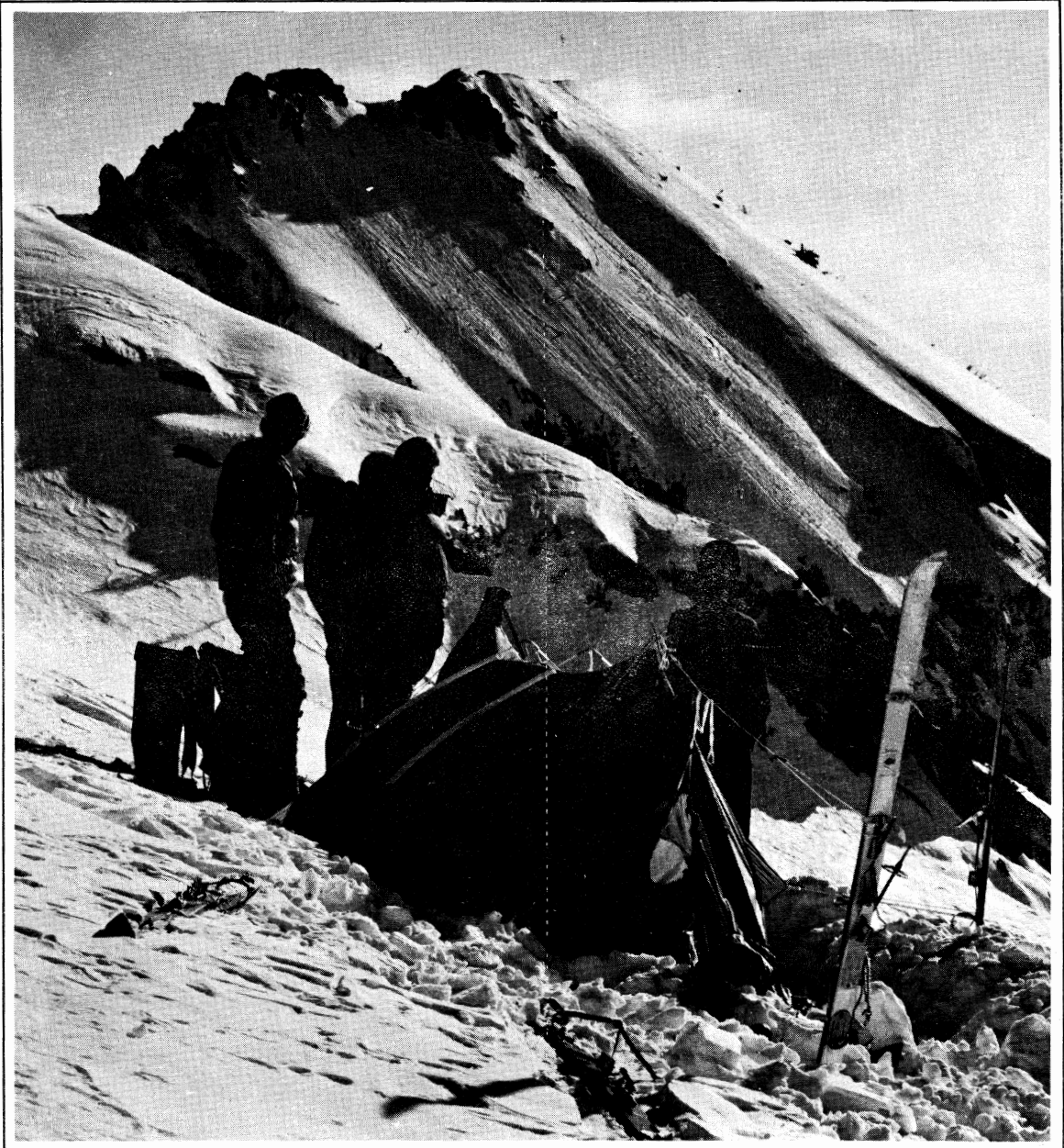


The Rambler

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club activities for febr 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.

- Feb. 5 MT. WOLVERINE - Intermediate - This is a pleasant tour and the
Sat. view is quite spectacular. Leader: Bruce Christensen, 278-9308. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m.

- Feb. 6 FAMILY FEED - LODGE -- The theory is that the youngest ones
Sun. will play happily in the building while everyone else skis. That's the theory. Come to the potluck (noonish) and see what happens in practice. Bring your skis, snowshoes, or toboggan. All ages welcome. Lodge will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 485-0237 to determine the pot; don't forget your table service. There is no lodge fee. Hosts: Phil and Sally Nelson.

- Feb. 6 ALEXANDERS BASIN - Expert -- This tour was first run last year
Sun. and has some of the best skiing in the Wasatch on it--also some of the worst. We climb Gobblers Knob from Butler Fork and then drop in Millcreek via Alexanders Basin. The hardy can tour back to Butler Fork while the rest ski down the Millcreek Road. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Cars will be spotted by the leader, Dave Smith 278-0348.

- Feb. 6 MILL F TO SCOTTS PASS AND BEYOND - snowshoe tour -- Two tours
Sun. will leave for this area this Sunday. Shelly Hyde will lead a group up to Scotts Pass and perhaps explore the upper reaches of Thaynes Canyon. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Beginner - Intermediate Fred Bruenger will lead another group to Scotts Pass, over Jupiter Hill, Mt. Majestic,

and finally to Snake Creek Pass. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m.

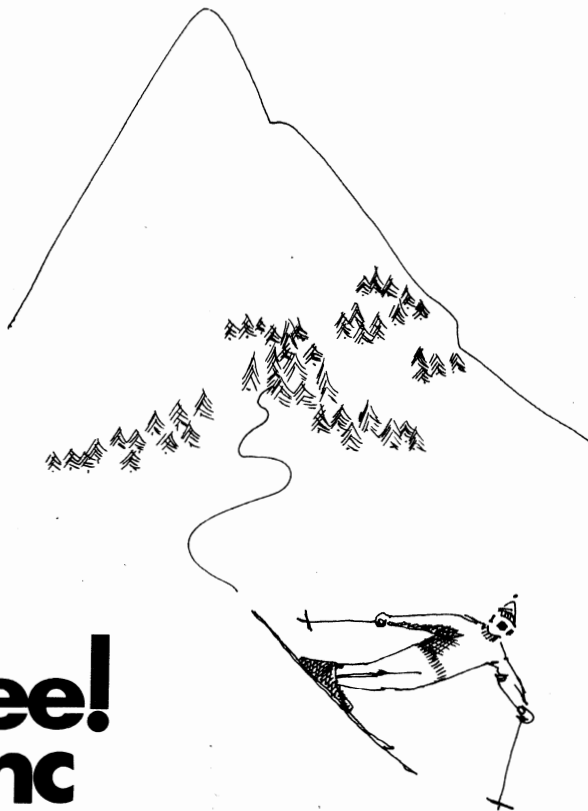
- Feb. 6 WINTER SOCIAL hosted by Ann McDonald, 5344 Cottonwood Lane.
Sun. Stop by on your way home from skiing or just come out for the fun, starting about 6:00 p.m. Supper and drinks will be available for a small charge. Please note directions. Turn West off Cottonwood Lane at 5340 South. Drive about one long block until you see a large tree stump on the left which says "McDonald". That's the place, but DO NOT park in ANY driveway. All cars should be parked ALONG THE LANE.
- Feb. 9 GRAND CANYON RIVER TRIP - Sufficient response was generated
Wed. from last months announcement of a proposed club sponsored commercial Grand Canyon river trip to warrant a meeting for all persons interested. We encourage all those either enthusiastically or even vaguely interested to attend. Terms of several commercial river outfitters, we have contacted, will be presented and discussed as will be the most practical time for undertaking the trip. We hope to show slides and movies of previous trips. Meeting will be held February 9th at 8:00 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, Terrace Room, 1070 Foothills Drive, Salt Lake City. Please enter from the driveway basement door. For further information contact Ruth Henson, 272-3343, George Rathbun, 266-2993, Bob Everson 487-0029 or 581-8495.
- Feb. 12 NEFFS CANYON - Expert -- A brave and knowledgeable leader is
Sat. needed for this tour. It promises to be a very long but rewarding trip. Call David George, 364-7025 before Feb. 10th for details.
- Feb. 13 ALBION HUT FROM ALTA - Beginner -- Again this winter we will
Sun. visit the Alta area. This tour will explore the upper Albion Basin area and some good skiing can be found. Snowshoers welcome. Leader: Lyman Lewis. Meet at the mouth of the Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m.

- Feb. 16 ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING - Eliot Hall, First Unitarian Church
Wed. (S.W. side) 569 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, 7:30 p.m. An excellent slide show of the Lone Peak Wilderness area will be presented. Light refreshments will be served.

If you can't make the meeting, absentee ballots can be obtained from Timberline Sports, 2959 Highland Drive (466-2101) approximately one week before the election. They can be brought back to Timberline Sports up until 6 p.m. election evening, or mailed in to assure arrival by that time. A list of the nominees may be found on page 8 .

Feb. 19 SILVER FORK FROM BRIGHTON - Intermediate -- This is one of the
Sat. more self indulgent tours as the downhill portion is really
much greater than one deserves for such a small gain in elevation. Leader: ? ? Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Call D. George for more details.

**ski targee!
with wmc
on feb. 19-21**



Feb. GRAND TARGEER TRIP -- This Washington's Birthday we ski TARGEER.
19-21 For more information see last months Rambler or page 75 of
Sat-Sun January SKI Magazine. If still not discouraged, phone: DAN
Mon. 484-3873 or Ruta 272-1412

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY TOUR TRIP TO GRAND TARGEER. No leaders have appeared as of Rambler deadline so any would be tourees will have to call David George 364-7025 for more information

- Feb. 20 WINTER SOCIAL at the home of Marilyn and Roy Keir, 1357 Emig-
Sun. ration St. (1730 East). This should be an enjoyable evening for
those who are staying in town over the holiday week-end. Come
about 6:00 p.m. for supper and chit-chat.
- Feb. 26 LOGAN CAVE - Utah's most accessible large cave; only 50 feet
Sat. from the highway. This is rescheduled from last month. No
special equipment or skills required but the leader feels
strongly that your safety and enjoyment will be greatly en-
hanced by wearing a hard hat and head lamp, available for rent
from the club for \$1.00. Register with the leader so you can
get all the details. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the south side of
the Salt Lake Public Library, 5th South and 2nd East. Trans-
portation charge \$1.50. One way driving time: 1-1/2 hours.
Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417
- Feb. 27 LAKE BLANCHE - Advanced -- We will attempt this superb tour
Sun. again but the avalanche danger may well prevent our going over
this rugged terrain. Only those people who have been on ad-
vanced tours should attempt this tour. Leader: Ron Webber.
Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 28 SIERRA CLUB CHAPTER MEETING - 8:00 p.m., 569 South 13th East
Mon. Mr. John Call of Urban Technology Associates and Salt Lake
Architect Mr. Albert Christensen will make a presentation on
their proposal for a parkway and recreational developments on
the Jordan River. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn
of the significant recreational potential of a much-abused
natural area right in the midst of the congested metropolitan
area of Salt Lake Valley
- Mar. 5 RED PINE, MAYBIRD, HOGUM AND BACK - Advanced -- This tour will
Sun. be to explore the canyons mentioned above. We may possibly ski
down Hogum Fork. Leader: Milt Hollander, 277-1416.
- Mar. SUN VALLEY WEEKEND -- Register by February 23rd. Jackie Thomas,
4-5 278-0394
- April VAIL OR ASPEN

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AN ALTA APPARITION

About the year 1878 James Kennedy built a saloon in Alta, not far from the Emma mine. In the process he placed a stout post in the basement to support the floor of the saloon and an attached shed. After the saloon opened, Edward Crocket, a miner, moved into a small room behind the barroom. Early in 1884 he was employed as a fireman at the Emma mine, and was on duty that fateful night when a snow avalanche roared down off Emma hill, destroying much of the town and many mine buildings, including those of the Emma. Ed Crocket was among the victims, having been crushed against the boiler by the snow. His body suffered severe burns before freezing.

Late in the summer of that same year, Jeremiah Reagan leased the Kennedy saloon and opened it for business, moving into the back room where Crocket had lived until his death. No stranger to Alta, Reagan had known Crocket in years past, but was in a San Francisco hospital at the time of the avalanche and read of his friend's death in a newspaper.

On the night of September 29th, Reagan awoke to the call of his name. At first he thought it was someone outside, but then the voice came from his bedside: "Jerry!" He jumped up in bed and answered, "What in hell do you want?" The voice asked, "Do you know that post in the cellar...?" Reagan now recognized the voice as Crocket's, and answered with a fearful, "yes." Crocket told him, "You go down there and get my money and you keep it."

With that he turned and walked out of the room into the saloon. Reagan called after him, then went into the barroom himself, but Crocket was gone. Following instructions, he went into the basement and dug around the post. About five or six inches down he uncovered a pocketbook with \$75 in notes and two or three letters. Knowing full well that no one would believe him, he decided to keep the whole thing a secret. But it was, as he later wrote, "on my mind like a man that murdered someone," so that evening he told everyone. They laughed and said he was dreaming, but when he showed them the pocketbook, letters and the mouldy bills, the laughter died. He described Crocket's clothes to George Cullen, Jim Watson and others, and Cullen, who helped bury Crocket, said that was how Crocket was dressed when they buried him.

Reagan was known as a reliable and honest man. The incident left him shaken, as was evident in a letter he wrote to a friend in Salt Lake City two days after the appearance. "I am in a hard fix now," he wrote, "I am afraid to stay in the house, so what shall I do?" The townspeople, too, no longer believed it as a joke, though they might still have laughed in public. Their fears, however, were needless, for the ghost of Ed Crocket bothered them no more. Yet, if he made an appearance over seven months after his death, who is to say he is not still drifting around the old townsite and the slopes around Alta, a spirit visage from the past, a Leaf from the Old Wasatch



conser. vation notes

Recently Intermountain Consumer Power Association, which provides a large area of the sparsely populated part of Utah with electricity, filed water rights applications for the purpose of building a power plant about eight miles north of Caineville in an area called Salt Wash (Range 8E, Township 27S, Sections 13 and 24). The company has asked us for an opinion regarding the suitability of this location from an environmental standpoint, and have indicated that they would be willing to consider alternate sites if environmental organizations find the proposed one objectionable. I am, therefore, interested in obtaining the opinions of club members regarding the proposed powerplant, and am particularly interested in talking with anyone who is familiar with the area in question.

LeRoy Kuehl
Conservation Committee
582-6890 (home)
581-6795 (work)

nomination banquet

The following awards were awarded at the Nomination Dinner, Jan. 15, 1972:

WMC Activity Award: unanimously to Dale Green

Honors list of those who in the past year have done more than their share in helping to keep activities going and the club functioning properly:

Mountaineering.....Dave Allen
Max Townsend

Hiking,,,...Dick Bell
Elmer Boyd
Dixon Smith

Conservation.....LeRoy Kuehl

Boating.....Bob Everson
Jay Dewell
George Rathbun

And last but not least for doing most of the chore of mailing the Rambler.....Linda Rathbun

List of those who either are willing to retain their present position on the board or are being nominated by the Nominating Committee:

President.....Dennis Caldwell

Secretary.....Barbara Brower

Treasurer.....Ron Webber

Conservation.....Sam Allen

Membership.....June Zongker

Publications.....Ruta Dreijmanis

Mountaineering.....Dave Smith

Boating.....Bob Everson

Hiking.....Paul Horton

Pat King

Entertainment.....Marion Nelson

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Transportation.....Daniel Thomas

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David Smith

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news and notices

BRIGHTON SKI SCHOOL

Once again you can take advantage of the low rates at the Brighton Ski School with your WMC membership card.

1 day lift pass and 1/2 day ski lesson \$7.00

1 1/2 day ski lesson \$3.50

ANNIE'S VISTA

Devils Castle at Alta has been renamed ANNIE'S VISTA in memory of Annie Noy.

TO MY FRIENDS IN THE WMC

On Dec. 24, 1971 I became Mrs. Robert K. Wright and am now residing in King Salmon, Alaska. My sincere thank you to all the WMC members for their friendship in the last year and best wishes for 1972.

Arie Hindbo
(Mrs. Robert K. Wright)

THANKS

...Rose Morrison for typing this months RAMBLER.

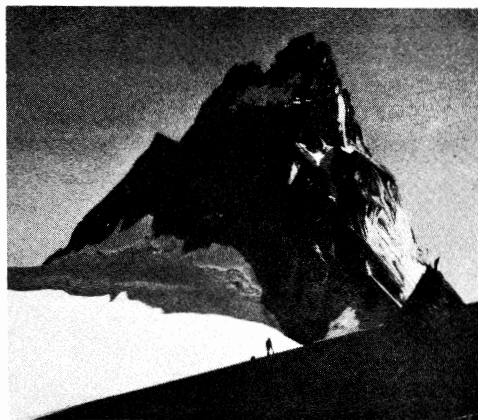
...Linda and George Rathbun and Marilyn Keir for mailing the January RAMBLER

DEADLINE

for the March RAMBLER is February 13th SUNDAY. Please have your articles and schedules TYPED and mailed or delivered to Ruta F. Dreijmanis, 1941 Woodside Drive, Apt. A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117 - 272-1412.

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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, 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 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.

Name (print)_____	Outings attended: Date
_____	1. _____
Signature _____	2. _____
(If spouse membership please print name of spouse) _____	Recommended by: Member: _____
Address _____	Director: _____
City _____	(Please note: you must have above signatures before your application can be presented to the Board of Directors.)
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