



The Rambler

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THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB
Salt Lake City, Utah

FEBRUARY 1990

CLUB MEETING FEBRUARY 1970

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.

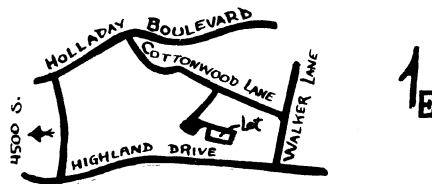
Registration with trip leaders for ski tours is even more important than for hiking. Through them you may glean information as to condition of snow, or lack of it, or too much, and weather; and cancelling or proceeding with the trip for any of these reasons.

NOTE ON SKI TOURING

Due to the hazardous conditions that have prevailed in the first half of the season people are well advised to check with the leaders on current conditions. Often tours will be cancelled or modified.

- Feb 1 LAKE BLANCHE: Advanced (3,5)
Sun. Due to persisting hazards this year, alpine touring may have to be postponed until Spring. Another tour in safer terrain may be substituted. Contact: Alexis Kelner 359-5387 for details.
- Feb 7 MT. WOLVERINE via PATSY MOLLY RIDGE: Intermediate (3,3)
Sat. Starting from the mouth of Grizzly Gulch this tour proceeds past the houses on the right of the gulch up the ridge to the summit of Mt. Wolverine. Fine views in all directions. The descent route back to Alta will depend on conditions. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Jim Byrne 359-5631
- Feb 8 PARK CITY RIDGE RUN: Intermediate (2,2)
Sun. Some unusual views of the Wasatch are to be had from the ridge between Park City West and Treasure Mountain. The tour is mostly in high country and safe routes are possible. Register with Milt Hollander 277-1416. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the main gate of the Hogle Zoo in Emigration Canyon to pick up the leader.

Feb 8 WINTER SOCIAL:
 Sun. Our hostess will be Ann McDonald, 5344 Cottonwood Lane,
 277-0816. Come one and all, 6 p.m. Dinner and beverage
 will be available at minimal cost. See following map.
 Please park in the field behind Ann's house.



Feb 14-15 BRIGHTON-CATHERINE PASS: Overnight Intermediate (2,3)
 Sat. & This tour is designed to give people a few of the delights
 Sun. of winter camping with minimum misery. Starting at noon
 from the Lodge in Brighton the group will proceed to the
 vicinity of Lake Mary or Lake Catherine and set up camp.
 Numerous side expeditions are possible including Mt.
 Wolverine. Return early Sunday afternoon. Plan on
 bringing a warm sleeping bag and cooking gear. Register
 with Del and Carol Frostbottom 487-2584 for details and
 tenting arrangements.

Feb 15 DOG LAKE - LITTLE WATER PEAK: Intermediate (3,3)
 Sun. The route proceeds up Mill A Fork from Big Cottonwood
 Canyon to Dog Lake, which may be the destination of more
 contemplative types. From here a climb of 800 feet puts
 one on the summit of Little Water Peak with fine views of
 the Brighton area. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood
 Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Andy Schoenberg 278-4896.

Feb. 18 ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING, 8:00 p.m. La Morena Cafe (in the
 Wed. Guadalupe Center) 346 West 1st South. After the business is
 transacted Dick Nielsen will show his slides and movies of
 Afghanistan, in preparation for next's year's club trip there.
 At our October meeting at La Morena, those who came early and
 had dinner were impressed with the excellent Mexican food.
 Beer and Mexican goodies will be on sale for those arriving
 at meeting time.

Feb. 21, 22, 23 JACKSON WEEKEND Ski tourers, lift skiers, ski bums, etc. Our
 Sat., Sun., Mon. trip to Jackson last year was a big success and we are planning
 a repeat for the Washington Birthday weekend. We will stay at
 the Antler Motel in town for \$3/person per night. Ski 3 days at
 Teton Village and Snow King Mountain. Lifts are available for
 rank beginners, novice, intermediate and advanced skiers.
 Lessons and touring are also available. There are tram rides to
 10,446' high Rendezvous Peak and snowmobile trips to high country
 and Elk Refuge Areas for non-skiers, plus plenty of delightful
 restaurants, shops, and nightlife. We will drive in private
 cars and small buses. For transportation pay driver \$10.00.

Leaving time Feb. 20, 3 - 6 p.m. by car as arrangements will vary. Buy National Ski Assoc. Souvenir Book for reduced ski rates; Call Dale, Lyman Lewis 277-6816 or Ed Cook 355-5522 if you intend to drive, need transportation, or more information.

- Feb 21 BRIGHTON TO ALTA BY MOONLIGHT VIA CATHERINE PASS:
Sat. Intermediate (2,2)
Once again the full moon beckons, and we will start out for Catherine Pass from Brighton. The terrain is not too difficult and relatively safe. Hopefully the outing will arrive at Alta before the bars close. Tentatively meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 6:30 p.m. register with leader: Steve Swanson 484-5808 for details.
- Feb 21 SIGNAL MOUNTAIN: Intermediate (2,2)
Sat. This exceptionally scenic tour will be available to the Jackson Skiing group this weekend. The time is at the discretion of the leader Lyman Lewis 277-6816. It may be held on any one of the three days. For a modest effort one is rewarded by the entire Teton panorama from the Grand to Mt. Moran. Contact the leader for details.
- Feb 22 PARK CITY WEST TO BRIGHTON VIA BEARTRAP FORK: Intermediate
Sun. (2,3)
This is a new tour, which explores the numerous pleasant, scenic terrain, near Park City West. From a high ridge the route proceeds through forested area in the vicinity of Desolation Lake and down Beartrap Fork to the Brighton Road. To minimize the car parking ordeal, register with leader: Milt Hollander 277-1416
- Feb 22 WINTER SOCIAL:
Sun. Consolation for you stay-at-home's who had to pass up Jackson Hole this year. Dinner, beer, and wine will be available at the usual bargain prices. Socializing is free and begins at 6 p.m. at Phil and Sally Nelson's 1218 Harvard Ave. 485-0237
- Feb 28 HONEYCOMB FORK: Intermediate (3,2)
Sat. This is one of the Club's most popular tours. Depending on snow conditions we will either enter the canyon from above via Twin Lakes or from below at Silver Fork. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Bill and June Viavant 364-9684.
- Mar 1
Sun. TWIN PEAKS VIA BROADS FORK: Advanced (5,5)
In the hopes that conditions may have taken a turn for the better, we are prepared to tempt the gods in an all out

assault on rugged Twin Peaks. The scenery is spectacular and the effort is vigorous. Register with Leader: Caine Alder 487-0485 for current conditions and other information. Tentative departure time 6:30 a.m. from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. If conditions are hazardous, a very scenic and much shorter tour is still to be had by going to the lower part of Broads Fork Cirque.

CATHERINE PASS SKI TOUR

by Lyman Lewis

Calling John MacDuff to register for this tour, I found out he had a cold and so yours truly got a job which is better than a cold. However, this was a cold tour so I guess I ended up about the same.

After considerable checking with the Forest Service about snow conditions because of the avalanche on Cardiff and other slides around Alta, we decided; "Go". First arriving at the bottom of the Albion Lift were Lew & Liz Choules, then Charles Leslie and Lief Hendrickson, also Cal Giddings followed by David Smith and his two younger twin sisters from New York, Sharon and Karen who were out for the 4th time on skis. We were busy putting on the climbers at the top of the lift, when we were joined by Phyllis Anderson and Oscar Robison.

On a clear sunny day it is always a joy to be touring whether it's cold or not and in 1 1/2 hours or so we were at the pass looking over the spectacular scenery of Devils Castle, Sugar

loaf, Baldy, Superior, Wolverine and Clayton and numerous intermediate peaks.

We had seen the slide on the Yellow Trail of Rustler, and had used caution in traversing the open slopes on the way up. We discussed touring over to the Albion hut and then down through the basin. Everyone was agreeable so we were up the ridge and over to the hut by 2 p.m.. Lief had only a couple of rags for skins and hence had some trouble and the Smith twins had a little difficulty with the kick turns on the steep sections, but everybody made the tour in great shape. After eating outside the hut, instead of inside, which Oscar said was 20° below, we had a delightful run down the basin to the bottom of Sugarloaf Lift where we disbanded. Some taking a ride up the Sugarloaf Lift and skiing down to the Snow Pine Lodge for a couple of beers to complete the day.

Many thanks to Cal Giddings who shared leading the tour and was considerable help, on the way down also.



TO KEEP OR NOT TO KEEP

ANOTHER CHAPTER OF THE CONTINUING
SAGA OF OUR BRIGHTON LODGE

by Dale Green, Pres.

Our lodge at Brighton has a serious problem. The Board of Directors has decided to take a poll of all members and asked me to write an objective explanation. However, I find I am pessimistic about the future of the lodge so this discussion is definitely slanted. Anyone with opposing views is free to write their own evaluation to the editor of the Rambler.

The problem is this: The membership does not have sufficient interest in the lodge to keep it properly maintained or provide enough income for needed maintenance or improvements.

Proposed solutions:

1. Raise the dues to cover the expense. Reasons for: The lodge is every member's obligation and the dues are very low anyway. We can't afford to lose our investment in the lodge. If people know some of their dues money is for the lodge, they will take more interest in it.

Reasons against: The lodge is not every member's obligation any more than the bus is, for which we have been continuously in the red, sometimes as much as \$2,000. No one has suggested

raising the dues because of the bus. Besides, any club with nearly \$4,000 in the bank at the start of a fiscal year (\$650 in the lodge fund) has no business raising dues. Also, money alone does not solve the problem of lack of interest. We need workers and members in the lodge every weekend. If we spend a lot of money without getting more members to use the lodge, all we have done is spend a lot of money. The lodge is quite usable now; how much more do we need to "fix it up" to be more acceptable?

2. Rent the lodge to more non-member groups.

(We already do this to many such groups. Outsiders use the lodge more than we do. Without this income the lodge would be in debt).

Reasons for: Good, steady income. Keeps someone in the lodge.

Reasons against: The work required to rent the lodge is starting to break our back. Members clean up after themselves, renters may or may not. Renters are also causing most of the lodges wear and tear. The job is getting to be so much work that the board has seriously discussed hiring help to open, close and clean for renters. Some of the Board, however, hesitates on this action because they question whether or not the whole rental business has anything to do with running the Wasatch Mountain Club.

3. Plan more activities at the Lodge.

Reasons for: This is exactly what we need. More member activities would simultaneously solve this money and maintenance problem.

Reasons against: Scheduling activities does not guarantee participation. It is difficult to get anyone to plan and lead events. Hosted, open house type weekends during the summer are not working out very well. I have to insert a personal, somewhat bitter note here. This is a wonderful solution - so good that it is obvious. Everyone even casually associated with the lodge problems thinks of it year after year after year. But except for one party that I know of, nothing is ever done.... absolutely nothing! Therefore, until that rare person comes along who is willing to actually do some work, I consider this idea as worthless.

4. Sell the lodge.

Before my home is bombed let me explain that the board is not really serious..yet. We are not pressed for an immediate solution for the lodge. The problems are not new, they have been with us for years and they can stay with us for several more years. We are talking about selling the lodge now because the problems are always getting worse, never better. The time to talk about such things is while we have time not later when the situation is critical and we may be forced into drastic action we don't

like. Even if we received a mandate from the membership to sell, the board would still have a difficult time. First of all, the Board of Trustees was created in the early 1950's to prevent the Board of Directors from selling the lodge without Trustee approval. Also, we do not own the land and the lodge needs a lot of fixing. Access during the winter is getting worse. There are other ideas of merit, such as selling year-round "passes" letting the holder attend all lodge functions without further charge. Leasing the lodge is also a possibility.

Why don't our members support the lodge? Some say it's too primitive or cold. I personally think the lodge has gone the way of Saltair. Air-conditioning television, freeways, more money more mobility and more time make the lodge unneeded as a week-end diversion. I also recognize that a continually negative attitude by many board members, including myself, is two strikes against it.

The above discussion is very short in comparison with what it could be. The Board of Directors has spent more time talking about the lodge then anything else. It's now time that we heard from you. Please mark the questionnaire and return it with your dues. If you don't feel answering the available choices will express your opinion, please use the spaces to let us know. The Board will assume that an unreturned questionnaire means you aren't interested.

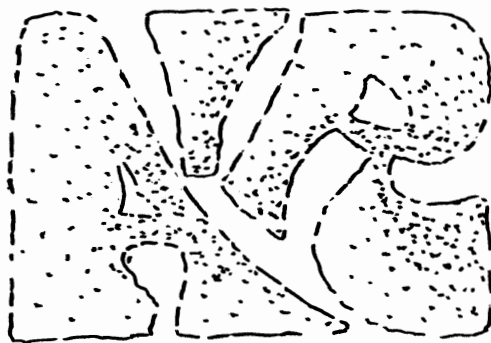
Center photo collage photos by Kehler, Strickland, Rathbun, Wiens, Nelson, et al.



O, cancerous for smoggy skies,
for pesticided grain.
Irradiated mountains rise above
an asphalt plain.
America, America, thy birds have
fled from thee;
Thy fish lie dead by poisoned
streams from sea to fetid sea.

America, America, thy sins
prepare thy doom:
Monoxide cloud shall be thy
shroud, thy cities be thy
tomb.

Ecological Action, Berkeley, Calif.



CONSERVATION NOTES

by Nick Strickland
Conservation Director

PUBLIC HEARING ON AIR POLLUTION STANDARDS:

Those of you who either went to the hearings on air pollution on the 9th of January or sent in a letter deserve the thanks of everybody living in the Salt Lake Valley; and, by example, of every body in the United States. The

hearing on the 9th was to establish ambient air levels for sulfur dioxide and also to establish emission standards for visible pollutants. The public response was superb and a crowd of about one thousand snowed up necessitating a move from the State Capitol Auditorium to the Little Theater of the Salt Palace BUT do not make the mistake of thinking that you will now have clean air. Even if the Utah Air Conservation Committee sets the standards at the low levels suggested by the conservationists Utah industries cannot possibly conform immediately. The realistic approach is to set the standards at a level compatible with health and esthetic values and then, if the need can be clearly shown, to grant variances to individual industries provided they agree to a strict schedule of abatement. There are also those who suggest that we set liberal standards in the beginning and then make the standards stricter at a later date. This approach is wrong unless those later dated are specified, because new industries would be allowed to come to Utah and pollute at the liberal standards level. Then we would have an increasing array of industries who say they "cannot conform" to standards necessary for health and esthetics.

OTHER POLLUTANTS: AUTOS

And then there is the big question of tackling other pollutants e.g. carbon monoxides and nitrogen oxides. When we are talking about sulfur oxides then

"clearly" the general public of the Salt Lake Valley is not at fault. As a matter of fact, if the figures for sulfur dioxide emissions from Kennecott Copper Corporation given at the hearings are correct, then the conservationists were very conservative about who is putting out the oxides of sulfur. However, most of the carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides come from the operation of automobiles. What can we do about that? Public transportation systems are totally inadequate and even the best of them are not as convenient as private transport and are also generally more expensive. In our American Society, mobility is essential and so we are forced to private transportation. But with very little sacrifice we could (temporarily) decrease pollution by automobiles as follows: (1) Try to form car pools to go to and from work. (2) Keep your car tuned. (3) Urge the City Government to make a traffic study with the idea of keeping traffic moving. At present there is too much "stop and start" driving and this greatly increases air pollution. (4) Do not make unnecessary automobile trips, particularly during temperature inversions. (5) None of the automobile manufacturers seem to have done much to build an engine that would produce less pollution. For example, the idea of a steam car has been around for many years and steam cars which produce far less pollution than the internal combustion engine have been built. But none of the automobile manufacturers have attempted to make this a commercial

proposition. Electric cars are also a very real possibility especially for local use. Anyway, the gist of this rambling about other sources of power for private transport is that we (the public) must convince the automobile industry that we want an alternative to the "infernal" combustion engine. There is a movement gathering strength across the country to influence the automobile industry by trying to decrease their sales. Each of you can help here by refusing to buy that new car this year, unless your old car is so bad that it exceeds a #2 Ringelman test and you are ordered to remove it from the highways.

POPULATION:

All these suggestions can only be temporary if we do not tackle the basic problem which is "everybody's baby" i.e. the increasing population. Somewhere the population of the United States (and the world) must be stabilized if permanent solution to our environmental and social problems are to be found. Suppose we decrease automobile pollution by 50% and then ten or twenty years later we have double the number of automobiles? Result...no change.

Nevertheless, the citizens of Utah made a fine showing on January 9th and by so doing, plainly stated that they care about our environment. But, DON'T RELAX NOW, THERE ARE MANY MORE PROBLEMS TO BE FACED IF WE WANT A CLEAN, STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT.

AWARD: ESCALANTE WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

by June Viavant

The Escalante Wilderness Committee has recently been honored by the American Heritage Society by being selected as one of the twelve outstanding national conservation and historic preservation organizations. Selection involves a \$1,000 award, and the possibility of receiving a \$2,000 fourth place, \$5,000 third place, \$10,000 second place, or \$25,000 first place award.

The American Heritage Society is inviting its present members, and those who join the Society in January, February and March, to vote for the organization which they believe should receive first place. Announcement of

vote results will be in May.

The other organizations so honored are Alaska Conservation Society, College, Alaska; Big Thicket Association, Liberty, Texas; Conversation Society of Southern Vermont, Bondville, Vermont; Delaware Valley Citizens' Council for Clean Air, Philadelphia; Hells Canyon Preservations Council, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, Massachusetts; The Old Sante Fe Association, Sante Fe, New Mexico; Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Inc., Sanibel Island Florida; Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference, New York, New York; South Hill Neighborhood Association, Lexington, Kentucky; and the Wyckoff Association in America, Brooklyn, New York.

NEWS AND NOTICES

THANKS:

...to Kay Berger for typing the February Rambler.

...to George and Linda Rathbun and to Phil Nelson and his mother-in-law, for mailing the January Rambler.

...to Nick and Marie Strickland and Jack McLellan for stapling it.

...to Tricia Swift, Ed Cook, and Dave Allen, the Nominations Committee, for a fine selection

of candidates for the new board.

CONGRATULATIONS:

...to Gernardt Henschel on becoming an American citizen.

DEADLINE:

...for the March Rambler is February 15th. Mail or deliver to Sally Nelson, 1213 Harvard Avenue, SLC, 84105.

PLEASE TYPE YOUR ARTICLES.

To the Editor:

In view of my nomination as a Club Trustee, I feel the membership should know my feelings about the Lodge. In the first place, I believe the Lodge has served an essential function in holding the Club together, as its only really permanent capital investment. But the Lodge is deteriorating seriously and rapidly, and is furthermore being used much more for non-club functions than by members. A professional appraiser over the Christmas Holidays discovered that the very foundations were in dangerous condition...You can stick your finger into some of the rotting 18 inch logs.

I believe there are alternative capital investments which are equally effective at holding the Club together, and which have the added advantage of appreciating instead of depreciating. One such investment is the private land in Albion Basin. It appreciates at more than 10% per year, and could be held either for the site of a future Lodge at Alta, or for eventual sale to the National Forest, to be kept in an undeveloped state.

I favor a thorough study of Lodge physical condition and economics, the evaluation of alternatives with an open mind, and a positive decision by this summer. I am not opposed to sale so long as we maintain an alternative capital investment.

Bill Viavant

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* * * HOLIDAY HOURS * * *

Mon & Fri 10 to 9
Tues - Thur & Sat 10 to 6

With the close of any year, we encounter numbers. At the end of 1969, our total membership numbered 536. Of these, 356 are local, and 103 local spouses. 111 of these are new. Out-of-state members number 63 with 14 spouses, 10 of these are new. In May, 1970, the club was founded with 13 members.

ELECTIONS

Elections for the new Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, February 18th (see schedule). If you cannot attend the meeting, you may obtain a ballot by:

1. Visiting Club headquarters at 2959 Highland Dr., between Feb 1st and 18th and request a ballot in writing. You may mark the ballot

and leave it there or mail it back to club headquarters.

2. Requesting a ballot by writing the secretary, Barbie Quinn, 1991 Creek Rd., Sandy, Utah 84070

Mailed ballots must be received at club headquarters by noon on February 18th to be counted.

NOMINEES for the 1970 BOARD

President: Del Wiens

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Secretary: Jane Daurelle
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Membership: Ruth Henson
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Bill Viavant
Clare Davis

Photo by Bruce Christenson



Cover photo from near the Waterpocket Fold in the Escalante area , by
Nick Strickland

Wasatch Mountain Club business is conducted only on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. At that time, and only at that time, is the mail opened, new membership applications voted on, dues payments recorded, address changes made, lodge rentals approved, and all other business requiring board action conducted. All board members cannot attend all board meetings and although an effort is made to fill in during a member's absence, some business is held for action until the next meeting.

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). 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 _____

Recommended by:

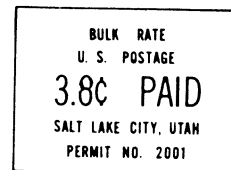
Member _____

Director: _____

(Effective 1 January through
31 August, 1970).

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