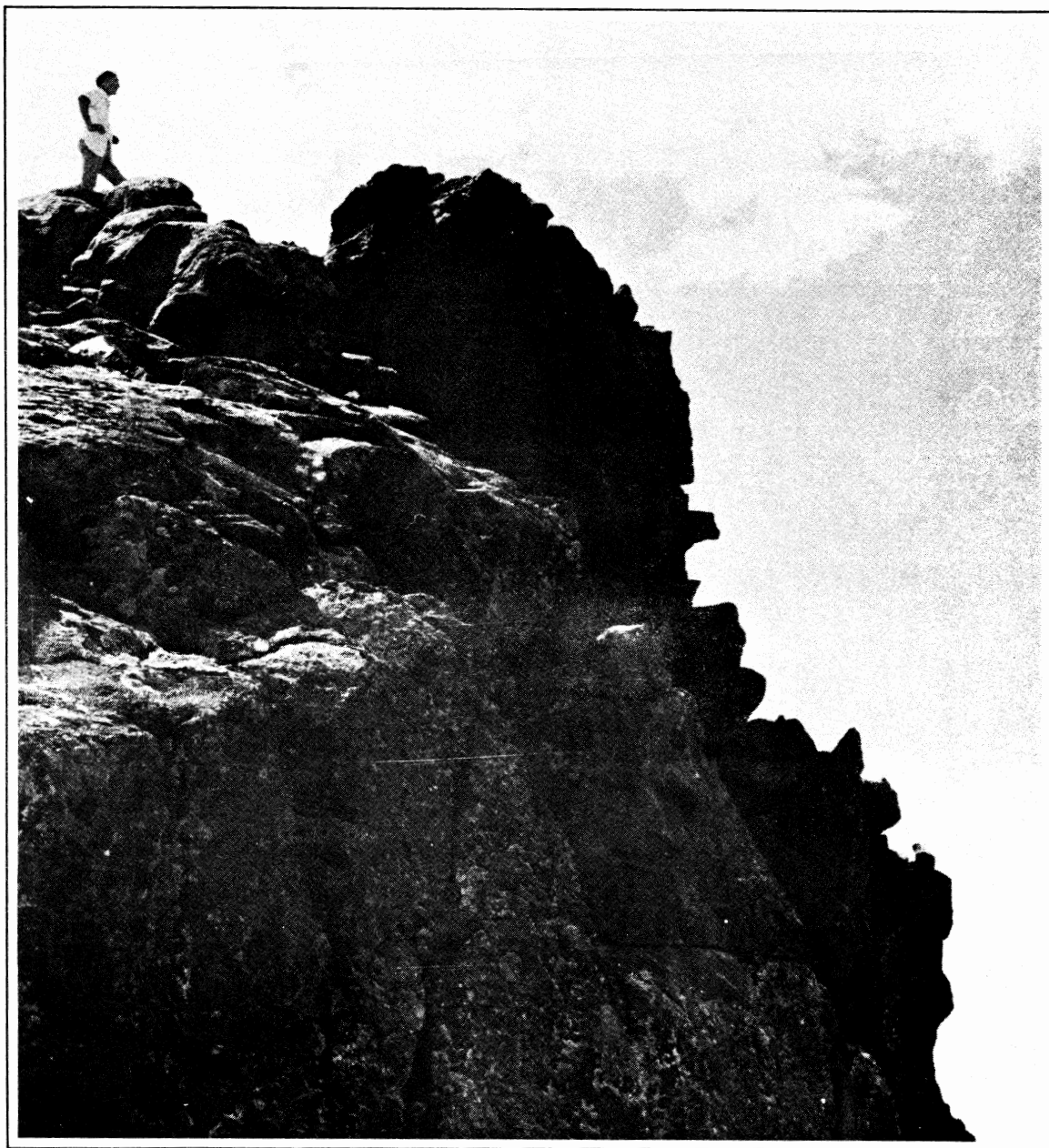


# The Rambler

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# club activities for may 1971

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration is generally not required for members participating in easy or intermediate hiking (Rating below 7.0). Unless specifically stated, advanced hikes (Rating above 7.0) require registration with the leader. Adequate equip-

ment is an absolute must. You cannot participate in these events if you have not shown your ability on other hiking activities and if you do not have adequate and well broken in boots with good Vibram type soles and suitable protective clothing. Special equipment like an ice axe etc. may may also be specified and you are required to be able to handle such equipment. Remember that these restrictions are set for your own safety and that of your fellow members. For rules regarding participation of children consult the May Rambler. 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.

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, 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  
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 2  
Sunday 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 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 4  
Tues. BACK-PACKERS MEETING -- Take the heavy pains out of back-packing. During an evening of casual instruction you could learn how to travel light and comfortably. Suggestions will be offered as to which food to take (something that is light, tasty and provides energy - sorry dehydrated beer in powder form is beyond the chemist's capacity) and what kind of clothing to carry. There will be a display of some basic equipment and back-pack food. Members of the hiking committee will be present to answer questions which you may want to ask. Meet at Fred Bruenger's, 2590 Yermo Ave., 485-2639.
- May 6  
Thurs. HIKER'S CLIMBING CLASS - 1st Session -- Meet at Upper Pete's Rock for this the first session of the Hiker's Climbing Course. This session will concentrate mostly on equipment necessary for advanced hiking and basic climbing. Also, dangers of and safety in mountain travel will be discussed.
- May 7  
Fri. GRANDEUR MOONLIGHT HIKE -- Our first moonlight tour will lead us again up Grandeur Peak. Come out for an early spring evening in the fresh air and enjoy the view of Salt Lake with its sparkling lights. Meet at 6:00 p.m. behind the "Movie" - Leader: Kermit Earle, 299-0526
- 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 very popular with the tourists 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 NW 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 is 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 8  
Sat.

DESERT ROCK HUNTING TRIP -- Attention Ye Olde Rock-Hounds, Elmer Boyd will be your leader on this somewhat unusual trip which follows approximately the route of the old Pony Express. Your first destination will be Clay Canyon where you can look for some fragments of Variscite, a phosphate mineral of bluish to turquoise color. Then the caravan will proceed to a place S.E. of Vernon where you can hunt for Horn Coral and Wonderstone - a banded red and light colored mineral. Total milage for this excursion will be about 150 miles. Meet at the Albertson's parking lot at 4816 S. on Redwood Road. Departure will be at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 298-5537.

May 9  
Sun.

PROVO RIVER KAYAK AND CANOE - A good beginning and intermediate practice run with small rapids and good eddies. Some prior flat water experience necessary, and a wet suit might help your peace of mind. Register with Jim Byrne, 359-5631 by Friday May 7.

May 9  
Sun.

MOUNT OLYMPUS - Elevation 9026 - Rating 8.0 -- This should be the real kickoff of our hiking activities. Hopefully the snow will havemmelted or consolidated by this time, making it a little easier to reach the summit than last year. By now you should have enough wind to make Coronary Alley without any difficulty. The view from the saddle and the summit over the still snow-capped Wasatch and the distant Stansbury Mountains will be an unforgettable experience. Meet at Pete's Rock. Leader: Michael Maak, 466-2268, Time: 8:00 a.m.

May 13  
Thurs.

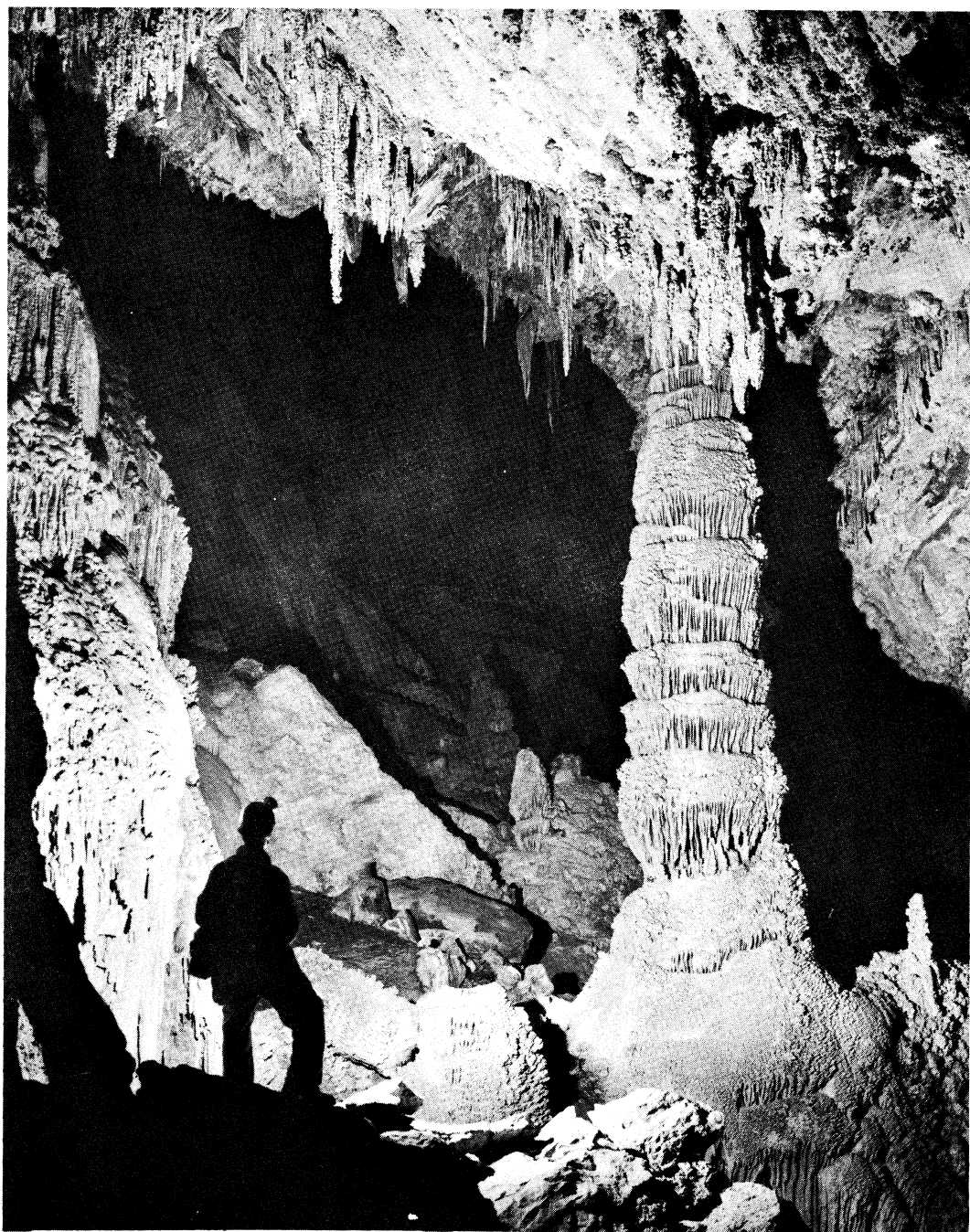
HIKER'S CLIMBING CLASS - 2nd Session -- This session will deal with rough country hiking, talus, scree, brush etc. as well as basic rock scrambling. Meet at Upper Pete's Rock at 6:30 p.m.

May 15-16  
Sat-Sun.

DOLORES RIVER FLOAT TRIP -- From Gateway, Colo. to the Dolores' confluence with the Colorado River at Dewey Bridge above Moab. The trip is probably best rated intermediate, but the Dolores is a variable and testy river and much depends on the water level. There are some "interesting) rapids, which usually give a good ride without undue risk to life and limb. Three years ago the water was low and things were fairly relaxed, it is too early to know

the situation that might prevail this year. The run is not a long one and we will plan to camp by early afternoon, thus allowing ample time for hiking in the interesting red-rock side canyons Saturday. We should be out by early afternoon Sunday, and (believe it or not) home by a reasonable hour. The work party will be Wednesday evening May 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Ice Plant. Departure time will be 7:00 sharp at the Ice Plant, 430 W. 2nd N. on Friday, May 14. Register by paying the trip fee (\$19.00) to the trip leader, Del Wiens (487-2584), 2967 Warr Road, SLC 84109. First come, first served.

- May 15-16  
Sat-Sun.      FAMILY WEEKEND AT THE LODGE - From noon Sat. till Sunday afternoon, Milt and Louise Hollander will be your hosts this weekend. They're still skiing at Brighton so bring the kids and get an early start at those lift lines! We have frozen pipes at the lodge again so bring your own drinking water! Lodge fee: 50¢ day and 75¢ over-nite. Kids under 10 free! Call Louise for further information 277-1416.
- May 15  
Sat.      MT. AIRE, VIA ELBOW FORK - Elevation 8620 - Rating 3 -- Here is another popular hike which is well suited for families. Those of you who have energy to spare should try to spend it usefully. How? Ask the leader, the Lord will provide. Meet at the Movie (3900 So.) Leader: Ivan Candese, 363-5611.
- May 16  
Sun.      NORTH PEAK OF THUNDER MOUNTAIN - Elevation 11,750 - Rating 10. You said you are in perfect shape? Thunder Mountain with hopefully well consolidated snow conditions- beckons as our first advanced hike, and if you like a little thrill and know how to use an ice axe, you should not miss this one. Return will be via Bells Canyon. Registration is a must. Ice axe and good boots with Vibram type soles are required. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Sam Allen 486-6834
- May 16  
Sun.      LAKE DESOLATION - While our stronger members flex their muscles trying to reach Thunder Mountain, the less vigorous have a chance to find recreation and relaxation on this easy beginners trip. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 a.m. Leader: Andy Schoenberg, 278-4896.
- May 17  
or 19  
Mon. or  
Wed.      BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE - Registration. Meet at Dave Allen's (3848 So. 2215 E.) for purposes of registration and instruction in knot tying. Objectives and program of the BCC will also be discussed. Time 8:00 p.m.
- May 20  
Thurs.      HIKER'S CLIMBING CLASS - 3rd session -- This, the final session of the Hiker's Climbing Course will deal with basic rock technique, belaying rappeling, etc. Meet at Upper Pete's Rock at 6:30 p.m.



- May 22  
Sat. MONUMENT PEAK - Rating 7.5 -- This was a novel activity last year. If you like the thrill of good friction climbing and if you are not afraid of some exposure, you will certainly enjoy this hike which will lead you up one of the lesser peaks in the lower Little Cottonwood Canyon area. Come out for a different type of hiking experience but remember, this is an advanced trip and not intended for tender souls. You must register with Gerhard Henschel, 355-1667. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m.
- May 22  
Sat. GEOLOGY LECTURE TOUR - To give club members an opportunity to learn something about the geology of the Wasatch Mts, Dr. Armand Eardly (honorary member) will conduct a geology lecture-tour along the Wasatch Front. Participation is limited to the seating capacity of the bus, so sign up early. (No private vehicles, please.) Cost is a modest \$2.50. Price will include transportation and a large, full-color geologic map of Salt Lake County. If you desire the bulletin describing the map, the total cost is \$4.00. Register by Thursday, May 20. Send payment to Dale Green, 277-6417.
- May 22  
Sat. BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE - 1st Session -- Meet at the lower road closure gate in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Time: 9:00 a.m.
- May 23  
Sun. LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN - elevation 7800 - rating 6.5 -- At the time of this writing success or failure of the April hike up Little Black was not decided. Anyway, this is such a popular spring hike that it was worth scheduling a second time. The winter scenery encountered in April has given way to Spring flowers, thus offering an entirely different view. Meet at the parking lot of Shriner's Hospital at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Phil Ryan, 355-1591.
- May 23  
Sun. NEFF'S CANYON -- Come out for a very pleasant and easy hike, first leading up a jeep road and later a trail through aspen growth into the bowl below the Thayne Canyon Ridge. The scenery is superb and probably the best you can get for the effort. Meet at the Movie - 3900 So. Leader: Guillermo Pilar, 486-8283. Time: 8:00 a.m.
- May 22-23  
Sat-Sun SAN RAFAEL KAYAK AND CANOE - An easy and scenic float through the San Rafael Swell on Saturday. On Sunday we may have an exploratory trip through the Black Box for advanced kayakers. A late runoff may force postponement to June 12 & 13, so be sure and register by May 19 with Jim Byrne, 359-5631.
- May 27  
Thurs. EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN - Come out and enjoy the variety of multipitch climbing available at our first Storm Mountain session.

- May 28-31  
Fri-Mon. DESOLATION CANYON FLOAT TRIP -- An intermediate trip through 120 miles of beautiful, roadless, and very isolated country. Good rapids and side canyons make this one of the club's most popular trips. Register by May 21 with Bob Nelson, 278-4291. Fee: \$25.
- May 29  
Sat. BUTTERFIELD CANYON AND PEAK - Rating 4 -- This beginners trip will lead us into the west side of the valley and should offer an excellent view of the Wasatch and the Salt Lake and Utah Lake Valley. Total climb is only about 1500 feet over less than 3 miles distance. Meet at the Prudential Plaza on State Street. Time: 8:30 a.m. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- May 30  
Sun. BIG BEACON - Elevation 7200 - Rating 2.5 -- The mountain sides should now be covered with Balsam Root and other wildflowers, giving this spring time club favorite a different appearance than in April. Meet at Hogle Zoo at 9 a.m. Leader: ?
- May 28-31  
Fri-Mon. MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMP - Local Destination -- This high camp will be designed for all levels of mountaineering ability, from beginner to seasoned climber. Suggested locations are: Lake Blanche -- Sundial, Lone Peak Cirque, and Red Pine Lake -- Pfeifferhorn. The plan is to hike up Friday evening and climb on Sat., Sun., and Mon., and then return Mon. afternoon. Call Dave Smith (266-5229 or 466-2101) to register and make your preference known as to location.
- May 31  
Mon. LONE PEAK CIRQUE FROM CORNER CANYON - Rating 9 -- This is the first of several visits that we plan for the Lone Peak area. The lower slopes will be free of snow and slightly brushy, but up in the cirque spring will arrive a bit later and the boulderfield will probably be covered with well consolidated snow that should provide easy progress. This is one of the very outstanding wilderness areas in the Wasatch. Meet at the SE corner of 19400 So. and 9th East. Leader: Charles Lesley. Time 8:00 a.m.
- Memorial  
Day  
Weekend DESERT PEAK VIA SOUTH WILLOW CANYON - elevation 11,031 - Rating 8 -- For all those who like to beat the crowd, Desert Peak at this time of the year offers an opportunity for almost complete solitude. Activities can be geared to suit every level of proficiency. The terrain is alpine, the view from the summit unique in that it covers the expanse of a large part of the Salt Lake Desert and its surrounding Mountain Ranges. It is planned to make this an overnight outing but those who want to spend only one day can easily be accommodated. Families are welcome if properly equipped. For details call Pete Hovingh, 359-4791.
- June 3  
Thurs. EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN

- June 4      MT. OLYMPUS MOONLIGHT TOUR - Elevation 9026 - Rating 9 --  
Fri.      This is our second moonlight tour this season. Although it is a few days before the full moon, we will have enough light (satellite) for this club favorite. The view of city and mountains is superb. What better way is there to begin a weekend than to be out in the slightly crisp breeze of a closeby mountain? Meet at Pete's Rock. Time: 7:30 p.m. Leader: Larry Swanson.
- June 5      BIG BLACK MOUNTAIN - Elevation 8950 - Rating 6.5 -- Two  
Sat.      attempts were made last year to reach Big Black, both failed because of bad weather. Will we have better luck this year? The approach will be via Mueller Park. Leader: There is none better than Carl Bauer, 355-6036. Meet at Odell Peterson's Shop. Time 7:00 a.m.
- June 5      SNAKE CREEK PASS -- A short tour leading up past Majestic  
Sat.      lift to the saddle south of "Clayton Peak", alias Mt. Majestic. This is one of our easiest hikes. Meet at the Lodge at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Don Lovejoy, 278-1002.
- June 5      BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE - 2nd Session -- This session  
Sat.      will deal with snow and ice climbing. Bring ice axe, mittens, lunch and crampons (if you have them). Place and time to be announced.
- June 6      LAKE BLANCHE - Rating 5 -- This relatively short hike  
Sun.      will lead you right into the heart of the most scenic part of the Wasatch. Do you realize how most Europeans would envy you as you are surrounded by half a dozen or so of "three thousanders"? Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Time 8:30 a.m. Leader: Milt Hollander 277-1416.
- June 6      MT. SUPERIOR FROM ALTA - Elevation 11,132 - Rating 8 --  
Sun.      The route will lead first to Cardiff Pass and then along the ridge to the summit of Superior and Monte Cristo. This ridge section is exposed and no minors will be permitted on this hike. The return may be over the same route or down past Lake Blanche. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Roy Keir 264-7527.
- June 6      NUTTY PUTTY CAVE - The name comes from deposits of peculiar  
Sun.      thixotropic (frequency sensitive) clay that changes from a solid to liquid when vibrated. This is an ideal place to start true "cave crawling." Minimum equipment requirements apply. If you did not attend the caving meeting on April 16th, the trip and equipment will also be discussed at the rock climbing session at Pete's Rock on June 3. Meet 8:00 a.m. in the Grand Central Parking Lot, S.W. corner of 39th South and State. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417

June 5-6  
Sat-Sun.

UPPER DOLORES RIVER (Beginner-Intermediate) -- You are wrong if you believe that this is a dull float trip or an easy beginner's sunbathing event. This relatively small river has plenty of rapids (some 30 or so). None are of super size but a lot of them are quite exciting and even thrilling and require a good deal of maneuvering skill. To make the run - which is scheduled at the most probably time of maximum run-off -- enjoyable, we will eliminate the long approach and lead you directly into Slickrock Canyon. The scenery is superb and of real wilderness character, in fact so beautiful that the "Bureau" will surely at some time find a reason to dam(n) it up. A limited number of kayakers and canoes can be accommodated, but canoes should be decked. Leader: Fred Bruenger. Fee: \$20. Register by May 31 with Oliver Richards, 484-8097.

June 13-20  
Fri-Sun.

YAMPA RIVER (Intermediate) Leader: Dan Thomas, 484-3873

June 26  
Sat.

Reserve this date for an "Old Country" MIDSUMMER NITE BACCHANALIA (that's a St. John's Eve Party of course). We'll look for the blooming blossom of the fern and frolic around a bonfire to lively live music.

# leaves from the old wasatch

BRIGHTON

Wm. S. Brighton and his wife, Catherine, lived at the head of Big Cottonwood Canyon as early as the end of 1857. In 1874 they built a hotel, a two story building with seven bedrooms, a dining-sitting room, and a lean-to kitchen. They also had a small store and several 1-2 room cottages. Business must have been good because in 1893 they built a larger hotel. This one was 30' by 100' and 3 stories high. At this time Silver Lake, as the area was called, was becoming a popular resort spot and naturally became known as Brighton's. Although the Silver Lake name was used as recently as 1925 Brighton's name survived.

In the mid-1890's Brighton had printed a pamphlet telling of the wonders of the mountains around his hotel. By that time many of the peaks and lakes had the names that remain today: Mt. Millicent named after Millicent Godbe Brooks; Tuscarora Peak; Evergreen Peak; Lakes Martha, Mary, and Catherine as well as Dog and Twin Lakes. Lake Catherine was named after Catherine Brighton while Lake Mary was named after Mary Borneman, wife of an artist who spent much time in that locale although some claim the lake was named after the Brighton's daughter who died at sea en route from Scotland to this country. Clayton Peak was named after



Prof. Clayton, geologist and engineer. The peak was later given the name Mt. Majestic by the Godbe family, early Brighton residents.

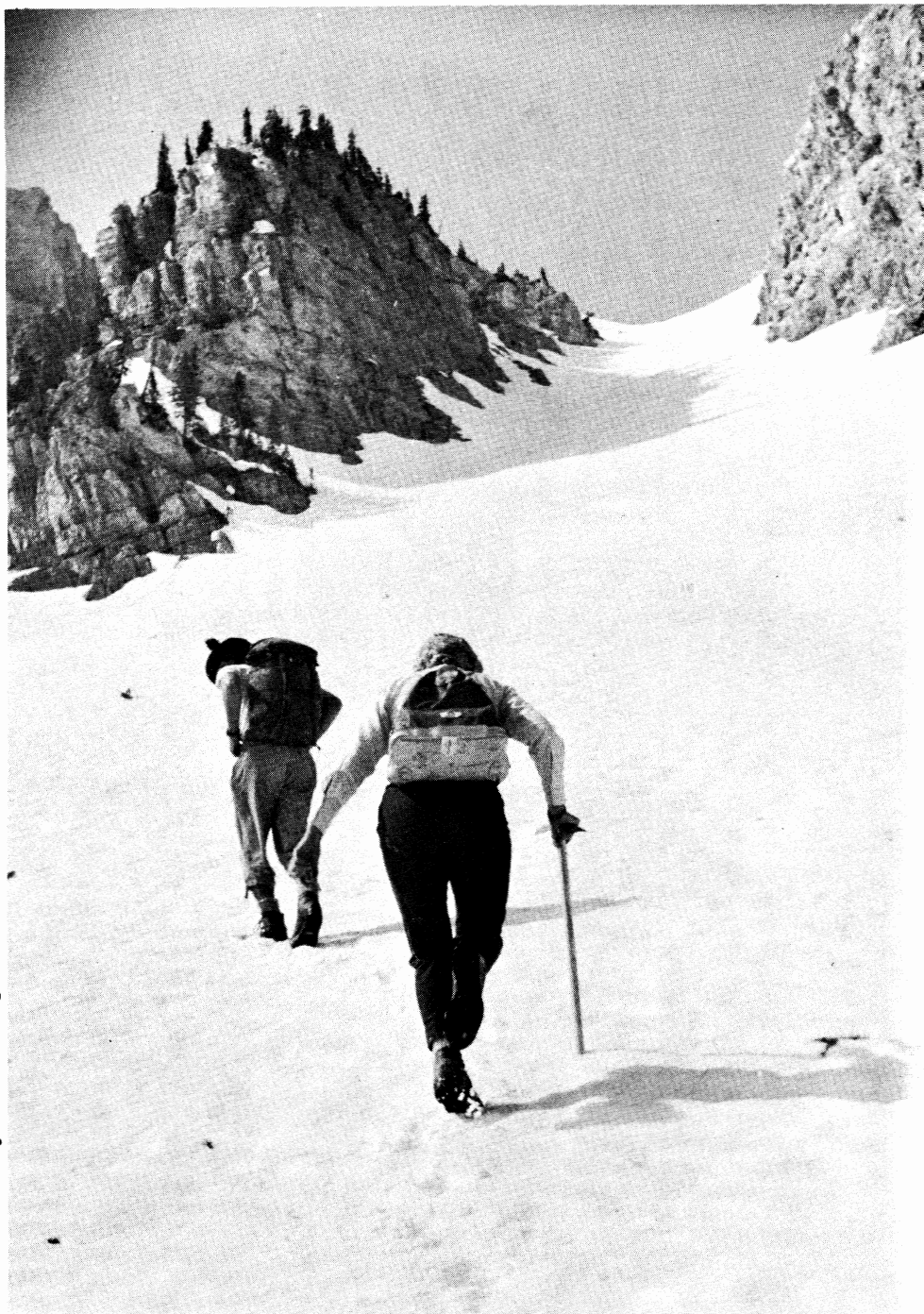
From Salt Lake City one could take the "easy riding stage" to Brighton's although the trip took seven hours. Leaving the city at 7:30 a.m. it only went as far as Halfway House,  $\frac{1}{2}$  way up

the canyon, before lunch. A better route to Brighton's was to take the Utah Central Railway train which left Salt Lake City at 8 a.m. and went over Parley's summit to Park City, arriving there at 10:30 a.m. Kimball's stage met the train and took the visitors over the mountain, arriving at Brighton's in time for lunch. One could return to the city either way but those who craved excitement could return to the city by taking a horse or wagon across Twin Lakes Pass to Alta where they rode the narrow gauge tramway, gravity powered, for a wild, careening ride down to Wasatch at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon---a treasured experience of long-gone days, a Leaf from the Old Wasatch.

# hiking1971

By Fred Bruenger

DESERET PEAK by Fred Bruenger



Time has come again to put your winter sports equipment into storage and to exchange your ski outfit for some good hiking boots.

As in the past your hiking committee has set up a backbone of activities which should satisfy everybody's desires and expectations. April was regarded as a period of transition between winter and summer activities. Events scheduled during the past month have given you a chance to loosen your stiff joints and to make your muscles again strong and flexible. We hope you have made good and ample use of this opportunity and you are now ready for some more exciting activities. Those of you who couldn't get out yet will find more easy beginner's and low intermediate hikes listed throughout the season.

As a new activity we will try to revive caving. Dale Green has taken to organize a very interesting program of cave exploration. Special equipment and skills are a rigid requirement. If you have missed the cave exploration meeting in April and still want to participate, please contact Dale for details and regulations.

Beginning with our old-time spring favorite, Mt. Olympus, we will visit almost every major peak in the Wasatch. In addition there will be hikes in the Uintas (King's Peak, Takowanna, Baldy, Hayden), the Tetons, possibly the LaSal Mountains, Canyonlands, Escalante, Zion and Grand Canyon. No matter whether you are interested in the exercise only (so that you can eat another meal of your favorite pastry without worrying about your figure), in the beauty of our royal mountains and canyons, in the feeling of some accomplishment after getting to the lofty summits of our highest peaks, in the humble enjoyment of mother nature or in the comradeship of your fellow club members, you will find what you are looking for.

The general policy for all hiking activities will be about the same as

that of the past season. If you are a newcomer to the club or out of condition then you should build up your endurance, strength and skills before you go on any advanced hike. If you are inexperienced you should take advantage of the hikers' climbing class, which our skilled mountaineers will conduct beginning May 6. This class will for the first time include a snow-session during which you will receive instructions on the use of some basic equipment like the ice axe. This session is strongly recommended to all of you who participate in advanced activities in which you may encounter adverse ice or snow conditions. An ice axe alone is not worth its cost if you don't know how to use it.

Children are welcome on all family hikes. They are also permitted on hikes rated up to 5 if they are strong enough, except when specified: "For Adults Only". In addition, leaders of hikes rated as intermediate may permit children to participate. For the first time we will also schedule some family activities during the summer recess in our local schools. Youngsters will have a chance to become active in regular club outings, to experience the spirit which makes our club so outstanding and to have a great deal of fun too. These events will be scheduled on weekdays.

Hikers are also expected to put in a few hours during the summer doing maintenance and clearing work on local trails. No other organization derives more relaxation, recreation and enjoyment in the solitude and wilderness of the Wasatch than our club and it is only fitting that we contribute our efforts to maintain the trails. Please respond favorably when called upon. After all, what are a few hours of work compared to the many hours of enjoyment which you may gain.

But this is sufficient introduction. Let's change words to action: Get your boots, jeans, and packs out and let's have fun!

# conservation comments 1971

By Sherman Bloom

Although there are many conservation experts in the WMC and although many of our members are extremely active the Club itself has not been the center of many major conservation efforts. This may be a good thing since by not becoming known as a "radical conservationist extremists" we may be able to maintain our good public image. This makes us, hopefully, somewhat more effective in influencing people (that includes politicians) on the issues where we as a club really have something at stake. This viewpoint is partly behind the overall strategy which we have at least for the moment adopted. Namely, to concentrate our efforts on projects or vaguely differentiated problems for which there is no

already existent activist organization for our part of the country, or in which we are directly concerned by virtue of our out-of-doors activities. The subject categories which, at the moment, the Conservation Committee is trying to understand and work with are as follows:

ESCALANTE Pete Hovingh  
UINTA WILDERNESS EXPANSION Dale Green  
RAINBOW BRIDGE Who is interested?  
PREDATOR CONTROL/OVERGRAZING Bill Brown  
HIGHWAYS Suzanne Stensaas  
OFF TRAIL VEHICLES George Melling  
POWER PLANTS LeRoy Kuehl  
OIL SHALE Phil Nelson  
LEGISLATURE Tricia Swift

This list looks more impressive than our actual activities and accomplishments. We (the Committee) are miserably informed and short on manpower. What we need is a small army of interested workers. Do I hear any volunteers? If you are interested in one of the subjects listed, please don't hesitate to call me (277-3079) or the person listed opposite the project.

Hot item! "The American Fruit Grower", in its March 1971 issue, attacks the conservationists for opposing the use of insecticides. They suggest that all fruit growers write to the critical people in Washington and explain why we can't live without these chemicals. I heard about this from a concerned fruit grower who thinks the magazine editorials reflect the business interest of the insecticide manufacturers, who are trying to push for much wider use of these compounds than is necessary. Since consideration of the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act is now in a critical phase, it might behoove us to also engage in some letter writing. The critical people are:

Rep. W. R. Poage  
Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Senator Herman E. Talmage  
Chairman, Senate Committee  
on Agriculture and Forestry  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Mr. Russel E. Train  
Chairman, Council on Environmental  
Quality  
722 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Mr. Wm. D. Ruckelshaus  
Administrator, Environmental Pro-  
tection Agency  
1625 K St., N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dr. Ray E. Johnson Acting Commissioner  
for Pesticides  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1129 - 20 St., N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

In addition to these five gentleman  
letters to our own men in Washington  
might be worthwhile.

Another hot item! Word has it that  
the BLM is preparing a proposal to  
designate Desolation Canyon a "Wild  
River". This is a step the WMC should  
be anxious to facilitate. Right now  
we need more information and would be  
very interested in designating a club  
member the specific job of following  
the progress of this proposal. Who's  
interested?

# legislation

By Tricia Swift

Whether WMC letters have had any-  
thing to do with this, I don't know but  
Senator Moss on March 10, 1971, re-  
introduced Senate legislation first  
attempted 4 years ago to provide funds  
for the Forest Service to purchase  
3000 acres of privately owned land  
that is thought to be critical for the  
protection of Salt Lake City's water-  
shed. Bravo!

In the words of the Senator "This  
year, as never before, we are aware of  
the serious problems which have arisen  
and can still arise because we have not  
paid proper attention to our environ-  
ment. There is much greater citizen  
demand for protection from pollution  
now than in 1967".

Let us show Senator Moss that there  
is citizen appreciation as well as  
demand for this kind of action. A  
postcard to him in Washington (Senate  
Office Building, Washington, D. C.,  
20510) or a phone call to his Salt Lake  
Office (524-5935) takes only a few  
minutes of your time (and his) but they  
go a long way. If you have a few more  
minutes to spend on this problem write  
to Senator Bennett and Congressman  
Lloyd (House Office Building, Washington,  
D. C., 20515) and tell them how you  
feel about Senator Moss' legislation.

Dear Members, ORANGE PEELS look good on oranges,  
look bad on the trail.

TIN CANS look good in the pack,  
look like H--l in the creek.

NEW HOMES look grand on weekends  
but, for reasons you will understand,  
we'd rather show them Mon-Fri.



My sincerest thanks,

*Sam* SAM ALLAN / 486-6834

JACK R. LEE & CO. Realtors

# power plant hearings in salt lake

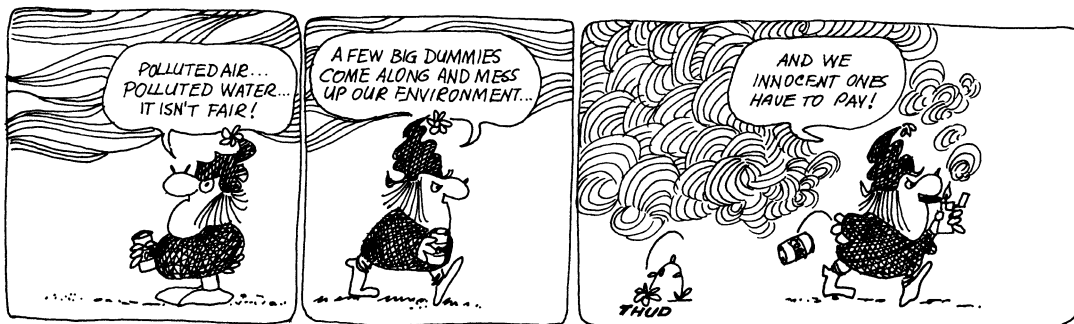
By LeRoy Kuehl

Utah may soon possess the largest coal-burning generating plant in the U.S. Called the Kaiparowits Plant this facility truly staggers the imagination. It will, when fully operational, consume 60,000 tons of coal each day and produce enough electricity to satisfy seven states the size of Utah. Most of this power will be transmitted to southern California for consumption.

The Kaiparowits Plant will discharge into the air more nitrogen oxides than all the motor vehicles in the State, more sulfur dioxide than Kennecott, and as much particulate material as all other Utah industries combined. This plant, however, is only one of six gargantuan facilities planned for the southwestern U.S. and only one of two planned for Utah. As presently designed, none of these plants will remove nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or unburned hydrocarbons from their emissions and will not have the best available equipment for removing particulate matter.

On Wednesday, May 26, Senator Frank E. Moss will hold public hearings on the environmental aspects of these plants in the State Office Building Auditorium in Salt Lake City. The hearings are tentatively scheduled to start at 9 a.m. If you wish to testify you should make a written request to this effect in advance of the hearings. Direct your request to Senator Frank E. Moss, U.S. Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20510. For those who feel you might like to testify but are not sure what to say I will hold an informational meeting at my home on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. My address is 1934 Michigan Ave. (990 S); phone, 363-6890.

HOW ABOUT US!!!



BROOM-HILDA by R. Myers /from THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

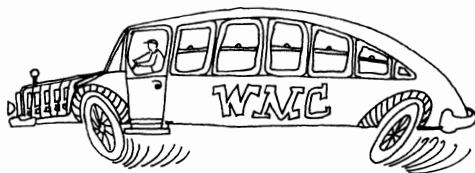
# boating byline

By Jim Byrne

This year we have scheduled a large number of trips and will limit the size of each trip to the number that the bus can handle. The boating committee feels that the smaller trips are better from the standpoint of enjoyment and economics, than floating population explosions of 35 or more. Having so many trips, however, will require more leaders and people willing to organize. In the past we have relied on a few well qualified leaders who carried the load every year. We would like to build up a much longer list of trip leaders. If you have the experience of a couple of club trips behind you and would like to help lead a trip, please let me know and we can sign you up as an apprentice leader where you can learn the ropes. Many of the jobs required to run a club trip simply need someone who is willing to work, and not the old river rat who knows the river like the back of his hand. If the club river running program is to offer a large variety of trips we will have to have more interested people to spread out the leadership and organizational tasks.

We have several family trips scheduled for this year. The boating committee has required that the adults on these family trips should have been on at least one club river trip before taking their family. This will assure that they are familiar with the equipment and know what is required of them and their offspring. Also in the line of scheduling, those who are interested in going on advanced trips such as Westwater should remember that they will be required to have some prior experience on club river trips. We have beginning trips scheduled throughout the year so there should be no problem in this regard.

# wmc bus



With our enlarged boating schedule this year and the increased use of the bus on hikes we are faced with the possibility that some trips might not go for lack of a driver. To insure this does not happen to your trip, anyone interested in becoming a driver should contact the transportation director. Hikers interested in the countryside around one of our river trips (Dinosaur National Monument for example) could contact us about shuttling the bus for cash.

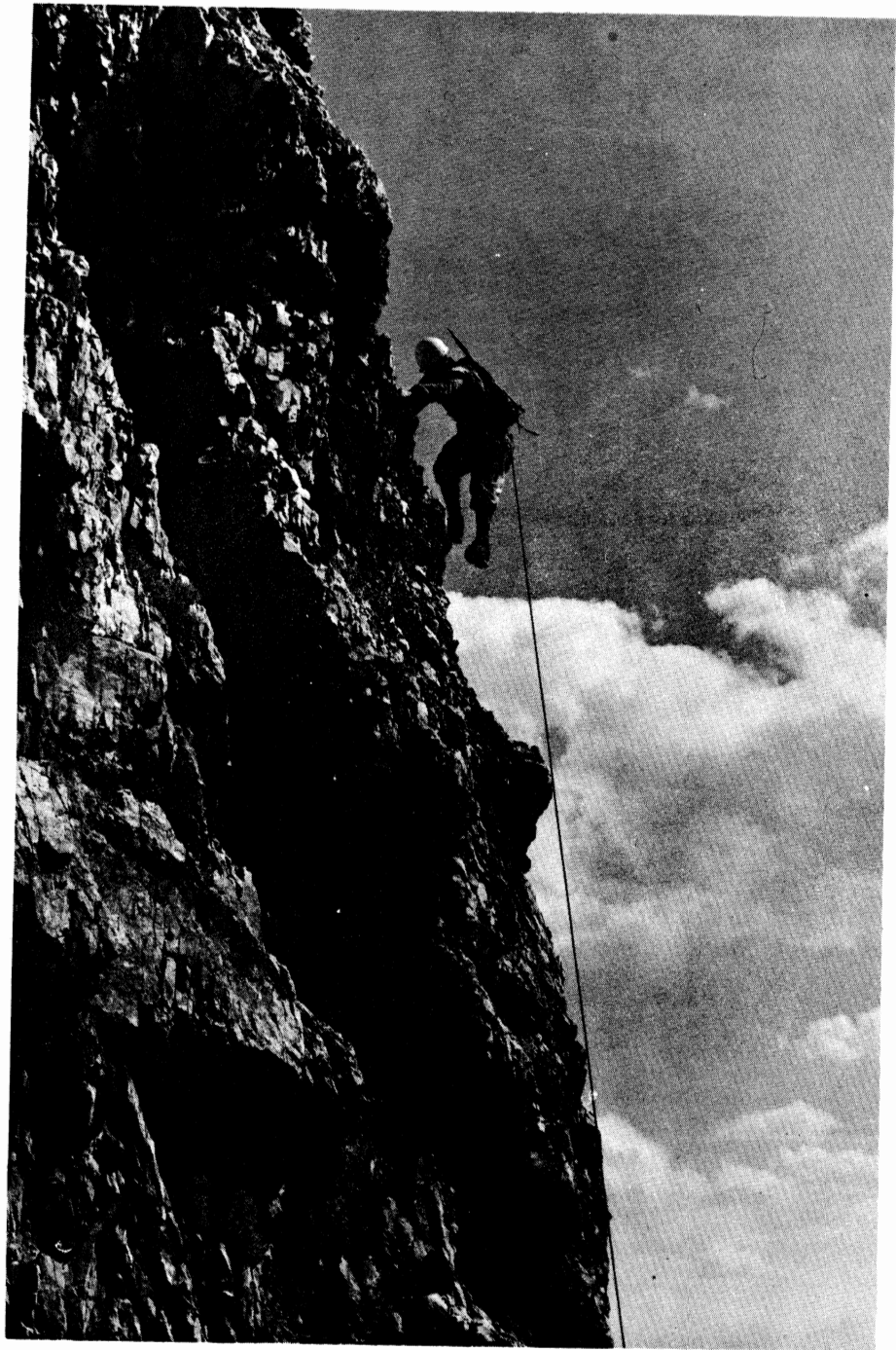
Bus drivers have their trip fee refunded and some leaders have been known to exempt their drivers from the cooking detail. As if all this was not enough you will also have the chance to see many of our scenic back roads, often just at sunrise.

All we ask is our drivers show reasonable caution, avoid drinking before driving, and have a class "D" chauffeur's license. For further information and assistance getting licensed please call:

Dan Thomas  
3123 South Eighth East  
484-3873

# mountaineering 1971

By Dave Smith



This year's mountaineering program will be broken up into three separate phases, all designed not only to provide recreational climbing opportunities but to provide a complete and comprehensive mountain experience for both beginning and intermediate climbers as well. These phases will consist of:

#### I FORMAL CLIMBING INSTRUCTION

As in the past the club's formalized climbing instruction will consist of two classes, the Hiker's Climbing Course (HCC) and the Beginner's Climbing Course (BCC).

#### HIKER'S CLIMBING COURSE

The purpose of this course is to acquaint the hiker with basic climbing techniques. Knowledge of these techniques will allow one to move more quickly and safely over rough terrain and will also enable the advanced hiker to better discern where advanced hiking becomes climbing (and thus requires climbing techniques for safety). The approach of the course is relaxed and very basic - only fundamentals are stressed.

Topics to be covered are: equipment, basic rock scrambling, talus, scree, basic belaying, rappelling, and the dangers encountered in the mountain environment.

The course will be held on three consecutive Thursday nights at Upper Pete's Rock. Meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 6, May 13, and May 20. The fee for the course is \$2.00. (Upper Pete's Rock is located to the south and slightly east of Pete's Rock - 5400 S. Wasatch Blvd. Take the trail up past the Rock's south side and follow it up and south to the two smaller rocks.)

#### CURRICULUM

May 6 Equipment, rough country hiking, and basic rock scrambling will be covered as well as a discussion of mountain dangers.

May 13 Demonstration and practice of basic roped climbing: knot tying, belaying, etc.

May 20 Demonstration and practice of rappelling and continued practice of roped climbing.

Upon completion of this course one will have a good acquaintance with climbing techniques which will also provide an excellent base upon which to build should one decide to continue climbing - either through taking the BCC or participation at the Thursday evening climbing sessions.

#### BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE

The goal of this course is to provide one with the knowledge and training such that one can follow experienced leaders up difficult peaks such as the Grand Teton, Gannett, Moran, etc. This is a demanding course - requiring some outside study and concentrated attention to the course material. However, no previous experience is required.

The course will cover in varying depth all phases of mountaineering - rock and snow technique, equipment, safety, etc. Primary emphasis will be placed on the development of judgment as applied to a mountain situation.

WHO: Any person who has a serious interest in learning about climbing and mountaineering. People under 18 must have a signed release from their parents and children under 14 must have express permission from Dave Allen the course leader.

WHEN AND WHERE: May 17 and 19 Registration and basic knot tying at Dave Allen's (3848 S 2215 E 278-0230). Meet at 8 p.m. May 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the snow closure gate in Little Cottonwood Canyon. June 5 a snow session, place and time to be announced. June 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Storm Mountain Picnic Grounds (by the small reservoir).

**FEE:** \$10.00 for all four sessions.  
Payable at time of registration.

#### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Boots or rock shoes; hard hat; piton hammer; hammer holster; nylon webbing 1" x 25"; 3 carabiner and 1 brake bar, or 5 carabiners; pitons - 3-4 assorted sizes; ice axe - some will be available for loan.

For assistance in equipment selection contact Dave Allen, Dave Smith, or any member of the Senior Committee on Mountaineering, or representatives of "Timberline Sports Inc.", or the "Mountaineer".

If you show up for the course without proper equipment you will not only not get the full benefit from the course, but will impede the effectiveness of the course for others as well.

For further information call either Dave Allen 278-0230 or myself 266-5229 or 466-2101.

#### II MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMPS

The high camp concepts consist of setting up a camp from which a variety of climbs are possible. This allows the accommodation of a wider range of technical levels of climbing as well as eliminating the "mass assaults" of

previous years in which too many people equalled too much waiting which caused too little enjoyment of the climb. High camps will be both local and in other ranges. Those scheduled so far include: Lone Peak Cirque (or other local area) on Memorial Day; the Cirque of the Towers (Wind Rivers) on July 4; The Tetons (Moran) on July 24; and the Sawtooths (Idaho) in August with other areas and dates to be named.

#### III EXPERIENCE CLIMBS

These local day climbs are designed to provide experience and recreational climbing for both novice and intermediate climbers. They will be scheduled periodically throughout the summer and fall and will include such climbs as The Sundial, the Pfeifferhorn (North Ridge) and climbs in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

It is hoped that the implementation of these 3 phases will broaden the club's climbing program and provide climbs of interest to all club climbers. Your suggestions and comments as to climbs you'd like to do (or lead) or methods of conducting the club Mountaineering program would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call me if you have questions or comments. Berg Heil and best wishes for a successful mountain season.

# news and notices

#### THANKS

... to Linda and George Rathburn for mailing the April RAMBLER.  
... to Jane Daurelle and Rose Morrison for typing this month's issue.

#### DEADLINE

for the June RAMBLER is May 15th and no later. Please have your articles typed and mailed or delivered to Ruta Dreijmanis, 5396 Willow Lane, Apt. C, Murray, Utah 84107, 262-1693.

# pfeiffer- horn

By Phil Dahnken

Red Pine is beautiful summer or winter but it was especially beautiful for our meanderings in the snow, sunshine, and pines. Three snowshoers and nine skiers, half waxers and half skimmers, trudged up to upper Red Pine Lake nestled beneath the corniced wall that leads to the Pfeifferhorn.

At 11 a.m. we decided on a direct route to the ridge in hopes of reaching the summit by 1:00 p.m. We moved forward to treeline. Suddenly two

echoing booms greeted our ears and we looked to see what part of the mountain had fallen in. Upon inspection we found two cracks in the snow above us---the one running across the ridge about 400 yards and the other about 20 yards away running straight down the mountain.

With little doubt as to what the settling would do if we continued upward we skied down to the pines. Some lingered to eat in this warm panorama while others skied down to Red Pine Lake to test the powder. Our return was equally beautiful and some promised to return to try for the summit another time. Participants were: Fred & Eveline Bruenger; Dixon Smith; Wayne Slagle; Barent TenEyck; Alan Fritzberg; Phil Dahnken; Ivan Cendese; Don Carlton; David Hanscom; Don Black; Greg Voigt.

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# twin lakes

## silver fork

By Diana Schoenberg

The last ski tour of the year started out rather slowly as a group of diehards assembled at the mouth of Big Cottonwood. Del Wiens, the scheduled leader, arrived to point out the route and explain that he was ill. Ross (Hector) Pearson knew the route well and was able to take over leadership.

After the usual car spotting the hardy crew decided not to take the Millicent lift and instead, climbed to Twin Lakes Pass. As we approached the pass we overtook the last of an army of 150 Green Berets carrying 70 lb. packs on foot up the steep slopes. (They had given up on their Army issue skins). They were complete with smoke flares, rifles, and helicopters buzzing overhead taking pictures (superior officers grading the men). The troops had already begun to dig in for their overnight camp beneath a cornice. After mentioning the dangers of this to the officer in charge, we left this curious apparition to traverse the ridge west. The south facing slopes were ice and after some discussion, we removed our skins (for edge control) and skied to the saddle leading to Silver Fork. There we enjoyed a leisurely lunch overlooking Alta and the panorama of the valley.

The run down was delightful. There was still some powder left on the north slopes; part of the group stayed high to the left of the gully and found some nice runs. The snow became slushy near the bottom and as the trail narrowed we caught up with the Silver Fork snowshoers. After a final free-for-all thru the trees and slush at the bottom we regrouped at the Silver Fork for the traditional beer. Everyone agreed, all in all, that it had been a good year.

Participants: Ross Pearson; Orson Spencer; Debbie Hatch; Tom Lubin; Kermit Earl; Diana and Andy Schoenberg.

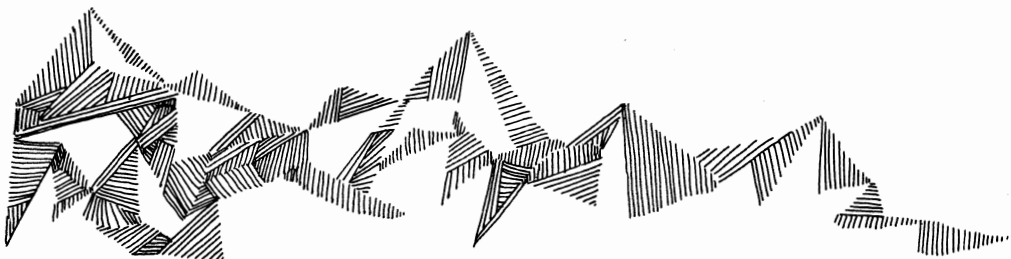
# little black

by Jean Torreyson

This was a day indeed to "Fill your lungs with fresh air", and in fact that air (known as just plain wind) pushing at our backs aided considerably in making the "short and fairly steep ascent to Little Black".

A sizable group started out, but we lost Ruth Henson and Fran Flowers to the lure of Kayaking. Dusty the air-dale, Jen & Steve Giddings, and Ruth Hollander also left the group. With leader Sam Allen, the rest of the group Julita Hugg, Virginia Webb, John & Roger Jackson, John Sutton, and the writer were joined at the saddle by the car shuttle group composed of Oscar Robison, Don Colman, Lauren Williams. They had bushwacked through the scrub oak from City Creek Canyon. Lifesavers (and I mean that literally) were passed out by Carl Bauer.

Eleven were on the windswept peak by 11:15. Sam commented that the flapping of the wind breakers sounded just like his tent that night last July before ascending the Grand. A little time was spent eating and debating the untied descent route down into City Creek. Since some were notably lacking in the expertise of the glissade and without ice axes, it was decided to follow the ridge further and gradually head down toward exposed ground. Off we went! We found the snow too soft to do much of a glissade but the fanny sliding was great! Who needed an ice axe? Just dig in your heels! Of course a little defrost time was necessary at the bottom; of the canyon that is! Across the stream and on the road in just one hour? All agreed that this was a great way off Little Black.



Can you identify the photographs appearing in this months issue?

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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To the Board of Directors:

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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