

The Rambler

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WHEREAS, the WMC has worked for 50 years not only to publicize and enjoy the beauties of Utah...(quote from Governor Rampton's declaration)...a committee of club members met recently to formulate plans for a "Know Your Wasatch Week" to be held July 11-17. The purpose of the week is to acquaint interested residents of the Salt Lake area with the recreational opportunities and natural wonders of the Wasatch. Obviously a great deal of participation is needed (now) to carry out the planned activities. If you have not already been contacted, don't just sit there pining away, call the chief con ladies Bonita Jackson (322-0751) or Noreen Ogden (277-4387) for information.

KNOW YOUR

Evening talks are also planned, to be held at the Storm Mountain amphitheater. The first talk, Saturday July 11, will be a Cook's tour of the Wasatch, can you furnish a fifteen minute slide presentation? An historical presentation (who knows the history of Alta?) is planned for Sunday. Talks for the four remaining evenings will feature the flowers, birds, geology, and wild-life of the wastach. A rock-climbing exhibition will precede the opening evening presentation, and a moonlight hike is planned as the terminal event. Contact Del Wiens (487-2584) if you have suggestions or can offer aid for the evening sessions.

JULY 11-17

DATE DAY ACTIVITY

- Sat. 11 Pancake Breakfast - everybody has a kickoff breakfast
Morning Nature Hike - to work off the pancakes
- Mon. 13 Senior Citizens - as guests at the lodge and a Brighton stroll
- Tues. 14 Sunset Hike - after a hard day at the office
- Wed. 15 Ladies Day - also based at the lodge
- Thurs.16 Cleanup Campaign - litter removal from wherever it needs it most, youth participation especially welcomed
- Fri. 17 Central City Childrens Day - a chance to help them out.

WASATCH WEEK

club activities^{for} July '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.

July 3-4-5 TETON WEEKEND

Fri-Sun The Teton weekend planned by our mountaineers is open to the more vigorous hikers. You will need adequate equipment as there is more snow this year than usual. For more information call: Max Townsend 363-2269.

July 4-5 KOLOB PLATEAU - Zion National Park

Sat-Sun If you prefer the warm and pleasant (but not hot) climate of Southern Utah, here is a trip you should not miss. Few people have seen the plateau below Lava Point and above the Zion Narrows with its outstanding wildlife and its superb scenery. Activities can be geared to suit the most advanced hiker as well as the experienced and the beginning back packer. It is also ideal for families who like to enjoy a quiet and restful weekend in the delightful surroundings of Zion's isolated back country. For information call: Fred Bruenger 485-2639.

July 4-5 AMERICAN FORK TWINS - 11,500 Rating 7.5

Sat-Sun We shall start from Albion Basin past Sugarloaf toward Baldy, then along the saddle to the Twins. Your return may be over the same route or via White Pine Lake. If there is enough interest for this latter route, the hike can be extended and you could plan to stay overnight in the vicinity of White Pine Lake. Register with LeRoy Kuehl 363-6890. Meet at the Y Little Cottonwood Canyon at 6:30 or in Albion Basin at 7:00 a.m..

July 4 BALDY, SUGARLOAF (and a swim in Secret Lake?) Family Trip

Sat We will start from Albion Basin and enjoy a leisurely hike to the two peaks with a lunch stop at Secret Lake. (If you have the constitution of a polar bear you may wish a short dive in the lake, which is VERY REFRESHING.) Meet at the Alta Parking Lot at 8:30. Leader: Andy Schoenberg 278-4896.

July 11 LAKE SOLITUDE, Rating 2

Sat This is one of the most popular, very easy hikes leading past the lakes of the Brighton Bowl to the now hopefully snow-free area around Lake Solitude. Bring your children, the whole family and your friends. Meet at Brighton Store at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Shelly Hyde 363-9564

- July 11 THUNDER MOUNTAIN - Rating 10
 Sat We hope the adverse snow conditions encountered earlier in the season will be over. Even then, this hike should be taken only by people who are in good condition. For detail call Dick Bell, 254-4555. Meet at Draper Exit of Freeway at 6:30 a.m..
- July 11-12 LODGE FAMILY WEEKEND
 Sat-Sun Liz and Lew Choules (355-0383) are hosting and invite all families to come and enjoy a "rustic playground" designed especially for the very young. Dinner Saturday will be potluck so please register by calling the Choules. 75¢ per member for overnight - 50¢ per member for evening or day use. Non-member guests welcome.
- July 12 MOUNT OLYMPUS NORTH - Elevation 8959 Rating 8.5
 Sun If you are not afraid of exposure and like a little thrill, this is the hike to take. No technical climbing skills are required, but you should be aware that there is no trail but lots of rock scrambling. You must register with Fred Bruenger 435-2639. Meet at the Olympus Shopping Center 7:00 a.m..
- July 18-19 LABYRINTH CANYON CANOE TRIP
 Sat-Sun We will float about 20 miles of this beautiful canyon in two days, probably camping at Horseshoe Canyon. There are no rapids in this canyon and at this time of year we should be able to enjoy the red wall beauty without the smokey friendship cruisers. Contact the leader: Jim Byrne 359-5631.
- July 18 TOKEWANNA PEAK - Elevation 13,175 Rating 12
 Sat Tokewanna is 5 miles North of the main Uinta crest on the Black Fork drainage. The drive to the base of the peak is about 3 1/2 hours. The hike leads up the west fork of Black's Fork, then up the first large branch to the ridge and the last 500 feet over typical Uinta quartzite boulders. Register with Milt Hollander 277-1416. Meet at Warshaws at 5:00 a.m..
- July 18 MT. MAJESTIC MOONLIGHT HIKE - Rating 4.5
 Sat Enjoy a moonlight evening away from the heat of the city. Mt. Majestic is not the "Top of the (Wasatch) World" but nevertheless a very prominent peak of our closeby mountains. This hike is easy and fairly short and everybody should by now be in condition to come along. Meet at the WMC lodge at 8:00 p.m., leader: Dail Ogden 277-4387.
- July 19 TIMPANOGOS FROM ASPEN GROVE - Elevation 11,750 Rating 10.5
 Sun Hopefully snow conditions will permit us to take this route which is shorter but steeper than the Timpooneke Trail. Let's go before the shock wave of our population explosion hits the face of The Sleeping Beauty. Bring your ice axe. You must register with leader: Gerhardt Hentschel, 355-1667. Meet at Prudential Plaza at 7:00 a.m..
- July 24-25-26 LODORE Intermediate - Advanced
 Fri - Sun This trip is on the Green River through Lodore Canyon (camp 1st night), Whirlpool Canyon (camp 2nd night) and then through Split Mountain. This trip has not failed in the past in giving us a most exciting trip!!! Trip fee: \$20.00 Register with a \$5.00 deposit to trip leader: Gerry

Powelson, 590 North 3rd East, American Fork, Utah, 84003. This trip is limited to 20 adults (at this time) there will be a work party Monday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m..(MUST ATTEND)

July 24
Fri

ALBION BASIN

This is picnic time and Albion Basin the place setting. Bring your baskets and iceboxes filled with all kinds of goodies and celebrate Pioneer Day with your family and all your friends in a setting framed with wildflowers. Lack of appetite can be treated by hiking up Devil's Castle or Sugarloaf. For information call organizer Jean Torreyson 466-5579.

July 25
Sat

SUPERIOR FROM ALTA (rating 5+) AND LAKE BLANCHE (rating 11.0).

We will try to arrange for two different groups to come up from two different directions. Car keys can then be exchanged and a shuttle can be avoided. Hopefully the snow on the ridge will have melted and exposure should be considerably less than in June. The area above Lake Blanche is well-known for its abundant wildflowers and little streams. The better conditioned hikers should plan to come up the more difficult route over Lake Blanche. Meet at the Mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m.. Leader: Fred Bruenger 485-2639

July 25-26
Sat-Sun

LODGE ADULT WEEKEND

Since there are several adult activities scheduled for this weekend, the social committee plans nothing specific. If any of you want to stay near home and would like to host a group for these 2 days, please call Margaret Strickland 359-3176. Remember, all weekends (and weekdays) not scheduled for a definite function are open to members and their guests. Whenever you wish to use the lodge call the lodge director - Phil Berger 322-1873.

July 26
Sun

KESSLER PEAK FROM MILL D SOUTH - Rating 4.5

This trip should be much more popular than it is. A more majestic peak with as short an approach can hardly be found in the Wasatch. Meet at the Mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m.. Leader ??

Aug 1
Sat

LAKE BLANCHE - Rating 5

This is the third time during this season that we will take this very popular hike which is well suited for families. The area around the lakes is one of the most scenic attractions in the whole Wasatch. Meet at the Mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m.. Leader: Shelly Hyde 363-9564.

Aug 2
Sun

TWIN PEAKS via LISA FALLS - Rating 10

Here is a different route to this spectacular and challenging peak. Even without any snow, the hike is recommended only for the very seasoned hiker. You must register with the Leader: Caine Alder 277-6349

Aug 8-9
Sat-Sun

SNAKE RIVER CANOE TRIP

We will run a fine stretch of the Snake from Palisades to Heise. There is some swift water, and some small rapids, if you look for them. Come and see it and then write your letters against the Lynn Crandall Dam. Leader: Jim Byrne 359-5631.

JULY 1970 - CLIMBING SCHEDULE

July 2 NO organized climbing at Storm Mountain.
Thurs.

July 3,4,5 TETONS

We plan to camp at the Meadows above Garnet Canyon, then will attempt the South or middle Teton, or Nez Perce, or...depending on the abilities and ambition of the participants. Meet at the Jenny Lake Ranger Station at 9 a.m. Friday morning, or hike up to the Meadows whenever you feel like it. Hikers welcome! Contact Max Townsend if further information is needed.

July 9 Evening climbing at Storm Mountain
Thurs.

July 16 Evening climbing at Storm Mountain
Thurs.

July 23 NO organized climbing at Storm Mountain
Thurs.

July 24,25,26 GRAND TETON via THE EXUM RIDGE

We will camp at the lower saddle Friday night, then ascend and descend on Saturday. Meet at the Jenny Lake Station Friday morning at 9 a.m.. Register with Max Townsend (364-4132 day) (363-2269 evenings)

July 30 Evening climbing at Storm Mountain
Thurs.

COMING HIKES:

Aug 15-16 Kings Peak

Labor Day Mirror lake to Moon Lake

Labor Day Parunuweap Canyon

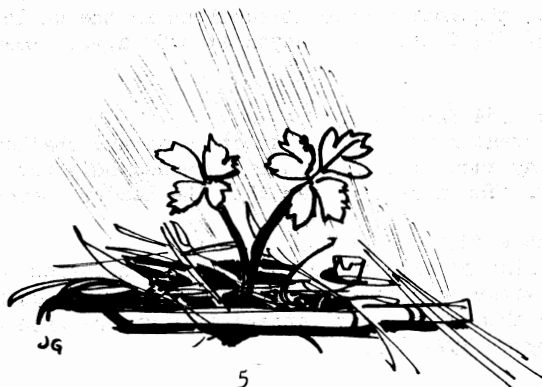
Thanksgiving-Salt Trail and the Gorge of the Little Colorado.

COMING RIVER TRIPS:

Aug 15-16 FAMILY FLOAT TRIP

Aug 22-23 WESTWATER or HELLS CANYON

Sept.17-20 CATARACT or HELLS CANYON



DESOLATION CANYON

by Fern Reid, Bud Holmoe, Ken McCarty
and Jim McCullough

FIRST DAY

Departure was only five minutes late - joy! Jockeyed by Bud and Del, Cannon Ball's wheels quit rolling at 12:30. The mosquitoes were still awake because of their noisy neighbors (frogs and night birds) - great! Our snooze (broken only by singing, flying biting varmints and human slaps) ended with the gentle raindrops falling on our heads. Everyone grabbed his gear and all regrouped in the bus.

Drove to the river - unloaded, pumped, usual preliminary preparations. The breakfast crew, Cal, and a few volunteers in a short time had hot water for coffee going and a continental breakfast was served in an intermittent drizzle - gloom!

Farewell to Jim (shuttle driver) and we cast off. By the time we had the boats in a cluster and the motor working efficiently it was really raining - despair!

Lunchtime on the boat, rain had stopped sun was shining, all were getting acquainted or reacquainted - cheer!

The recently washed scenery was beautiful, the motor performed fairly well, and we beached hours ahead of schedule. Quick work of unloading boats, tents were set up, and happy hour started - skol!

Charcoal broiled steaks, fresh salad, green string beans, sourdough garlic bread from San Francisco, and after dinner mints were so graciously served by the Holmoe brothers, Mary Anne and the Lawlors - magnificent!

Weary bones, nice dry sleeping bag -
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SECOND DAY

Laura and Gary Connor and Jim McCullough started the day with a Whoom at 5:15 a.m. when Jim poured a cup of gasoline on the fire. It awakened the entire camp early to a Fantabulous breakfast of cold stewed peaches, 5 dozen fresh eggs, fried bacon, and oatmeal with milk and sugar. A good way to start a Green River Rapid trip, especially for a Southern Californian. The river was very high and the flow of driftwood indicated it was not doing down. The first rapids came about 10 a.m. and, oh fantastic, the second (not even rated) was much better, at least in Gale Dick's boat, Carol and Diana smashed good.

Our lunch stop that day on the left side, under that huge cottonwood (where we found the pair of deer horns and took pictures) was a spot to behold. About 1:00 on thru Desolation Canyon, this was a delightful afternoon with lots of sun and fun not only on minor rapids but a lot of good ones too. Here we enjoyed watching Cal Giddings do his "thing" in the kayak.



About 4:00 we started looking at several camp sit and at 5:00 we found one on the left side with the bay full of logs and railroad ties. We emptied the boats and started making camp in a 2-40 wind. Gale, Danny and Diana surprised everyone with an authentic Chinese dinner with noodles, chicken chow mein, soy sauce, even fresh canned pineapple, brownies and chocolate chip cookies. Right after dinner the wind died down to nothing so at least 10 of us, led by Fred, went for a canyon hike, got back just at dark to join a river front bon-fire-sing-fest led by none other than Bud Reid on the harmonica and that other Barber Shoppe, Ole. Some real old college frat songs too were rendered by Gale and Del. At 11:15 it came to a glorious rendition of "Good Night Ladies".

THIRD DAY

6:10 a.m. - Blueberry pancakes, syrup, pineapple, real coffee and bacon - what a way to start the day. Breakfast was under the auspices of Howie Wagner Ken McCarty and our glorious leader, Fred. The doomed ate heartily - this was the day of the big white water.

We hit the river at 8:45 with high spirits and clear skies. Chandler's Falls were run with enthusiasm and as Gale Dick put it "we were still looking for trouble". But really it would have been good to look for it since boat #4 (Fred) hit a submerged log and ran an Abandon Ship exercise at "Olde Leaky Hole" while all our backs were turned. Once we had discovered the mishap, a well organized rescue operation started. Boats were dispatched to both sides of the river and the capsized craft with three people aboard was pulled ashore just ahead of another rapid. Cal with his kayak pulled in the two people who got separated from the raft and were still floating in the ice cold water. Quickly a fire was built, a sleeping bag rolled out and blood got back into circulation. The rest of the group

flipped the raft back and crews were reorganized. Del and Fred changed boats. Del used the motor for the rest of the day, while Fred took the lead-boat. Total loss of gear was three paddles, and only a few things got wet, - the advantage of a well packed boat.

We were on the river again at 11:00 and ran uneventfully to McPherson Ranch where all partook of their various gourmet lunches, explored the ranch, filled the water buckets and took their various trips, "ups - downstream and downs - upstream". Departing McPherson at 1340 we had great sport going thru Wire Fence (McPherson) Rapid, which was very turbulent and had high waves and lots of holes. Everybody then was looking out for Coal Creek, the biggest rapid of the trip. We stopped well ahead of it for inspection and from a high bank had a good view of a long stretch of that foaming and thundering river. A route was picked by carefully watching the flow of driftwood and all four boats and our intrepid kayaker had a perfect fun-run. Del and his crew had some exciting moments when they realized they had broken the shear pin of the motor in the first wave, a mishap that occurred again in rocky Rattle Snake rapid. It proved that nothing works more reliably than man power. A real fun roly coaster type rapid just below Coal Creek brought much comment. Rattle Snake with that big rock at the bottom plus a hole that seemed bottomless was the last really big rapid of the day and of the whole trip. Everybody enjoyed it and spirits were high after this day that started so frightfully.

Camp was made just below Rattle Snake at 1830 and at 1922 (7:22 p.m. to you Landlubbers) Fred showed up at Happy Hour with - you won't believe this - Fondue. Dinner was "black tie" with Carol, Fern and Carma serving salad, ham, hot applesauce, fried biscuits, hot beverages and dessert. Soft singing and intellectual discussions were

enjoyed after dinner with the hard
core few finally folding up about 2300.

FOURTH DAY

Sunday we awoke to the same wind that
rocked us to sleep the night before.
Would you believe a down river wind?
Breakfast of cheddar cheese omelet,
spam, banana nut bread and coffee was
supplemented by ham, applesauce and
other leftover (which we didn't need
but didn't want to carry out) from pre-
vious meals. The rapids of the day
were fun but less work. Captain Del
felt it was safe to turn the helm over
to novices Gary and Ken. We passed a
backwater that had collected a merry-
go-round of logs. Cal took his kayak
in for a theater in the round perform-
ance. At what was to be a short stop,
Carma had an unplanned swim. Naturally
we had to build a fire which led to one

last use of the coffee pot. Brownies
which we somehow overlooked before
were consumed. About noon we saw our
first telephone pole and realized with
sadness that civilization was near.
12:30 the Gourmet and Boating Groups of
the Wasatch Mountain Club bid farewell
to the Green. After loading and board-
ing the bus we gave a rousing cheer for
our able leader Fred.

Captains were: Gale Dick, Bud Reid and
Del Wiens.

Food dreamer uppers were: Carma Norberg
and Carol Greenlee.

Other hardy paddlers were: Gary & Laura
Connor, Ken McCarty, Fern Reid, Jim
McCullough, Howie Wagner, Ole & Mary
Anne & Bud Holmoe, Bill & Vi Lawler,
Angus Madden, Danny Thomas, Diana Kunze
and Cal Giddings.

All led by Fred Bruenger.

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Desolation Canyon River Trip
photos by Ken McCarty

YAMPA GREEN RIVER TRIP

by Barb Nelson

Undaunted by ominous weather forecasts, 26 river rats headed for the Yampa-Green River July 11th. An early morning arrival at Deerlodge allowed us a sunrise view of the very swift Yampa River and also a fleet of dinosaur-sized expedition boats. Diana Kunze prepared a delicious breakfast and then we all slipped and oozed our way through the mud, preparing the rafts and ourselves for what promised to be an exciting trip.

While we waited to depart, we were entertained (and some of us novices a bit frightened!) by leader John MacDuff's "Yampa Yarns". "The river is wide - I cannot see; nor do I have light wings to fly." These words well depict the first day's journey, especially from Kayaker Gary Haltmeyer's view as he and "Big Joe" collided. The river was doing its best to show us a wild and exciting trip and we all gained in rough water experience.

The first night while most of us were lamenting over and wringing out our wet belongings, hard workers Wilma McElhaney and Carma Norberg were preparing a

terrific 3 course meal to put us all back into operating condition.

(Thanks to the fellows who built a fire, saving many of us from an uncomfortable night in wet sleeping bags.)

On Saturday we were ready and eager to begin again. The river was a bit slower for the first part of the day, which allowed the photographers a chance to capture on film the spectacular scenery that surrounded us constantly.

About high noon, we approached Warm Springs (warm?). We all scouted the forbidding rapid and watched several (not all) expedition rafts make the run. Our hearts were in our throats as inexhaustable leader John MacDuff and his crew skillfully guided their raft down the windy and turbulent passage. A special tribute to Arie Hindbo for her courage, stamina and enthusiasm on her first river trip.

Encouraged by the first crafts successful and thrilling run, second crew headed into the rapids. As it hit 'the hole', we though we heard Captain

Dan Thomas ask how much new paddles cost. Jay Dewell insisted on continuing down river to Maytag where he could perch on a rock and get a peanut gallery seat for the next run. Carma Norberg wishes to especially thank Gary Haltmeyer for providing her with such an interesting view of the rapids! Don Heninger discovered a new rock quarry, but couldn't stop long enough to pick up any samples. Wilma McElhaney saved the raft by chasing it downstream until she could hitch-hike a ride with another raft. We were all glad to have kayakers Cal Giddings, Aldon Wright and Gary Haltmeyer, who courageously maneuvered through any rapids to help where they could.

The third of our fleet was expertly captained by Lloyd McMahon who guided his sturdy crew through the roller-coaster rapids. Imelda Zizumbo, on her first trip, found it really exciting in spite of the bruises she got while paddling her way down the roaring river.

Veteran leader John MacDuff returned to the last boat for his 3rd attack on Warm Springs, along with Mike Gallagher and Ted Gerth who wanted to go on a second time! Captain Laird Crocker, who says this was the best river run in his ten years of running rivers, provided a spectacular ride for his crew; all the thrill that could be gotten from the rapids without looking at it upside down! As one gigantic curl of water assaulted the raft, John Wagner

searched the bottom of Warm Springs for our mis-placed coffee pot. Ted Gerth, in one swift move, traded his broken paddle for a spare, never missing a stroke. Bob Nelson played Bronco Buster as we hurdled the hole and continued on.

We spent the night at Echo Park where Susan Mickelson and Stewart Ogden provided a badly needed and fantastic smorgasboard. Helpful Kay Mandel was on hand to help, as always.

The final day we paddled through Island Park where hopeful kayakers Barbi Quinn, Diana Kunze, Laird Crocker and Bob Nelson tested their skills. Laird did an "Eskimo" but forgot the "roll"

We headed on through Split Mountain - tremendously enjoying Moonshine, S.O.B. and Schoolboy rapids. Some rafts took on voluminous amounts of water, but loving the last of the challenging Yampa. We were all sorry to see the end of an indescribably fun and exciting trip; Jim Hathaway described it well when he said "Legs sunburn, muscles sore... but Happy!".

We will expect to see Don Fox, who was on his first trip on many more after his exciting initiation. Also Estelle TaFoya. A huge thank you to leader John MacDuff for his inexhaustible enthusiasm and congeniality and for making this years Yampa-Green trip an indelible river-run on so many of our minds. It was a real winner! Everyone had a great time.

CANOE KAYAKS SAN RAFAEL

by Sara Michl

A flock of night owls, we haunted the evening before with our arrivals at the San Rafael Bridge campground at 12 o'clock midnight, 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., and 10 a.m., Refreshed, in the morning we set off on the dusty drive up river, reluctantly waving farewell along the way to the Bruengers who sputtered off in their ailing jeep to a gas station. We put into the river about 15 miles upstream from the campground, and from then on we contentedly craned our necks at the gorgeous red cliffs and canyons towering above us as the current swept our crafts back to the camp. The water level was perfect for an easy float which even I, a beginner, survived without too many drownings (and with considerable aid from the experts!) Happily, the anticipated dry spots had plenty of water, and the only portaging we had to do was around an occasional barbed wire fence. Meanwhile, cattle and sheep criss-crossed the river before and aft, adding local color and sounds for our benefit. It was an extremely pleasant one day trip; in fact, Josef and I were so enthusiastic we repeated it the following weekend! "We" were Jim and Dotty Byrne, Alden and Sally Wright, Dick and Joan Snyder and Josef and Sara Michl.

conservation notes

by W. N. Strickland

Did you receive a news sheet about the back door approach to building the trans-Escalante Highway? Would you please take another look at it and then write a letter to the Highway Department expressing your views.

The back-door-approach is to build a new highway from Glen Canyon City to the Hole-in-the-Rock road. If this highway is built, then it will be easier to force acceptance of the trans-Escalante segment between the Hole-in-the-Rock road and Bullfrog Basin. This new proposed section of the Colorado to Arizona Parkway is also economically unjustifiable and destructive of the natural scene.

The Highway Department is making it quite difficult for citizens to express their views. They are holding only one hearing at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday June 30th 1970, at the Kane County Courthouse in Kanab. (Of course, since all you backpackers are millionaires and NATURALLY have Monday to Wednesday to whittle sticks, you can all go down there to oppose the highway.) But seriously, you can help a great deal if you will write a letter addressed as instructed on the news sheet. The Highway Department say they will not accept letters for the hearing record

UNLESS they are postmarked between June 30th and July 10th (1970). If you care about having places for you and your children to go in the future where there is peace and quiet, then go over to your desk (or wherever you write letters) and write this one.

But again, if you care about peace and quiet, you have one more chance to stop sonic booms by supersonic transports over those "sparsely populate" wilderness areas. The House passed a bill giving \$290 million to build a couple of prototypes of this "boomdoggle". The only way to stop this monumental waste of money and its subsequent "booming and polluting" problems is to persuade the Senate that it should not be built. Write and express your views to the Senate Transportation Appropriation Sub-Committee, Sen. John Stennis Chairman.

Here are some facts about the SST. A number of prestigious scientific panels recommend against the project. These include (1) The President's ad Hoc Task Force on the SST (2) the Federal Council on Environmental Quality and (3) the President's Science Advisory Committee. We are told that the SST will fly only over the oceans - too bad if you are an ocean traveller on a relaxing cruise. And you can be sure that eventually it will be found economically necessary to fly it overland - too bad if you like to **relax** in those sparsely populated wilderness

areas. But then with the increasing population, these sparsely populated areas might not be around for too long anyway. Dr. Gordon McDonald, the scientist member of the Council on Environmental Quality tells us that pollution at 60,000 to 70,000 feet could bring about disastrous changes in the earth's climate - but do not worry about that because we are destroying the life supporting features of our planet so much more quickly with chemical poisons, radioactivity and overpopulation. In the crush do not get pushed too close to the airports of the future (not closer than 3 miles) because it could be a little noisy (By a little noisy, I mean enough to damage your hearing abilities).

The new sulfur dioxide emission standards should be in force by now. I wonder if any of our industrial giants (working for a better Utah) have applied for a variance. If YOU would like to work for a better UTAH, then call me and I can surely give you some conservation work to do. There are many problems where you can express your opinions: the protection of the watershed of the Wasatch Front in the face of development pressures; the proposed Escalante wilderness; highways in places such as Logan Canyon; the predator control program that uses non-selective poisons; polluting power plants to be built in Southern Utah; the High Uinta Wilderness proposal and so on.

SAN JUAN RIVER TRIP

by Bob Demint

It was great to return to SLC and vacation with the WMC. Even though I missed the work party, it was obvious that the boats were properly conditioned after the winter's storage. Thirty-two fellow rats (river, that is) boarded the bus for a smooth trip to Montezuma Creek where we caught 40 winks prior to the usual campfire breakfast.

It was quite a surprise when our leader discovered that half of our boats had already launched with two captains in one boat. I was hastily drafted to captain one of the remaining boats and after hurriedly stowing gear aboard, we shoved off for the unknown. Although our crew had never been on a float trip, they proved quite adept and it seemed that we rarely had to paddle except during high wind or to take corrective action.

On our first day on the water we stopped to explore a small moqui, then passed numerous petroglyphs before stopping for lunch on a spacious sand bar. A leisurely lunch afforded opportunities for sunbathing, napping, or relaxation.

Back to the river, we saw more petroglyphs and after a few miles downstream, we beached the boats. Here we crossed the river on a suspension footbridge and a 10-12 min hike across a centuries-old floodplain took us to "14 window ruin" (also known as 17 room ruin) high on the cliff. The short return trip to the river, with temperatures in the mid-seventies was enjoyed by everyone.

During the late afternoon we encountered some gusty winds which required leaning-to on the paddles. An early docking for camp was very welcome. Bud certainly made a good selection for camping with lots of soft sand to throw our sleeping bags, ample driftwood for cookfires, and a high vertical sandstone wall across the river which bore the usual tapestry effects. The night was crystal clear and just too beautiful to shut out the stars, so I dispensed with the idea of pitching a tent.

The next A.M. we were shocked to find ice in our canteens, but it didn't seem to slow bringing water to a rapid boil over a

wood fire. With a hasty breakfast under our belts, we were under way at an early hour. During the morning of the second day, we had to cope with numerous sand bars requiring an all-hands effort of poling, combined with wading and towing to reach deeper water. Gradually the river narrowed and the canyon closed in, yielding to deeper water, faster current and interesting rapids. Since our boat led the flotilla through the canyon, we seized the opportunity to beach, ascending to the base of the cliff for a fast lunch in the shade of an overhanging wall.

We shoved off and enjoyed more white water, climaxed by one unexpectedly good rapid, capably spotted by Gerry Powelson on the beach. Soon the canyon opened up and we spotted the familiar

Mexican Hat rock formation and our bus, which signalled the end of two great days on the river. Our thanks go to our capable leader, Bud Reid, for ordering such good weather following 4-5 days of nearly continuous snow in SLC, and for his excellent coordination of bus, boats and river rats.

River rats: Thor & Mary Smith (San Francisco); Eveline Bruenger; Cal Giddings (kayaker), Robert & Denna Wright, Carma Norberg, Dave & Sharon Cook, Wilma McEhaney, Jayne James, Kevin James, Russell Patterson, Ed & Helen Bander, Diana Jones, Teri Wajcek, June Zongker, John Davis, Diana Kunze, Bob & Barbara Nelson, Bob & Rocky Wilson, Bob Demint (Denver), Gerry Powelson, Danny Thomas, Carol Greenley, Jean Torreyson, Nick Topik (Brigham City), and Bud & Fern Reid (leaders).

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july 11

pancake griddles

call barbara lovejoy

278-1002

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Grand View Trail

Down we went on the snowy trail
with Jerry complaining - to
no avail.

Again he wore his boots so old
with soles so slick they would
not hold.

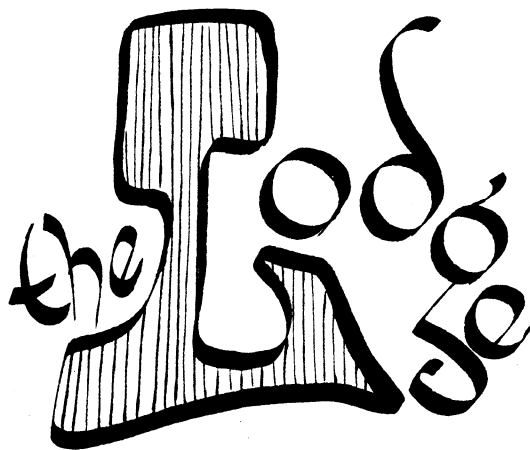
Jerry - watch that protruding
pole, beware of the depth of
Slick Sole Hole!

"Next year I am going to have a
new pair!"

But surely you won't be some-
body's heir.

Will you keep your promise in
time - show up with boots of
a brand new shine.

Eveline Bruenger



by Phil Berger

Many, many thanks to the following
people: Margaret Strickland, Carol &
Wolfgang Waversik, Clare Davis, Carol
Greenless, Dan & Barbara Lovejoy, Kay &
Mike & Robin (& Jennifer too) Berger,
Louise Hollander (& son Brian), Bob
Mealiff, Andy & Diana Schoenberg, Jim
Byrne, Jayne James, Del Wiens, Bob
Cook, Barbie & Barry Quinn, Charles
Lesley, John Wallace, Carl & Helen
Chindgren, Wolf & Elfriede Snyder,
Elmer Boyd and Gary Blew.

All of these people showed up for the
Sunday WORK PARTY and worked (with a
mere 20 minutes allowed for a lunch
break), the tasks completed are too
numerous to mention but on your next
visit to the Lodge you will notice the
CLEAN, clean kitchen, scrubbed ceiling,
walls, and windows and even doors that
close (the john). All in all it does
prove that there are many members
really interested in keeping the lodge
and are willing to give of their time
and effort for it.

We shall be having another work party
soon - see you there...

NEWS AND NOTICES

HATCHED

a son by Larry & Suzanne
Stensaas in late May

DEADLINE

for the August Rambler is
July 15th, smack in the middle
of Know Your Wasatch Week. Mail
or deliver to Sally Nelson,
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PLEASE TYPE.

THANKS

..to Linda Rathbun and crew for
mailing the June Rambler.

..to Kay Berger for typing the
July issue.

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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 con-
ducted. 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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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:

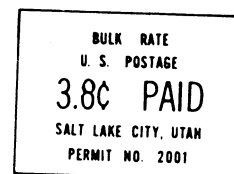
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