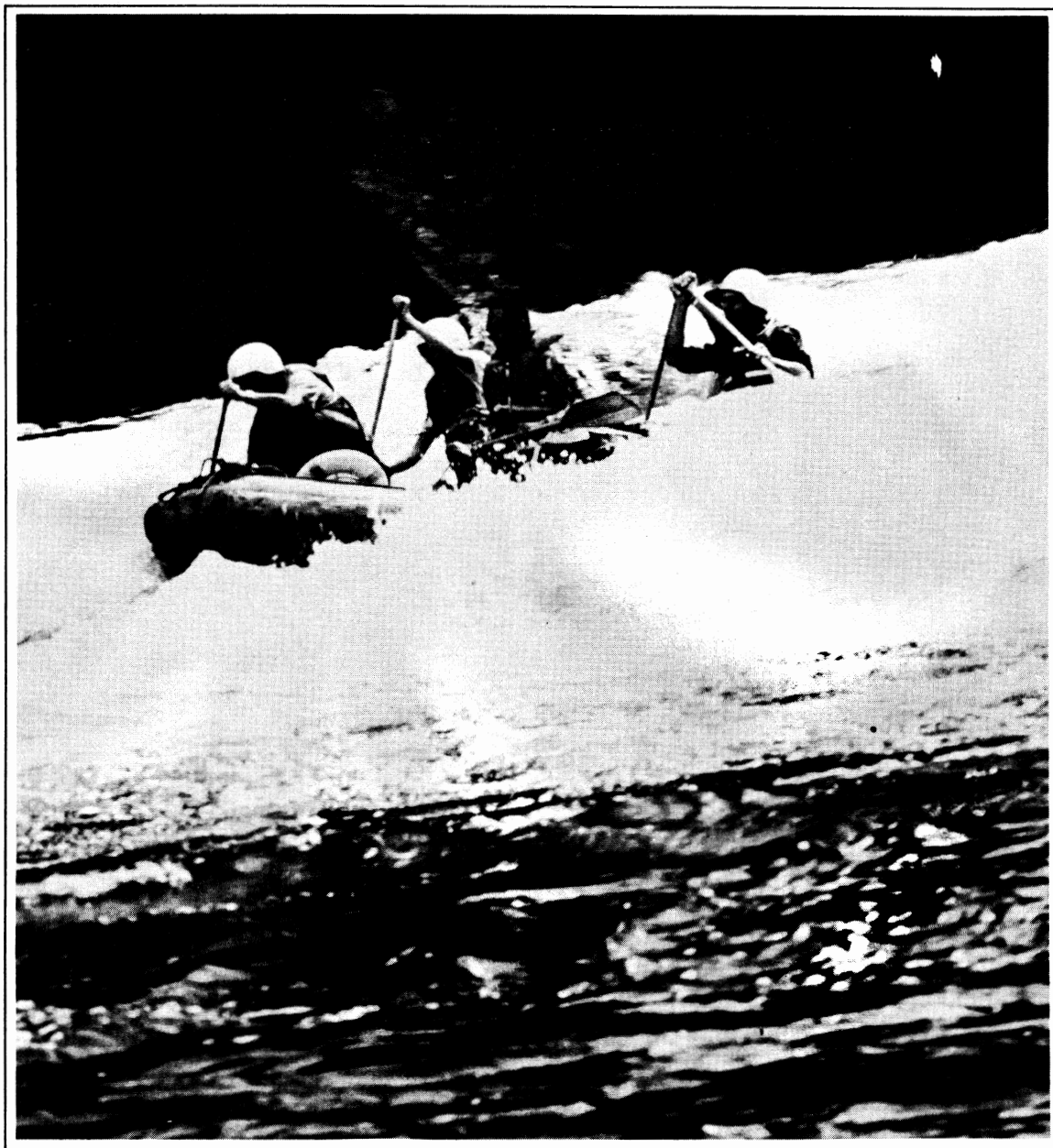


# The Rambler

APRIL 1971



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# club activities for april 1971

**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 3      BRIGHTON - SILVER FORK --- Intermediate (3.3). This  
Sat.      is the last weekend of touring planned on our regular  
            schedule for this year, so act accordingly. A very  
            high quality tour awaits anyone daring to don his  
            climbers after the end of winter. Enjoy the spring  
            sun and possibly some tolerably good snow. We will  
            proceed from Brighton to Twin Lakes Pass and then up  
            to the vicinity of Flagstaff Peak. The run down  
            Silver Fork offers variety to all types of skiers.  
            Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m.  
            Leader: Del Wiens, 487-2584

April 3      SILVER FORK FROM BIG COTTONWOOD -- Beginner Ski and  
Sat.      Snowshoe Tour (2.2). For those not wishing the full  
            treatment here is a chance to get the flavor of ski  
            touring without an unduly taxing effort. If things  
            work out there is a chance that this group may rendez-  
            vous with the Brighton-Silver Fork tour. Meet at the  
            mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 a.m. Leader:  
            Danny Thomas, 484-3873.

- April 3      Foothill I -- Provided the weather is not too  
Sat.      "wintery" here is your first chance either to ex-  
change ski-touring for hiking or for those who have  
been hibernating, to get out and pump those lungs  
full of fresh air. Since these first outings can be  
interrupted at any time no rating is given. We are  
planning to go up the hills behind the University  
Hospital. The complete time will take you about four  
hours. See you there and on most (or all) of the  
following walks and hikes. Meet at the North end of  
the University Hospital parking lot at 8:00 a.m.  
Leader: Nick Strickland, 364-1568
- April 3-4      ADULT LODGE WEEKEND -- Mel and Clare Davis will be  
Sat-Sun.      there from noon Saturday till noon Sunday. Call  
Clare for further information, 273-3174.
- April 4      UINTAS -- Intermediate-Advanced (4.4) -- The winter  
Sun.      can be prolonged by moving into the higher elevations  
of the Uintas. Join us as we experiment with some  
entirely new territory and scale one of the prominent  
peaks near Trial Lake. There are many possibilities  
and the actual plan will depend on how far the road  
is plowed. It is conceivable that we may get into  
the neighborhood of Mirror Lake. Plan on a very  
early start. Register with leaders: Karin and Dennis  
Caldwell, 278-2100
- April 7      ESCALANTE WORK NIGHT -- 7:30 p.m. at the home of  
Wed.      Carol Wiens, 2967 Warr Road, 487-2584
- April 10      LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN, Elevation 7,800 - Rating 6.5  
Sat.      Hopefully we will be spared the snow storms that last  
year made this tour so difficult - a few "die hards"  
made it anyway. After a short and fairly steep  
ascent to "Little Black." (those who may so desire  
can then return via the same route while others will  
continue and finally make their way down into City  
Creek Canyon. We hope to have a long glissade and  
an ice axe is required for all those who take this  
route. In case of adverse weather conditions, a  
substitute trip may be arranged. Meet at the park-  
ing lot of Shriner's Hospital at 8:00 a.m. Leader:  
Sam Allen, 486-6834.
- April 11      BIG BEACON, Elevation 7,100 - Rating 3.0 -- Little  
Sun.      must be said about this, our most popular spring  
hike. Come out and see your old friends and compan-  
ions and meet new or prospective members. This is  
an excellent opportunity to get your joints and  
muscles to move again without feeling the effects of  
your activity adversely the next day. And besides  
what better way is there to celebrate Easter morning?

Meet at the entrance to Hogle Zoo at 9:00 a.m. Leader:  
Lloyd McMahan, 278-3519

- April 15      FIRST THURSDAY EVENING SESSION AT PETE'S ROCK -- Come  
Thurs.      out and join us for climbing, hiking, or just social-  
             izing. Renew old friendships at the Canyon Inn  
             afterwards.
- April 16      CAVE EXPLORATION MEETING - The WMC would like to  
Fri.      initiate a cave exploring program. Cave exploring,  
             like mountain climbing, has its own specialized  
             equipment, techniques and safety requirements. The  
             object of this meeting will be to discuss these  
             aspects and describe available caves in Utah and  
             surrounding states. There are many things to do in  
             a cave. Besides photography and mapping, the  
             scientifically curious may be interested to know that  
             cave minerology, viology, paleontology, geology,  
             meteorology, etc. have been little studied in Utah and  
             there is much room for original discoveries because  
             of the unique environments. A slide show will follow.  
             Light refreshments served. Meet at 8 p.m. at Dale  
             Green's, 4230 Sovereign Way, (3190 East). Phone 277-  
             6417.
- April 16      RIVER RATS PREVIEW - Come out and help kick off the  
Fri.      new river running season. New members are especially  
             welcome. You will be able to take a look at the kind  
             of gear you will need for a river trip. See movies  
             of previous trips and go over the river running  
             schedule. River Rats can sign up for the new rating  
             system and make suggestions for the coming season.  
             At the WMC lodge 8:00 p.m. (don't let a little snow  
             stop you). 75¢ will cover the lodge and snacks and  
             bring some change for beer and soft drinks. Call Jim  
             Byrne 359-5631 for details.
- April 17      FOOTHILL II -- We will meet at the north-east corner  
Sat.      of the K-Mart shopping center. This is intended as  
             a warm-up hike and will be a little harder than we  
             had two weeks ago. It will lead us up Pencil Point  
             and along a fairly long ridge. Allow approximately  
             5 hours round trip. No shuttle will be involved.  
             Meeting time, 8:00 a.m. Leader: Danny Thomas, 484-  
             3873.
- April 18      STANSBURY ISLAND, Elevation approximately 7000 -- We  
Sun.      will reach the starting point after a drive of about  
             50 miles. After our experience in 1969 we will be  
             prepared and have permission from the land owner to  
             cross property lines thus avoiding being mistaken  
             for cattle rustlers. The hike to the peak is in the  
             intermediate class and the view from its summit will

provide a different vista of the lake and surrounding mountains. Be sure to bring water. Meet at O'Dell's Shop by 7:00 a.m. Leader: Dick Bell, 254-4555.

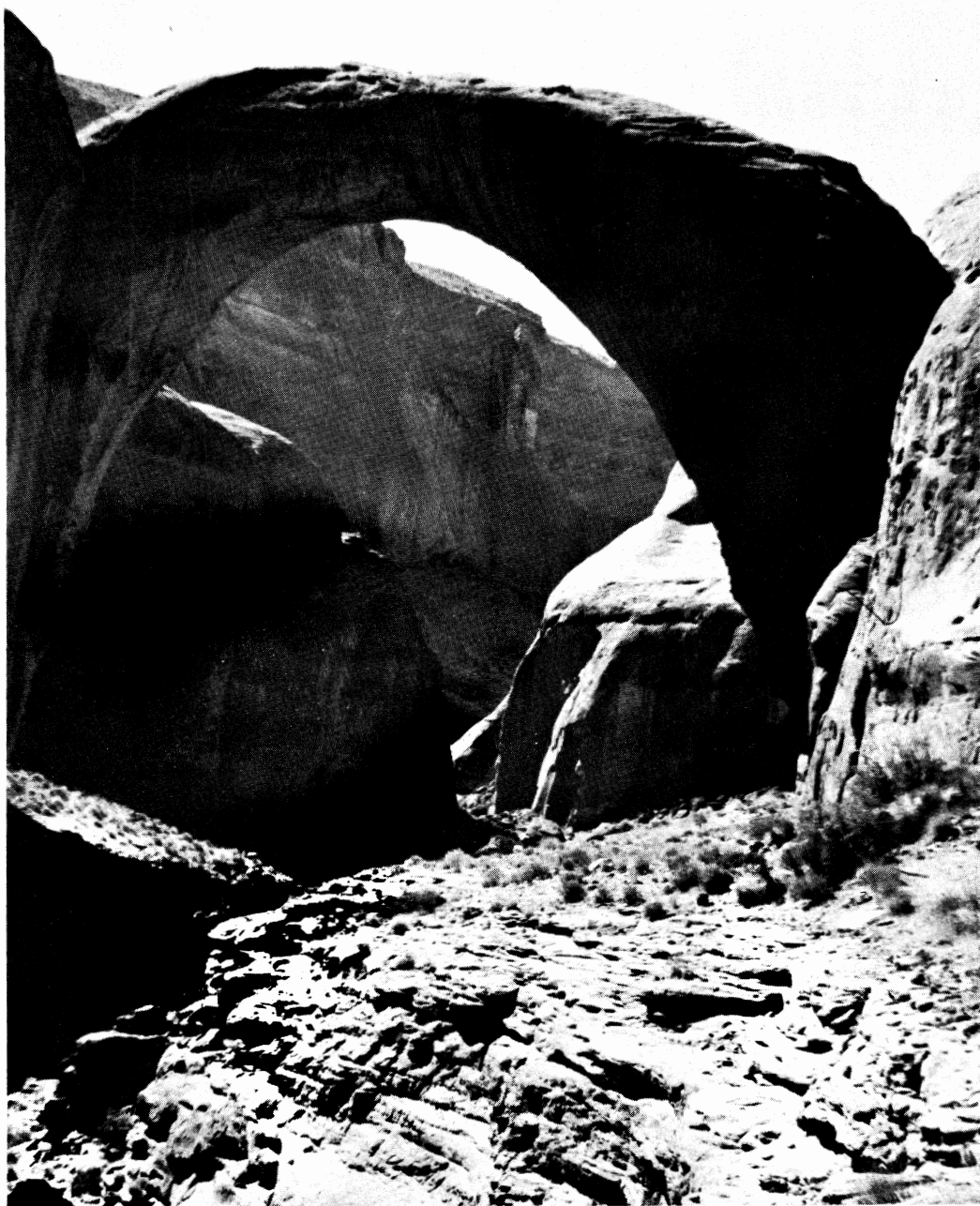
April 21 ESCALANTE WORK NIGHT -- 7:30 p.m. at the home of  
Wed. Pete and Margo Hovingh (NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION),  
721 2nd Avenue, 359-4791.

April 22 CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK  
Thurs.

April 24 GRANDEUR, Elevation 8,300 - Rating 5.0 -- This is one  
Sat. of the club's most popular hikes, a good opportunity  
to rejuvenate the spirits and recondition legs for  
the coming season. The route depending on snow and  
weather conditions will be either over Church Fork  
or we shall approach the peak from the south. A new  
register will be deposited and you could be the first  
person to sign it. Meet at the Velvet Shield  
(Olympus Shopping Center) at 9:00 a.m. Leader:  
Oscar Robison, 322-2310

April 24-25 SPRING TRIP SOUTH -- Just like our trip to Capitol  
Sat-Sun. Reef last year, we will take you into the heart of  
Red Rock Country and to the solitude of its canyons.  
Provided we find the road passable for the bus  
(which is now in fine mechanical condition and should  
contribute to a relaxed journey) we will go into the  
northwest corner of Canyonlands, the area close to  
the maze. There is a fine canyon with many beautiful  
and unmarred Indian petroglyphs. Camping will  
be at a short distance away from the bus at the  
bottom of the canyon. Everybody (including families)  
is welcome. There is enough room in the canyon to  
be either alone or in the company of your fellow  
members. In case the road is impassable for the bus,  
we plan to drive to some other and equally beautiful  
area. Enjoyment guaranteed. Bus fare is a mere \$10  
for adults and \$5 for children. Register by Wednesday,  
April 21 or preferably earlier. Leader: The  
Bruengers, 485-2639.

April 25 LEWISTON PEAK, Elevation approximately 10,000 -  
Sun. Rating 5.5 -- This peak in the Oquirra Range is  
approached via the old and once swinging ghost town  
of Mercur (Mercury). Hopefully the gravel road will  
be good enough for travel. The view from the peak  
covers the Wasatch to the east, the Stansbury to the  
northwest and the Sheeprock to the southwest. Bring  
water. Meet at the Prudential Parking Lot, 33rd  
South State Street at 7:00 a.m. Leader: John  
McDuff - Ha, Hah, Haah 484-1634



"THE EIGHTH WORLD WONDER" by Fred Bruenger

- April 25 Sun. BOATING WORK PARTY - We will need all prospective boaters out to get the boats in shape for the coming season. This is a good time to acquire the skills of boat patching that you might someday need to know. 2:00 p.m. at the Ice Plant, 430 West 2nd North.
- April 28 Wed. KAYAK PARTY - Kayakers will get together for slides, and discussion of trips and techniques. At Jim Byrne's, 912 Foothill Drive - 7:30 p.m.
- April 29 Thurs. CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK
- May 1 Sat. DRY FORK TRAIL - Rating 7.0 -- This trail leads to the high ridge south of Mt. Olympus. The view from the ridge of Big Cottonwood Canyon and the Storm Mountain-Twin Peaks area is one of the best in the Wasatch for the effort. Meet just north of the Holladay Gun Club entrance on Wasatch Blvd. at 8 a.m. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417
- May 1-2 Weekend RAINBOW BRIDGE - Since the club is involved in the legal pursuit of saving Rainbow Bridge from being inundated by the water rising behind Glen Canyon Dam - the name ~~Lake~~ Powell really is an insult to this great explorer of the West and nature lover -, interest was ~~expressed in organizing a hiking trip to this eighth World Wonder.~~ The route begins at the now deserted former Rainbow Lodge from the foot of Navajo Mountain which is ~~still~~ sacred to the Navajo tribe. From here a non-contour trail goes into Horse Canyon and Cliff Canyon, crosses over Redbud Pass and from there follows Bridge Canyon. After a long and quite hot ~~hike through this meandering canyon one is suddenly confronted with the splendor of this magnificent monument of eroded Navajo Sandstone.~~ The trip is planned for the May 1-2 weekend and will take at least 4 days. The hike (13 miles) is quite difficult but a strong desire to see this beautiful creation should make it possible for you to endure some hardship. Only if at least 10 people sign up for the trip, will we go. If you are interested please call Fred Bruenger (485-2639) for further information, but please call early so that plans can proceed properly and the logistics can be worked out smoothly.
- May 1-2 Sat-Sun. SAN JUAN OR COLORADO (Beginner) -- Boaters will enjoy the scenery from Aneth to Mexican Hat on the San Juan if there is enough water, or if not, from Dewey Bridge to Moab on the Colorado. Cliff dwellings and petroglyphs will highlight the San Juan trip, and views of Fisher Towers and the La Sals will be seen from the Colorado. Canoes welcome. Sign up early (by April 24)

for this grab bag delight, and attend the work party April 25. Leader: J. Dewell (295-2754) Fee: San Juan \$22, Colorado \$17.

- May 2 Sun. REYNOLDS PEAK, Elevation 9,400 - Rating 4.5 -- The east approach to the peak is via Mill D north and past the Dog Lake area. The vista from the summit should inspire everyone to see and learn more about our Wasatch Mountains. Return may be over the same route or into Butler Fork, in which case an ice axe may be necessary. This activity is especially suited for families. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: June Wickham.
- May 6 Thurs. HIKERS CLIMBING COURSE - first session. For more information see May RAMBLER.
- May 8 Sat. CLINTON'S CAVE -- This very accessible cave was created by a strange combination of geologic events including Lake Bonneville. Although it is rarely visited now, around the turn of the century it was a popular place with the troutrists when boats cruising the Great Salt Lake landed at Black Rock. This is an interesting diversion for children of all ages. Each person, including children, must have their own source of light. (Candles are not acceptable). Bring a hard hat or heavy cap. Meet on the northwest corner of Redwood Road and 2100 South (NOT the 21st south freeway) at 9:30 a.m. We should be back by 1:00 p.m. Registration not required (or requested) but the leader will be happy to answer questions. (Weather is not a factor on this trip as the cave is close to the highway and its always dry inside.) Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- May 9 Sun. PROVO RIVER - Kayak and canoe
- May 15-16 Sat-Sun. LOWER DOLORES (Intermediate) -- A fine little river flowing through some beautiful sandstone country. See May RAMBLER for details. Leader: Del Wiens 487-2584.
- May 22-23 SAN RAFAEL - Kayak and canoe trip.
- May 28-31 DESOLATION CANYON - Intermediate.
- June 5-6 UPPER DOLORES RIVER - Beginner-Intermediate.
- June 18-20 YAMPA RIVER - Intermediate
- June 26-27 FLAMING GORGE - Family float.



July 3-5 LODORE - Intermediate  
 July 10-11 COLORADO - Teenage float  
 July 17-25 MAIN SALMON  
 Aug. 7-8 ECHO PARK-SPLIT MOUNTAIN - Beginner-Intermediate  
 Aug. 14-15 SNAKE RIVER - Canoe trip  
 Aug. 21-22 WESTWATER - Advanced  
 Sept. 4-6 JACKSON-SNAKE - Beginner and family  
 Sept. 16-19 CATARACT OR LOWER MAIN SALMON

# news and notices

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no rambler!

## THANKS

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## HOBBLING

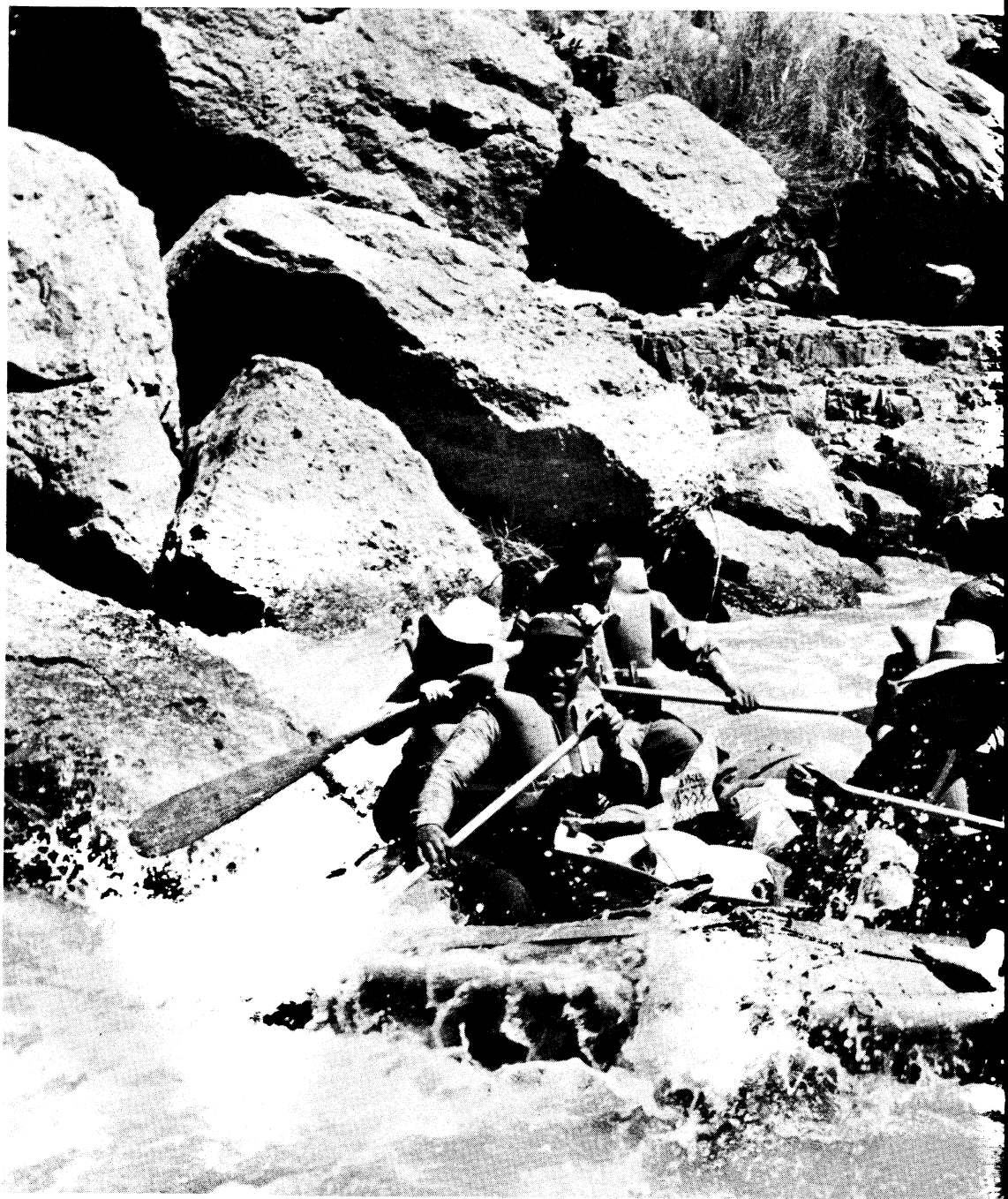
Dale Green from a broken ankle while skiing.

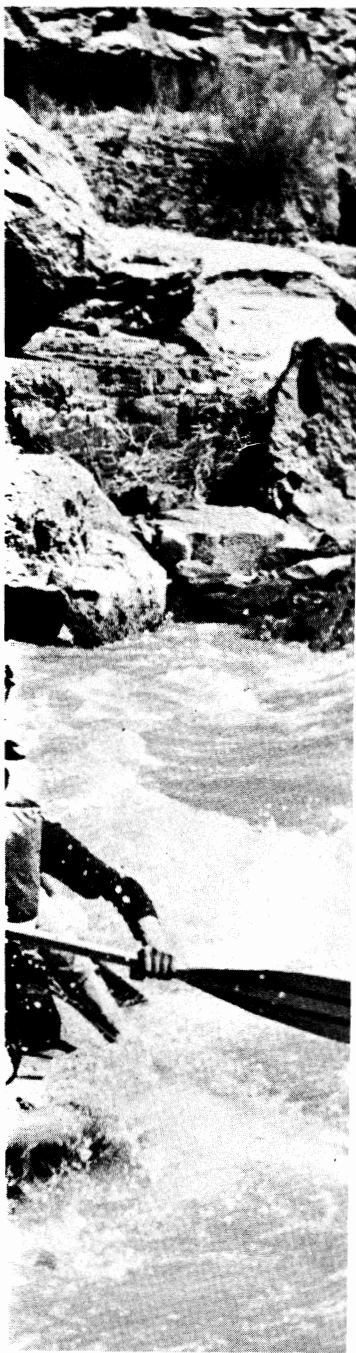
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David Leroy Keir on February 28, 1971 by Maralyn and Roy.

## DEADLINE

For the May RAMBLER is April 15th and no later. Please have your articles typed and mail or deliver them to Ruta Dreijmanis, 5396 Willow Lane, Apt. C, Murray, Utah 84107, 262-1693





# river running 1971

by Jim Byrne

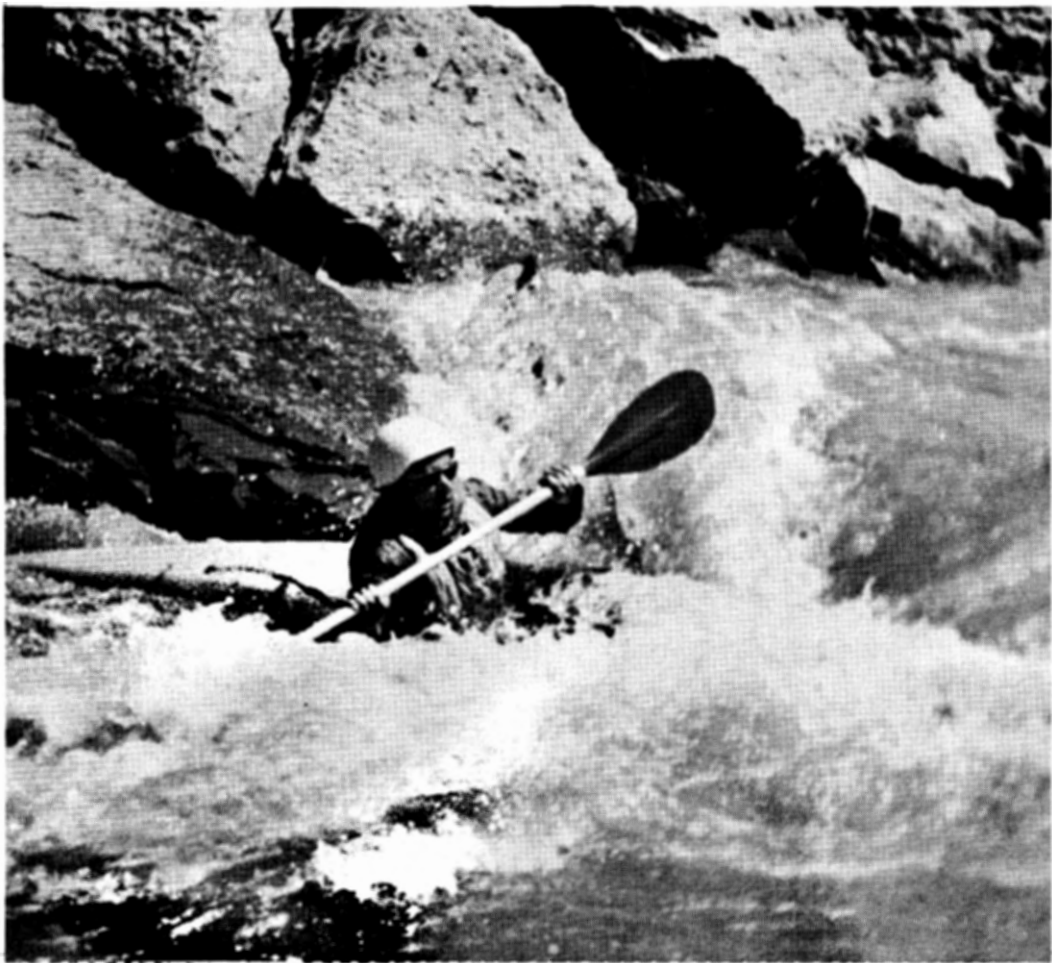
River runners--that deep fluffy white stuff will soon be running down the mountains and providing us with a more than ample (we hope) supply of white water. It looks like a heavy season and your boating committee has come up with a heavy schedule. To kick off the season we hope to test the capacity of the lodge at the annual River Rats Preview. Newcomers and old River Rats alike are welcome. (See schedule)

We bought two new rafts this winter and have plans for two more, so the equipment for club trips should be considerably improved. The bus will be in excellent shape and Dan Thomas assures us of many trouble-free miles this summer.

We are listing the tentative schedule of trips for the year in this Rambler. It must be considered tentative because of the various whims of the run off. As of now the water picture for the year looks very good. In addition to the schedule listed, we may add one or two more kayak and canoe trips. This phase of our river running program has come on strong in the last year.

The WMC boating program is geared to club members interested in all kinds of river running. If you have an interest or a specific trip which is not listed in the schedule, let us know and maybe it can be worked in. The River Rats Preview is an excellent opportunity to meet the members of the boating committee and give them your suggestions or beefs.

SAN JUAN by Eveline Bruenger



# kayak fleet 1971

SAN JUAN by Eveline Bruenger

by Cal Giddings

A kayak boom has struck the WMC, with 15-20 new boats produced in the last 12 months. Many other people have expressed interest. For this class of new and potential kayakers, a few words on training and trips might be helpful.

Most by now are aware that there is no instant learning in a kayak. Competence develops over a period of time, as in skiing. Also you can have a lot of fun learning, just as with skiing. More precautions are needed than with skiing because you can easily get in over your head (literally!) Once in a rapid or canyon you can't back-track and you can't slow down. The river sets the pace. Because launching into a rapid or a canyon is a commitment beforehand to a level of difficulty you cannot change, judgement is at a premium. An error could turn into tragedy.

Kayaking best begins on flat water; a pool or lake. This year we hope to repeat our weekly pool practice on Tuesday evenings. There we work on strokes, paddle braces, and eskimo rolls. This prepares us for easier parts of the Provo River, Northside Canal, and Green River, three choice practice areas.

The beauty of kayaking is that small and large rivers alike are rewarding. Discovery award of the year for small rivers goes to Pete Hovingh, who unearthed the San Rafael River. This has cut a beautiful canyon through the San Rafael Swell. Jim Byrne gets credit for making a kayak trip of it. The San Rafael is a swift stream, but not difficult. The run is outstanding for scenery.

Jim found us a new "big" river in 70, the Snake River in Hell's Canyon. This, too, makes a fantastic descent!

The list below may be helpful in trying to judge how fast you can expect to evolve in kayaking. The categories are very rough because there are so many variables. The first four "beginner" runs require only prior flat-water experience; the others should be preceded by one or more river trips. "Intermediate" suggests 10 or so days of accumulated river running. "Expert" may require 25-50 days to develop, normally two or more seasons. Its all very crude because it depends on water level, individual strength, and personal preference, but below I venture to give a kayak rating for some outstanding canyons.

#### BEGINNER (in ascending difficulty)

1. Jordan (Utah Cnty.)
2. Green River (near G.R.)
3. Provo
4. Northside (easy parts)
5. San Juan
6. San Rafael
7. Snake (to Moose)
8. Weber (below Echo)
9. Snake (below Palisades)
10. Colorado (above Moab)

#### INTERMEDIATE (in ascending difficulty)

11. Flaming Gorge
12. Dolores (upper)
13. Yampa (low water)
14. Whirlpool Canyon
15. Hobak
16. Sevier
17. Snake (below Moose)

#### EXPERT (in ascending difficulty)

18. Split Mountain
19. Lower Provo
20. Grand Canyon Snake
21. Lodore
22. Windriver Canyon
23. Desolation Canyon
24. Hells Canyon
25. Upper Weber
26. Yampa (high water)
27. Yampa (Cross Mtn.)
28. Westwater

# tote dat stuff jms



Or: How not to pack for a River Trip

by Ruth Hensen

First, you load it into your car, then out again at the iceplant; then sort it into two or three piles for the bus---one for the luggage space in the back (but you'd better not have anything that can't take heat in this stack), one for the overhead rack in the bus, and perhaps another pile for storage in the rear; then you heave it on; at the riverbank chosen, you haul it off again and sort it into two piles---one to stay on the bus for your return, the rest to be stowed away on the commodious rubber craft you share with four or more other people and their gear. At this point if you haven't heeded your leader's plea (advice, command?) to pack lightly you at least know why he said it. But let's proceed with the trip. The next step involves jigsawing everyone's stuff into the raft---a "natural" for those souls who delight in intricate geometrical puzzles---and then securely lash it in place; even WMC rafts have been known to flip. (And then some of the choicest expletives have been heard when a metal ammo box unexpectedly collides with exposed shins in the middle of a rapid). Of course, everything must be untied and hauled on shore to camp for the night. Then, you start over next morning. Depending on the length of the trip you and your friends on the crew handle your personal gear repeatedly, and extra pounds become tons. Add to this the required gear for the boats---paddles, ropes, repair kits, community cooking pots, medical and emergency supplies, buckets, life rings, etc.---and you have a formidable lot of STUFF to tote!

In addition to the bother, all that stuff can be a serious handicap to maneuverability of the raft in running the rapids. The lighter the boat, the more control in whitewater. This is certainly not a negligible factor---ask any captain who has run Cataract Canyon, Warm Springs, Skull, or some of the other Club favorites. Indeed, one of the early trips planned for this year, the Upper Dolores, requires a "backpacking" approach to gear. Only those who do limit their equipment will be accepted for the trip---or so it has been rumored.

PACK LIGHTLY! For your safety and convenience---and mine.

## 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); swimsuit.

### 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 vest type.

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

# boating rules and regulations



As with all other facets of our over populated life, the growth of our boating program has brought problems which may require additional regulations if our record of boating safety is to be maintained. Last year we initiated the requirement of vest-type life jackets for all trips above beginner rating. This year we plan to initiate a boater classification system similar to that of the WMC Mountaineers, and designed to provide leaders with information about those signing up for trips. We hope this system will aid leaders and provide for a minimum of hassle for boaters. We will also have a captain rating and probably some captain training sessions. (More details in the May Rambler). The classification system will be tried this year, and the next boating committee will decide on its merits and/or continuation.

## CLASSIFICATION

## QUALIFICATIONS

Beginner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Club member</li> <li>2. Physically able</li> </ol>
River Rat (Intermediate)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Been on at least one river trip.</li> <li>2. Physically active.</li> <li>3. Willing to work</li> </ol>
Rough River Rate (Advanced)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Experience</li> <li>2. Strength</li> <li>3. Willingness to work</li> </ol>

Those with previous WMC river running experience should sign up to get their rating at the River Rats Preview or call me by May 1. The boating committee will issue ratings before the Lower Dolores trip. The boating committee will then be able to advise trip leaders on the makeup of their trips (i.e., only two beginners per boat on the Lower Dolores etc.)

The WMC does not wish to run cheap commercial river trips. Like all other club activities river running is organized and led by club members. In short, if you aren't willing to do your share (or more) don't sign up. Last year on a trip with over 30 people signed up, five showed up for the work party! This year there will be a five dollar fee assessed anyone who goes on a trip and does not attend its work party. There will be no excuses, but the five dollars will be refunded by the boating committee if that person attends a special (non-trip) work party later in the year.

Hopefully these new regulations will contribute to everyone's river running enjoyment.

Jim Byrne  
Boatong Director

# solitude brighton

by Arie Hindbo

Temperatures were in the chilly 20's when at 9:40 a.m. an eager group turned its backs to a black smog-covered city, enthusiastically hopped in cars, and ascended to a snow-covered Winterwonderland.

At 10:25 a.m. we set off at Solitude some of us for the first time on snowshoes, and some veterans. Indeed, we were already a close family of 11 adults.

It was a lovely trip to Brighton! Nature gave us all of its beauty. Skies were blue, trees majestic and white as we happily plowed through fresh fallen snow. At least six cute snowrabbits played hide and seek with us. Pace was not too fast--not too slow.

At 11:30 we invaded Ray's Store at Brighton for an excellent lunch and an hour of rest and visiting.

"Forward" was the call! Again, we were touched by beauty and majesty on our return trip to Solitude. Thrilled over new experiences, convinced to "do it again soon and often", we were thankful for the enjoyable sport of snowshoeing.

Participants: Liz Choules (leader); Margaret and Scott von der Hinden; Sylvia and Bill Gray; Hilda and Herb Rosenstock; Gerhard Henschel; Steve Ruff; Hannclare Yanke; and Arie Hindbo.

## NEW HOURS

**MON-THURS Noon-8:00pm**

**FRI Noon-9:00pm**

**SAT 10:00-5:00pm**

## SAME GREAT SERVICE



*if you can't make it in during  
regular hours, phone for a  
special appointment-  
466-2101*



**2959 Highland Dr**



**gobbler's knob** <sup>via</sup> yellow jacket gulch

by Herbert Rosenstock

Two skiers joined eight snowshoers for this circuit hike under a cloudless sky. First one mile on Mill Creek Canyon and Porter Fork Road, too early for interference by snowmobiles. Then, a fairly steep ascent through Yellow Jacket Gulch to the trail intersection that was to be our highest point, and perhaps half a mile, and 500 feet of elevation beyond for magnificent views at lunch on seven feet of snow(measured by Dale's probe). Two extra-energetic ones, (Tom and Kermit) climbed another several feet to a ridge of Gobbler's Knob as the rest of us re-

turned to the trail, skiing or sledding on our snowshoes much of the way. The next mile, a near-level traverse on a steep slope along the barely recognizable trail, proved to be the hardest. The descent and return via the Bowman Fork trail, was comparatively relaxing among sylvan scenery. Thanks to Liz for discovering the route.

Participants: Liz Choules (leader);  
Tom Bresenham; Rosemary and Brian  
Curtis; Kermit Earle; Dale Green;  
Gerhard Henschel; Shelley Hyde; Larry  
Monger; Herb Rosenstock.

neff's  
cahyon

by **Eveline Bruenger**

Another casualty of overpopulation, the sight of two lonely snowshoers is becoming a myth of the past. During the last two years, snowshoeing has become very popular and its participants multiply like the bunnies. One last and unsuccessful attempt by the skiers to maintain their superiority (or their ego) was staged on one of the trips last year, when skiers rallied to wipe out the snowshoers. But this resulted in the formation of a resistant strain which is now thriving very well.

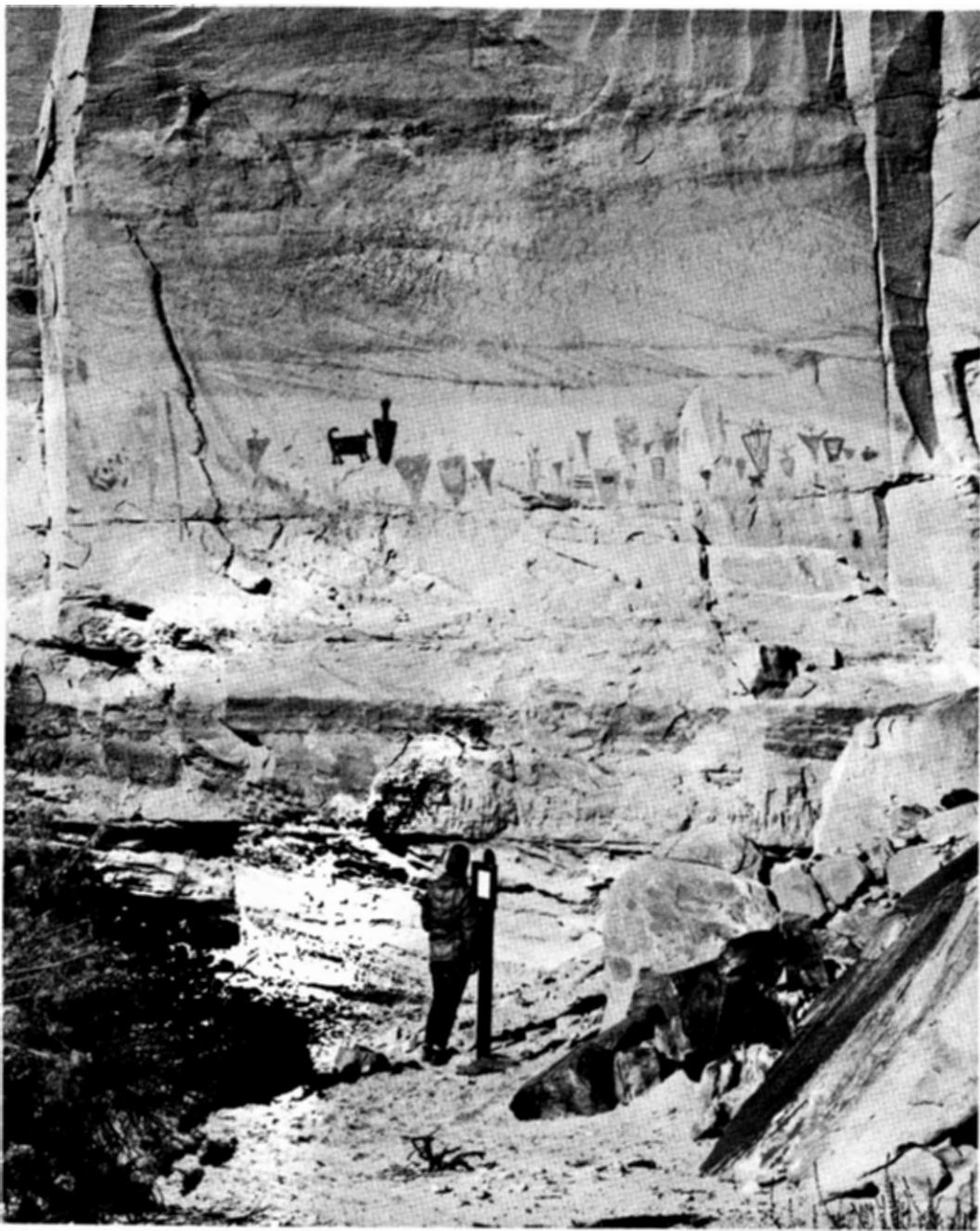
Besides the tremendous selection of tours equally suitable for skiers and snowshoers alike, each group has their own favorites. One of these special snowshoe tours is Neff's Canyon. Ignoring the caution in the Rambler that "skiers should be prepared for almost anything", one skier did go along. His sufferings were lessened, though, by a beautiful day and the charm of the canyon.

For some distance the group followed the Jeep road up the canyon. Then we continued on a trail--often somewhat imaginary--up into the trees and brush, and after several hours of a steady climb through sometimes sparse openings we found ourselves in an open bowl surrounded by rugged cliffs and with an unsurpassed view of the valley and mountain ranges beyond. Somehow it is hard to conceive that one can still retreat into serene wilderness such a short distance from our smog-laden city. We decided to stop early for lunch since two of the group had to return home.

Some of us determined to climb up to the ridge. Snow conditions were such that the upper, steep part had to be negotiated on foot, and sometimes by a "whole body technique". Even then it was not easy because of icy rocks under a deceiving snowcover.

The return down to the cars was stretched as long as we possibly could so that we could get the maximum benefit from the warm afternoon sun.

Participants: Elmer Boyd; Shelley Hyde; Carol Edison; Ruth Hensen; Kermit Earle; Don Carlton; Fred & Eveline Bruenger



"SPRING TRIP SOUTH" by Dale Green



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I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club. I enclose the \$4.00 entrance fee and \$6.00 dues (spouse \$3.00). 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.

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Event attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by (please obtain signatures of a member and director):

(If spouse membership please print name of spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

and signature \_\_\_\_\_

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