

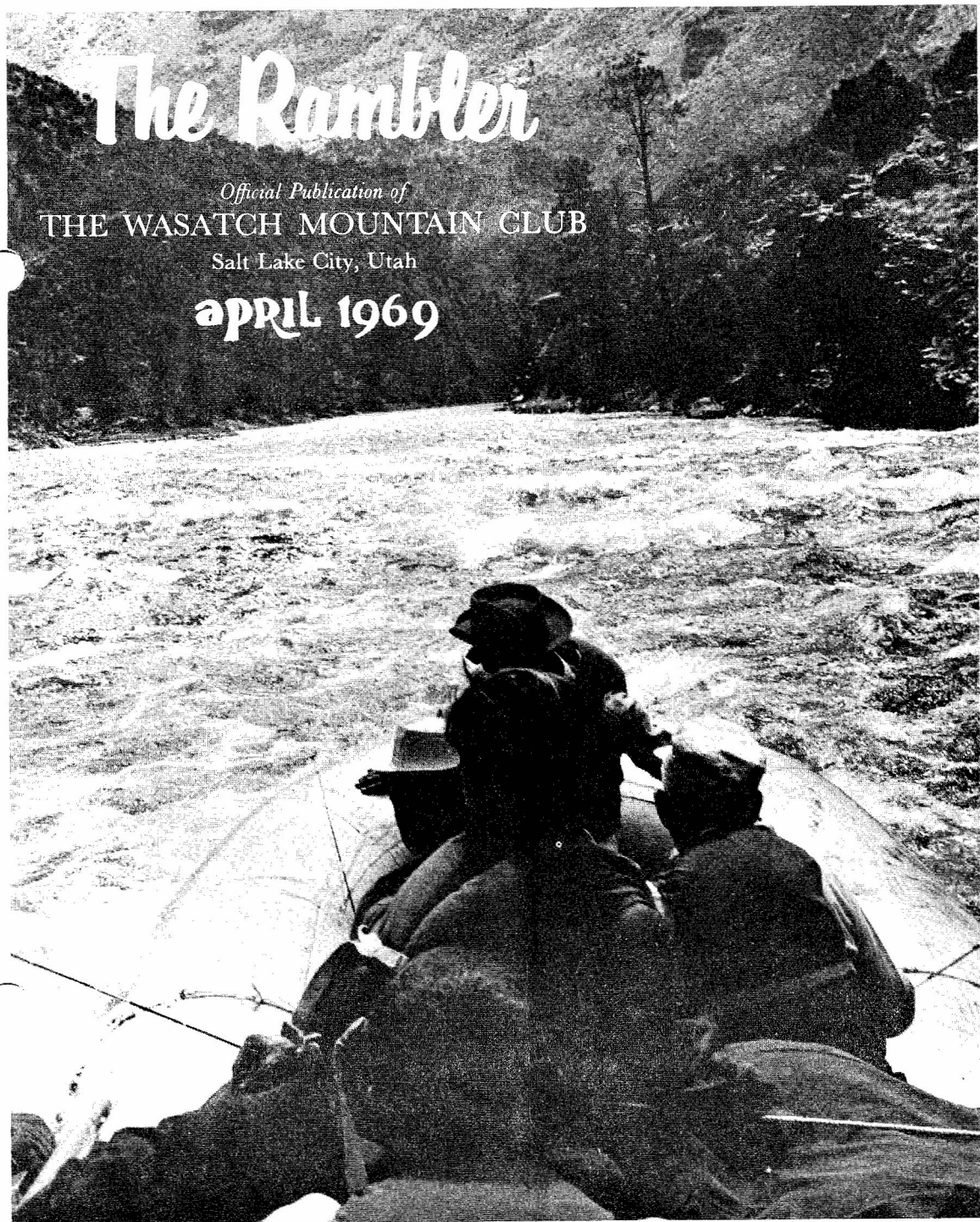
The Rambler

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THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL '69

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration is not required for local, one day outings unless otherwise mentioned. However, by registering with the leader, you will be notified if the trip is cancelled. All outings generally leave the meeting place within 15 minutes of the scheduled meeting time. Register for bus-boat trips with the leader only by sending a deposit to the address listed. Leaders Cannot register anyone without a deposit.

April 5
Sat.

RED PINE SKI TOUR (INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED)
Touring does not end in March, especially this year when we are due for some good spring weather. This week we will head for Red Pine Canyon toward the base of the Pfeifferhorn. What happens thereafter depends on the interests and abilities of the group. Descent will be either down Red Pine or Maybird. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Ernst Beier (355-4450).

April 9
Wednes.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Capitol Reef National Park and Arches National Park proposals; anyone willing to testify at the upcoming hearings (in Salt Lake City); anyone who wants to help formulate a Wasatch Mountain Club proposal for these areas; come to a joint WMC conservation committee and Sierra Club meeting devoted to a discussion of these topics. 7:30 p.m. at the Viavant's (676 S. 12th E.)

April 11
Friday

RIVER RATS' PREVIEW Last year's boating party was a sardine-can affair with people packed on the stairway and hanging from the chandeliers. We hope the crowd will be the same size this year. New and prospective members are especially welcome. We'll see one of the Club's "fleet" of 10-man rafts inflated (in the dining room), look at the kinds of gear you need for a river trip, see movies of earlier club trips, go over the river-running schedule, accept deposits for trips, and try to answer all your questions. Bring 25¢ to pay for beer or 15¢ for soft drinks; snacks are free. 7:30 p.m. at the Viavants' (676 S. 12th E.)

April 12
Sat.

BIG BEACON HIKE Elevation 7134, Rating 3.0. This is a short leg stretcher for the first scheduled hike of the season. Meet at "This is the Place" Monument near Hogle Zoo at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Mel Davis, 278-3174.

April 13
Sun.

GOURMET SKI TOUR: ALTA-BRIGHTON (INTERMEDIATE)
In case weather or other contingencies prevented you from taking part in the March gourmet tour we are scheduling another one. The general plan is for half the people to drive to Brighton and half to Alta and cross over Catherine Pass where car keys will be exchanged and delicacies consumed. Bring your finest cuisine and be sure to register with leader Gale Dick (359-5764) for more complicated details. Tentatively plan to meet at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m.

April 17
Thurs.

CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. The first of the Thursday evening practice climbing sessions will be held at Pete's Rock, weather permitting. Meet about 5:30 p.m.

April 19
Sat.

CARDIFF PASS AND POINTS BEYOND (ADVANCED SKI TOUR). There will still be plenty of snow in the high country for those interested in seeing some new terrain. There are several possibilities including Kessler Peak, Mineral Fork or a variation on Lake Blanche. If the March Lake Blanche trip was stormed out we will plan it at this time. Leader: Alexis Kelner (359-5387). Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m.

April 19-20
Sat.-Sun.

FIERY FURNACE IN ARCHES NATIONAL MONUMENT. Very few people have seen this area because it is such a complicated maze that the Park Service keeps it locked so they won't have to look for lost tourists. We will have a guide and permission. Bring at least two canteens. Plan to camp two nights by the bus. Individual commissary. Cost is \$10.00. Leave Friday night April 18 at 7:00 p.m. from the ice plant: 430 West 2nd North. Leader: Mike King, 2580 Yermo Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84109, Phone: 486-9705.

April 20
Sunday

LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN: Elevation 7800, Rating 6.5. The old standby spring conditioner. This hike is all on the sunny side of the hill; however, it is still early so there might be some snow. Carry drinking water. Meet at the east end of the Shriners' Hospital at 8:00 a.m. Leader: John Riley 485-2567.

April 22
Tues.

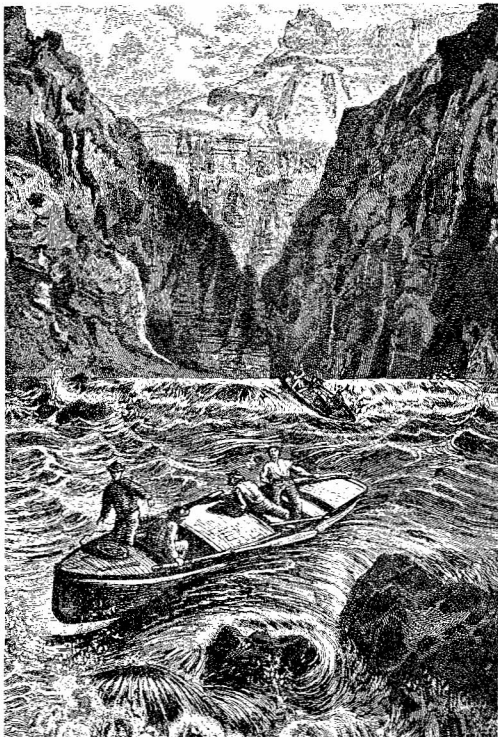
KAYAKERS, PROSPECTIVE AND VETERAN: Meet for a Living room kayak party. There will be an exhibit of boats and equipment, and discussions of boatbuilding, techniques, and future kayak trips. Possibly there will be a film. (See article inside). At Cal Giddings', 904 Military Drive (9th S. 17th E.) 359-2588.

April 24
Thurs.

HIKERS'-CLIMBING COURSE Begins. Discussion of fundamentals of advanced hiking and gear, as well as basic footwork of climbing. Fee for the course is \$1.00. Come at 6:30 p.m. to Upper Pete's Rock.

- April 27 Sun. STANSBURY ISLAND, Elevation approx. 7000, Rating 4.0. A pleasant intermediate hike with an interesting view of Great Salt Lake and the valley from a different angle. About a fifty mile drive one way. Bring water and small fee for transportation. Meet at Pete's shop, 428 So. 8th W. at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Dick Bell 254-4555.
- May 1 Thurs. HIKERS' CLIMBING COURSE Continues. Learning of knots basic to mountaineering, and discussion of belay techniques. Upper Pete's Rock at 6:30 p.m.
- May 3-4 Sat.-Sun. SAN JUAN FLOAT TRIP (BEGINNER). This year we will put in at Mexican hat, for a change, run through the Goose-necks, and get out at Piute Farms. Leader: Dave Cook 833-Fourth Ave., S.L.C., Utah 84103. Phone: 355-4086.
- May 4 Sun. MOUNT OLYMPUS, Elevation 9026, Rating 8.0. A WMC favorite. Enjoy this southerly exposed trail before the heat of summer arrives. Meet at Pete's Rock, 5600 Wasatch Blvd. at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Harold Goodro, 277-1247.
- May 8 Thurs. HIKERS' CLIMBING COURSE Continues to completion.
- May 10 Sat. FAMILY PICNIC OUTING TO LYNDYL SAND DUNES. Leader: B.G. Dick. Details in the next Rambler.
- May 11 Sun. NORTH PEAK OF THUNDER MOUNTAIN. An advanced hike.
- May 17-18 DOLORES RIVER FLOAT TRIP (INTERMEDIATE) Leader: Del Wiens, 2967 Warr Road, SLC, 84109. Phone: 487-2584.
- May 30-31, June 1 YAMPA (BEGINNER-INTERMEDIATE). Leader: John MacDuff, 3119 So. 2800 E., SLC, 84109. Phone: 484-1634.
- June 21-22 WESTWATER (Colorado). Leader: Al Mathews, 570 No. 1st W., SLC, 84103. Phone: 363-2378.
- July 4-5-6 FLAMING GORGE TO JENSEN (Green River), (INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED). Leader: Gerry Powelson, 590 No. 3rd E., American Fork, Utah 84003. Phone: 1-756-3004.
- July 19-26 SALMON (Main), (INTERMEDIATE). Leader: Dick Snyder.
- Sept. 11-14 CATARACT CANYON (ADVANCED). Leader: Del Wiens and Gerry Powelson.
- ? Aug. 31- Sept. 1 SNAKE RIVER (Jackson Lake to Alpine), (BEGINNER).

RUNNING THE RIVERS IN 69



by Gerry Powelson

The boating committee is planning eight trips this year, and hopes to have a ninth as a family trip this summer. Two of our trips this year are new ones for the club if our plans work out for getting the bus to the river.

The first trip of the year is the San Juan Beginner trip. In the past the club has gotten out at Mexican Hat, this year we will put in at Mexican Hat and go through the Goosenecks and get out at Piute Farms. Later in May we will run

the lower part of the Dolores River which is an Intermediate trip.

For this year's big trip, we are going to run the Main Salmon River in Idaho from July 19 to 26. This is one of the best long trips that the club runs.

The Cataract Canyon River trip is an advanced trip and is open only to those who qualify. To qualify for this trip you must have experience on two of the following club trips: Lodore, Main Salmon, Middle Fork of the Salmon, or Westwater. We are running the Lodore on July 4-6, the Main Salmon on July 19-26, and the Westwater on June 21-22. Hence, if you are planning on going on the Cataract trip you can qualify this year.

To register for the river trips this year, you must do so by check given or sent to the leader. First come, first serve and all registration must be completed by the deadline date set by the leader.

What is needed to run a river :

Clothing: (old is best)

Hat (wide brim with tie string)
Raincoat (not poncho type)
Coat (warm one for nights)
Shirt (long-sleeved)
Pants (long-legged)
Socks (for more sun-protection)
Shoes (sneaker type)
Swim-suit

Sleeping Equipment :

Sleeping bag (warm) again, old is best
Waterproof groundcloth 8'x 10' (this
can be used as a tent)

Waterproof Bags: (BEST is best)

Waterproof bag for sleeping equipment,
clothing, and toilet articles.
Waterproof bag or a 30 or 50 caliber
ammo box for camera and
toilet articles for day use.

Life Preserver !! This must be a
chest type, not a belt type:
(the club has a few for rent.)

A more detailed list will be given
at the Viavants' river-rat boat-in.



Get 'em, Bill!

KAYAKING

by Cal Giddings



photo of J.W. Powell by U.S.G.S.

Kayaking offers an alternate way to explore wilderness rivers and thrill to their rapids. What are the main differences from rafting? First, you are on your own in a small, frail-looking craft; barely 24 inches wide. You are vulnerable to the big holes and rocks, but you are many times more maneuverable to avoid them if you can only read the river. You can dart about with abandon, but if you make a serious error, you have nothing comparable to the raft's enormous flotation tubes and tough sides to bail you out. You learn and proceed more cautiously with the kayak; you learn the strokes, the eskimo roll and the reading of the river. You scan rapids more often. And, importantly, you can find thrills on the smaller, more turbulent rivers nearby, like the Provo and Weber. If that doesn't sound like thrill enough, just try the Provo below Bridal Veil Falls where the river drops over a

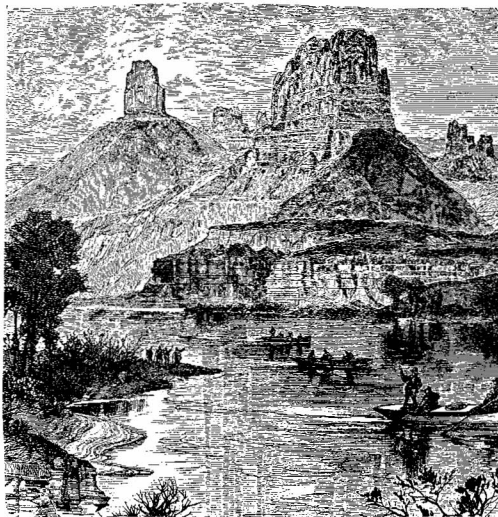
hundred feet in a mile!

There are some wide kayaks, 30 to 40 inches, which appear to offer stability. Why 24 inches? the modern sport of kayaking demands that your outstretched paddle provide the stability. You can lean out three or four feet on either side, bracing your wide blade on the water for stability against capsizing. Once the reflex is intact, you get far more stability than in the wide boat anyway. Meanwhile you keep a more needle-like form, less apt to be thrown about by the waves. Finally, the narrow craft can be eskimo-rolled if capsize occurs. This is not a stunt, but a vital part of kayak control.

Where do we kayak? Most of the same rivers used by the rafts, plus a few additional spots. The Yampa, Provo and Snake Rivers are often repeated favorites. The Dolores, Desolation Canyon, Salmon and San Juan are sometimes kayaked. The Wind River Canyon is a thrill unsampled by our rafts. The Northside canal in Southern Idaho is in a unique protected area. Occasionally we have kayaked canyons with no previous record of river descent -- Cross Mountain on the Yampa and the Price River on its last leg to the Green.

For many years we have had a small, dedicated kayaking group in the Club. Gary Haltmeyer, one of the spear-headers last year has unfortunately (and we must add, unwisely!) gone to U.S.C. in L.A. However we have added Ernie Partridge, a very capable and experienced kayaker.

A meeting at my house (see schedule) is planned for April 22nd. Ernie and I will discuss ways for getting into this sport (build a kayak or buy one? etc.). We will show equipment; maybe a film. It is imperative to start planning early if you want to get your equipment and skills in shape for this year's big runoff!

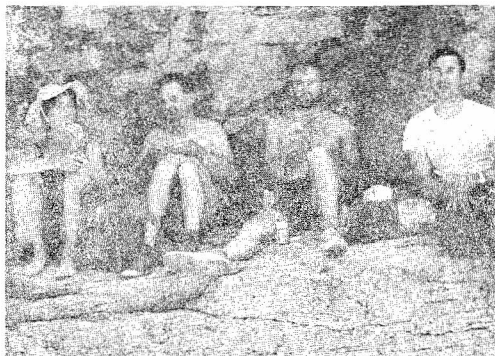


gratis:

...to Linda Rathbun for typing much of the photocopy this month.

...to Cal Giddings for coming through with an article in spite of an untimely ruptured appendix. At last word, Cal was recuperating happily.

...to Pete who continues to tend the phone for us.



conservation notes

by June Viavant

National Monument Additions

In his last ninety minutes in office, President Johnson signed proclamations enlarging Arches National Monument by 49,000 acres and enlarging Capitol Reef National Monument by 215,000 acres. The mining interests screamed long and loud about the Lock-up of vast potential sources of uranium, potash, and oil, most of which is hog-wash. (These minerals do exist there, of course; but they are in such small deposits or are of such low-grade quality that it is not economical to develop them. The oil shales story is grossly misrepresented; at the present level of technological development, it is impossible to extract the oil from the sands without using tremendous quantities of water (which is not available in that location); it is also necessary to strip-mine the sands, which is a little difficult with 500 to 1,000 feet overburden of sandstone. There are other known deposits of tar sands in Utah which lie right on the surface and are within easy accessibility to a paved highway. These deposits are not currently being developed because it cannot be done profitably.

The ranchers are also very vocal in their protests, but with more reason. They will lose their permits for part of their winter grazing range. All of the land in the monument additions was formerly administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and a total of 71 individuals had grazing permits for a total of 7,834 AUMs. This represented income to the state

of about \$1500'. BLM grazing permits are solely a use permit, and all of them have to continually be renewed at the end of the term, whether that be one year or ten years. However, by tradition, these permits have come to be accepted as belonging to a given piece of private land (base land), and the privilege to a grazing lease has come to be included as part of the value of the privately owned base land. Grazing right privileges have been bought and sold, although they were never intended to have intrinsic value. One can reasonably expect that those presently holding grazing leases will be allowed to continue grazing for a few years while they phase out that part of their operations. In Canyonlands, ranchers were allowed to complete their present lease and one additional renewal, which ranged up to nine years under term permits. Most permits in the monument additions are annual permits.

The Wasatch Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, and the Escalante Wilderness proposal did not escape notice in the general dissatisfaction expressed by southeast Utahns. Timing was certainly NOT on our side. The Escalante Canyon Country brochures were mailed the second week of January. The monument additions were announced on January 18th. Grazing fee increases were announced within another week or two. Southeast Utahns believe that either the Sierra Club or the Mountain Club or both really were responsible for all three things.

Senator Bennett has introduced bills to make both monuments into National Parks, but with the old boundaries. Senator Moss has introduced bills to make both monuments national parks with the new boundaries, with the idea in mind that this will result in public hearings and perhaps a more reasonable set of boundaries. IT IS IMPERATIVE that those

of us who believe that this country deserves Park protection turn out IN FORCE for the hearings — which will probably be in April or May — and that we make our case clearly and forcefully, including pictures, maps, and whatever expert testimony we have to offer. For this purpose, a meeting will be held at the Viavants (676 S. 12th E.) on Wed., April 9th at 7:30 p. m. We will discuss boundaries (including the possibility of extending a Waterpocket Fold National Park on south to Lake Powell to include all of the Waterpocket Fold) and decide which of us will stress which point. If you cannot make the meeting but will definitely testify, contact June Viavant or another member of the conservation committee. Testimony MUST be submitted in writing at the time of oral testimony, or it may simply be submitted in writing for the record. The people conducting the hearing may occasionally question individuals who are testifying in order to clarify a point.

Escalante Wilderness

BLM has not, as of the date this is written (March 16) finished with publication of their Waterpocket



Down a lazy river...

by Carol Wiens

Fold study report, some of which had to be revised after some of the land area was included in the addition to Capitol Reef National Monument. They expect to hold hearings in April or May.

Uinta Wilderness Proposal

The Forest Service submitted an excellent wilderness proposal, which included Area D, the eastern third. Senator Moss submitted a bill to Congress, S. 857, proposing a High Uintas Wilderness without Area D. Let Senator Moss and Senator Jackson chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, know what you think of this.

Wasatch National Forest personnel indicate that they are ready to move on a Lone Peak Wilderness Area if the High Uinta Wilderness bill is passed.

Legislature

Our state legislature did pass a uniform inspection law (for ski lifts) but failed to pass (because they ran out of time) a snowmobile control bill. Dennis Caldwell alerted our conservation committee to the need for support of these bills.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SEMINARS

Rocky Mountain National Park Seminars begin their 8th season June 16th, 1969. Courses offered: Mountain Geology, Mountain Ecology, Alpine Ecology, Animal Ecology, Plant Identification and Advanced Plant Identification. New this year are Bird Ecology and Behavior, and a Conservation Ecology Workshop to be held July 28--August 8. For further information write: Tom C. Thomas, Executive Secretary, Rocky Mountain Nature Association, Box 147, Estes Park, Colorado 80517.

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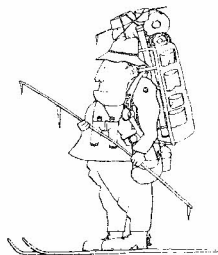
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Accessories

-- TOURING

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-- AFTER

Down booties
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APRIL LAST CHANGE 15 DUES



The President's Column

by Dale Green

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our official address is now:
Wasatch Mountain Club, 2959 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106. Our telephone number for lodge reservations and prospective members inquiries is still the same: 363-7150. For trip registration, call the trip leader. For all other club business, call the Board Member most directly concerned.

Simplified Financial Report for 1968:

	Feb. 20, 1968	Feb. 19, 1969	gain (loss)
Dues and Misc.	1313	1464	151
Lodge	115	2	(113)
Boats	709	1650	941
Bus	(402)	(1884)	(1482)
Mountaineering	71	112	41
Socials	482	316	(166)
Conservation	107	(24)	(131)
In Bank	2418	1635	(783)

The loss of \$783 in the bank balance was due mainly to replacement of the bus's engine and transmission. If the Washington's Birthday Jackson Hole trip is any indication the bus is in great shape and we should show a large gain this year. By a unanimous vote, the Board had decided to transfer 10% of all future dues to the conservation fund.

From a recent Life Magazine letters to the editor column:

"Sirs:

Snowmobiles epitomize everything that is wrong with the affluent part of American society: more money and more free time than people know how to spend intelligently; a mania for machines, speed and noise; a distaste for physical exertion; indifference to the destruction of natural beauty; and total incomprehension of even the possibility that other human beings enjoy silence and solitude.

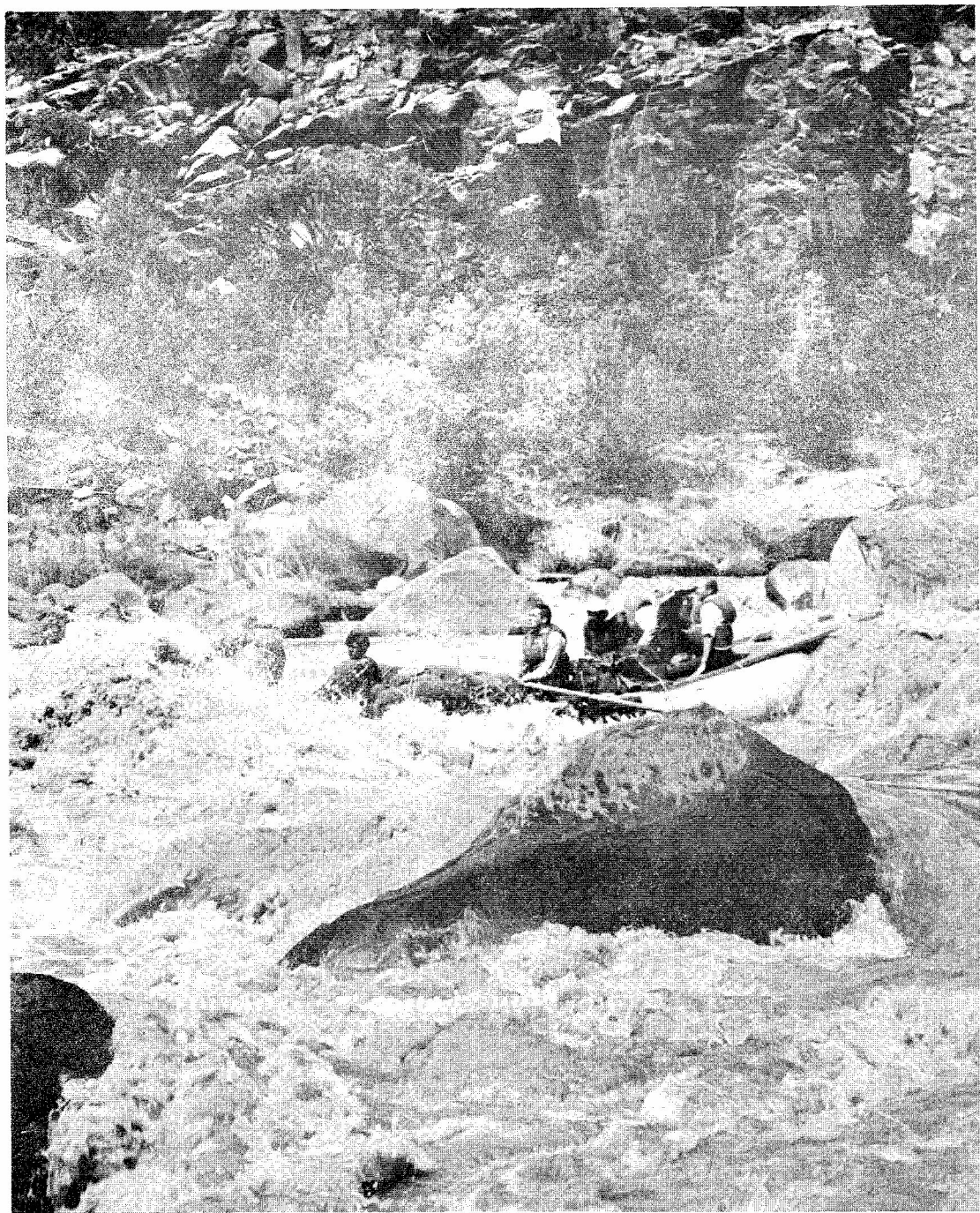
Ellsworth Barnard
Amherst, Mass."

Woodcuts by Thomas Moran, R.A.
Muller, etc.

are found in J.W. Powell's book:
Canyons of the Colorado .



photo by Mel Davis is of Hell's Half Mile on the Green





Jeff and Del instruct in river "awareness"

BRIGHTON-ALTA-BRIGHTON

by Jim Byrne

The oft repeated Brighton-Alta-Brighton ski tour managed to bring out ten skiers on March 15th, but I suspect the prospect of spring-like conditions was the main attraction. Leader Lyman Lewis led his band of John Riley, George Swanson, Jim Dalglish, Al Wickham, Stuart Ogden, Herman Wiebe (from Logan), and Mark MacDonald down the pole line from the Mt. Millicent lift to the skin-up spot where they were joined by Jim and Dorothy Byrne and Chookala, Phil Berger's orphaned Samoyed.

On the climb to Twin Lakes Pass the sun quickly erased all traces of winter pale. Chookala, having learned something from his deep powder experience on the Lake Blanche tour, conserved energy by following in our tracks. The energy he conserved by stepping on the backs of skis was not appreciated.

A short stop at Twin Lakes pass was followed by the run down the north side of Grizzly Gulch. The crust-powder conditions made for good accelerator-brake skiing. A prolonged lunch break at the Albion lift was necessitated by Chookala's decision to invite Dogowitz along on the tour.

The trail from the Albion lift to Catherine Pass was already heavily tracked due to the lack of snow during the previous week. The hot sun slowed those who didn't peel off enough layers for the last pitch up to the pass. After ample time to absorb the beautiful view the group split up with Herman Wiebe heading back to catch his bags at Alta and the rest heading down toward Majestic. The powder-crust conditions again caused some beautiful wipe-outs. Intersecting the packed surface just above the Mary lift enabled the group to show off the way they would like to be able to ski the powder-crust.

SEASON OF SKI TOURING IN THE TETONS

by Dennis Caldwell

During the past season we have made several trips to Jackson. The main purpose of these excursions has largely been a matter of point of view since this is an area rich in opportunity to both touring and downhill skiing, an important consideration when one is driving several hundred miles. If the weather is good, touring is indicated; if it is bad there are always the ski lifts. The tramway on Rendezvous Peak provides some of the most exciting and varied skiing in the West.

Our first trip on Thanksgiving did not provide this choice, so there was no alternative to touring. There are four general areas in the Tetons accessible from Jackson. Farthest south is Teton Pass. This area receives a healthy snowfall particularly early in the season. Sometime in November or December depending on conditions, the ropetow is put into operation. There are several charming tours that may be done from the pass ranging from a few hours to all day. We tried one called Glory Bowl. Starting from the side of the road opposite to the ropetow the tour proceeds up the ridge to a summit overlooking the pass, which provides a fine view of the southern part of the range. One may either retrace his steps or ski down a steep open bowl to the east and contour around to the pass. For one reason and another, we decided to brave the garbage on the south slopes. It is hard to analyse the perversity which will make a person crave garbage skiing. Perhaps it is best to leave the matter; certainly we do not ski it because it is there.

The next day we would have gladly skied the tramway, since it was snowing when we awakened at 5:00 a.m. Unfortunately

the season had not yet begun, and we had no choice but to follow through with our plan to visit a second area of the range, the Park. Our goal was Cascade Canyon, a simple hike from the opposite shore of Jenny Lake in the summer, a cross country marathon in the winter over five miles of snow covered road from Moose to Jenny Lake just as a starter. Light snow was falling all the while; this made a very charming compensation to the lack of visibility once we entered the Canyon. Around 1:00 p.m. we turned around and made a beeline for the Cowboy Bar. The trip covered a total of about fifteen miles.

On the last day we returned to Teton Pass and did a short tour geared for powder connoisseurs. The skiing was excellent and left us longing for more of the high country as we returned to Salt Lake.

Two months later the Jackson Hole ski area was in operation and our incentives for touring were somewhat vitiated; however, early in the morning of the first day we set out to see sunrise from Signal Mountain. The road is well maintained all the way to the dam on Jackson Lake. From here our group proceeds directly up the ridge through the forest using instinct and the peaks on the opposite side of the lake as a guide. The climb is short and the view across the snow-covered lake is spectacular. Particularly awesome is Mt. Moran. We spent the rest of the overcast and snowy weekend in decadent downhill skiing. We hated to admit that we liked it.

On our most recent trip we were able to touch upon a fourth area of the Tetons from the summit of Rendezvous Peak. The new tramway provides the opportunity for many extended tours into the back country by gaining over four

thousand feet from the valley. This day we went down Granite Canyon, which is directly north of the ski area. There was fresh powder and the skiing was excellent. The canyon is quite spectacular with the huge walls so common in the Tetons. The outrun ends about three miles from the ski area and an easy hike across the flats completes a very pleasant half day tour.

After several trips to Jackson Hole this winter one is left with the impression that he has only scratched the surface. The famed super-tours crossing the divide into Idaho such as Fossil Mountain still remain to be experienced.



CLEAN AIR? ANYONE?

From our favorite magazine (Feb. 3 issue) we include a 100-word comment about life in the city.

"Civilization's environmental vicissitudes, overshadowing meteorological inconveniences, circumscribe metropolitan autochthones' weltanschauungen. Overwhelmingly platitudinous pseudometeorological manifestations (tropospheric contaminations) unremittingly discountenance Manhattanites, superinducing incommensurable psychoneurotic aggravations. Claustrophobic strangulation overbalances characteristically hypersensitive personalities. Steam-powered dynamoelectric paraphernalia never-endingly circumsperse pestilential expectations. Effervescent unwholesomeness decorticates labyrinthine tracheoesophageal tortuosities, indiscriminately proliferating insalubrious physiological consequences, particularly cardiopulmonary deterioration.

Bedford-Stuyvesant ghetto-dwellers extemporaneously recapitulate vindictiveness, stigmatizing unbreathable precipitations; Knickerbocker blue-stockings apostrophize indistinguishably. Governmental plenipotentiaries' psychosocioanthropologicogenic sesquipedalianisms, grandiloquently outvocaliferating antidisestablishmentarian filibusterings, anathematize non-public-spirited industrialists. Hyperphiloprogenitive megalopolitan conglomerations constitutionally incapacitate decentralized municipalities, necessitating administratively unattainable interjurisdictional prestidigitation. Interdepartmental noncoordination, exacerbation bureaucratic inefficiencies, monolithically countervails inconsequential antipollution contrivances. Mispronounced magniloquence outdistances constructive accomplishments."

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SNOW GARNIVAL

by Pat Boyd

It was Saturday, February 15. It was cold in Brighton. We were working the lunacy watch out of Salt Lake, covering the "Winter Olympics" of a mob known as the Wasatch Mt. Club at their snow-covered hideout. On arrival my partner and I noticed that the members were all shapes and sizes. One called "Pookie" Viavant had four legs. Another, answering to "John MacDuff," was in disguise. He didn't fool the older members of the mob and the new members thought he always looked like that.

The purpose of the meeting was to test the daring, ingenuity, prowess, and courage of the members on skis or snowshoes. Diabolical John MacDuff laid out a torturous course consisting of swilling down a large draught of wine, progressing to a spot requiring a kick turn, getting through a maze of ropes (Carol Wiens enjoyed that one), shussing through a tunnel, climbing a rock with the aid of a ladder (on skis, yet), guzzling more wine and whooping down to the finish line. The junior members ran the course first to make sure it was safe. They weren't required to drink the wine. After finishing, they amused themselves by sliding off the roof of the hideout head first into the snow. None disappeared permanently. John MacDuff officiated with the help of his able henchman, Jerry Powelson. The snowshoers ran the course in the shortest times, but their snowshoes were also shorter than skis!

The winners were: Snowshoes, Dan Lovejoy; Shis, Mike Tyler; Booby, Pat Boyd; Costume, John MacDuff.

An excellent pot luck lunch was then enjoyed by the exhausted, bruised and slightly besotted mob members.

Those attending were: Mary Adams; Helen and Ed Bander; Pat, Dick, David, and Liza Boyd; Karen Dahlgren; Scottie, Liesel, and Kenneth Imber; Barbara and Dan Lovejoy; John MacDuff; Bob Mealiff; Gerry Powelson; Clay Satterfield; Maurine, Max, and Mike Tyler; Bill, Chris, and Tim Viavant; Carol and Del Wiens,

RED RINEMAYBIRD SKITOUR-23Feb

by Milt Hollander

Snow swirled from the ridges above and the gusty wind had a bite in the early morning air, making us hurry to be on the uphill trail. Fred, Evelyn, and Dick were on snowshoes, and Karen, Hafty, and Milt were on skis. Any thoughts of climbing the Pfeifferhorn were abandoned as the fierceness of the wind increased. The snow was firm and made for easy climbing at the lower elevations. As we gained elevation the snow depth increased considerably, and the task of breaking trail was rotated frequently.

Emily and Charley Hall joined us as we were making preparations for a lunch stop and a warming fire at the head of Maybird Gulch. The Halls led the way down the west side above Maybird Gulch and through some wonderful snowfields. The

snow-shoe group took a route a little below the skiers in among beautiful stands of timber.

Eventually everyone entered "The Gulch" to either descend in it or cross to the east side, and then down to the snow bridge crossing at the mainstream.

Snow-shoers were: Dick Bell, Fred and Evelyn Bruenger.

Skiers were: Karen Dahlgren, the Halls, Hafty Hafterson, and Milt Hollander. Less than an hour behind we discovered was another ski group comprised of Gale Dick, Jack Keuffel, and Jim Bjorken.

DUES are OVERDUE

Your photographs and drawings are always welcome, as are your typed (or otherwise legible) articles, notes, and poems. Deadline is the 15th of the month preceeding publication. (Ed.)

No dues → No New Ramblers



LETTERS

Dear Wasatch Club members:

Very glad to receive that Jan. 69 issue of The Rambler, with its extensive list of activities. Very good, the extensions of Park and Wilderness lands that fit in so nicely for group exploration such as our old W.M.C.

Just recently saw that Petzoldtt (sp?) now age 61, led a winter attempt on the Grand Teton. That is lasting pretty good. He was the one who led our first WMC climb of the Grand T way back in about 1935,-- back in the days of Odell Peterson, Dean Green, Pa Perry, Dave Sims, and various others of us in ancient history.

Well, keep up the good work and the climbing ambition, especially as better roads and better cars keep enlarging the range of available scenery.

Please remember me to the old timers. Tell them I'm still climbing, but of course choosing much tamer objectives now.

Sincerely,
Homer A. Collins

mountaineering : climbing instruction

Climbing Instruction - Spring 1969

by Max Townsend

Climbing instruction for this spring will consist of two courses:
Hikers' Climbing Course
Beginning Climbers' Course

Hikers' Climbing Course :

The goal of this course is to acquaint you, the hiker, with some climbing techniques, so that your mountain experience can be broadened. Consequently, the course is relaxed and very basic, stressing the elementary aspects of:

- proper climbing technique
- basic climbing gear
- elementary rope-work, includes
belaying
rappelling

These topics will be related to typical hiking situations found in the Wasatch. The practice periods will help situations where scrambling is required --such as descending Coal-pit Gulch, or making a late spring ascent of Lone Peak.

The course will be held on three consecutive Thursday evenings starting April 24th, at Upper Pete's Rock. Fee for the course is \$1.00, payable at the first session. Starting time for all sessions is 6:30 p.m.

Curriculum:

April 24: We shall start by discussing fundamentals of advanced hiking and the gear required for this. We shall then move into basic footwork of climbing.

May 1: We shall learn some knots that are basic to mountaineering. Following this, belay techniques will be discussed.

May 8: We shall practice the basic techniques of roped climbing and

learn about rappelling.

Not only is this a valuable course in its own right, but, by acquainting you with climbing, it also serves as an introduction to the Beginning Climbing Course.

Beginning Climbing Course :

The goal of this course is to train people to the point where they can safely follow experienced leaders up difficult peaks. It is the goal of the mountaineering section to take absolute beginners and elevate them with knowledge. Thus, the course is demanding of your attention and effort. However, no prior experience is required.

The course will cover, in varying depth, virtually all aspects of mountaineering. However, primary emphasis will be placed on mastering the basic fundamental techniques of footwork, ropework, belaying, and rappelling.

Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive in addition to the knowledge gained, a card. This card can be used in some national parks to help convince the rangers of your ability. To successfully complete the course, you will have to attend all four sessions (or be excused), have a basic knowledge of the course, and, most important, realize the extent of your safe climbing ability.

The course will be held in late May and early June. There will be one evening session, followed by three (all day) Saturday sessions. Further information, including the finalized schedule, will be in the May Rambler.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To the Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club. I enclose the \$2.00 entrance fee and \$6.00 dues (spouse, \$3.00). The club event I have attended is _____ on _____ (date). I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the club as specified in the constitution and by-laws and as determined by the Board of Directors.

Name (printed) _____

Recommended by: _____

Signature _____

Member: _____

(If spouse membership, please include name of spouse (printed) _____

and signature _____

Director: _____

Address _____

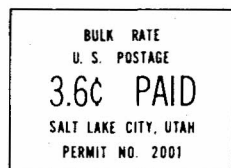
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