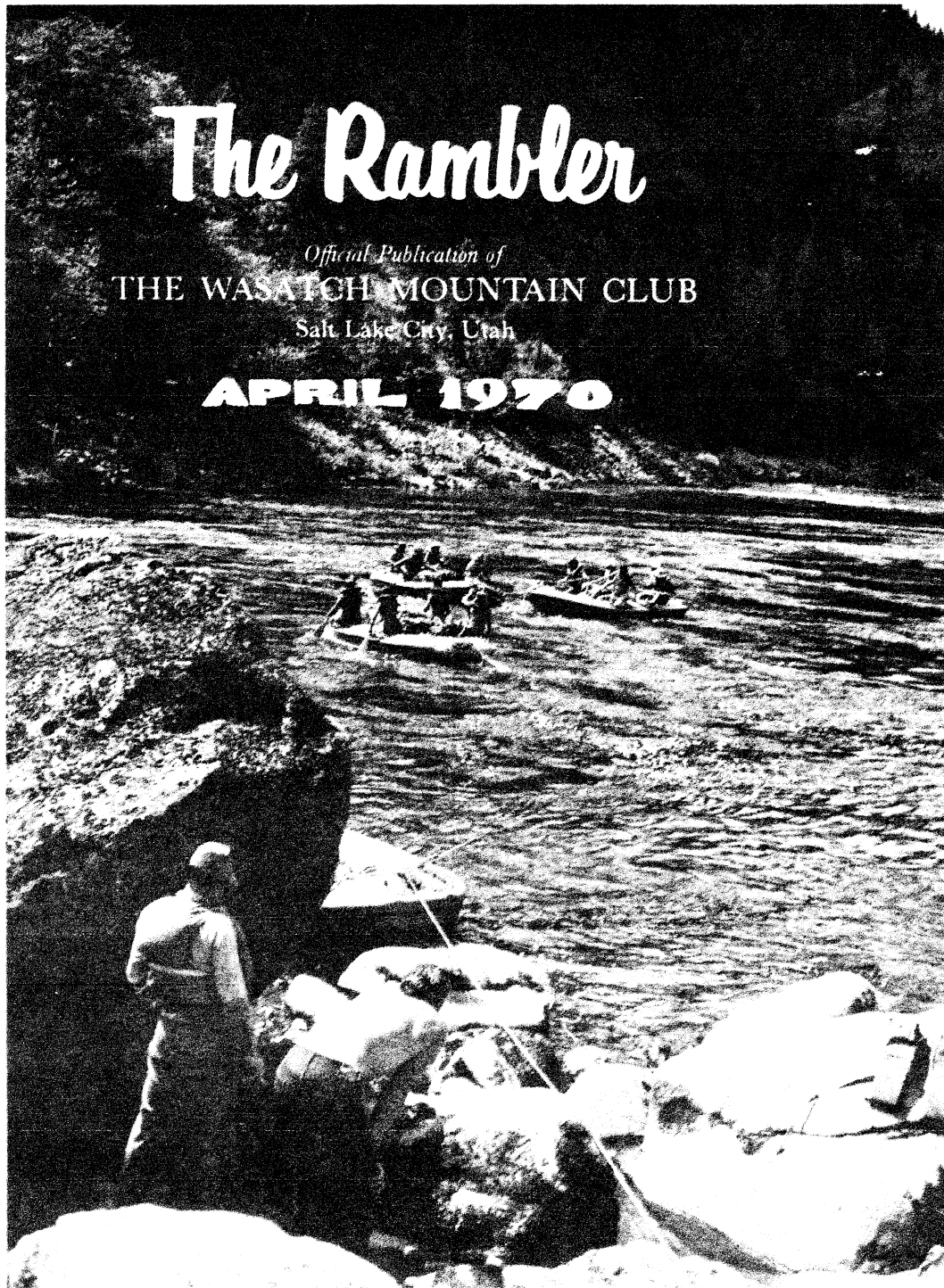


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Salt Lake City, Utah

APRIL 1970



CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 70

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.

For river-trip cancellations less than a week prior to the trip, the Club must retain a \$5.00 registration fee.

April 4 HIKING IN THE FOOTHILLS:

Sat. This is a leisurely hike up the rolling and hopefully snow-free hills, East of the University Hospital. We'll look for some fossils and enjoy the view of the Salt Lake Valley. It will take about 4 hours (or more, if you want) to make the round trip. Meet at the North end of the hospital parking lot at 8 a.m.: Leader: Fred Bruenger

April 5 AMERICAN FORK CANYON, Intermediate (2,2) Ski Tour

Sun. This tour starts from Germania Pass and proceeds down American Fork Canyon toward Mt. Timpanogas. This time of year, cars can probably be driven several miles up to the Canyon to minimize the walk out. Register with leader: Lyman Lewis 277-6816 for car spotting arrangements.

April 10 RIVER RATS PREVIEW:

Fri. nite Come out and help kick off the new river-running season. New and prospective members are especially welcome! Come and take a look at the kinds of gear you will need for a river trip. See movies of earlier trips, and go over the river-running schedule. There will be plenty of River Rats to answer your questions and sign you up for trips. Bring 25¢ for beer or 15¢ for soft drinks; snacks are FREE. 7:30 p.m. at the WMC LODGE (Don't let a little snow stop you) call: Jim Byrne 359-5631 for details.

April 11 DAYS FORK from Big Cottonwood Canyon, Intermediate (2,3) Ski Tour

Sat. For a change we will go up this canyon instead of coming down the steep headwall from Alta. This provides a safe, enjoyable and scenic tour for intermediate skiers. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Charley Leslie 355-5779.

April 12 BIG BEACON, Elevation 7,134 - Rating 3.0

Sun. Big Beacon has become the Club's traditional early Spring hike. After last weeks short leg stretcher, it will give you the opportunity to shake off some of the rust which your steel-like muscles may have developed during the winter (or has ski touring kept you in superb condition? Of course snow-shoe hiking does not count since all snow-shoers were wiped out during a ski tour by your president)!! Meet at "This is the Place" Monument 8 a.m. Leader: Pat King 486-9705

April 16 EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK:

Thur. This is the first of the after work evening climbing sessions. Anyone interested in: (a) climbing; (b) learning to climb; (c) socializing with climbers is WELCOME. Pete's Rock is about 5400 S. Wasatch Blvd. from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. every Thursday through May 7th (4 Thursdays).

April 18 GRANDEUR PEAK, Elevation 8,299 - Rating 5.0 (hike)

Sat. See for yourself how good a job was done last fall by your trail clearing crew headed by Charley Swift (and be sure you do your share this year). The trail begins at Church Fork. If, for any reason, there should be too much snow, then we plan to go up the West side (rating a little higher). Meet at Olympus Shopping Center - 8 a.m. Leader: Chuck Mays

April 19 LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN, Elevation 8,062 (hike)

Sun. "Little Black" beckons again. Get your Springtime "joint lubrication service" at a bargain rating of 6.5. At the time of this writing, there was little or no snow on the route, but even with a little snow it will be lots of fun. Carry a canteen. Meet at the East end of Shriners Hospital at 8 a.m. Leader: Pete Hovingh

April 19 ALTA - BRIGHTON GOURMET TOUR (2,2)(ski tour)

Sun. There are many variations that can be done on this popular standard. The cooking rituals may be held overlooking either Alta Or Brighton, possibly at the Catherine Pass Hut. Prepare to eat as you have never eaten before. Meet at the Mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 a.m. for car spotting Leaders: Diana and Andy Schoenberg 278-4896

April 22 EARTH DAY:

Wed. A nationwide decrual of our ecological problems. Emphasized will be pollution problems in the morning, population in the afternoon, an evening debate between Jeff Fox (CEP) and two Kennecott officials, and speaker John Charles Daly. All day, ecology films will be shown concurrently. The day begins at 9 a.m. in the U of U Union Ballroom, check with TEAM for details.

April 23 HIKERS CLIMBING COURSE:

Thur. First session. Discussion of fundamentals of advanced hiking; including equipment. Practice of basic principles of climbing; fee for course is \$1.00 meet at 6 p.m. Upper Pete's Rock (5400 S. Wasatch Blvd.)

April 25 - 26 WEEKEND FAMILY TRIP:

Sat - Sun CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL MONUMENT

This is the first one in a series of out of town trips (not a backpack trip) a chance to visit the great buttressed sandstone cliffs in the heart of wonderland with its towers, domes and pinnacles. There are many little walks and shorter or longer hikes to take, as Cohab Canyon, Hickman Arch, Grand Wash and so on. This trip is ideal as a family outing. Register by Wednesday April 22, 10:00 p.m.. Leader: Fred Bruenger 485-2639

Fees: adults \$2.00 ; children \$4.50.

No Suez,
no May Rambler

- April 25 MOUNT AIRE, Elevation 8,620 Rating 3.0 (hike)
 Sat. This is a short and easy hike starting at Elbow Fork. You don't have to slow down to catch your breath, you should have enough air for Mt. Aire. Meet at Olympus Shopping Center at 8 a.m. Leader: John Riley 485-2567
- April 26 MONUMENT PEAK:
 Sun. This peak close to the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon was so christened at the first session of the hiking committee. Everybody knows how much fun it is to glissade down a long chute. Find out how much fun it is, to do the opposite: "friction climbing". Caine Alder will be your leader for this short trip which is not intended for the inexperienced. You must register with the leader 487-0485 Meet at the "Y" of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m..
- April 26 BOATING WORK PARTY:
 Sun. All prospective river-runners should try to get out and help get the boats in shape for the coming season. 2:00 p.m. at the ICE PLANT (430 W. 2nd N)
- April 30 HIKERS CLIMBING COURSE
 Thur. Second session. Meet at Upper Pete's Rock.
- May 2-3 SAN JUAN FLOAT TRIP:
 Sat.-Sun. This beginners trip will take us from Aneth to Mexican Hat. Boaters will enjoy beautiful scenery and should see cliff dwellings and petroglyphs. Canoes welcome on this trip. Everyone planning to go is expected to attend the WORK PARTY (see April 26th) Departure time is Friday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. from the Ice Plant (430 W. 2nd N) to register or for further details contact trip leader: Bud Reid (293-7188) Fee: \$22.00.
- May 2 BIG BLACK MOUNTAIN Elevation 8,958 - Rating 6.5 (hike)
 Sat. After "Little Black", "Big Black" on the North side seems to be the logical sequence. The usual approach is from the North via Mueller Park. There is likely to be some snow left at this time, or maybe more than just some so wear good boots! After all, "These boots are made for walking." Meet at Pete's Shop 425 South 8th West - 8 a.m. (remember DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME) Leader: good old Carl Bauer the Lifesaver: 355-6036
- May 3 MOUNT OLYMPUS, Elevation 9,026 - Rating 8.0 (hike)
 Sun. Lets make our sacrifice to Zeus by taking this WMC favorite. The time should be just right for this pleasant walk. Neither "Blister Hill" alias "Coronary Alley" nor the final ascent should be unbearable. Meet South of Pete's Rock, 5600 Wasatch Blvd. 7 a.m. Leader: Fred Bruenger 485-2639
- May 7 HIKERS CLIMBING COURSE - Third session. Meet at Upper Pete's Rock.
 Thurs.
- May 9 BEGINNERS CLIMBING COURSE - First Session. Meet at 9 a.m. at the road closure gate near the bottom of Little Cottonwood Canyon. For details see the write up in this issue of the Rambler. Register with Dave Allen 278-0230 by Wednesday May 6.
 Sat.

May 10 HIKE: Thunder Mountain via Alpine.
Sun.

May 10 PROVO RIVER KAYAK & CANOE TRIP:
Sun. A good beginning and intermediate trip, except that all participants should have some experience at least on flat water. The water is cold, cold, cold, so you may want to bring a wet suit. A good life preserver is required. Register with the leader: Cal Giddings 359-2588 by 9 p.m. Friday for trip details.

May 14 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN
Thurs.

May 16-17 DOLORES RIVER FLOAT TRIP:
Sat.-Sun. Beginners trip from Slickrock to Bedrock. Canoes, kayaks welcome.
This trip is very dependent on the runoff so check May Rambler for details.

May 16 BEGINNERS CLIMBING COURSE: Second session. Place and time to be
Sat. announced.

May 16 BOX ELDER PEAK HIKE
Sat.

May 23 SAN RAFAEL RIVER CANOE & KAYAK TRIP.
Sat.

May 23 BEGINNERS CLIMBING COURSE: **Third and Final** session.
Sat.

May 24 WILDCAT RIDGE HIKE
Sun.

May 28-31 DESOLATION CANYON:
Thurs.- Sun. An intermediate trip on the Green River from Ouray to the town of
Green River.

May 30-31 DESERET PEAK
Sat.-Sun. Family weekend or one day outing.

JUNE 12-14 YAMPA: Beginner intermediate.
or 13-14

June 20-21 GREEN RIVER FAMILY TRIP
Sat.-Sun.

June 20-21 ORDERVILLE CANYON
Sat.-Sun.

June 27- SELWAY RIVER: Intermediate Advanced.

July 5 A small swift river in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness area. This trip
Sat.-Sun. was scheduled in 1968 but did not go as it depends heavily on the water
year.

July 24-26 LODORE: Intermediate Advanced.
Fri.-Sun.

Aug. 8-9 SNAKE RIVER CANOE TRIP
Sat.-Sun.

Aug. 15-16 FAMILY FLOAT TRIP (?)
Sat.-Sun.

Aug. 22-23 WESTWATER
Sat.-Sun.

Sept. 4-7 HELLS CANYON (?) or Jackson-Snake River Sept 5-7
Fri.-Mon.

Sept 17-20 CATARACT.
Thurs.-Sun.

NEWS AND NOTICES

THANKS...

To George and Linda Rathbun and June
for mailing the March Rambler,
to Kay Berger for typing the April
Rambler.

DEADLINE...

For the May Rambler is April 15th,
mail or deliver to Sally Nelson,
1218 Harvard Ave., SLC 485-0237
PLEASE TYPE YOUR ARTICLES.

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in the March Rambler

50th ...

Next month marks the fiftieth
anniversary of the founding of
the Wasatch Mountain Club. If
anyone knows any old lore, please
contact me, or Dale Green, our newly
appointed historian.

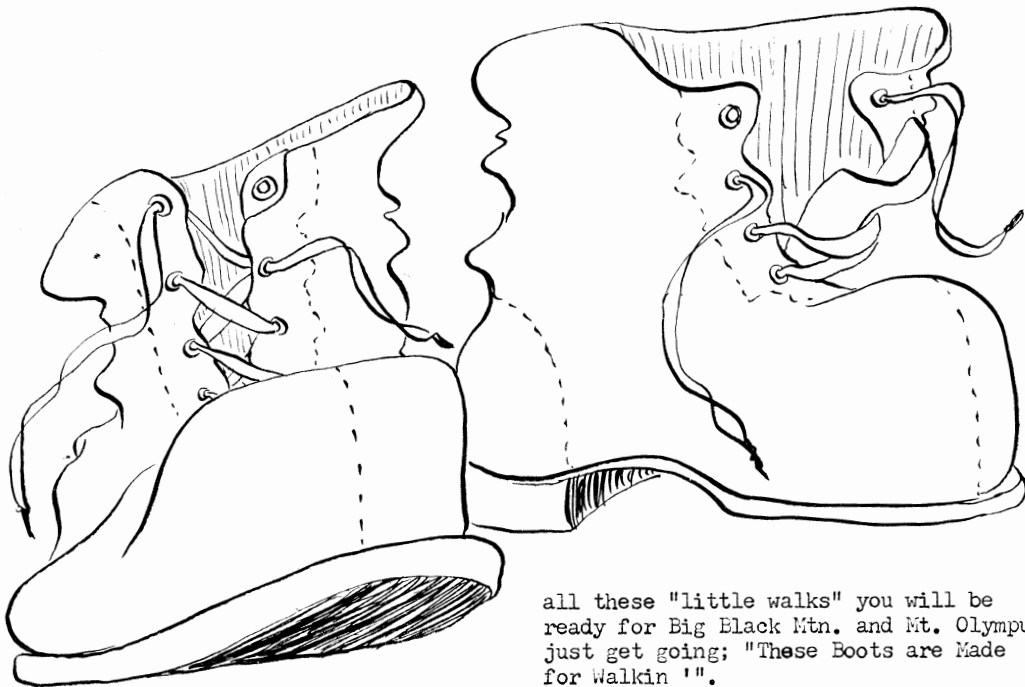
APRIL 2nd

The Utah Stereo Society invites
us to a stereoscopic sequence on the
Escalante Country by John Chord of
Prescott, Arizona. At the downtown
Salt Lake Public Library at 7:30 p.m..
No charge, but space is limited.

WANTED: One lightweight 4-man moun-
tain tent with fly. Contact Bruce
Baker, 233 E. 2900 N. North Ogden.

WANTED: Responsible teenager to
accompany us on climbing, backpacking,
and car camping trips to keep an eye
on our two girls (10+5) in return for
transportation, food, etc., easy joy,
plenty of free time. Little or no pay
but a chance to see Tetons, Windriver
Mountains, Canyonlands, Escalante and
beyond. Contact Jack or Eva McLellan
for details 277-7214.

NO DUES: NO MAY RAMBLER!!!



THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKIN'

by Fred Bruenger

This year the ski-touring season seems to be over a little earlier than usual and it seems time has come already to wipe off the dirt from those boots which during the last few months peacefully hibernated in some remote corner of your basement.

We shall start with a short leg-stretcher going for a few hours up in the foothills, then we will take our traditional spring hike to Big Beacon and shake off some of the rust we have developed during the winter. After that you can lubricate your joints hiking up Grandeur, "Little Black Mtn." and Mt. Aire, and after you have taken

all these "little walks" you will be ready for Big Black Mtn. and Mt. Olympus just get going; "These Boots are Made for Walkin'".

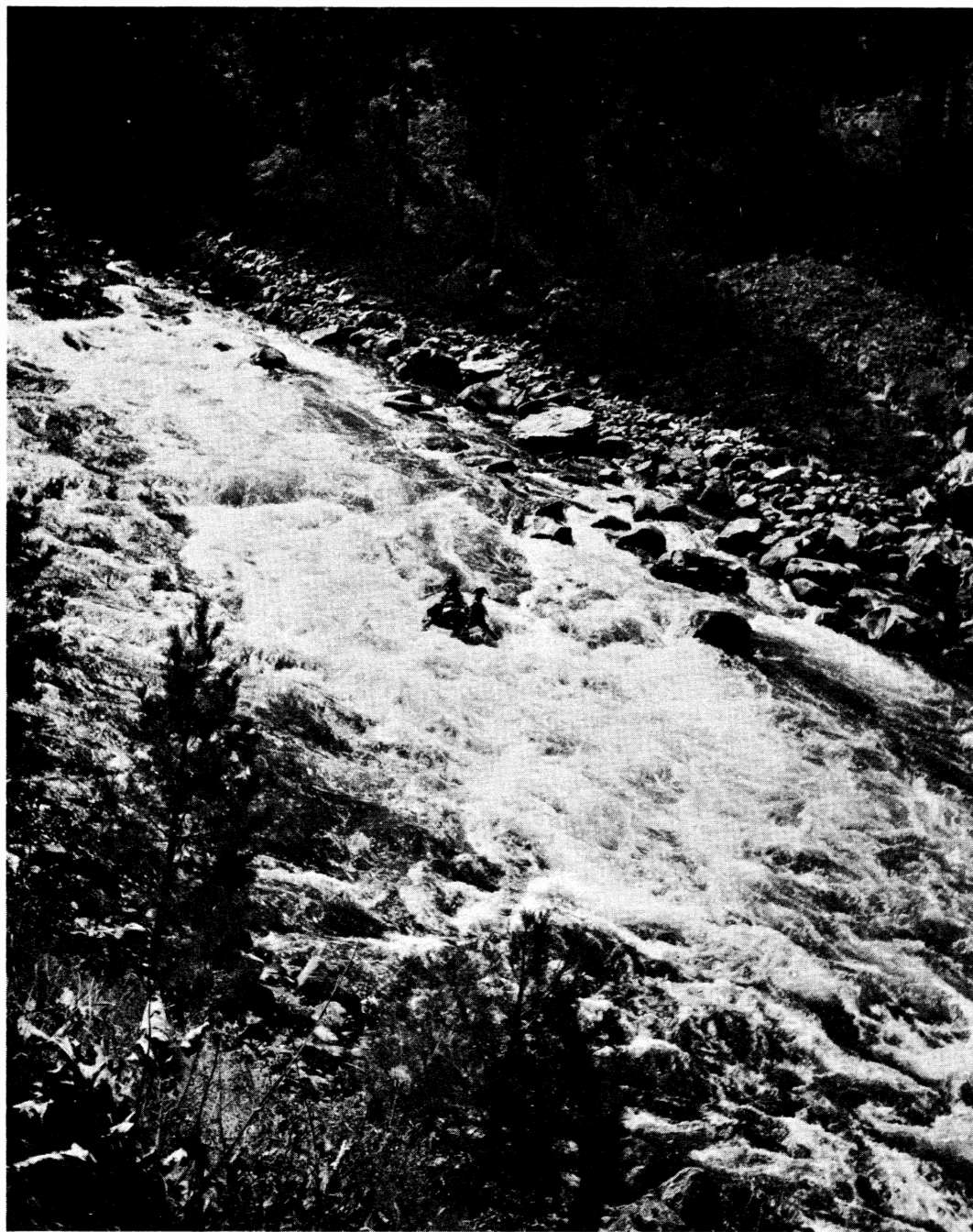
For the first time, the various sections of the club, like Transportation Boating, Conservation, Hiking, etc., have formed planning and working committees with the purpose of getting more people involved and a diversity of ideas incorporated into the various programs.

The response of those who were called to serve on the hiking committee was generally very favorable and the first working session indicated that there was a great deal to say in favor of team work.

This year's committee is composed of the following members: Caine Alder, Phyllis Anderson, Dick Bell, Fred Bruenger, Pete Hovingh, Leroy Kuehl and Chuck Mays.

A detailed description of the hiking schedule and adopted policies will appear in one of the later issues of the Rambler.

Main Fork of the Salmon, by Fred Bruenger



RAIVER RATS RUNNING

by Jim Byrne

With the snow beginning to retreat up the mountains it's time to think about dusting off the rafts, canoes, kayaks, water wings, etc., and getting ready to float the many fine rivers and streams of the intermountain region. For those of you who have never been on a club river trip, I hope we can welcome you aboard this year. Those of you who are old River Rats I hope we can wet down your fur again this season.

This year your boating committee has come up with a tentative schedule of fourteen trips including three for canoe and kayak. In the past, the club has run eight or nine trips during the year so scheduling eleven raft trips may be stretching it a bit. The club, however, has grown rapidly over the past several years and interest in boating activities has expanded greatly. At any rate, the early season interest will tell whether the expanded schedule is warranted.

The season will be kicked off by the Gala River Rats Preview at the Lodge. With the growth of boating as a club activity we felt that this years crowd might collapse the Viavant's home (scene of the last two previews) into the basement, perhaps injuring some of the River Rats needed to fill this years schedule. Also, the

demonstration raft ride might be safer at the Lodge where the likelihood of being bounced off through the glass doors is somewhat reduced. We hope to see a big turnout of old and new River Rats on April 10th.

Don't forget to check the May Rambler for more information on River Running 1970.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO RUN A RIVER:

Clothing: (old is best)
Hat (wide brim with tie string); Pants (long); Raincoat; coat (warm one for nights)! Shirt (long-sleeved); Socks (more sun protection); Shoes (sneaker type); swim-suit.

Sleeping Equipment:
Sleeping bag (warm); Waterproof ground cloth 8' X 10'; this can be used as a tent.

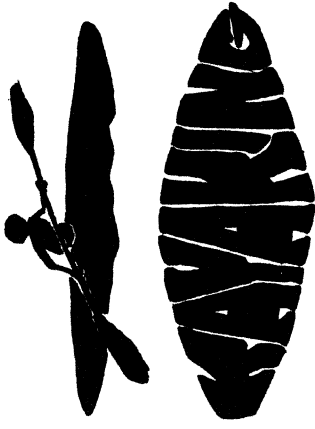
Waterproof bags:
Waterproof bag for sleeping equipment and clothing; 30 or 50 caliber ammo box for camera, lunch, suntan lotion, bug repellent, etc..

Life Preserver!!!!
MUST be chest type.

For more details and an equipment demonstration be sure and make the preview.



Photo by Bob Everson of Cataract Canyon



1970

by Cal Giddings

By the time you see this, our March kayak meeting will be history and hopefully we will be launched on some kayak building and pool training projects. If you missed the meeting, call me at 359-2588 for information.

Trip schedule - much like last year. We will accompany the rafts on many of the major trips. You must be well qualified for these trips since they involve heavy water. We also have informal, unscheduled trips to the Provo River, Northside Canal, Snake River, etc., contact Jim Byrne or me. If you are a beginner you should start early to be adequately trained for the more difficult trips later.

Old readers tune out - I've said this before. Kayaking is a demanding but rewarding activity. It is, above all, dynamic. When you sit low in the water in such a narrow craft, the waves seem twice as high, the currents twice as strong. You become part of the moving river, in direct touch with its complex moods. But with experience you can gain exceptional control and maneuverability in this turbulent situation. There is an excitement to it that I am sure more of you would like to share.

BRIGHTON OVER NIGHT SNOW CAMP

by Liz Choules

An intrepid, if somewhat motley, crew of eight turned out for the Club's first mid-winter overnight this season. Six skiers and two snowshoers arrived in the Lodge parking lot around noon and began girding themselves for the almost - unknown. Our gear bore some resemblance to an Everest expedition with packs and extra clothing totalling 20 to 40 pounds, apiece, although each packer had made his kit as light as his experience and budget allowed. We drew curious glances from the adjacent lift skiers, and were then accosted directly by a soft-spoken gentleman from the County Health Department. He inquired (of all things) what we were planning to do with our garbage!!! We assured him that ALL loyal WMC members always carry their garbage home, and that the piles of refuse he was concerned about near the motel must have been left by non-member users of the lodge. Finally, after wolfing down sandwiches and other energy giving foods we started slowly upslope around 1 p.m.. The day

Photo of Snow Camp by Carol Weins



was partly sunny, partly snowy, with a moderate breeze blowing, but the temperature was mild. Del and Carol led the way up through the woods with only an occasional stop to adjust bindings and take snapshots. When we reached the base of the steep bluff near the Mary Run our wide range of experience (from National Ski Patrolman to new members) became apparent. Several of us, apprehensive of the idea of becoming giant snowballs rolling downhill, staggered and slipped under our heavy packs, and finally we had to head further East to a slightly easier trail. But at last everybody reached the flat terrain around Dog Lake and we paused to choose our next route. We then continued toward Lake Mary alongside the dam, enjoying the now steadily falling snow. By now everybody had their "Snow legs" and no one was having any particular difficulty in keeping up, although the less experienced found that regular doses of glucose (candy) improved our energy output considerably.

Suddenly we reached a high,

almost flat knoll above Lake Martha which was so beautiful that we immediately chose it for our campsite. A lump of twisted evergreen trees stood at the center of camp with natural tent-sites scattered all around. Soon everyone was busy unpacking and in about 20 minutes tents were rising on carefully packed snow. (Snowshoes are great for packing tent spaces, by the way). Soon five colorful small tents were up, ranging from a Sears pup tent to Japanese nylon models, to two elegant Spring-bars! Skis and poles served as major tent stakes - although the snow was ideal for holding most wooden stakes that night, even dead tree branches. Meanwhile on the Northeastern edge of camp Dave labored mightily digging a snow cave to sleep in. He finished 2 1/2 hours later and wearily reported that snow conditions were the worst he had ever seen for snow caving! By now nearly everybody was around the campfire eating dehydrated dinners, ranging from delicious chicken stroganoff to pork chops. The fire was mainly for fun and warmth since we all had tiny stoves for cooking. These included models by Sterno, Bluet, and Primus. A plugged valve gave Del so much trouble that he was heard muttering "a pox on Primus!", frequently during the evening. After eating we all stood around the campfire for awhile chatting about our equipment, except for poor Don, who lay miserable in his tent fighting off an apparent attack of the flu. Finally, around 9 p.m., we dispersed the fire and crawled into tents and sleeping bags. Snow was still falling in flurries and the crystals reflected so brightly that we could walk around camp without using a flashlight. As we drifted off to sleep several strong wind gusts shook the tents on the Western side, and we wondered vaguely what we would do if a tent collapsed. Or a snow cave...

In the morning all the tents were still standing and everyone slept in until the sun was well up in the

East - a beautiful sight in a clear sky. Slowly we emerged and got our cooking stoves going again. The Wiens' recording thermometer had been only 22, very mild. Dave had survived the night in his snow cave in fine shape, and fortunately Don was now much better and able to join us for breakfast.

The meal was long and leisurely, accompanied by the distant boom and rumble of avalanche artillery and snow cats packing the slopes below. But we were in a quiet world of bright untracked snow all our own. After eating we packed gear and struck our tents, again very leisurely - Sherm and Tom found their totally buried ski poles rather difficult to extricate.

Around 11:00 the group split up, Sherm and Tom skied down by themselves to meet afternoon commitments in SLC while the rest of us toured briefly (minus our big packs) over to Lake Catherine where the skiers enjoyed some nice powder. Then we returned to camp, had lunch, broke up Dave's cave, and took more photos (most of which later didn't turn out, unfortunately). Reluctantly we put on our packs, left the tranquil campsite and headed downslope toward the humdrum world of everyday. None of our skiers fell, and they eventually outdistanced the plodding snowshoers. But soon we all met again near the Mary Run where Dave stopped to give first-aid to a young girl with a broken leg. While Dave waited for the toboggan to remove his patient the rest of us continued downhill, reaching the parking lot at 2 p.m.. I think we all feel that our friends and relations who didn't come, missed a really great trip, and I hope the Club will schedule more snow camps in the future.

Skiers were: Del and Carol Wiens leaders; Bill Rosequist, Dave Boyd, Sherman and Tom Dickman. Snowshoers were: Don Coleman and Liz Choules. ■

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CONSERVATION

by W. N. Strickland

From all of the talk and penmanship about the environment in the past few months, it would be easy to conclude that a massive restoration program was under way and that the environment was saved. If you feel that this is true, forget it - you are quite wrong. Most of the action in the past few months has been an exercise in hot air but there are two or three encouraging signs. For the sake of optimism and to encourage everybody to try even harder I am going to start on the "sunny" events and leave the despoilers to the end.

Probably the best news is that the National Timber Supply Bill HR 12025 went down to defeat in the house by a vote of 228 to 150, with 53 not voting. We CANNOT thank Utah for this defeat since MR. BURTON and MR. LLOYD BOTH VOTED FOR THE BILL. Conservationists felt that the bill was very bad because it would have made logging the dominant use of the 186 million acre national forest system and it could very easily have led to tree cutting at a rate greater than essential growth replacement.

Another encouragement for conservationists comes from the court ruling on the de facto East Meadow Wilderness located next to the Gore Range - Eagle's Nest primitive area in Colorado. The 1964 wilderness act makes it quite clear that contiguous wilderness areas must be left as such until there is a presidential and congressional decision on their wilderness qualities. The judge in this case ruled that lumbering in the East Meadow area would effectively frustrate such a decision. The ruling

has far reaching consequences since there are other de facto wilderness areas in the National Forests and the Forest Service would do well in the future to allow presidential and congressionals to precede the depredations of the timber industry.

Utah, as usual, presents a dismal scene in destruction and pollution. The Utah Highway Commission held hearings last year about a proposed highway from Bullfrog Basin to the Hole-in-the-Rock Road. Such a road would substantially decrease the wilderness value of the proposed Escalante Wilderness Area and at the same time would cost a great deal and do very little for tourists or residents. This highway proposal met with overwhelming, nationwide opposition so now the Highway Commission has come up with the bright idea of studying an extension of this very same road to the area of Glen Canyon City. I cannot see why they think that the "old" trans-Escalante proposal from Bullfrog Basin to the Hole-in-the-Rock Road will look any better or make any more sense by extending it to Glen Canyon City because the same objections still apply. The highway will be very expensive and will serve the needs of only a handful of people. The entire routing is at a very low elevation and it will be very uncomfortable for any tourist to drive through in the summer (except for the type of person who likes to be isolated from the environment in an air-conditioned car). Therefore all conservationists should be ready with their statements for new hearings on the extended road. When will these hearings be held? The highway Department WILL NOT GIVE ANY DATE. Nevertheless make your views on the proposed Bullfrog Basin - Glen Canyon City Highway known by writing to the UTAH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, STATE OFFICE BUILDING, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84114, and also send me a copy of your letter (to the Club Headquarters). The Utah Highway Department will tell you that your letter can only be recorded in the hearing record if it is submitted

at the hearing or in the following 10 days. Provided that there is not some obscure ruling to the contrary to frustrate the concerned public, then I WILL SUBMIT THE COPY OF YOUR LETTER AT THE HEARING. Get all your friends to express their views as well. (Remember to sign the copy as well as the original) Write to Governor Rampton as well and let him know your views about roads through the pitifully few remnants of our Country that still exist in a relatively pristine condition - at least free of the roaring whoosh of the "iron monster". It was most encouraging to hear that the Western River Guides Association recently passed a resolution endorsing the proposal for a wilderness in the Escalante River Canyons.

What about other conservation issues in Utah? Every day I still see the usual great plumes of smoke pouring into the atmosphere across the Valley and obscuring the Oquirrh Mountains; sometimes it is not possible to see too far South from Salt Lake City because of a grey pall spreading up from the Provo area; nothing is being done about the proposed High Uinta Wilderness area; there is no progress on the excellent bills to convert Capitol Reef and Arches National Monuments into National Parks and our wildlife continues to indiscriminately fall victim to the ravage of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) and cyanide guns. (I am told that some of the cyanide guns are no longer marked as required by law). We now even have the "heroic" sport of shooting coyotes from aircraft. And all of this indiscriminate destruction of wildlife occurs in the absence of good, scientifically collected data about the extent of damage to domestic livestock. While the action on preserving and maintaining the environment is about 90 to 99% hot air in the other states, it is 100% hot air in Utah.

By the way since I began to type out these notes, one hour ago, the population of the world has increased by 7,920!!!

SNAKE CREEK PASS TOUR

JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST

by Liz Choules

Ten skiers and seven snowshoers turned out for this trip which was billed as the easiest tour in the book. We started with a chilly ride up the Majestic lift which is always a bit nerve wracking for snowshoers who get yelled at by the lift loaders. Not to mention that you can't sit very securely in a lift chair while wearing a pack and clutching snowshoes with frozen fingers. But we eventually reached the top and reassembled the group. Our leader, John Riley, was soon approached by three rather grimfaced ski patrolmen who emphasized that we should stay in the trees at all times and under no condition should we try to go down the other side of the pass. We promised to be careful and set out with Eveline leading the snowshoers in front. The day and the snow were outstanding for scenery - bright sun, and fantastically sparkling snow crystals. We made the usual stops to adjust bindings and then began climbing and traversing some rather steep slopes among the trees, following the old tracks of some unknown skier who hadn't chosen the best trail. But the group finally scrambled and straggled to the pass where we were rewarded by a breathtaking view of the Heber Valley and distant mountains. It was somewhat chilling, however, to see how much smog had entered the valley from Provo and lay like a murky blanket below us. Not being very tired from our short climb, we hiked East along the ridge awhile, taking photos, enjoying the sunshine, and

being careful not to step on hidden cornices. Soon we retraced our steps and picked out the most wind-sheltered spot on the ridge to sit and eat lunch. After lunch we skied and shoed down at varying speeds with skiers deftly avoiding the trees. The majority of both skiers and snowshoers were down in about 45 minutes. However, one of Ellen's snowshoe bindings refused to stay on going downhill, even after she and Liz invented several jury-rig devices to fix it - So Liz and Ellen gave up and rode down on the lift, subject to the curiosity and wise-cracks of young people riding up. The gals were slightly miffed to find all of the males comfortably ensconced on the ski lodge porch drinking beer - especially when the gentlemen immediately pointed out an easy remedy for the binding problem. WHERE were you when we needed you on the trail GENTLEMEN?? Anyway it was a nice day, a nice easy tour, and we all enjoyed ourselves.

Skiers were: John Riley, Aaron Fidler, Phyllis Anderson, Oscar Robinson, Ruth Hanson, Tim Eckels, Tania Kar, Phil Dahmken, Ivan Cindese and ?

Snowshoers were: Eveline Bruenger, Liz and Lew Choules, Ellen Eckels, Suzanne and Larry Stensaas and their friend from Seattle.

NOTE: the author wishes to apologize to anyone left off the list, as she has stupidly misplaced the original piece of paper!!

JACKSON

FEB. 22

by Lyman Lewis

The Jackson weekend ski trip was a big success again. Ski tourers Aaron Fidler, John Riley, Diana + Andy Schoenberg, Betty Bottcher, Clare Davis + Ruth Holland. Elk looker Suzan Zenier. Lift skiers Charles Leslie, Richard Parks, Phyllis Anderson Oscar Robison, Jane + Steve Daurelle, Tom Jackson, Phil + Karen Hughes, Al + Carol Baer, Vilma + Lyman Lewis, Jack + Ruth Petajon + family, Stew Ogden, Suzan Michelson and Mr. + Mrs. Pitts from Boulder, Colorado. We had three delightful sunny and mild days

with no wind to enjoy the best of the Teton Village area and snow king skiing. Intermountain ski books were honored both places and also at the Rancho Bar where a group gathered the second evening for cocktails. Monday several cars went over to Grand Targhee to see the latest addition to the Teton area ski resorts. A favorable report from the area indicates possible inclusion on next years expedition. Many thanks to Ed Cook who made the reservations at the Antler Motel. Suggestions for next year's leader would be the inclusion of a deposit to help notification of cancellations.

NO DUES → NO MAY RAMBLER

BRIGHTON TO ALTA VIA CATHERINE PASS

by Dan Thomas

Nine moonliters started this tour walking from the Brighton parking lot, and up the Mary run. The weather was perfect with clear skies and temperature in the twenties. It was decided to break contact with civilization so we donned skins and broke for the trees.

As we hiked, the moon rose behind Clayton Peak, giving us enough illumination to tell the exact way we were going. When we found ourselves under

the Millicent lift, it was democratically decided to change the itinerary to: "Brighton to Alta via Twin Lakes Pass".

We proceeded roughly down the pole line and reached the pass before 11:00. The run down Grizzly Gulch was a milk (BEER) run, with powder on the North slopes and ice on all the others. Many thanks to Steve Swanson for a fine tour. Those participating: Don Fox, Bill Rosequist, Dave Smith, Ron Zee, Dan Thomas, Lief Hendrickson, Larry Swanson and Steve Swanson.

CLIMBING INSTRUCTION ^{SPRING} 1970

Formal climbing instruction for this Spring will consist of two courses; the hikers' climbing course and the beginners' climbing course.

HIKERS CLIMBING COURSE

The goal of this Course is to acquaint you, the hiker, with some climbing techniques. This will enable you to broaden and thereby enrich your mountain experience. The attitude of the course is relaxed and very basic. Only fundamentals are stressed; proper climbing technique; basic climbing gear; basic ropework; knots; belaying; rappeling.

These topics will be related to typical hiking situations found in many western ranges, particularly the Wasatch. The practice will make you feel more comfortable when descending Coalpit Gulch, or making a late Spring ascent of Lone Peak.

DETAILS ARE:

Time: 6:00 p.m. on three consecutive Thursdays; April 23, April 30, and May 7, 1970; Place: Upper Pete's Rock about 5400 S. Wasatch Blvd., fee is \$1.00 for all three sessions.

CURRICULUM:

April 23; discussion of fundamentals of advanced hiking and the gear required. Demonstration and practice of proper climbing footwork.

April 30; demonstration and practice of ropework, knots and belaying, continuing footwork practice.

May 7; demonstration and practice of rappeling; continuing practice of belaying and climbing technique.

Upon completion of this course, you will have a decent acquaintance with climbing, not only will this be of direct help in climbing, it will also serve as an introduction to the beginners climbing course.

BEGINNERS CLIMBING COURSE:

The goal of this course is to

sufficiently train you so that you can follow experienced leaders up difficult peaks such as the Grand Tetons. This is a demanding course—some outside study and great attention are required. However, NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED.

The course will cover, in varying depth, almost all aspects of climbing. Primary emphasis will be placed on mastery of the basic fundamentals of footwork, belaying and safety.

WHO: Any person who desires to learn about climbing and mountaineering. People under 18 must have a signed release from their parents. Children under 14 must have express permission of Dave Allen 278-0230.

WHEN AND WHERE: May 6; register with Dave Allen 278-0230; May 9; at 9 a.m. be at the road closure gate in Little Cottonwood Canyon; May 16; snow practice, time and place to be announced; May 23; at 9 a.m. be at Storm Mtn. Picnic grounds by the small reservoir Big Cottonwood Canyon.

FEE: \$5.00 for all three sessions, pay at the first session THIS PITTANCE PAYS FOR CLUB ROPES AND OTHER CLUB GEAR.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Boots; Hard hat; Piton Hammer; Nylon webbing 1" X 20"; carabiners; pitons, 3 or 4 assorted. For assistance in equipment selection contact Dave Allen, Max Townsend or anybody else on the Senior Committee on mountaineering or a representative of either "Timberline Sports" or the "Mountaineer".

If you show up without proper equipment YOU WILL NOT GET FULL BENEFIT FROM THE COURSE.

For any further details contact:
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Cover photo of the Main Fork of the Salmon last July, by Fred Bruenger

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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). Out of state membership dues are \$3.00 (spouse, \$1.50). The club event I have attended is _____ on _____ (date). I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Club as specified in the constitution and by-laws and as determined by the Board of Directors.

Name (Printed) _____

Signature _____

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

and signature _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

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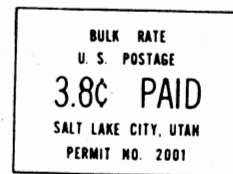
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