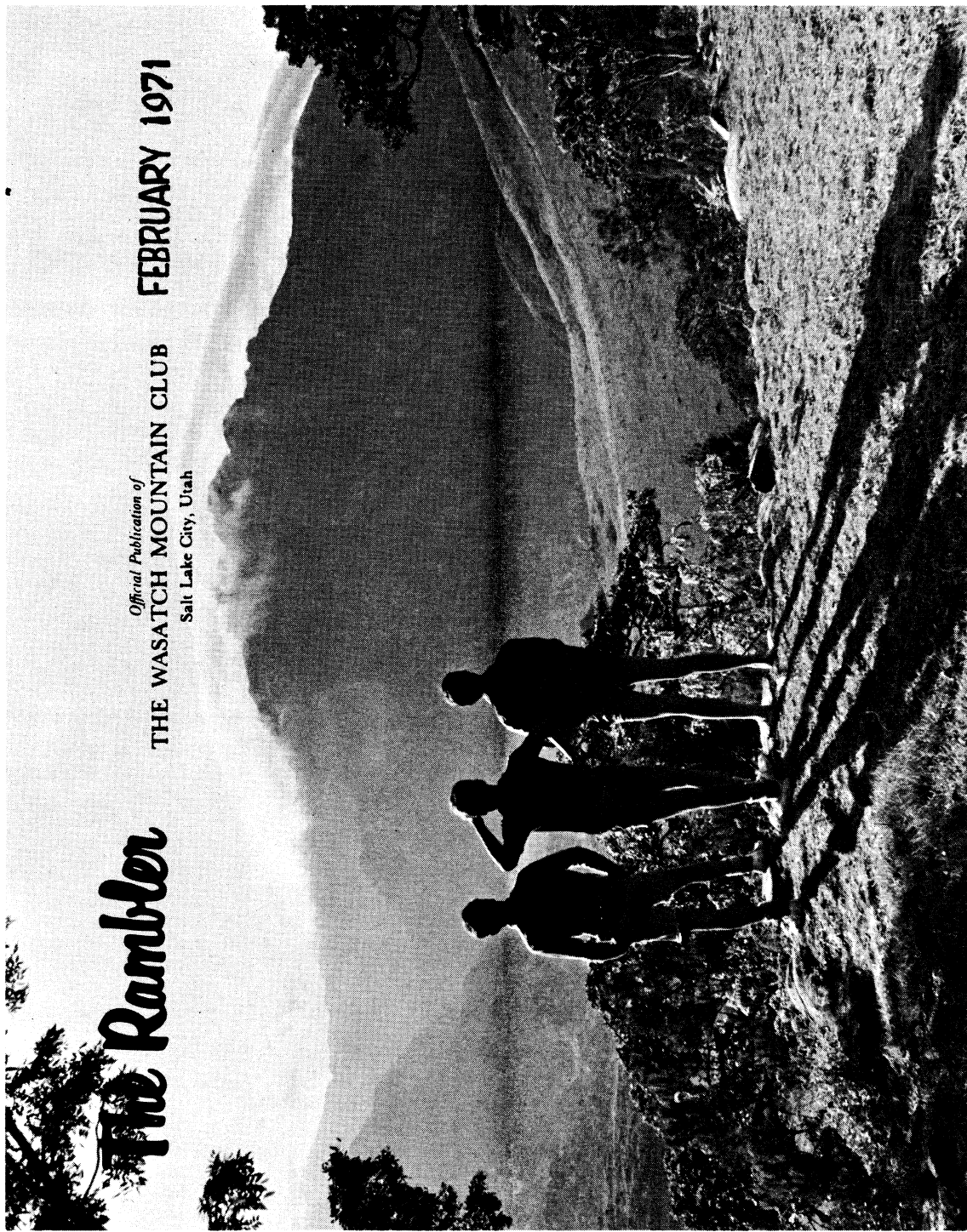


# The Rambler

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# CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 1971

REGISTRATION WITH TRIP LEADERS for ski tours is even more important than for hiking, weather and snow conditions frequently cause cancelation or changing to a tour more fitting to conditions prevailing on that day. Registration is also helpful in resolving car shuttling problems. Register by some reasonable hour the day before the scheduled tour, by calling the leader.

- February 6 Sat MOUNT WOLVERINE -- Intermediate (2,3). From Brighton the tour proceeds past Lake Mary onto the Northeast slopes of the mountain. As elevation is gained, the distant panorama of the Uintas comes into view. From the summit there is a commanding view of the Alta-Brighton area. The run back to Brighton is enjoyable and the skiing just off the summit can be quite good. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:15 a.m. Leader: Burt Janis, 278-7291.
- February 6 Sat SOLITUDE TO BRIGHTON via BIG COTTONWOOD CREEK -- Beginner Snowshoe Tour. Here is an easy outing ideal for families. From Solitude there is a route paralleling but removed from the road up to Brighton. Here one may eat lunch at the store and thereby remove the need for carrying one. Afterwards the group will return to Solitude the same way. The round trip distance is under three miles. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Liz Choules, 355-0383.
- February 6 Sat MT. MAJESTIC MOONLIGHT TOUR -- Intermediate (2,3). The route proceeds up to Snake Creek Pass, from which a not unduly taxing effort will bring a person to the summit of Mt. Majestic. The downhill skiing includes all ranges of ability depending on the route. For those wishing only to go to the pass an easy intermediate tour is in the offing. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 6:30 p.m. Leader: Bob Wright, 272-1177.
- February 7 Sun REDPINE - MAYBIRD -- Advanced (3,5). This tour excites many passions, from the ecstasy of the proficient skier who is first down to the invective of the wood skier who brings up the rear (A wood skier is either a person who uses wood skis or skies in a wooden fashion). We have just the leader for this tour, Alexis Kelner, 359-5387. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m.
- February 7 Sun AFTER SKI SOCIAL. This week we all plan to swing at the home of Dennis and Karin Caldwell. Come after 6:30 p.m. to 2501 Walker Lane, phone: 278-2100.

D U E S A R E D U E

- Feb. 13-15     "WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY" JACKSON TRIP. The annual ski fling to Jackson is planned for this three day weekend. Many new activities are planned this year. We will stay at the Antler Motel again. Cost is \$3-\$5 perperson per night depending on accomodations. Our tentative itinerary appears on page 15 Please make reservations by mailing \$5.00 per person to Lyman Lewis, 4205 Neptune Drive, SLC, UT 84117 by Feb. 8th as we must make reservations for the motel firm by this date. See page 15 for more details.
- Feb. 13     WHITE PINE -- Intermediate (3,3). After proceeding along the road for  
Sat     about a mile, we will work ourselves into the upper regions of White Pine Canyon. The views both north and south are quite alpine. Then, if conditions are right, the tour will skirt the east facing slopes of the canyon where some good skiing is often to be found, and return to the starting point. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Charlie Keller, 278-2578.
- Feb. 13     LAKE BLANCHE from Big Cottonwood Canyon. Beginner-Intermediate  
Sat     SNOWSHOE TOUR. This is one of the best snowshoe outings in the wasatch. Skiiers should be prepared for a provocative downhill experience. It is about 3 miles from the road to Lake Blanche. The views of the Sun Dial and Dromedary are notable. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 298-5537.
- Feb. 13-14     LODGE OPEN \* The lodge will be open with the Berger family hosting.  
Sat-Sun     Call ahead just in case there are any last minute time changes. As of now, it appears that the lodge will be open from noon Sat. to noon Sun. Call 322-1873.  
\* Lodge fees for members are 50¢ per day or 75¢ for overnigheters (overnight is from 6 p.m. till noon the following day), 50¢ for children day or night and free for kids under 10. Overnigheters please park in front of the Majestic Manor Restaurant and not anywhere near the motel. This is urgent for p.r. and to spare your car's being plowed under.
- Feb. 14     DOG LAKE -- Intermediate (2,2) Continuing our program of visiting  
Sun     the Big Cottonwood - Mill Creek area, we offer the relatively short and enjoyable trip up the Desolation trail to Dog Lake from Big Cottonwood Canyon. The terrain is wooded, quite charming, and one of the safest areas in the range. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10 a.m. (sic!) Leader: Thomas Healy, 485-3231.
- Feb. 17     ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING AND EXTRA SPECIAL TREAT -- SLIDE PROGRAM OF  
Wed.     1963 AMERICAN EVEREST EXPEDITION ! ! Eliot Hall, First Unitarian Church (S.W. side), 569 South 1300 East, SLC. 7:30 p.m.  
If you can't make the meeting, absentee ballots may be obtained from Del Wiens, 2967 Warr Road (487-2584), and must be returned to Club Headquarters, 2959 Highland Drive, SLC 84106 by 6:00 p.m. on February 17.  
The WMC now has over 700 members and some people are wondering if membership policy should be revised. Barry Quinn and Bill Viavaht will present short discussions on two different points of view.  
Dave Dingman, member of the 1963 American Everest Expedition, will show slides of that expedition. The slides and presentation are

rated superb. Don't miss this exceptional program. Refreshments will be served. Activities begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

See page 6 for the list of nominees and VOTE ! !

- Feb. 20      LAKE DESOLATION LOOP -- Intermediate (3,3) This new tour will start  
Sat      up Mill D North Fork from Big Cottonwood Canyon and head toward  
Desolation Lake, one of the unsung beauty spots of the Wasatch in the  
winter. From the top of the ridge the view of the Broads Fork area are  
spectacular. Descent will probably be down Beartrap Fork. Meet at  
the mouth of Big Cotton wood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Andy Schoen-  
berg, 278-4896.
- Feb. 20-21      RED PINE -- OVERNIGHT TOUR -- Intermediate-Advanced (4,4) This year  
Sat-Sun      we will try something a little more strenuous to test our mettle  
against the elements. The intention is to leave sometime before  
noon on Saturday and camp in the vicinity of Red Pine Lake. Sunday  
morning those wishing to do so may wander about in the canyon, perhaps  
as far as the summit of the Pfeifferhorn, if the inclination and ability  
of the group so warrants. Descent will be along the same route back to  
the cars. The round trip distance to Red Pine Lake is 6-7 miles.  
Among your possessions for this tour should be a fully enclosed tent,  
flashlight, winter sleeping bag (minimum 3 lb. down), one stove and  
cooking gear per tent, and food for two lunches, breakfast, and dinner.  
Winter camping experience is by no means necessary (this is one way to  
acquire it), but you should discuss your particular situation with the  
leader: Del Wiens, 487-2584, for details.
- Feb. 21      BOX ELDER PEAK -- Advanced (5,5) Here is a chance to visit a somewhat  
Sun      remote area of the Wasatch. Starting from the Provo Valley near the  
town of Alpine, the route proceeds up the jeep road in Dry Canyon,  
where beautiful views of the southern slopes of the Pfeifferhorn are to  
be seen. After 3-4 miles one reaches the northern slopes of the  
mountain and proceeds above timberline to the northwest ridge, where  
skis will probable be removed and the rest of the way to the summit  
traversed on foot. If the ridge is strongly windblown, as is often the  
case, rudimentary mountaineering experience will be helpful. The  
view of Mt. Timpanogos is exquisite. Plan to bring an ice axe. The  
trip will only be attempted in clear weather. Registration Mandatory.  
Meet at the Prudential Plaza parking lot, 33rd South and State Street  
6:15 a.m. Leader: Milt Hollander, 277-1416.
- Feb. 21      NEFF CANYON -- Intermediate Snowshoe Tour. Here is a chance to gain  
Sun      an intimate winter view of the city. The first portion of the route  
is up a jeep road above the Olympus Hills area. From here there are  
many alternatives which explore the Neff Canyon area. There are rumors  
that it is possible to cross into Mill Creek Canyon. Skiers should  
be prepared for almost anything. Meet at Skaggs parking lot, 39th  
South and Wasatch Blvd. at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Fred Bruenger, 485-2639.
- Feb. 21      AFTER SKI SOCIAL Whether you've been skiing or not, gather around  
Sun      here at 6:00 p.m. or so at the dome of Bob and Denna Wright, 3033  
East 5800 South in Holladay. Phone: 272-1177.

- Feb. 27  
Sat  
BRIGHTON to Park City and back -- Intermediate (3,2) The route first follows a short distance along the Guardsman Pass Freeway to within a half mile of Scotts Pass. One then follows a trail across the pass into Thayne Canyon and contours around Jupiter Hill eventually reaching the Treasure Mountain summit house, where a hot lunch may be purchased. After enjoying the views of mineral, vegetable and animal matter, we will return to Brighton the same way. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- Feb. 28  
Sun  
BROADS FORK (Twin Peaks) -- Advanced (5,5). The objective of this alpine outing is to get as high into the cirque as conditions will permit. The views are among the most rugged in Utah. It will be possible to accommodate those only wishing to see the lower part of the canyon, in which case the tour would have about a (3,4) rating. Those who are qualified will be able to indulge into a bit of ski mountaineering by going up to the summit of Twin Peaks, where an unparalleled mountain and valley panorama is to be admired. Registration mandatory. Plan to bring an ice axe and possible a rope for the summit. Note: The cirque is very hazardous and the summit attempt will only be made when conditions are believed to be extremely stable. Tentative departure from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:15 a.m. Leader: Fred Bruenger, 485-2639.
- Feb. 28  
Sun  
GAD VALLEY -- Intermediate-Advanced (2,4). Those wishing a more epicurean outing are invited to try their luck in Gad Valley, evidently still one of the club's most popular short alpine tours. The lifts do most of the work. It is just a short traverse from the top of the Sugar Loaf lift to Hidden Peak, and from there it's downhill all the way. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:15 a.m. Leader: Pete Hovingh, 359-4791.
- March 6  
Sat  
BRIGHTON-SILVER FORK -- Intermediate (2,3). A wide variety of pastoral and alpine terrain is sampled on this enjoyable tour. Starting from the top of the Millicent Lift, the route climbs to Twin Lakes Pass and then to the top of the ridge overlooking Silver Fork. From here the down hill run has many variations by which one wends his way down to Big Cottonwood Creek. The scenery is always interesting. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: John MacDuff 484-1634.
- Mar. 6  
Sat  
AMERICAN FORK TWINS-WHITE PINE by MOONLIGHT -- Advanced (3,5). If snow conditions are highly favorable, and if the weather is nearly perfect, we will try our first alpine moonlight tour. Needless to say, this is recommended only for the hardest and most experienced. If things go well we expect to do much of the climb in the waning daylight hours. A moonlight view from the summit would be a memorable experience. Bring extra warm clothing and gloves. For your own convenience, please register with the leaders before Saturday. We will plan to meet at Germania Pass (100 yards above Sugar Loaf Terminal) at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to allow yourself ample time to drive up the canyon, find a parking place (not always a trivial undertaking on a clear Saturday), and get on the Albion Lift by 4:30 at the latest. The lifts close at 5:00; but one must allow time to reach the upper lift (Sugar Loaf) before closing. If conditions are unfavorable, an

alternative may be selected, so please register with the leaders before Saturday in order to keep informed on current conditions. Leaders: Karin and Dennis Caldwell, 278-2100.

- Mar. 7      DAYS FORK -- Advanced (2,4). This relatively short tour provides  
Sun      some very exciting skiing in the upper part. The Alta panorama slowly  
         recedes into perspective as one approaches Flagstaff Mountain. From  
         here a respectable run leads directly down into Big Cottonwood Canyon  
         in a most pleasant manner, once the headwall has been negotiated. Meet  
         at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Bruce  
         Christiansen, 278-9308.
- Mar. 7      AFTER SKI SOCIAL. Meet at the home of Gale and Ann Dick around  
Sun      6:00 p.m. or so. 1377 Butler Ave., SLC. 359-5764.
- Mar. 21     AFTER SKI SOCIAL. The last ski social of the season will be hosted by  
Sun      Carol Greenlee and June Zongker at 5690 Pheasant Way. Call 278-3317  
         for directions.

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### THANKS

...to George and Linda Rathbun for mailing the January Rambler.

...to Kay Sundeen for typing most of this month's issue.

...especially to Steve Sunderland and his friends for surprising the decorating committee on New Year's Eve with a beautifully decorated lodge. Steve (+ friends) rented the lodge several days before the holiday but before they left decided to decorate using whatever they could find in the lodge!

### CONGRATULATIONS

...to Steve Sunderland, who place 2nd in the Senior B Men's ski race at Brighton, representing Park City (1:32.8)

### AMATEUR RECORDER GROUP

Any budding very amateur musicians interested in forming a recorder group contact Bob H. Wright, 272-1177. We will meet every week or every other week and will play only for our own amazement.

### HITCHED

on January 16th were Mary Jo Farrer and Terry Grady. They had planned to get married at the WMC Lodge, but an avalanche blocked their path as they drove up the canyon that day. Not to be daunted by such circumstance, the bridal party rerouted, and the marriage took place somewhere near the mouth of Emigration Canyon.

### HOBBLING

again is Bob Frohboese who broke his leg again (different place) while skiing Alta over Xmas vacation. Such cruel fate.

### RECOVERED

Chauncy Hall and Charley Swift were recently heard contemplating a snowshoe race, and a way to stop the incoming flow of sympathy when it is no longer needed. I.e. thank you guys, but cool it.

### DEADLINE

...for the March Rambler is February 15th. By then should all inclusions for publication be delivered to Sally Nelson, 1218 Harvard Ave., SLC, UT 84105 (485-0237).

# SERVICE AWARDS 1970

At the Nomination Banquet on January 16th, the recipient of this year's Pa Parry Award was announced. Carl Bauer has contributed much in the way of time and hard work to the Mountain Club over the years, and his receiving this award is well-deserved.

Other members have also put in more than their share of hours and labor in service to the Club. In order that the membership be aware of their efforts, the Board of Directors

has decided to award them with Honorable Mention. They are Carl and Helen Chindgren, Mel and Clare Davis, Wolf and Elfriede Snyder for their work on the lodge (all six); Dave Allen for his contribution to mountaineering; Linda Rathbun for her long hours and efficiency in handling the large Rambler mailings; and Danny Thomas for his care of our bus. There are others, we know, who contribute their share of time and effort, and to them as well go our sincere thanks.

# elections

Elections are slated for Wednesday 17 February 1971 at the First Unitarian Church (Eliot Hall is on the SW side) 569 South 1300 East, SLC. We urge you to vote. If you cannot attend the meeting, absentee ballots may be obtained from Del Wiens, 2967 Warr Road, SLC, UT 84109, phone: 487-2584. They must be returned to Club Headquarters, 2959 Highland Dr., SLC, UT 84106 by 6:00 p.m. on February 17.

As you may have read in the schedule, Dave Dingman, member of the 1963 American Everest Expedition, will show slides of that expedition. They are rated superb, so don't miss this excellent presentation.

Also featured is a discussion on the club's membership policy. Barry Quinn and Bill Viavant will present two different views -- both of which are briefly presented in this month's Rambler (pages 7 and 8).

The foremost activity of the evening is the election of our 1971 Board of Directors. Nominees are:

President:	Dennis Caldwell Ann McDonald
Secretary:	Denna Wright
Treasurer:	Charley Swift
Boating:	Jim Byrne
Conservation:	Shep Bloom Mike Treshow
Entertainment:	Diana Schoenberg
Hiking:	Fred Bruenger Dale Green
Lodge:	Phil Berger
Membership:	June Zongker
Mountaineering:	Dave Smith
Publications:	Ruta Dreijmanis
Ski-Mountaineering:	Dave George
Transportation:	Danny Thomas
Trustee:	O'dell Peterson

# LETTERS

## this...

by Bill Viavant

Growth is not progress, and big is not better, necessarily. I've been preaching this for twenty years or more, and I believe it now. So it is with real useasiness that I now undertake to argue against cutting back on Club membership, or even putting a ceiling on it.

I believe that there has been a general awakening of Americans, in just two years, to the problems of the environment, to the need to change our priorities, our economics, our very life-style. I believe this awakening obligates the Wasatch Mountain Club (and all other outdoor organizations), as a group of people with special knowledge and deep commitment, to work harder than ever before at educating and persuading the rest of our society to do the things that need doing: to give up some convenience, to use more muscle instead of coal and gas, and to back good guys and beat the bad ones, whether in business or schools or government.

What better way to educate and persuade than by having our subject (victim) become an active member? Besides, the very size of our membership, coupled with the kind of people they are, gives us a political and social clout we've never had before.

But our prestige and effectiveness does indeed depend on the kind as well as on the number of people who are members. It is here that I agree with the "conservatives". We should take much greater care that

we invite active outdoors people (two hard hikes through the snow to after-ski socials won't do it), ones likely to do things for the Club, not leeches on the effort of a minority who do the work, and also not those with only a single narrow interest, whether it be climbing, or partying, or even conservation!

When we grow, it's going to be tough to keep the spirit of informality, of close association, and of do-it-yourself, that has made the Club so great. It's already obvious that every member knows now only a minority of the others. But we should experiment: more activities, not bigger ones! Let's all try to help, with ideas and with participation.

...OR...

WMC--QUO VADIS?

by Barry G. Quinn

Within the last few decades, an idea has developed in our society that in order to be good and make progress, an organization must constantly enlarge. There must be constant growth. I'm having second thoughts about growth and progress. So many nice things are ruined by growth. Small colleges and universities and towns lose their charm and intimacy by too much growth. Clubs grow too large and reach a point where they're peopled by strangers. Is the WMC becoming too large? To me this is a problem. Another problem that bothers me is the growth of a special interest group within the WMC--the conservation group. A few decades



ago, the Sierra Club was known as a first-rate outing club. Now it has grown so large and has changed direction so much that it is no longer associated in the minds of people with mountaineering, but rather with conservation and political action. As the WMC has been dear to my heart these past 9 years, I'm concerned with what is happening to the club now. I don't want the WMC to become another Sierra Club. Our club is becoming too large. The conservation movement is growing within the WMC. Don't misunderstand me, I'm not against conservation. I belong to three conservation groups-- Environmental Defense Fund, The Wilderness Society, and the Wildlife Federation. These are political action groups. Such groups cry for new members. I don't feel that a new political action group, in the form of the WMC, is needed. Existing groups can be strengthened. The WMC is, and should remain, a mountaineering club. As such, all of its members should place mountaineering interests first and foremost. There is nothing wrong with a person's combining mountaineering and conservation interests, but let's not let the conservation interests be the *raison d'être* for membership in WMC. A person should not be allowed to join if he is interested only in conservation. Such a reason would be as bad as wanting to join in order to go to swinging parties at the lodge or to go on inexpensive river trips. Such a person does not have the best interests of the Club at heart.

At the risk of offending the Great Gods Growth and Prosperity, I think it's time to call a halt to growth. We should become more selective in choosing our members. As one possible solution to both the problems of growth in absolute numbers and growth of the conservation interests, I would propose that the WMC be divided into separate divisions--a Mountaineering Division and

a Conservation Division. Each division would have its own dues, publications, and membership requirements. The Mountaineering Division would require that the prospective member participate in a minimum of two activities (instead of the present one) from the following categories: climbing sessions (actual climbing and not merely sitting around eating hamburgers and drinking beer), hiking (including snow-shoe hikes), ski touring and avalanche schools, and work parties (not social parties). Spouse memberships could remain as now, or requirements could be initiated, depending upon the membership's desires. Upon recommendation and election to the Club, the new member would receive the Rambler, membership card, and one club patch.

The Conservation Division would require only that a prospective member have a sincere interest in conservation. Upon submission of an application and payment of dues (which should be less than the Mountaineering Division's dues, since fewer privileges are entailed), the new member would receive a membership card and such monthly or quarterly newsletters and special flyers as were published by the officers of the Conservation Division. Conservation Division members would not receive the Rambler or the or the club patch. Such a division of the Club might encourage more out-of-state people who couldn't meet the activity requirements of the Mountaineering Division to join the Conservation Division, with its lessened requirements and its cheaper dues. Growth and greater affluence do tend to go together, and conservation programs are expensive.

My proposal is only a suggestion. Perhaps another member has a better proposal. In any event, I feel it's time that we deal with this question--WMC, "Whither goest thou?"

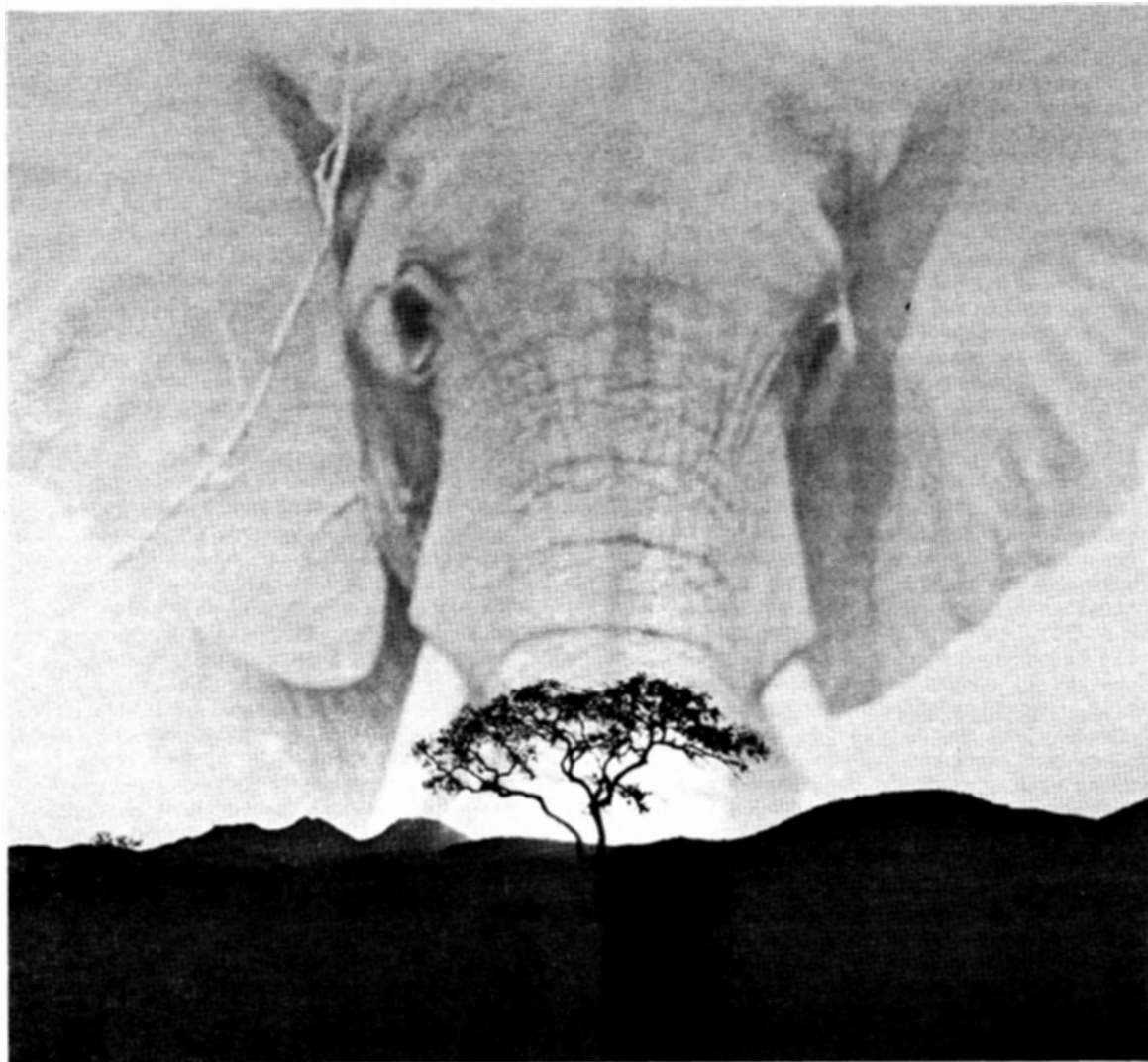


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**DUES**

# conservation escalante, etc.

by W. N. Strickland

Conservation appears to be in a balance: a few bright spots in evidence here and there, but mostly temporary delays in the steady decay of the environment. The most encouraging event was the designation of the proposed 129,000-acre Escalante Natural Area as an "Outstanding Natural Area" by the Bureau of Land Management. In response to the urging of conservationists, the Bureau also added the North Escalante Outstanding Natural Area (5,800 acres), the Gulch Outstanding Natural Area (3,430 acres) and Phipps-Death Hollow Outstanding Natural Area (34,300 acres).

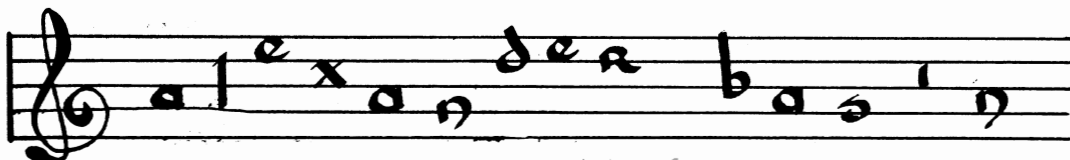
In gloomy contrast, however, the Utah Department of Highways remains totally unresponsive to the expressed will of the public. There have been two hearings concerning proposed highways across the Escalante area, and at both hearings the opposition to the road was overwhelming. There were hundreds of letters against highways in the Escalante and only a few (mostly from vested interests) in favor. But the Highway Department, always ready and willing to use public funds, seems to have totally ignored the public sentiments expressed at these hearings, since they are now preparing for another hearing on the design of the new highway. Perhaps the whole procedure of holding open hearings is a boring ritual to the "pavement addicts"; but to those who have known the peace and beauty of the Escalante and want to keep it intact for the enjoyment of future generations, these hearings represent a vital forum. Obviously the Highway

Department does not understand that they are public servants, and simply regard such hearings as an inconvenient but necessary evil to which no attention need be paid.

There are several other issues hanging in the balance, including such important ones as the SST and the construction of an oil pipe line across Alaska.

Ideally, Federal and State Agencies are organized to serve some need of the public. Unfortunately, some of these agencies outlast their purpose. They then become infatuated with their own perpetuation. The result is a plethora of useless, often destructive and expensive schemes to keep the agency in existence. One of the worst aspects of this transformation is that public money (often in large amounts) is available for advertising and promoting projects that are not in the public interest. For example, public agencies can afford to fly representatives to hearings in Washington, whereas conservationists must ask an already overtaxed public for more funds if they are to be represented.

If a self-perpetuating agency has x dollars of public funds for promotion of its plans, then x dollars of public funds should be made available to bona fide conservation organizations. In this way all bureaucratic schemes would be subjected to an independent evaluation, and a large number of bureaucratic agencies would have to think a good deal more about the costs and benefits of their boondoggles.



by David Smith

This tour, as with most tours, started with a group standing and shivering while a few with more foresight were spotting the cars to be used upon completion of the tour. Fred, Milt, and Pete assumed the responsibility of placing two vehicles at Log Haven. This is a new tour for the club and was billed to be exciting throughout. On January 10, our group, which consisted of 12 skiers and 2 snow shoers, reassembled at Butler Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Fred, on his snowshoes, started breaking trail through the deep snow which was surprisingly light. Looking to the West, clouds seemed to hang motionless in the cirques surrounding Twin Peaks. According to the musical description of ski tours in last month's "Rambler", the setting could only be described by the music of Sibelius. (Especially if one thought of the cloud-filled cirques as fog-shrouded fjords.)

As we gained elevation the light powder snow changed to a wind packed consistency. Karin broke trail for the assault on the saddle between Mt. Raymond and Gobbler's Knob. The large scale settling of the snow and sizeable areas with no trees made the show real spooky. Unknown to us, the final movement of Tchaikovsky's War of 1812 Overture was being enacted again and again in the next can-

yon south. We regrouped the troops at the saddle and started up the ridge to Cobbler's Knob. With the exception of occasional gusts of wind, the view of the entire valley was magnificent. By the time we reached Cobbler's Knob the wind had reached gale force. The high winds, driving snow and zero visibility could well be expressed by the dissonance and chaos of Stravinsky's Firebird Suite.

Let there be no doubt that the run down Alexander Basin into Millcreek Canyon can be truly delightful. Unfortunately, we encountered wind packed conditions. The highlight of the downhill run was a steep and challenging gully leading to the road. Here we found the snow was excellent. While waiting on the road for the rest of the group, we met some people on the Burr-r-r machines. And they were full of such stupid questions as: "Are you OK?" and "Where are you going?" In answer, someone replied that we were on our way to Ogden! From here we were able to ski the remaining four miles to the cars. Poor snow shoers!

Those participating were: Leaders Dennis and Karin Caldwell, Fred Bruenger, Milt Hollander, Pete Hovingh, Dave Smith, Joel Bown, George Low, Dave George, Larry Swanson, Ron Weber, Steve Kelly, Bob Arnold and D. Leining.



On November 14, an assorted bag of 19 skiers and snowshoers assembled at the top of the Majestic lift to reactivate touring muscles. The des-

tination--Snake Creek Pass. Fred and Evelyn Bruenger and some of their snowshoe friends made it very easy for us skiers by breaking trail.

While enjoying the view of Timpanagos and munching on smashed Wasatch sandwiches, a group of three Nordic skiers demonstrated how this cross-country skiing should really be done. Enjoying the trip back down to Brighton were: Fred and Evelyn

Bruenger, Marge Verburg, Sue and Jim Sternberg, Dave Daurelle, Bob Helman, Mel and Claire Davis, Yenta Kaufman, Oscar and Phyllis Robison, Puth Holland, Carol Jeulson, Dixon Smith, John Riley, Tom Lubin, June Wickham, and (leader) Al Wickham.



by Steve Mark

An odd collection of purists and novices met at the foot of Millicent Lift, Brighton, 9:30 a.m. on December 13, 1970, to begin a beginners' ski tour to Lower Wolverine Cirque. The original plan was to ride the lift and take off from the top. The purists, Fred and Evelyn Bruenger, Kermit Earle, and Tom Bresenheim, all on snowshoes, and Bob Helman with cross country skis, decided they would forego the lift and meet the group at the top.

"We came here to hike. Didn't we?" asked Bob.

The rest of the tour held a hasty conference with leader, John Riley, where the novices began jumping on the bandwagon.

"Sure," "Why not?" "Let's hike it," and other such naive expressions were heard.

One problem with this new plan was that Perry Walters could not be included in the decision; he had already taken the lift.

The group prepared to ascend, and Dale Green promptly broke his climbing skins. Scratch Dale.

Needless to say, the time the tour reached Millicent's topside, the good guys were pretty well separated from the bad guys.

John split from the group long enough to look for Perry. Perry, however, was never seen again. (Hopefully, he had a pleasant day skiing Brighton.)

The bad guys, Ruth Holland, Steve Mark, and Tom Bresenheim, who had had equipment trouble, plodded alone through the woods above the reservoir until they broke out onto the avalanche trail traverse leading to the Cirque. Ahead of them they could see the specks representing the snowshoers, Helman, and the rest of the tour, Don Carlton and Boyd Nielsen. Halfway down from the first group was John Riley's speck. He had given up his fruitless search and was now awaiting the tail end of his charges. He said later he was worried about them on the avalanche trail.

"Well, John," asked Steve Mark, "what were you going to do if there had been an avalanche?"

"I guess nothing," he answered, "but I thought I could help locate the bodies."

Reaching the top vindicated all that had gone before--glorious agony.

By 2:30 p.m. everyone had made it back to the parking lot, except those who decided to make it back to the bar.



photo of Escalante River Canyon by Nick Strickland

# NEW HOURS

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

**FRI Noon-9:00 pm**

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

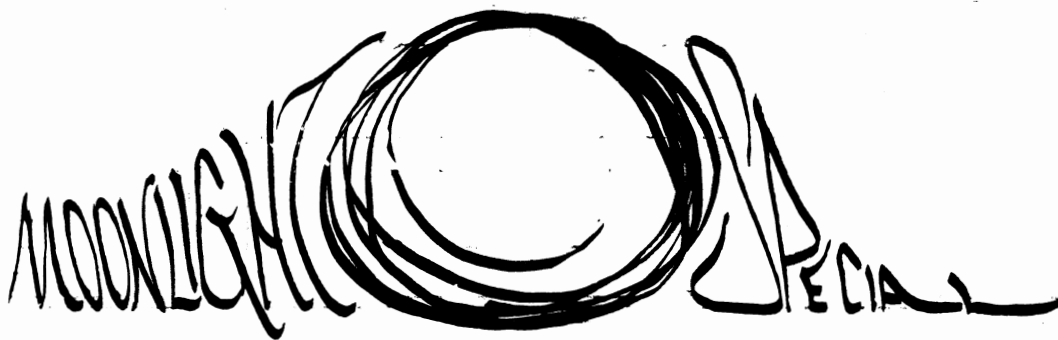
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by Larry Swanson

Last year, due to an almost imperceptible navigational error, the Catherine Pass trip ended up taking the "scenic route" over Twin Lakes Pass and down Grizzly Gulch.

This year Steve Swanson could have pressed on through a blizzard--every snowbank was charted. As happens to all best laid plans, in the last minutes it became impossible for

Steve to go and the group was entrusted to his brother. With the aid of ULLR, a clear moonlit night, and perfect snow, the group slipped quickly past Mary, Martha, and Catherine Lakes. It was a bit nippy on the pass but the hot tea Marge passed around and the cheerful Shallow Shaft at Alta erased the chills.

The group consisted of three snowshoers, five skiers, and Don on

his new X-C skis and super wax. Everyone agreed that moonlight touring provides something very special. So special, in fact, that I want to organize another tour, possibly with an overnight camp, as soon as possible. Anyone interested call me or Dennis.

Midnight flyers included: Don Carlton, Bob Woody, Boyd Nelson, Carol Jewelson, Dickson Smith, Marge Yerbury, Bill Rosequist, Gene Lepely, and myself. Steve, Dennis and Karin arrived at Alta just as we did to join in removing the chill.

# WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY at Jackson

Washington's Birthday Jackson Trip  
February 13, 14, 15 Sat. - Mon.

The annual ski fling to Jackson is planned for this three day weekend. Many new activities are planned this year. We will stay at the Antler Motel again, cost is \$3.00 - \$5.00 per person per night depending on accomodations. Our tentative itinerary:

Fri: Leave Salt Lake 1-6 p.m. by car as arrangements will vary.

Sat: 9-4:30 \* Skiing Teton Village, 10,446' Rendezvous Peak Tram and chairs, or touring, an extremely scenic and relatively short tour is planned from Togwotee Pass, which affords a panorama of the entire Teton Range.

5 p.m. A few short ones at the "Seven Levels Bar", Village  
6:30 p.m. \* Cocktails at the "Rancher Bar", Jackson  
8:00 p.m. Dinner at the "Open Range", Jackson.

9:00 p.m. on your own

Sun: 9-4:30 Skiing "Snow King" Mtn, Jackson. Ski Touring, Signal Mtn. or other tours in Teton Pass area. All tourers must register with Dennis Caldwell.  
5:30 p.m. Cocktails, "Silver Dollar" Bar (\$26,000 in silver dollars in top of bar).  
6:30 p.m. Dinner to be arranged.

9:00 p.m. on your own.

Mon: 7:30 a.m. 1½ hour drive over Teton Pass to Grand Targhee.

9-3 \* Skiing, Grand Targhee  
Touring, Targhee area

3:30 p.m. Leave for SLC

\* 100% free, USSA souvenir book, no purchaser strings attached.

Please make reservations by mailing \$5.00 per person to Lyman Lewis, 4205 Neptune Drive, SLC, 84117 by Feb. 8 as we must make reservations for the motel firm by this date. We then can get a count on participation for cocktail parties and dinners. Transportation will be by private cars. For transportation pay driver \$12.00. Advise L. L. if you intend to drive, need transportation, or more information. Lifts are available for rank beginners, novice, intermediate and advanced skiers at all areas. Lessons are also available. Contact Dennis Caldwell 278-2100 for all touring information or see him at the Antler. Each year our trip has been greater skiing and more fun. Reservations are coming in, make yours now! (With the USSA Book, you can't afford to stay in Salt Lake this weekend.)

If you can't get ahold of Lyman or Dennis, you can call Ed Cook, 355-5522.





by Trudy Healy

Whether in the U.S. or in the Alps, the effort to stop littering becomes second nature.

There was an elderly German in my party on a Swiss climb this summer. He unwrapped a stick of gum and dropped the foil. I picked it up: "You dropped this!" "I don't need it," he grumbled. "Well, it doesn't look very nice here on the glacier," I said and put it in my pocket. A younger German grinned understandingly while strewing his orange peels around. A little later the old one had a sandwich and gave me the wrappings. "Do you want this too?" he asked.

My favorite guide doesn't drop foil, he says that's the worst. He drops paper though. It will rot, he claims. After 14 rappels off the Badile North Edge, back on the trail to the Sasc-Fura Hut (Bergell), he picked up a movie film box. I was amazed and happy, but then he dropped it behind a rock.

"I was just going to tell you my opinion of you skyrocketed," I said sadly.

"You just keep your good opinion of me," he replied; "and of course you are right, one should pack out

everything."

But old habits die hard.

Another old guide friend, this one in the Wallis, is even worse. Lunch remains and paper are tossed into the winds, tins stuffed sketchily behind rocks. "It will rot," he says. He has, however, improved over the years. He realizes we are right with our anti-litter campaign because he too likes his mountains beautiful. Still, he makes fun of our being so adamant about it. He kept picking up all sorts of bits of litter and stuffed them in my daughter Sandy's pack. Sandy just smiled and patiently carried everything out. But when one day we found some human excrements right on a summit, our guide disgustedly said: "This I don't like at all."

But this too will eventually rot, won't it? And the paper on top, too. Where do you draw the line, you Europeans? And how much better are we Americans?

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photo by Nick Strickland

# DUES

In order to meet increased costs of printing and mailing the Rambler, the board decided recently to raise the out-of-state dues to equal those of the in-state members. Sorry we had to do this, but we're affected by inflation, too, and cannot afford to continue operating at a loss.

You (everyone) may now pay your 1971 dues: \$6.00, plus another \$3.00 for spice.



Cover photo of the Chimanimani Mountains in Eastern Rhodesia 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 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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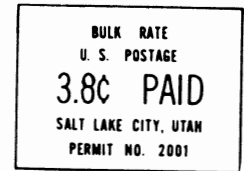
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