

A black and white photograph of a gnarled, leaning tree in a mountainous landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its trunk curving significantly to the right. Its branches are spread out, some with dense foliage and others bare. In the background, there are steep, rocky mountain peaks and other smaller trees. The overall scene is rugged and scenic.

The Rambler

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CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 1969

Register for all ski tours with the leader

- Feb 8
Sat. AMERICAN FORK TWINS - WHITE PINE (ADVANCED) --
This fine tour affords one the opportunity of climbing an 11,400-foot peak with a minimum of effort and a wide variety of good scenery. The total elevation gain is little more than 1000 feet, but, as usual, good conditioning is hard to beat for alpine ski tours. Meet at the bottom of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Gerry Horton (486-0852).
- Feb 9
Sun. SILVER FORK (INTERMEDIATE) -- Starting from Alta, the tour climbs the south slopes in the vicinity of Flagstaff Peak. The views of Mt. Superior area are superb. Then we ski down the bowl to the north and down to Big Cottonwood Canyon. Meet at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Del Wiens (487-2584).
- Feb 9
Sun. SNOWSHOE TRIP TO LAKE BLANCHE (INTERMEDIATE) -- Believe it or not, it is not necessary to climb over Mt. Superior from Alta to reach Lake Blanche. This time we will start from the S-curve and snowshoe up the trail to the lake, a distance of about 3 miles. With all the refuse underneath several feet of snow, the views in this region are quite charming. Meet at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Fred Bruenger (485-2639).
- Feb 14
Fri LODGE OVERNIGHT OPEN HOUSE -- The lodge will be open at 7:00 p.m. for those who wish to come early for the Snow Carnival or to just spend a pleasant evening. COME!
- Feb 15
Sat. SNOW CARNIVAL -- Bring skis or snowshoes or be a spectator but don't miss MacDuff's Spectacular Obstacle Race plus other exciting competitions. Come in costume for the costume race. A prize will be given for the best costume. We'll have prizes, a pot-luck lunch, and lots of laughs -- at the WMC lodge at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$0.75. Call Scotty Imber (278-2430) to see what is needed for the pot-luck lunch.
- Feb 16
Sun. CARDIFF PASS (BEGINNER - INTERMEDIATE) -- This is a rescheduling of a December tour. Starting from Alta, we will proceed up the south slopes to Cardiff Pass. The climb is not difficult, and from there it is downhill all the way to Big Cottonwood Canyon. The tour is recommended for people who don't like to suffer. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Lee Steorts (485-0073).

Feb 16
Sun.

WINTER SOCIAL -- The Weins, 2967 Warr Road (3535 E, 2945 S.) will host this social. Take the old Wasatch Drive and turn right just before the dead end. For further instructions, call Carol or Del at 487-2584.

Feb 19
Wed

ELECTION MEETING -- Let's all turn out to choose our new officers. Please note still another new meeting place, Utah Power and Light auditorium, 36 South State (basement), at 8:00 p.m. Parking is available on the south side of the building. We will see Betty Bottcher's slides of New Zealand while we await the election returns.

Feb 23
Sun.

RED PINE (ADVANCED) -- The distance to Red Pine Lake is about 3 miles. As a special added attraction, those so desiring may climb the Pfeifferhorn to put the icing on a memorable tour. The descent route will depend on conditions. Meet at the bottom of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Milt Hollander (277-1416).

Mar 1
Sat.

BRIGHTON TO ALTA BY MOONLIGHT (INTERMEDIATE) -- The route will be over Catherine Pass. The lighting will be courtesy of our nearest celestial body. The drinking will be at Alta. The leader will be Dennis Caldwell. Tentatively, we will leave from 4822 Fortuna Way at 6:00 p.m. It will be advisable to register with the leader (278-2100).

Mar 1
Sat.

DESERET PEAK (INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED) -- A change of pace: the Wasatch Mountain Club ventures out of the Wasatch into the Stansburys to 11,000 +-foot Deseret Peak. The terrain is not too difficult but the trek is long, so be in good condition. The summit affords a fine view of the Wasatch from Ogden to Nephi. Meet at Club Headquarters at 6:00 a.m. It will be necessary to register with the leader, Dennis Caldwell (278-2100).

Mar 2
Sun.

WINTER SOCIAL -- Come to the home of Mel and Clare Davis, 4647 Idlewild Road (4647 South and about 3300 East). Turn east off Wasatch onto 4430 South and go to Fortuna Way. Turn south and go to Bernada (or Brockbank), turn west, and go one block to Idlewild. Call Mel and Clare for further help (278-3174).

Mar 8, 9
Sat., Sun.

FAMILY SKI WEEKEND AT PINE BASIN, IDAHO -- This ski area (west of Jackson) is run by Jim Jacobson's parents, and they have graciously offered us free lodging for this weekend. Bring sleeping bags and air mattresses. We will have community cooking for breakfasts and dinner, but plan to buy your own lunches at the ski lodge cafeteria. The area has two poma lifts, all-day tickets are \$2.05 (second day is free with USSA membership). We will take the bus, leaving Salt Lake City at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 7. Cost for the bus is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Make your reservations

Mar 8, 9 - cont with Wilma and Lyman Lewis (277-6816). For more information about the ski area, call Ann and Jim Jacobson (322-2232).



Feb 22, 23
Sat., Sun.

JACKSON WEEKEND

Ski tou^{er}s, lift skiers, socializers, and guests; Ride the Wasatch Cannonball to Jackson for a lively weekend. We will stay at the Antler Motel at the reasonable rate of \$3-\$4 per person. For reservations, call Ed Cook (355-5522) or Carol Weins (487-2584). The bus will leave at 6:00 pm. Friday, Feb. 21st, from Ed Cook's, 1236 East 1st South. Plenty of street parking. Bus fare will be \$10.00.



Feb 26
Wed

LETTER-WRITING PARTY Come urge on the good guys and vent your spleens! Letter-writing party on conservation issues at the Gale Dicks at 8:00 pm. Members of the Conservation Committee will be on hand to suggest issues you may have a special interest in. Address: 1377 Butler Avenue. (Go east on 1st South and take the first left after crossing University Street). University Street is one-half block east of 13th East. Nonboring, noncompulsory, nonexpensive slide show to follow work. Contributions for beer accepted.




by Roy Keir

The December merry mailing melee met on Monday, so if you missed that issue, you were done in by Laugh-In. Laughers included Ellen Catmull and Pat Dow.

The customary beer and chips were shared in January by an unusually large crew because of the conservation insert, with Nick Strickland and Dick Snyder from the Conservation Committee helping along with my selections, Marie Strickland, Benita Jackson, and Pat Dow. The work party was further enlivened by a selection of Nick's slides and movies of some spectacular natural attractions.

In case you missed the plea elsewhere in this issue, the club would really be helped by ownership of or access to an addressograph machine (preferably cheap). This reduces the number of undelivered Ramblers by getting rid of the present gummed labels, which do not hold well when moistened with beer. If you have a lead, please contact a club officer or me, Roy Keir.



club officers

Nominees for the 1969 Board of Directors are as follows:

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Nominees for the trustees are the following:

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As Entertainer and Recreator

Moonlighters Ski-tour to Park City

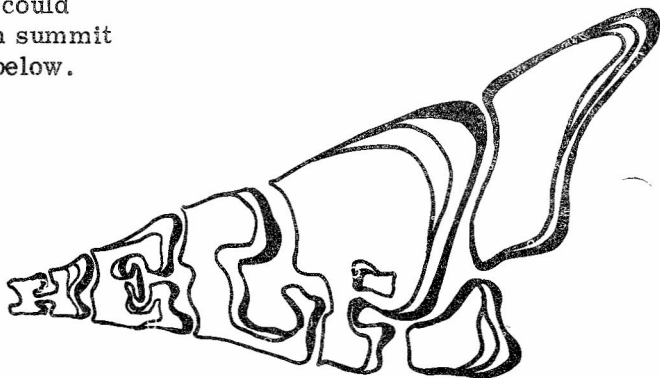
by Milt Hollander

Friday, January 3rd, at 7:30 found 13 moonstruck people just below Brighton, readying their ski touring equipment preparatory to climbing to the north ridge above Guardsman's Pass. Snowmobiles had packed the route up the Guardsman's Pass road such that skis were better shouldered than shod, at least for the first thousand feet of elevation. Several snowmobiles decibeled down the road and left the mountains to the hard-packed snow and an occasional wheezing gasp. The last 400 feet of ascent was accomplished on skis with skins attached. The ridge top greeted us with heavy, eye-watering winds, making what was a pleasant crisp night into a bone chiller. The next half mile was a ridge run with a gentle glide until the wind-blown rocks became too prominent, and then a mild up-grade with skis shouldered to Jupiter Hill. The snow-covered ridges contrasted sharply with bare cliffs in the moonlight, and in the distance, the lights of Heber could be seen. The Treasure Mountain summit house lights shone reassuringly below.

A short scramble downward brought us to a skiable crust and patches of powder. The lower ski-packed slopes were icy in many spots and testified to the need for fresh snow. The moon had all this time been acquiring a veil of thin cloud. Taking this as a cue, Lyman Lewis mounted his trusty carbide lamp on his hard hat and helped light the rest of the way for the tailenders.

Jackie, Thomas, Oscar Robeson, and Dale Green greeted the skiers at Treasure Mountain and graciously aided with transportation back to Salt Lake, after a brief stop at Park City for refreshments.

Touring participants were Carol and Del Wiens, Dick Boyd, George Swanson, Phyllis Snyder, Ron Perla, Susan Choplin, Rolf Doebbling, Lyman Lewis, John Reed, Bill Conrod, Milt Hollander, and leader (would you believe at the rear) Dennis Caldwell.



IF ANYONE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF AN ADDRESSOGRAPH WHICH THE CLUB CAN EITHER BUY OR BORROW, PLEASE NOTIFY A DIRECTOR.

Gad Valley

by Emily Hall

The coldest day of 1968 and the only clear one in what seemed like weeks of snow and wind greeted the small group of Gad Valley enthusiasts. With an encouraging start from the Albion and Sugarloaf lifts (what did they do in the old days?), we launched forth from the Germania hut at about 10:30. Incidentally, the hut is all fixed up with new stove, windows, etc.

It was almost warm on the sunny, protected side of Baldy, and we shed jackets while climbing to the ridge of Gad Valley. But the northwest wind was whipping a gale at the top, so nobody rested long. Those with good jump turns did the best in the upper wind-packed slopes, but the powder improved as we descended. We did the east side of Gad, hiking through woods and finishing with a long, delightful, gentle slope. The speedy skiers got by a tricky snow bridge near a spring, but this area proved disastrous for Phil and Bill. Again, Phil encountered difficulties at Little Cottonwood stream. Have you tried to climb that last hill to the road with 15 pounds of ice on each ski?

So let's see more skiers on the next Gad Valley trip. It isn't all that difficult if you can do a kick turn on a steep slope.

Participants were Phil and Ann Wennhold, Bill Hoge, Guy Toombes, Charles and Emily Hall, David Hall, and Janet Hall.

Timberline Sports Inc.

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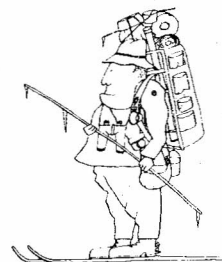
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SLIDING THROUGH SPZT

Legendary Lodore Canyon will have been drily rerun on Odinsday, January 32, not on archaic rubber rafts but on Karen's magic carpet. The survivors of Powelson's 1968 Expedition will have gathered at half past the waxing moon [Editor's note: where the woodbine twineth] to vromish Extra Sensory Pro-

jections of Karen's Kraken, which lives in Upper Disaster Falls. Should a camera or two perchance have escaped inundation, these hardies will have viewed a mural montage while most bemoan unfocused film, wave-lashed Leicas, and drowned Brownies.

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Well, not really. Actually, dues are not due until March 1st, but if we don't start now, we have all sorts of trouble because it takes many people 3 to 4 months to get around to it.

Current rates:

\$6.00 regular
\$3.00 spouse
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Send to Club Headquarters:

425 South 8th West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

the season's first

by Nan Carpenter

For a few of us, it was a first ski tour; and for others, it was the first tour of the season. But all agreed that the climb to Snake Creek Pass on December 7th was a successful introduction to this exhilarating winter sport. Beginning at 10:00 from the top of the Majestic lift, we set a good pace up the trail, experiencing only minor difficulties with skis and skins. High clouds, which had covered the sky most of the morning, soon parted, leaving us in sunshine for the remainder of the trip. Snow conditions were good - not crusty, as many had expected because of the previous several days of clear weather. Our only complaint was that a snow "cat" had chewed up much of the trail ahead of us. For several of the party, however, the trail presented no difficulty - except that they couldn't find it

for the latter half of the tour. Nevertheless, the only way to proceed was up, and the groups were reunited at the pass within short time of each other. It was 12:00 noon, and the surrounding view, especially of Mt. Timpanogos, was magnificent; all were reminded of why they came. While cameras recorded the scenery and skiers and Carl Bauer handed out packages of life savers, the group made preparations for lunch and anticipated the pleasant skiing back to the lift. In addition to Carl, our leader, the group included Betty Bottcher, Dale Green, John Riley, Phyllis Snyder, Karin Dahlgren, Allen and Ute Olschewski, Ronn and Nancy Carpenter, Steven Daurelle, Lynn Wheeler, Bob Mealiff, Max Tyler, Dan Lovejoy, and a first-nameless individual known only as "Lindsay."

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SALE

The following ski outfit for \$60:

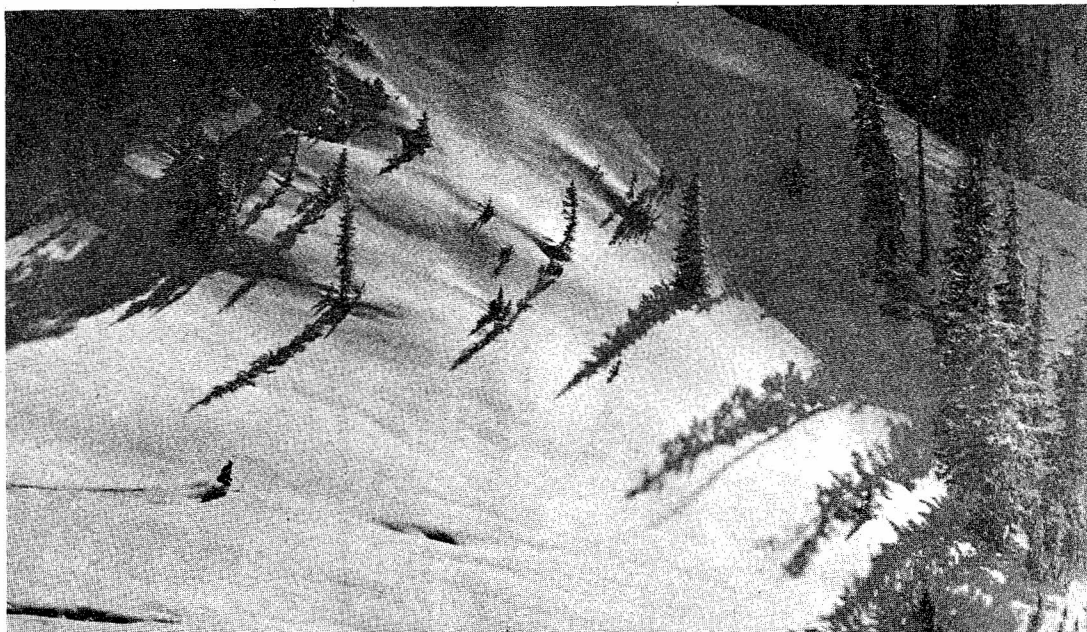
7-foot Schussmeister skis with Cubco bindings

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2365 St. Mary's Drive
SLC 84108 487-6656

Skiers Tour Honeycomb Cliffs

by George Swanson

Fourteen skiers and three snowshoe enthusiasts headed for low clouds Sunday, January 5th. Our leader, Dale Green, was so worried about getting everyone ready that he arrived at the top of the Millicent lift without his poles.

The climb to the downhill point of the trip was taken more than once by a few who skied down and enjoyed the relatively decent snow. Snow for most of the trip turned out to be slush. Warm weather brought out the snow machines in the Solitude parking lot, so a pleasurable trip was ended in the smoke and noise of men who couldn't rise above their machines.

The cover shot is of the Fingers area of Kolob and was taken by Pat King.

Photo opposite by Alexis Kelner

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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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) _____

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Signature _____

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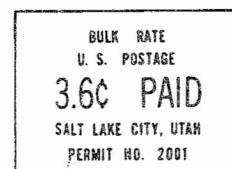
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