. Recreational Equipment lists toe piece only for \$16.95, on page 14 of current winter catalog. Contact Janet or Delbert Yergensen at 485-9887.

TWO DEER HUNTERS OVERHEARD: ONE SAYS, "GEE, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY; LET'S GO OUT AND KILL BAMBI'S MOTHER."

NEW BISHOP TENTS

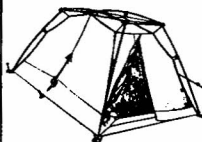
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ZION NARROWS

by Tail Light Bush

I approach the write-up of the trip thru Zion Narrows with a very definite handicap. (The fact that my ankles still hurt is not one of them but this comment is just thrown in for the hell of it.) My handicap is that for the majority of the hike I saw very few people, please note the byline.

The takeoff was rather uneventful; just the usual milling and bantering that is a part of any departure. So now we are off to the Narrows. Time marches on - we are now at the junction of the access road and the main highway. Gas is needed to get to the ranch and back, but gas station is closed. They should be; it is about 3:00 a.m. and how much gas do you sell at that hour? So, pile out of the bus, get out the bags, and sack out till dawn. With dawn comes breakfast and gas (the kind you put in the bus). Off to the ranch with only three stops. These three were the fault of the bus. Three times the motor ground to a halt and the "all out and push" cry was sounded. (I tried to get a refund.)

We are now at the jumpoff (or should it be the splash-off) point. So now it is dress, undress, dress, button up packs, check gear, last chance, bus is leaving, you're on your own, bus has left, hope you are right, lets go! We meet the rancher who is on horseback; we are walking. He is bright, we are walking. Now into the stream; there are some, and I don't like to mention names, that jump from rock to rock. They make a game out of how long they can keep their feet dry. Me, I can't compete so I just slog in and get wet. The writer is in about the middle of the pack for the first half hour and this is his best position for the two days. You may know that Jack McLellan was the leader of this trip. Well his buddy was yours truly.

Now this brings up an interesting speculation. I haven't yet figured out



Zion Narrows

by A. Kelner

if he chose me, won me, or lost to me. At any rate, the trip progressed and I became the rear guard. Rear guard, what am I saying; anchor man, and that is in the Navy sense. Now this means that the leader is now the last man or next to it. So this means that the leader is the leader of the rear. I hope this makes sense to you because it doesn't to me.

Half-way camp was reached and we met up with Stu and Eunice Harvey, who arrived early, cleaned up the cave, and gathered a good supply of fire wood. A valentine to them. Sack time came and with it dreams of wet boots and an early morning plunge into the river. The second day, scenery was spectacular, a narrow river running a tortuous path thru vertical cuts some 2000 feet high, or deep, depending on your point of view. The twisting route gave new and awesome views at every turn. Also rewarding was a slight pause to look back and see what you had just passed. This backward looking was not accomplished too often because our esteemed leader of the rear guard would swing his walking stick like a drum major's baton, point it down stream, and call for more speed. So head down and tiptoeing over the boulders we went.

Then came the most unkind cut of all. Jack vanished from sight around a bend. Five minutes later, as I rounded the bend, there was Jack. Was he resting while waiting for his buddy? No, he was practicing his mountain climbing techniques! The paved path is now in view so it is only a short walk to the bus. It sure seemed strange to walk on a flat dry surface. Not too much difference to the feet because the boots are full of water and sand. Now the bus is in sight and it is undress, clean up, dress up time. Off we go a few hours late, and by this time you know why we are late. No one mentions a name, they are a nice group. Salt Lake here we come.

A brief stop for supper. Salt Lake here we come. Hello Salt Lake - Don't shout, it's 3:00 a.m.

Narrows hikers:

Dick Snyder, Phyllis Snyder, Grace Ormsby, John Riley, Dan Clinkenbeard, Andrea Davis, Marie Shields, Nick Strickland, Eugene Kucera, Ralph Hathaway, Joan Keller, Jean Pilgrim, Ellen Catmull, Barry Quinn, Barbie Quinn, Alvin Mathews, Doug Bean, Eleanor Bean, Lois Mansfield, Bruce Christensen, June Christensen, Lyall Bush, Harold Hafterson, John MacDuff, and Jack McLellan.

Stu and Eunice Harvey, and Elean Benjamin and two friends were not with us on the bus, but accompanied us through the Narrows.

THE FIFTH NEED

"The needs of man, if life is to survive, are usually said to be four -- air, water, food, and in the severe climates, protection (that is warmth and shelter). But it is becoming clear today that the human organism has another absolute necessity. This fifth need is the need for novelty.


"This need for novelty at every level of experience is a necessary part of the human organism. The search for the unexpected has given us the variety of frontiers and challenges that we have today, a greater variety than ever before. As long as the race endures, creative minds will continue to reach out from the familiar to the highest challenges of which they are capable."

-- John Rader Platt


CONSERVATION NOTES by Jack E. McLellan

Uinta Wilderness Area Threatened. Probably many of you have been following the rather ridiculous but potentially dangerous articles in our local papers, written by impressive public officials who have requested withholding of the Uinta Wilderness bill. Problems seem to be settled around the north slope oil field fiasco, and possible water storage projects.

The conservation group earnestly requests that all members, now, write a letter to the President asking him to forward his recommendation to the congress to create the Uinta Wilderness area. If you can't write a letter, tear off the adjacent page, stuff it in an envelope addressed as indicated in the letter on the adjacent page, and put it in the mail. Which ever you do, it must be done quickly - the proposal, now in the Bureau of the Budget, may be sent to the President at any time. Let's give the President a deluge of letters - don't let the Uinta Wilderness be delayed, and possibly some or all of it lost - write or send the form letter on next page, signed, today! Take a part in modern conservation.



(Be sure to sign the letter. Put your return address, clearly handwritten or typed, in upper right corner.)



WILDERNESS HEARINGS ON SOUTHERN UTAH PARKS AND MONUMENTS

Hearings are scheduled as follows concerning the creation of wilderness areas within Southern Utah's national parks and monuments. Speakers at one or all of the hearings are badly needed. Contact Cal Giddings (359-2588) for more details, and to pool transportation. If you can't take part as a speaker, write a short letter of support. Details will appear in next issue of The Rambler.

Cedar Breaks National Monument -- 9:00 a.m. 11 Dec 67, Library Bldg., College of Southern Utah, Cedar City.

Bryce Canyon National Park -- 2:00 p.m. 11 Dec 67, Garfield Co. Courthouse, Panguich.

Capitol Reef National Monument -- 10:00 a.m. 12 Dec 67, Wayne Co. Courthouse, Loa.

Arches National Monument -- 9:00 a.m. 14 Dec 67, City & County Bldg., Moab.

Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am greatly concerned with recent attempts to postpone the wilderness classification of part of Utah's Uinta Mountains. A disservice to the State of Utah and the people of the United States may be done if a delay is effected. Certain aspects of the Uinta wilderness question have been so distorted and exaggerated that I would like to make the following statements about the most relevant points:

1. A Uinta wilderness classification would not be contrary to Utah's interests. This was clearly shown at the public hearings held last October when by far the greatest number of witnesses, including private citizens, businessmen, and spokesmen for civic and outdoor groups, were enthusiastically for a Uinta wilderness area.

2. Wilderness critics seem to be dominated by rural water groups, who erroneously believe that a wilderness classification will "lock up" all water. Nothing could be further from the truth. Wilderness provides the most perfect of watersheds, maintaining an optimum in supply and cleanliness. Dams, if proven really necessary, are provided for in the Wilderness Act.

3. A petroleum resource is not being destroyed. A majority of geologists, including those of the U.S.G.S., agree that the north slope oil fields do not extend under the proposed wilderness. If by chance they do, a day may come when our country may be glad we saved a fraction of this resource, to be released as needed. No other mineral deposits of commercial value are evident in the area.

4. Little or no commercial timber exists in the proposed area. Cattle and sheep grazing are not adversely affected.

5. The Forest Service spent a great deal of time and effort in analysing and preparing their proposal, conscientiously taking into consideration all facets of the wilderness question. Perhaps the rather vocal but poorly informed wilderness opponents could be quickly enlightened would they take a few minutes to read the Forest Service proposal and the Wilderness Act of 1964.

6. We must realize that wilderness, too, is a natural resource, unfortunately one that is rapidly vanishing. Wilderness and wilderness adventures are an important part of our American culture. Wilderness has scientific and esthetic values. Wilderness is increasingly becoming a base for our recreation explosion.

7. I most earnestly advise you and request of you, Mr. President, to recommend to congress the creation of a Uinta Wilderness, based on the present Forest Service proposal.

Sincerely,

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club. I enclose \$2.00 entrance fee and \$3.00 dues (spouse \$1.50). The club event I have attended is:

on _____ (approx. date). I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the club.

Name: _____

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