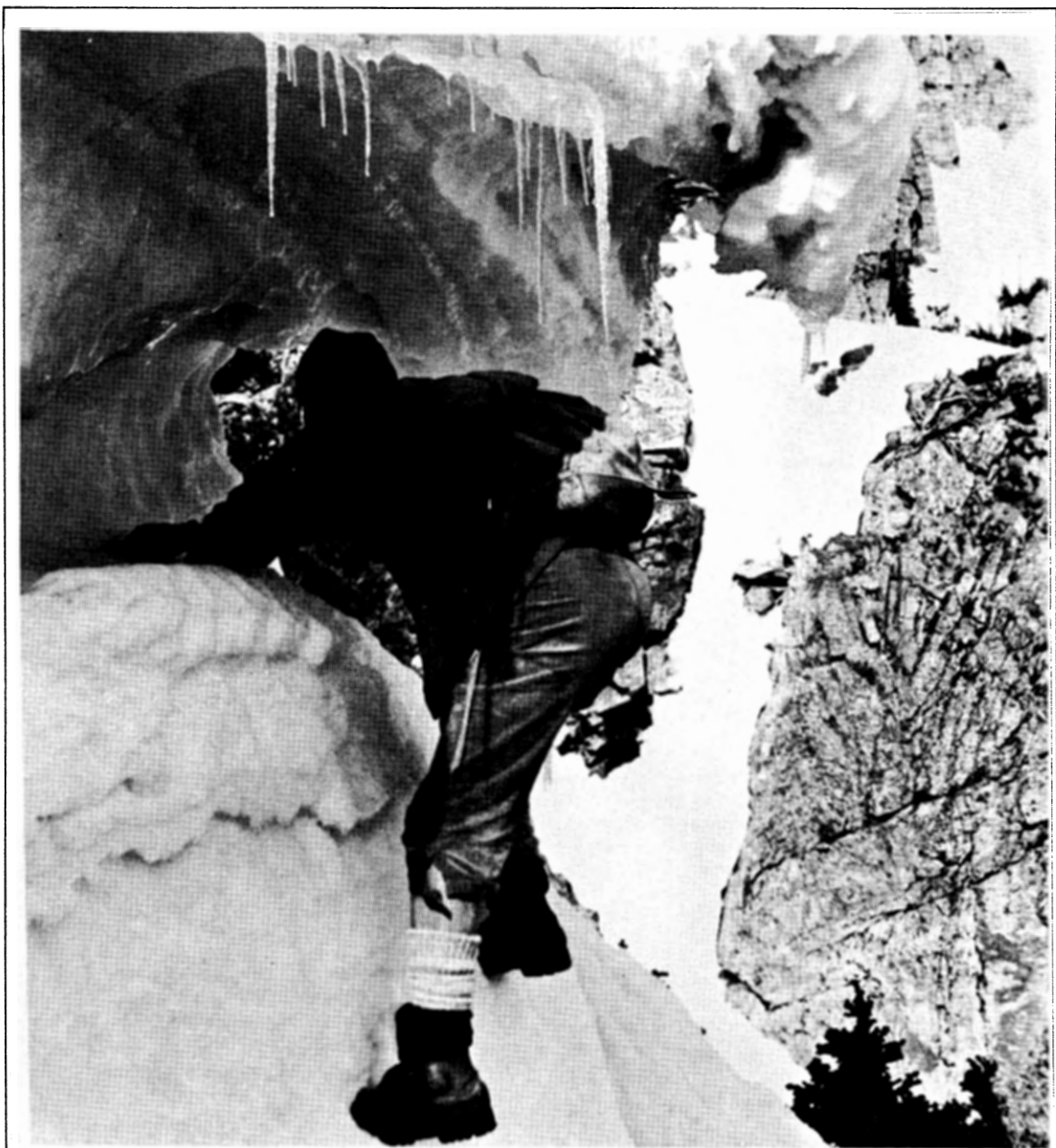


The Rambler

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club activities for aug 1972

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 equipment 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 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 trips with the leader only by sending a deposit to the address listed. Leaders cannot register anyone without a deposit.

For bus trip cancellations less than a week prior to the trip, the Club must retain a \$5.00 registration fee.

- Aug. 2 LAKE CATHERINE - Midweek Family Hike - Starting at Brighton's
Wed. elevation this hike takes you to some breath-taking high country with very little effort. We intend to go very slowly so as to have time to admire three lakes and flora and fauna. If a slow-paced excursion appeals to you, bring water and lunch and meet at the WMC Lodge at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Kathy Fjeldsted, 484-8136.
- Aug. 3 THURSDAY EVE HIKE - Butler Fork. Meet in the reservoir park-
Thurs. ing lot at Storm Mountain Picnic Area at 7 p.m. (turn left on dirt road just after second bridge 3 miles from Wasatch Blvd.) Plan to join the usual picnic afterward, beer and hamburgers at cost. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417
- Aug. 3 EVENING CLIMB AT STORM MOUNTAIN
Thurs.
- Aug. ECHO PARK TO SPLIT MOUNTAIN, GREEN RIVER, TEENAGE TRIP - This
5-6 trip through Dinosaur National Monument will allow teenagers
Sat-Sun. who have made at least one other trip to see what they have learned. Mail deposit to Karen Weatherbee, 2160 East 9th So. Salt Lake City 84108. Call after 6, 582-6799. Fee: \$18.00. Work party, Wednesday Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Ice Plant.

- Aug. 6 Sun. DROMEDARY PEAK - Elevation 11,107 - Rating 10.5 - A long, steep hike that is capped with some exposed scrambling on the summit bloc. The approach will be by the Lake Blanche trail, but the descent may possibly be via Broad's Fork. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Ross Pearson, 486-0455.
- Aug. 6 Sun. LAKE SOLITUDE PLUS TWIN LAKES RESERVOIR - Rating about 2.5 - Offered for those who prefer to gain without pain, this excellent hike is super easy. Everyone is welcome. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Mike Hauck, 272-3419.
- Aug. 8 Tues. DISCUSSION MEETING, 7:30 p.m. at the Utah Mountain Fuel Auditorium with Mr. Wayne Owens to consider land use planning which would be compatible to the back-packer, ecology and motor vehicles. Mr. Owens is Democratic nominee opposing Sherman Lloyd for the Second District congressional district.
- Aug. 9 Wed. LAKE BLANCHE - Midweek Family Hike - Rating 5. Come to the top of this trail and find a beautiful lake hidden at the feet of several of the Wasatch's most towering peaks. Bring lunch and meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Children welcome. Leader: Don Coleman, 486-7796.
- Aug. 10 Thurs. THURSDAY EVE HIKE - Desolation Trail to Salt Lake Valley overlook. Meet in Mill Creek Canyon on south side of Box Elder Picnic Area just past the Mill Creek Inn at 6:45 p.m. Plan to join the picnic at Storm Mountain afterwards, beer and hamburgers at cost. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417
- Aug. 10 Thurs. EVENING CLIMB AT STORM MOUNTAIN
- Aug. 12 Sat. KESSLER PEAK - Elevation 10,400 - Rating 4.5. A majestic peak with an easy route (if we can find it). There is a short scramble to the summit. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Oscar Robison, 272-0174.
- Aug. 13 Sun. ANNIE'S VISTA (DEVIL'S CASTLE) - Elevation 10,950 - Rating 6. Although neither long nor strenuous, this peak has lots of exposed scrambling. Don't worry, you can always chicken out and enjoy the view from the high pass above Secret Lake. But no children this time, please. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Shelley Hyde, 363-9560.
- Aug. 11-13 Fri-Sun. LODORE CANYON, GREEN RIVER - Intermediate - Advanced: Trip will start at the Gates of Lodor, first night in Lodor Canyon. Second night, Jones Hole. This has always been an exciting and rewarding trip. Fee: \$23.50. Register with a \$5 deposit to Gerry Powelson, 500 North 300 East, American Fork, Utah 84003. At present time trip will be limited to 25 adults.

The work party will be on Tuesday, August 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ice Plant. Participants are expected to attend! Community cooking and schedule will be arranged at this time.

Aug. LODGE OPENS - It will be a quiet weekend of relaxing or hiking.
12-13 We will have checkers, monopoly, cards, and ping pong for the
Sat-Sun. restless. Bring your own cooking and eating utensils and
bedding if you plan to spend the night. Mike and Mary Belangie
will host. 488-9440.

Aug. KINGS PEAK EXPEDITION - Elevation 13,528 - Rating 24. If you
11-13 really like to hike, are in top physical condition, and want
Fri-Sun. to do something special this weekend, join us on the annual
trip to Utah's highest peak. We will leave sometime Friday
evening and may camp on the south side. Register with leader
Sam Allen, 486-6834. Note: If anyone would like to lead
longer or shorter hikes in the vicinity please call Sam so
that details can be arranged.

Aug. 17 GRANDEUR PEAK - Midweek Family Hike - This nearby peak affords
Thurs. a marvelous view of the valley. Bring a lunch and meet at the
Movie at Olympus Cove Shopping Center at 9:00 a.m. Leader:
Don Coleman, 486-7796.

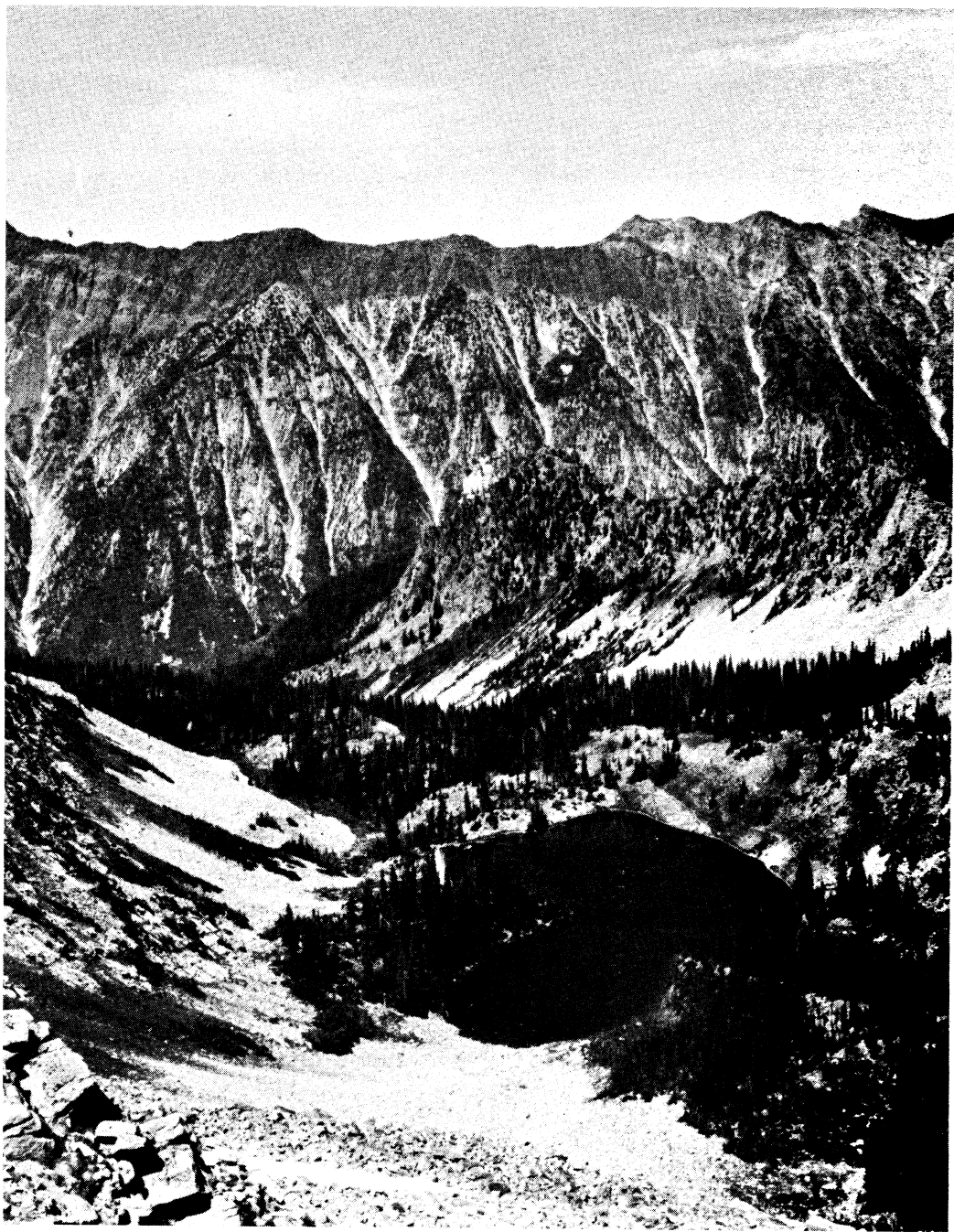
Aug. 17 THURSDAY EVE HIKE - STAIRS GULCH. Meet in the reservoir park-
Thurs. ing lot at Storm Mountain Picnic Area at 7 p.m. (turn left on
dirt road just after 2nd bridge 3 miles from Wasatch Blvd.)
Plan to join the picnic afterward, beer and hamburgers at
cost. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.

Aug. 17 EVENING CLIMB AT STORM MOUNTAIN
Thurs.

Aug. NORTH FORK OF THE CLEARWATER KAYAK TRIP - This trip will sub-
18-22 stitute for slow, hot desolation canyon. A good current and
Fri-Tues. small, testy rapids give this northern river an intermediate
ranking. We will start on the river Saturday, Aug. 19, and
run three or four days. Any rafters interested in running
a cargo raft - contact the leader. Transportation by private
cars, about 700 miles one way. Sign up deadline: August 12.
The trip will be limited to 18 people. Leader: Cal Giddings,
359-2588

Aug. 19 FOLK DANCE PARTY AT WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB - 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Sat. the 19th of August. Teaching session and demonstration by
Heide Folk dancers. Everyone welcome from youngsters to old-
sters. Pot luck supper. Call Margaret Strickland about food
and information concerning the evening - 359-3176

Aug. 19 WOLVERINE AND TUSCARORA - Elevation about 10,700 - Rating 6.
Sat. Two of the higher peaks above Brighton, they have nice lakes
on the way up and nice lakes on the way down. Meet at the
mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Fran Flowers.



Red Pine Lake by Peter Goss

- Aug. 20 Sun. FLAGSTAFF PEAK - Elevation 10,530 - Rating 5 -- An easy peak above Alta that features a good view and opportunity for pawing through old mining junk. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, 8:00 a.m. Leader: Marilyn Bateman, 295-1995.
- Aug 19-20 Sat-Sun. INDIAN PAINTBRUSH CANYON-CASCADE CANYON - Grand Teton National Park. This hike leads up a canyon at the northern end of the Skyline trail system to a rather high pass (about 10,600 ft.) into Cascade Canyon. Snow is likely to be found on the pass. Those interested must check in with leader Bob Wright by Aug. 16th at the latest. Phone 272-1177. Leave Friday, return Sun.
- Aug. 24 Thurs. EVENING CLIMB AT STORM MOUNTAIN
- Aug. 25 Fri. MT. MAJESTIC MOONLIGHT HIKE - Elevation 10,721 - Rating 4.5. Enjoy a moonlight evening away from the heat of the city. This gentle mountain is located above Brighton. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 7:00 p.m. Leader: Michael Maack, 466-2268
- Aug. 26 Sat. MT. RAYMOND - Elevation 10,242 - Rating 7 -- This is one of the best intermediate hikes. The ascent will be via Butler Fork and the descent will end at Hidden Falls. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 298-5537.
- Aug. 27 Sun. MT. AIRE - Elevation 8,620 - Rating 3 -- A repeat of this popular and easy hike. Meet at the Movie. Time: 8:00 a.m. Leader: Virginia Hilliard, 295-5602.
- Aug. 27 Sun. TOKEWANNA PEAK - Elevation 13,175 - Rating 12 -- Dale Green must have been inspired when he introduced the club to this fine hike. The peak is situated near the Black Fork in the Uintas, about a three and a half hour drive from Salt Lake City. Be in shape, the air is thin at 13,000 feet. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot, Foothill and Parley's Way at 5:30 a.m. sharp. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417
- Aug. 26-27 Sat-Sun. FAMILY WEEKEND AT THE LODGE - Come join the Rosqvists for a fun, relaxing time. Call Ronni or Bill (485-5681) for a planned pot luck dinner.
- Aug. 26-27 Sat-Sun. FAMILY RIVER TRIP - We have not decided on the exact destination for the trip as yet. Before making our final decision, we would like to know if anyone has a favorite spot they would like to run. Please call us if you have an interesting spot you think we all would enjoy. Trip Leaders: Dave and Carma Crowther, 266-3925 after 5 p.m.
- Aug. 28 Mon. SIERRA CLUB CHAPTER MEETING, Monday, August 28th at 8:00 p.m. 569 South 13th East. Our speaker will be Bruce Kaliser of

the Utah Geological and Mineralogical Survey. Mr. Kaliser is an expert on geological hazards in the State of Utah, and he will present a slide show on relationships between geological phenomena and various problems associated with a wide range of man's activities. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about environmental geology with specific reference to our locale and the problems which concern us.

Aug. 31 EVENING SLIMB AT STORM MOUNTAIN
Thurs.

Sept. 2 BUTTERFIELD PEAK - Rating 4 -- This easy trip will take us to
Sat. the west side of the valley. It has an excellent view of the Salt Lake Valley and the Wasatch Mountains. Meet at:
Time: Leader:

Sept. 2,3,4 WHEELER PEAK - Elevation 13,063 - Rating about 8 -- Wheeler
Labor Day is Nevada's finest peak. Situated near Lehman Caves, it features a glacier, a tremendous cirque, ancient Bristlecone pines, and a good trail to the summit. We should have time to climb the peak and then do some side trips, such as visiting the glacier or touring the caves. Call Paul Horton at 262-4695 for information about leaders and meeting places, etc.

Sept. 2,3,4 ZION NATIONAL PARK -- It hasn't been decided yet just what the
Labor Day trip will be, but you can't lose in Zion. Possibilities include the Narrows, Kolob, The West or East Rims, Orderville Canyon, and so on. Call Paul Horton at 262-4695 for information.

Sept. 1-5 HELL'S CANYON OF THE SNAKE RIVER. An intermediate-advanced
Fri-Sun. river trip that borders Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The journey begins below Hell's Canyon Dam and ends below the confluence of the Grande Ronde River. A magnificent ninety mile trip which requires endurance. The rafter must be prepared for rain since one frequently finds rain in this area. Fee: approximately \$40. Leader: Cal Giddings. Please mail \$5 registration to Susan Gregor at 3440 South 5th East Apt. 31, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106. Phone, 467-6097

Sept. 2-4 LODGE OPEN HOUSE - The lodge will be open if someone wants to use it. No one could be found to host the weekend, prior to the Rambler deadline. If you want it, call Mel Davis at 278-3174

Sept. 14-17 CATARACT CANYON - Advanced river trip. Seasoned river rats
Thurs-Sun. with at least one advance trip under their belts (or life jackets) should plan on finishing up the river season with this exciting trip. Whether or not this trip goes depends on enough volunteers for trip leader and boat captains. Step forward please! Approximate fee \$30.00. For more information contact Bob Everson, 487-0029

Sept. 30 LODGE WOOD GATHERING PARTY



**leaves
from the
old wasatch**

Winter Travel

Mining was the principal activity in the old Wasatch, and with it came the need to transport ores to the smelters and supplies to the mines. Despite the steep grades and difficulty of travel, many teamsters were engaged in making daily trips up and down the Wasatch canyons. Winter, with its deep and treacherous snows, did not stop the flow of men and teams. Since mining continued throughout the cold season, so did the need to transport ores continue with it. Understandably, sleds were substituted for wagons. Once the road was opened, the sleds moved freely and without too much difficulty. The main problem was to get the first few teams and sleds through after a new snow, and to cope with breakdowns on the road. Once the track was made, it was impossible to go around a disabled sled and everyone had to wait until the damage was repaired. One teamster related an incident in his diary: his sled had suffered some damage while carrying a load of ore down Little Cottonwood Canyon, and he had to stop to repair it. The men behind him grumbled and complained about being held up, but the complaining ended when an avalanche roared down North Slope, completely covering the road ahead where they would have been had his sled not broken down.

It might be expected that the sleds grew in size as the years passed. By 1920 the four-horse sleds coming down from Alta were hauling as much (or as little) as 3 to 6 tons of ore. For their trouble, the teamster collected from \$3.00 to \$3.75 per ton.

Hauling ore from the mines down into Alta was a different proposition. Here the "rawhide sleigh" was popularly used. It was a drag made up of green ox hides with the hair on the outside, against

the snow. Ore was packed in 100 pound sacks and as many as 15 sacks were piled on the drag. Rope was run through the loops at the edge of the hide to pull the sides close together over the sacks. A horseshoe-like brake was attached at the rear, while a mule was harnessed to the front. The driver stood on the horseshoe, forcing it into the snow. Primitive though it may seem, it served many miners over the years. It also emphasizes the fact that although mining may have been widespread in the Wasatch mountains, it certainly was not practiced on a large scale.

Another mode of winter travel practiced by Alta miners seems more a means of amusement than transportation. Miners from the Flagstaff, Vallejo and other mines high above Alta would use their shovels as a sled, riding them to town or to destruction. In 1873 the Alta Independent described a typical descent: "This morning, the snow being very hard, a man mounted his steed, a large shovel, and started to come down to the city. He came at the rate of 50 miles per hour for about 2,000 feet when he found it impossible to keep his seat, and each was trying to beat the other to town. The shovel came on as gracefully as the soaring of an eagle; while the movements of the man resembled the gracefulness of a baby elephant; the acts he went through would make the most perfect acrobat feel the blush of shame in a professional line. He landed at the foot of the mountain unhurt, but considerably paled from exertion of the race."

It sounds more like suicide than transportation, but as the Salt Lake Tribune noted, Suicides are becoming epidemic at Alta; it is said on account of the location being so near Heaven. And that comment is surely a Leaf from the Old Wasatch.



beatout hike

by L. Swanson

The invigorating tingle of icy water racing thru wool socks, coursing around the Achilles tendon, and eddying around ones toes first thing in the morning provides a new dimension to the Beat Out Hike. Undaunted by the fact that the bridge was out and that the creek was at flood stage, greasy wet logs were manhandled into a shaky bridge. Burt Janis proved his mettle by rotating completely around the logs with a full pack and recovering without even touching the water. By straining the combined talent of the engineers and scientists present the technical breakthrough of adding one more log enabled the majority to cross unwetted. Evelyn Brunger shamed the rest of us pansies by splashing across in her bare feet. The usual trudge to the ridge was interrupted by a train whistle which proved not to be some new "environmentally acceptable" addition to the canyon by Snowbird but Marge Yerbury steaming by after a late start.

Everyone had his or her own variation to the lunch stop. Some glissaded, some climbed Thunder Mountain, and Jackie Thomas tried a 5.11, A4 traverse. Light refreshment was provided at lunch by the water-melon man.

With breaks appearing in the storm clouds to the west, Larry Swanson (Ol Lightning Rod), Steve Swanson, Dave Hanscom, and Peter Cartwright detoured up over Lone Peak (Steve had been up on Wednesday and had forgotten to sign the register) and

back down into Bells. The new bridge below the waterfall, for those that found it, made up for the crossing in the morning. Kermit Earl and Marilyn Bateman set a new record for route finding. They were on the wrong side of the stream up high, crossed over, missed the bridge, and beat the bushes all the way to the bottom. Beatouts were: Harold Goodro (leader), Kermit Earle, Steve Adamson, Dixon Smith, Mark Wagner, Marge Yerbury, Jim Smith, Richard Wagner, Don Webb, Lauren Williams, Tom Gardner, David Armitage, Burt Janis, Chris Cartwright, Pete Cartwright, John Walker, Fred Bruinger, Eveline Bruinger, Ray Daurelle, Steve Swanson, Larry Swanson, Phil Nelson, Jackie Thomas, Marilyn Bateman, Dave Hanscom.

membership

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

To all those members who paid their dues on time, THANK YOU! You saved me many hours of unnecessary work.

To those members who paid their dues late, I do not mail out past Ramblers. To accomodate you, I will put the few copies of past issues I have at Timberline Sports. You may pick them up there.

June Zongker

big black

by Lauren Williams

On Saturday, June 10th, eight hearty souls started out for Big Black. Thanks to Dale Green's trail clearing on the lower part of the trail, and to Virginia's expert guidance, since she was the only one who knew where we were going, we made Rudy's Flat in good time and without too terribly much bushwacking.

From Rudy's Flat the very nice trail to the summit of Big Black was a welcome relief. At the first snow field Chuck Mays promptly stashed two cans of beer for the return trip. After stashing the beer we continued on up to the top of Big Black. The flowers were out in bloom all along the trail.

After a leisurely lunch we started back down the trail with our first stop at Chuck Mays outdoor refrigerator for the two cans of cold beer. After the beer, everyone thought that they could make it to the shade of Rudy's Flat for siesta time.

After a short discussion of whether or not to return by the same route that we came up or to return on the cycle trail, we started down the long dusty cycle trail. All I have to say for that cycle trail is that it is built the way a cycle trail should be built. As gentle of a grade as it is, there should never be any soil erosion on it. However, long, very gentle cycle trails get to be a very big drag to walk down, so may I suggest that the Club finishes clearing the trail from where Dale Green left off, the rest of the way to Rudy's Flat.

All in all, it was a very leisurely hike and everyone enjoyed themselves. Participants were: Virginia Hilliard, Carolyn Humphrey, Tom Gardner, Chuck Mays, Stew Harvey, Daniel Thomas, and Rufus Hall.

lodge

LODGE WORK PARTY June 10

As there were no major repairs needed at the lodge this spring, it was decided to forego the usual all-club work party in favor of a small spring clean-up party instead. People were called until we had enough to take care of the work. If anyone had energy saved for this work party and weren't called, hold onto it for the wood-gathering party set for September 30.

Many small chores were done--19 in all according to the check-off sheet--which ranged from scrubbing the main floor to polishing the old kitchen stove. A spaghetti dinner (Elfreide's work) in the evening followed by lots of brownies and ice cream drew the work-day to a close.

The lodge director gives a grateful thanks to those responding to the call: Wolf and Elfreide Snyder, Milt and Lou Hollander and two boys, former lodge director Bill Clayton and his wife Bette, Carl Bauer, Connie Sedlar, Betty Bottcher, Lucy Hoelscher, Elmer Boyd, and Clare Davis.

WILDcat,

TRIPPING THRU THE TULIPS - BACKWARDS
by L. Swanson

In sympathy for those who seemingly go thru life doing everything backwards your editor and some of her friends decided to stroll over the Wildcat Ridge only starting from Mt. Olympus and ending at Butler Fork. About halfway along we met Ray Daurelle and Mark Ragsdale sprinting along in the usual direction.

Larry Swanson
Steve Swanson
Ruta Dreijmanis
Bill Mason

hiking director

NOTES FROM THE MISSING HIKING
DIRECTOR by Pat King

Some time around the 10th of May I was offered a chance to go on a bicycle trip from Salt Lake to San Francisco to Vancouver, B.C. to Banff and back to Salt Lake. On the 14th of May I left and Paul Horton agreed to take over the position of hiking director. After three and a half weeks we are now in Northern Oregon and hope to be in Canada within 5 days.

Our trip had a very bad start with many problems with the bikes for the first three days. We also had problems with a very strong head wind (we have had a strong head wind for the whole trip). The wind was so bad at the Utah-Nevada border that we had to use our lowest gears even while going down hill. At this point we were offered a ride to Ely in a pickup and we gladly accepted the ride. This was a poor decision because just outside of Ely the driver tried to miss a cow and he rolled his truck over. Somehow we survived, but our bikes didn't. None of us wanted to go back to Salt Lake so we got a ride to Bishop, California which had the closest bike shop. We were in another pickup for over eight hours and it scared us to death.

In Bishop we began to put our bikes together again. Between the four bikes we were able to get one that worked. The forks on three bikes were bent and had to be welded. We had three bent wheels but could only buy two rims in Bishop, so we spoked two new wheels and tried to straighten out the third. Since I was the lightest of the four of us I got to use the "square" wheel. I used that wheel from Bishop to San Jose by way of Pioga Pass and Yosemite.

We must have looked like a bunch of idiots going over Tioga Pass. Most of our brakes didn't work, three forks were welded, and my back wheel made a "whamp-whamp" as we dropped from 9,962 feet to the floor of Yosemite Valley. Also, it had snowed 12 inches the day before and we had no idea if the Pass would be open when we got to the top. When we got to the Pass it was 30° and snowing. That is really cold on a bicycle with no protection from the wind!

But, as we reached Yosemite Valley we knew that we were going to reach the coast where we could really fix our bikes. Also, Yosemite was fantastic on a bike.

In Yosemite one of the members of our trip left us and rode a bus to the coast where he decided to spend the summer. The rest of us rode our bikes to San Jose where we spent another two days rebuilding them in my brother's living room. I got rid of the square wheel!

The rest of our trip has been very enjoyable. We have followed the coast highway ever since we left San Francisco. We have been able to do 60, 70 to 90 miles a day even with a strong north wind against us.

The state parks along the Oregon coast are great and we have had some fantastic sunsets. The redwoods were also great and we really enjoyed riding through the "Avenue of the Giants;" but, we wonder how long the redwoods can last with all of the trucks that move along the highways. We have begun to hate the trucks also because we have been blown right off the highway - they won't stop for anything.

We are going to go to Vancouver Island by way of the San Juan Islands. We will take a ferry from one island to another and ride on the ones that have roads. We will ride the length of Vancouver Island and then take another ferry to Canada's Highway #1. From Banff we will go to Glacier National Park and we will return to Salt Lake through the Tetons.



GRANET RAPID - GRAND CANYON photo by Ken McCarty

news and notices

HITCHED

Sarah Weller and Dave Weston
on June 17th.

HATCHED

Edward Lane, born July 7th to
David and Jean Smith.

THANKS...

...Rose Morrison, Mary Katsanevas
and Pat Wylie for typing this
months RAMBLER.

...Monica Karlson, Susan
Karlson, and Jean Smith for
mailing the July RAMBLER.

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spanish moss

"CAVE-IN"

by The Trusty Scribe

The potential spelunkers for Saturday, May 13, met at Pete's Rock on Thursday to do initial battle with Dale Green's cable ladder. First the belay instructions: "You can tie the bowline with one hand like this..., over..., back around and through here..., a couple of half hitches...there. Easy!" Of course those who had learned by the rabbit method (...out of the hole, around the tree, and back in the hole) managed to tie marvelous slip knots the first few times. But soon most were prepared to tackle the ladder: "Wrap yourself around it; don't use your arms; step in it backwards; use your heel, not your toes..." The appropriate number of pinched hands and caught lace hooks on boots suggested gloves and coveralls for the big "do" Saturday.

On Saturday, a quick meet at Sugarhouse, distribute rental equipment, consolidate into three cars, and drive to Rock Canyon behind B.Y.U. Less than an hour to park cars, walk into the canyon, and up the several hundred feet to the cave. At the entrance about 11:30. Only as our fearless leader rigged the belay and ladder did we notice that he had an electric head lamp on his helmet while we all had carbide ones: "I don't trust those things; prefer the electrics." Not much for inspiring confidence, but great for inspiring chivalry; the ladies went down first!

It took about an hour to get thirteen people into the cave opening and down the freely swinging thirty-foot ladder. The ladder dropped into the middle of the cave onto a dirt floor that sloped steeply. The cave appeared to follow a fault line,

from above us to the northwest, past us, and on down to the southeast. Groups of two and three explorers descended the 75 yards of the main room of the cave. The ceiling, retaining its maximum height of about 30 ft., was covered with Araganite, a crystalline form of calcium carbonate that is the alternate to the more familiar alcite. Undisturbed patches of Helictites elicited comments about their fascinating irregularity of growth when contrasted with the more regular adial pattern of the Amthodites. Fine vertical formations of Stalactites, Stalagmites, flows, and pillars were everywhere. Variations from soda straws 24" long to roof-to-floor pillars 12" in diameter were untouched by vandals. A squeeze at the lower end lead to a small room. Plant roots were in evidence here, as in other places in the cave, suggesting that we were close to the outside canyon wall. Scrambling back up the main sloping floor was easy, if dirty. The northwest end of the cave required a bit of squeezing and rock scrambling to get to and across "The Pit."

Slightly less than an hour to get everyone back up the ladder. (After all that dark, cozy caving, it was interesting to see conservative club members become real swingers! Ten feet up a cable ladder, it's easy.)

In addition to Dale Green, our leader, our congenial group consisted of El and Jon Blodget, John Gottman, Virginia Hilliard, Rocky and Sharon McDermott, Dwight and Joan Nicholson, Steward Ogden, Georgia Randall, Audrey Stevens, and Roland Ure. Those who missed this Dal-e outing should be Green with envy!

kesler peak

by Marge Yerbury

The weather was questionable as the ten dedicated hikers met at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Although it had been raining that morning, we decided to "chance it" and hike anyway. Instead of going to Kesler via Mineral Fork, we used the relatively brushless, though steep, trail in Cardiff Fork.

The journey to the peak was made even more pleasant and interesting by the old mines and mining debris found throughout the area. We reached the peak in time for lunch while enjoying a fantastic view.

Our luck held on this cloudy day -- it did not begin to rain until we reached our cars.

Hikers: Larry Perkins, Roland Ure, Jim Ure, R. Van Hauten, Margaret Strickland, Holly Louher, Laraine Catmull, Ed Catmull, Elmer Boyd, Marge Yerbury (Leader).

KESLER'S REWARD by Gregg Smith

Often the rewards for climbing mountains are small in comparison to the effort required. And sometimes, not too frequently, the reward is far greater than ever expected. Such a reward was mine and a friend's last summer.

Jack Harpster and I climb for reasons similar to those of every mountain-loving person. We attempted the north "jungle-like" slopes of Kesler Peak for no reason other than: one way up is as good as another.

Our climb started normally; late, rainy, overcast and the usual mumblings of turning back. Hours later the sky had cleared and we were high above the wet underbrush and onto easy rock. Scrambling over some exposure near the top, we followed a knife-edge ridge that headed southward. The growing anticipation of discovery as the summit slipped into view became real discovery only a few yards from our goal.

A slight change in the mountain scenery had captured our attention. We stopped and stared at a curious pile of timber. Only fifty or so yards down the west slope of the ridge, we found the remains of a small log cabin.

It was obviously very old. The roof had collapsed in upon the remaining three walls. Hand forged nails, leather door hinges and saddle notches cut in the round logs all indicated a rudimentary house that had been hastily built some time ago. Further searching confirmed our suspicions of age when we found several blue and purple glass stoppered bottles littering the slope below the cabin. A final discovery, of a small but apparently deep mine shaft near by, told us why this rugged little cabin should be perched so high, under the shadow of Kessler Peak.

Historically it appears that the claim was located as Argenta No. 13, during 1902 by George Lowe, William C. Hall and Franklyn Webb. Sadly further information about who built the cabin can't be found in the annals of the City and County records.

Again, the remote isolation of the aging cabin brought on a genuine sense of discovery to an otherwise normal climb in the Wasatch; a reward I shall always remember.

lone peak

HIKING ON LONE PEAK by Paul Horton

Since the shortest and quickest way to Lone Peak has been lengthened by the restriction of vehicles on the Corner Canyon jeep road, there is some question about the best way to climb the peak. There are a number of alternatives.

1. Bells Canyon. This is a very long route. Although Bells is beautiful, you miss the great views of the finest cirque in the Wasatch. The trail is very poor or missing in places.

2. Canyons between Bells and the Draper Ridge. These western canyons are very wild and therefore may be worth while, but they are long and trailless. Good luck, bushwhacker!

3. Draper Ridge. Advantages: scenic and obvious. Disadvantages: long and a maximum elevation gain. This route is recommended for those unfamiliar with the area. Simply follow the sheep trail up the main west ridge.

4. Corner Canyon. Park at the closure sign and hike up the jeep road to the old starting place. This adds about an hour. If you know the route above, this may still be the fastest way, but the inexperienced will have trouble following the meager trail and spend a lot of time and energy in steep brush.

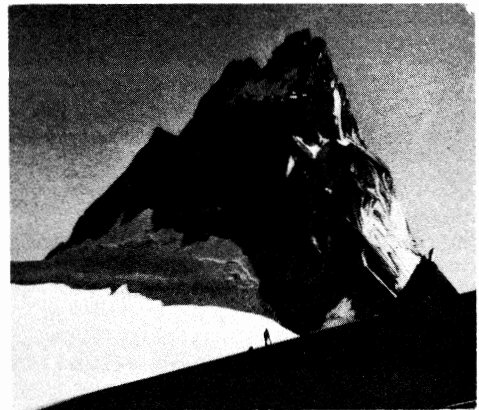
5. Movie Road. Fred Bruenger has suggested this as the best alternative. Hike to the end of the Movie Road, then straight up to join the Draper Ridge. Hopefully this provides the scenery and good terrain of the Draper Ridge, is fairly direct, and has comparatively low elevation gain. The area between the end of the road and the ridge is steep, brushy and trailless, but fairly short.

This fifth alternative will probably be the objective of a trail work party in September. With some trail markers and cleared brush it should become the nicest and easiest route to Lone Peak.

A sixth alternative has been used by club members and others recently, that of driving their cars up roads that display prominent signs prohibiting vehicles. This may save an hour, but surely it is the worst route of all.

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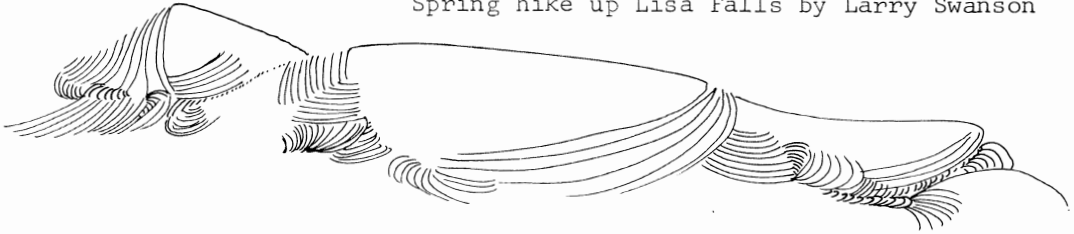
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Spring hike up Lisa Falls by Larry Swanson



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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 have attended 2 outings (hikes, ski tours, cave trips, camping trips, rock-hound trips, work parties) and am genuinely interested in the out-of-doors. (Please note that social events (lodge parties, ski socials, etc.) are not included in the definition of outings.) 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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