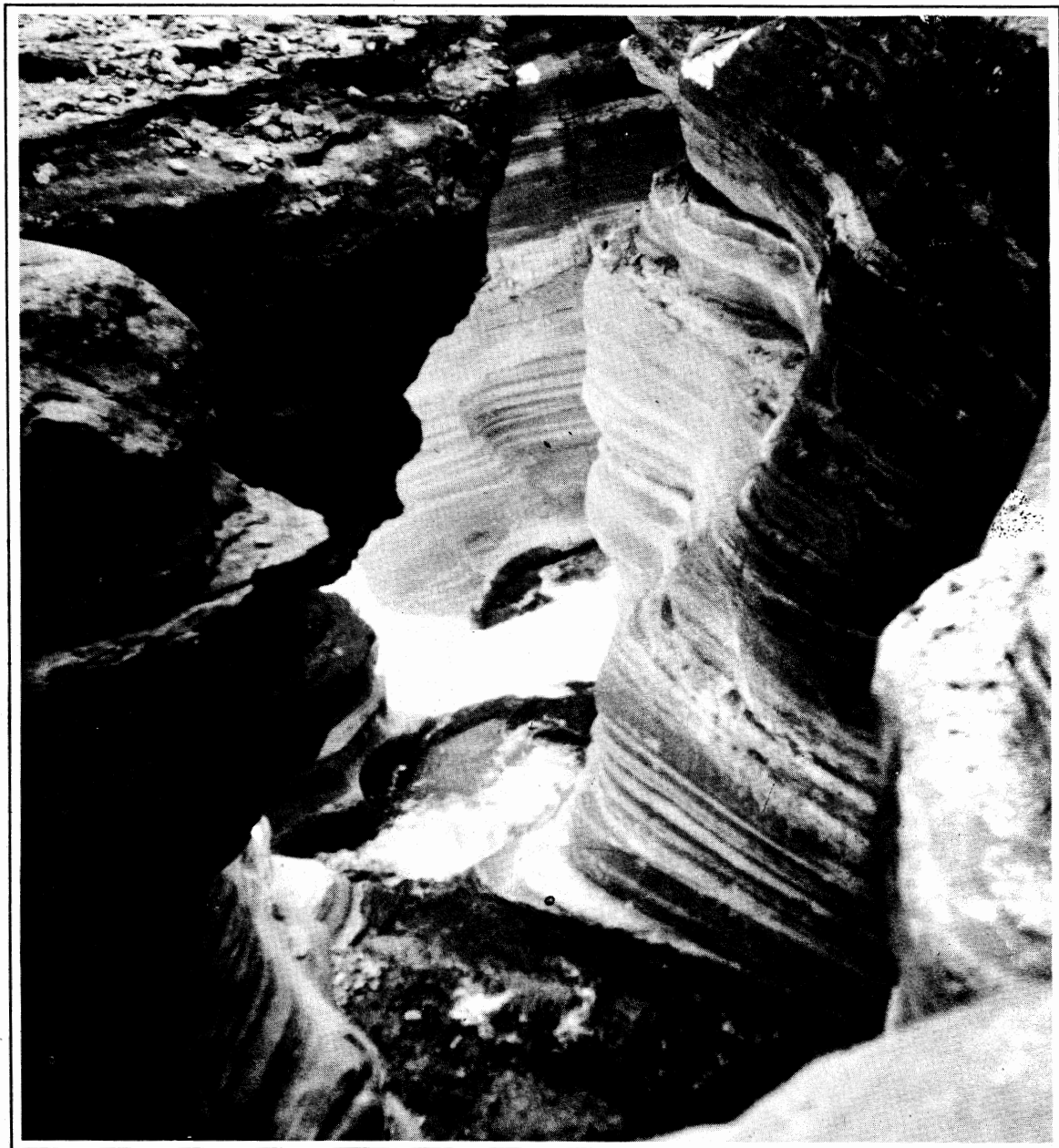


The Rambler

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club activities for july 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.

June 30- MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMP - For this Teton trip we'll visit the July 4 scenic Avalanche Canyon area. Avalanche is the major canyon Fri-Tues south of Garnet Canyon. Climbing opportunities include Buck Mountain, Mount Wister, and Veiled Peak; as well as the more commonly visited South Teton, Cloudveil Dome, and Nez Perce. The climbing ranges from easy scrambles to more demanding excursions. Good hiking abounds with Snowdrift and Taminah Lakes as two of the highlights. The canyon is trail-less however -- (and consequently people-less as well) so expect some brush and swamp going in. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Jenny Lake Ranger Station on Saturday morning. Leader: Dave Smith, 466-2101.

July 1 LAKE SOLITUDE - Elevation 9,020 - Rating 2 - Want to take it Sat. easy on this long weekend? Come take this pleasant stroll through the woods to Lake Solitude. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: ??

July 1 BOX ELDER PEAK - Elevation 11,100 - Rating 9 - The peak will Sat. be approached from the American Fork side. The upper section is quite steep and a little exposed. Meet at the Alpine turn-off, US Highway 91, at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Richard Wagner, 484-8916.

July 2 MOUNT RAYMOND AND GOBBLERS KNOB - RETURN VIA ALEXANDER BASIN - Sun. Rating 10.5 = This ridge run starts behind the S-curve, past

Hidden Falls to Mount Raymond, then to Gobblers Knob and the saddle above Alexander Basin. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Leader: ??

July 2 MINERAL FORK - Intermediate - This interesting side canyon
Sun. provides a short hike just to the mine (4 hours) or a longer trip to the cirque. Bring water and lunch. A great hike for teens, but anyone is welcome. Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Call Grace or Patty Ormsby - 364-4465.

July 1-2 LODGE OPEN HOUSE -- Avoid the holiday traffic and enjoy the
Sat-Sun cool beauty of the mountains right in Salt Lake; come spend the weekend at the Lodge with Sharon and Dennis Webb; call them at 278-6507 for information.

July 4 BRIGHTON RIDGE RUN - Rating 8 - Starting from Snake Creek Pass,
Tues. our ridge run will cover seven major peaks, including Pioneer Peak, Tuscarora, Wolverine and Millicent, all over 10,000 feet high. Meet at the "Brighton Store" at the beginning of the loop at 8:00 a.m. Leader:

July 1-4 DESOLATION CANYON - Intermediate - A 120 mile trip through one
Sat/Tues of the few remaining uncrowded canyons. By using motors the first day we will have time for extended happy hour. There are lots of good rapids which might entice some of the kayakers along. Trip fee: \$24.00. Register with a \$5 deposit to trip leader Ken McCarty, 1136 East 2700 South, Apt. 142, Salt Lake City, 84106, 466-3297. Leader will contact participants for date of work party.

July 4 FAMILY FEED AT LODGE - Phil and Sally Nelson are hosting a
Tues. potluck for preschoolers, primaries, and parents. Plan a day at the lodge from 9:00 - 4:00 with various hikes to different points leaving at random times. We'll eat at 11:30 a.m., if we can wait that long. To determine the pot, call 485-0237

July 6 THURSDAY EVENING HIKE - MILL B, South Fork toward (but not to)
Thurs. Lake Blanche. Meet at the reservoir parking lot at Storm Mountain at 7:00 p.m. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.

July 7 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN
Thurs.

July YAMPA KAYAK TRIP - Intermediate - Leader: Jim Byrne 582-5631
8-10
Sat-Mon

July 8 AMERICAN FORK TWINS - Elevation 11,483 - Rating 7.5 - A pleasant
Sat. hike from Albion Basin past Secret Lake and along the ridge to American Fork Twins. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Milt Hollander.

July 9 LAKE MARY - Elevation 9,560 and LAKE CATHERINE - Elevation
Sun. 9,920 - Rating 2.5 - An easy hike to one or both lakes, strict-

ly for pleasure and beauty. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Max Townsend.

- July 9 Sun. THAYNE'S CANYON TO NEFF'S CANYON - Elevation 8,600 - Rating 6.0 - This route is famous for more lost people than any other place in the world, but with our capable leader, have no fear! Meet at Olympus shopping center at 8:00 a.m. Leader: John Riley.
- July 12 Wed. TERRACES - Preschoolers Hike - Bring a lunch to eat at the picnic ground. Meet at Upper Terraces parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Call Liz Choules, 363-9966.
- July 13 Thurs. DESOLATION TRAIL - Ladies Hike - This moderate hike will follow the Trail to the Spring, and perhaps come down the loop. Bring water and lunch. Meet at north end of Olympus Hills shopping center parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Call Helen Chindgren 467-0922.
- July 13 Thurs. EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN
- July 15 Sat. RED PINE LAKE AND THE PFIEFERHORN - One of the most beautiful hikes in the Wasatch. Some will relax at Red Pine Lake -- some will go on to gain the summit of the impressive Pfieferhorn. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Chuck Mays.
- July 15 Sat. OVERNIGHT AT GOBBLER'S KNOB - Elevation 10,246 - Overnight above 10,000 feet is real living. Also a good chance to check out your gear before the other pack trips coming up. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 2:00 p.m. Bring water. Leader: ??
- July 15 Sat. MT. NEBO NORTH PEAK - Elevation 11,928 - Rating 9.0 -- The highest peak in the Wasatch, but by no means the most difficult. We drive up to 9,000 feet. From the summit you can argue the identity of other peaks up to a hundred miles distant. This is an overnighter. Call Dick Bell 254-4555 for details.
- July 16 Sun. HONEYCOMB CLIFFS - An easy moderate hike in the upper elevations of Little Cottonwood Canyon. Meet at the mouth of the canyon at 8:00 a.m. We need a volunteer leader. Call Dick Bell, 254-4555.
- July 16 Sun. BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON - Toddlers hike. Carry them or let them toddle up a side canyon. Bring water and a snack and meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 a.m. For details call Greta Reed 485-9587.
- July 15-16 Sat-Sun. FAMILY OVERNIGHT TO GOBBLER'S KNOB - Backpack trip totals 7 miles. Elevation change is about 3,500 feet. Saturday we will ascend the Bowman-Butler Trail and explore the top of the

octopus-like dome for a campsite. Sunday we can hike around the ridges or over to Mount Raymond before starting down into Big Cottonwood Canyon where friends or relatives can pick us up. Older children are welcome. Call Liz Choules for details at 363-9966.

- July 15-16 WESTWATER CANYON OF THE COLORADO RIVER - Advanced - Westwater during July should add excitement to this popular river trip.
Sat-Sun. We may only make one run on Saturday, leaving Sunday for a leisurely return with the possibility of some hiking. The option to make a second run on Sunday will be subject to group preference. Experienced river rats only. Plan to attend the work party on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. Co-leaders: Bob Andersen (doing the heavy work) and Bob Everson (taking all the credit). Please mail \$5 registration to Bob Andersen at 73 F Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 by July 6th. Phone: 322-0143. Fee: \$24.00
- July 20 THURSDAY EVE HIKE - Broads Fork to stream crossing. Meet in the reservoir parking lot at Storm Mountain, 7:00 p.m. Leader: Thurs. Dale Green, 277-6417.
- July 20 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN
Thurs.
- July 22 SCOTTS HILL TO DESOLATION LAKE - Rating about 7 - Beginning Sat. on the Guardsman Pass road, this ridge-run leads over several minor peaks before descending to Desolation Lake. The views of the high Wasatch are great. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Kermit Earle, 299-0526.
- July 23 MT. MAJESTIC - Elevation 10,721 - Rating 4.5 - This is an easy Sun. hike for all those who want to get away from the heat of the city for a few hours. If the air is not hazy there is a good view east toward the Uintas. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Shelley Hyde, 363-9564.
- July 24 SUNDIAL - Elevation 10,120 - Rating 8.5 - Although a hike of Mon. only intermediate difficulty, there is some exposed scrambling near the top. The summit (pictured on your W.M.C. emblem) overlooks Lake Blanche and the canyons around it. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 6:00 a.m. Leader: Bill Rosqvist, 485-5681.
- July 22-24 LODGE ADULT WEEKEND - Three Days - Adults bring your bedding, food, eating and cooking utensils and spend a relaxing 24th Sat-Mon July weekend in Brighton. The Lodge will be open from Saturday afternoon to Monday late afternoon. For further information phone Co-hosts Carl and Helen Chindgren 467-0922 or Stan and Avon Murdock 467-2212.
- July 21-24 MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMP - Wind Rivers
Fri-Mon.

- July 22-30 MIDDLE FORK OF THE SALMON RIVER - Advanced - We will put in at Dagger Falls and travel the 114 miles of the Middle Fork to its confluence with the Main Salmon. If time permits we may take out at Corn Creek - the end of the road that parallels the Main. This tributary of the Main must not be taken for granted! It is rocky and tricky with two or three rapids to be taken quite seriously. Still the Alpine country and clear water spell the first contrast to the red canyon walls and murky waters of Utah. Work party July 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Ice Plant. Leader: Bob Everson, 2613 Imperial Street, Salt Lake City 84106, phone 487-0029. Fee: \$51.
- July 26 Wed. MILL B, NORTH FORK - Toddlers and tiny ones hike. Carry them or let them try their own wings on this short hike. Bring water and lunch and meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10:00 a.m. Call Phyllis Robison 272-0174 for details.
- July 27 Thurs.. EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN
- July 28 Fri. MT. OLYMPUS MOONLIGHT HIKE - Elevation 9,026 - Rating 8 - Blister Hill isn't so bad in the cool of the evening. Even if it was worse, the night-time scenery would make climbing it worthwhile. Meet at Pete's Rock at 7:00 p.m. Leader: Sam Allan, 486-6834
- July 29 Sat. WHITE PINE LAKE - Rating 5 - This hike leads up a sad canyon marred by a jeep road and threatened with future development. The upper canyon around the lake is still nice, but see it now while it lasts. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Marty Snyder, 262-4695
- July 30 Sun. TIMPANOGOS - Elevation 11,750 - Rating 11 - About as beautiful a hike as can be found. It's long and hard, but pain is gain, especially in this wonderful area. The ascent will probably be up from Aspen Grove and the descent via Timponekee Trail. Meet at the Alpine turnoff, U.S. Highway 91 at 6:00 a.m. Leader: Oscar Robison, 272-0174
- Aug. 5 Sat. AMERICAN FORK TWINS - Elevation 11,489 - Rating 9 - If your interest in conservation is lagging, then come on this hike. We will start near the new buildings in Albion Basin and hike up underneath the Sugarloaf lift, eventually reaching the top of Mt. Baldy. From here on we will see magnificent and ever-changing panoramas of Snowbird as we march past it. Our ridge-running, which has a short exposed stretch, finally leads to a summit offering fine views of Kennecott's smoke. If we're lucky the leader may take us down via White Pine Canyon where we're sure to meet a motorcycle or two. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Paul Horton, 262-4695.
- Aug. 5 - 6 Sat-Sun. ECHO PARK TO SPLIT MOUNTAIN, GREEN RIVER, TEENAGE TRIP - This trip through Dinosaur National Monument will allow teenagers 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 84108. Call after 6, 582-6799. Fee: \$18.00. Work party, Wednesday August 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Ice Plant.

Aug. 6 DROMEDARY PEAK - Elevation 11,107 - Rating 10.5 - A long, steep
Sun. 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 LAKE SOLITUDE PLUS TWIN LAKES RESERVOIR - Rating about 2.5 -
Sun. 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. LODORE CANYON, GREEN RIVER
11 - 13 Intermediate - Advanced: Trip will start at the Gates of Lodor,
Fri-Sun 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 OPEN
12-13
Sat-Sun.

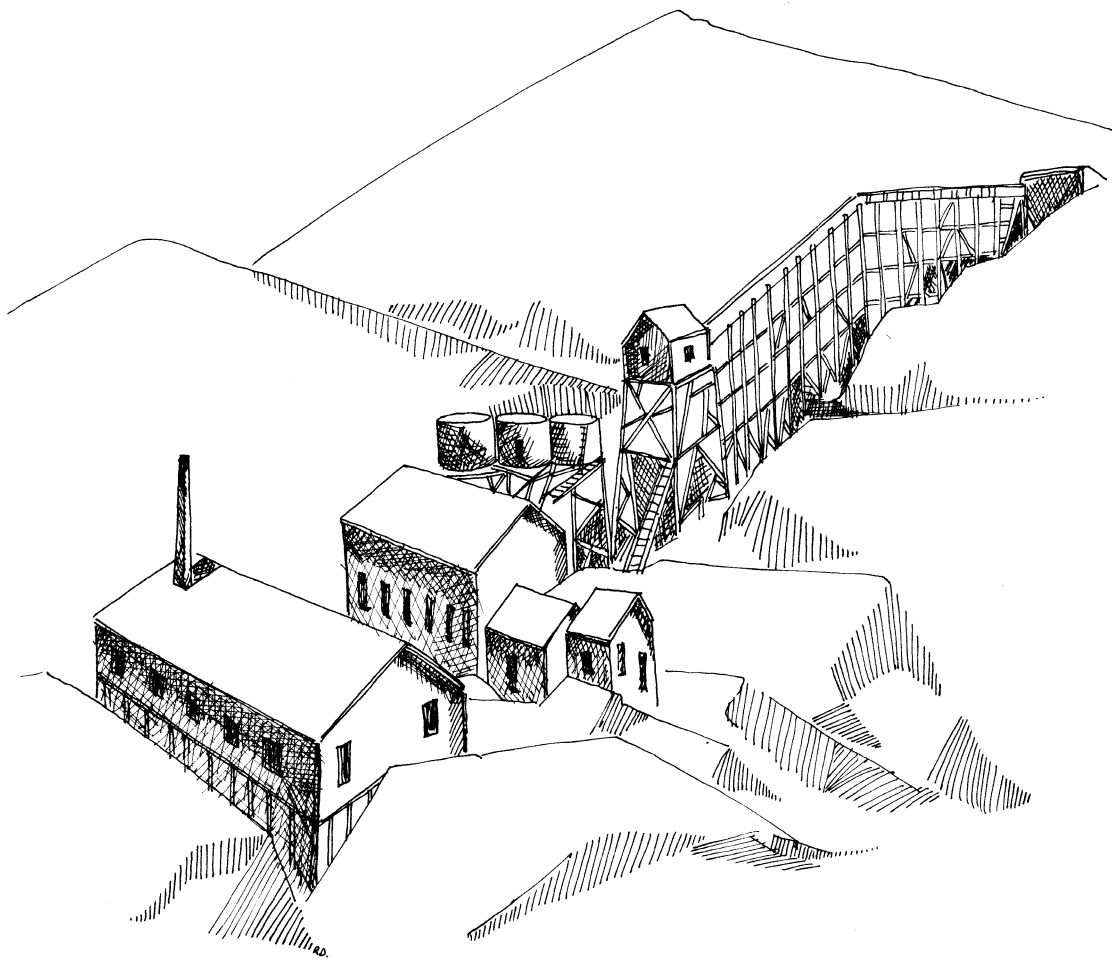
Aug. DESOLATION CANYON ON THE GREEN RIVER - KAYAK TRIP - Leader: Cal
18-22 Giddings, 359-2588
Fri-Tues.

Aug. LODGE OPEN
26-27
Sat-Sun.

Aug. FAMILY RIVER TRIP - The Green River below Flaming Gorge and
26-27 the Snake River below the Palisades Dam are among some of the
Sat-Sun possibilities being considered for this fun trip. However, if anyone has a favorite spot, please feel free to call us for we are open for suggestions. Trip Leaders: Dave and Carma Crowther, 266-3925.

Sept. HELL'S CANYON OF THE SNAKE RIVER, IDAHO-OREGON-WASHINGTON
1-5 Advanced.

Sept. CATARACT CANYON OF THE COLORADO RIVER OF GRAND CANYON.



**leaves
from the
old wasatch**

FROM HORSES TO GAS FUMES

In the year 1915 Big Cottonwood Canyon was facing a problem that might well have been taken back from the present days - Traffic. Brighton, or Silver Lake as it was popularly known, was experiencing a tourist boom. But the tourist traffic alone was not excessive. What caused the problem was the concurrent mining boom. Although Big Cottonwood Canyon never achieved the mining importance of its neighboring Little Cottonwood Canyon, or the Park City area across the mountain, it never-theless saw considerable activity before the turn of the century. At that time Argentia was headquarters for the Big Cottonwood District, and the slopes for miles around were dotted by mining dumps and prospects. But as the Nineteenth Century drew to a close, so did the mining heyday, and the following years saw but little activity around the mines. Then the trend reversed, and mining again began to pay its way.

As the year 1915 opened the principal mines were located in the Sour Fork, or Cardiff For, as it is known today, and the Silver Fork of Big Cottonwood Canyon. An important exception was the Maxfield Mine farther down canyon. As the ore was brought out of the mines in greater quantities, it created a greater need for transportation to haul it to the smelters or the railheads at Sandy or Midvale. And so the teamsters flocked into the canyon. In late Spring of 1915 it was reported that more than 100 teams were making daily trips up to the mines and back to the valley. The traffic on the marginal road was very heavy. And the heavy traffic made the road more marginal. A contemporary photograph of the Maxfield Mine shows two very deep ruts in the road, making it more a track than a highway and raising doubts about whether a wagon could leave the track to pass another one moving in the opposite direction. With as many as four to six horses in a team, complaints about water impurities abounded. The stage was set for

a major transportation revolution in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

One interesting proposal was that of an extension of the Salt Lake street car lines from Holladay to Brighton for both passenger and freight traffic. At least one application for franchise was submitted, and there was talk about moving the electric railroad in Emigration Canyon over to Big Cottonwood Canyon. But the railroad never quite made it. Nor did the small gasoline powered trucks that were tried and discarded.

Early in 1916 an agreement was made between the City and County and the Big Cottonwood mines to spend \$30,000 on improving the road in the canyon. By mid-summer most bridges had been rebuilt, the road widened and the steepest grades cut down. Five caterpillar tractors and sixty trailers were brought into the canyon to haul the ore, using trailer trains. This attempt met with little success; after four weeks it was given up, and another contractor came in with Knox tractors and trailers, carrying fifteen tons of ore down canyon, and as much as two tons of coal on the trip back up. It took $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours to travel the 16 miles to Midvale, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours to return. Twenty-one gallons of gasoline were consumed on the round trip, leaving a new kind of smell in the canyon. Four wheel drive trucks were later introduced, but the revolution had been made. The Cardiff mines built large ore bins at the mouth of Cardiff Fork where ore was gathered for the trip down the canyon. From Cardiff Fork alone over 100 tons per day were shipped.

Although the horse had not yet been banished from the canyon, it certainly had been replaced by the motor vehicle. Today the motor vehicle alone travels the Big Cottonwood Road. The only remnant of this transportation revolution is a portion of the ore bins standing along the Cardiff Fork road, not too far from the Big Cottonwood stream. They are weather, worn and unused, but still a Lead from the Old Wasatch.



LONE PEAK - Lets protect it!

lone peak alert!

by Shep Bloom

The big day will soon be with us. Not long ago, a small WMC delegation met with Senator Moss to discuss the Lone Peak Wilderness Proposal. Our meeting was cordial, and the Senator seemed enthusiastic about our proposal. He told us that there would be a hearing in SLC on or about July 6, and that our performance at that hearing would be critical. That means we should all be getting ready to attend, submit statements and consider what we might want to say to the distinguished group of senators. Senator Moss advised us to send a representative to Washington after the hearing to reinforce our position by discussions with individual committee members, and we intend to do just that. Right now the thing that each of us should do is become familiar with the facts, and potential problems.

The major conflict we are now confronted with is not whether or not there will be a Lone Peak Wilderness. That seems to be close to a certainty. However, the question of boundaries (total acreage) is still a disputable point as far as we are concerned. The Forest Service has recommended a 13,000 acre area. Our proposal calls for 20,000 acres. Senator Moss seems to be preparing his bill in accordance with the Forest Service proposal, and we want to change his mind. We need all the help we can get from each member if we are going to succeed. The Forest Service arrived at

the smaller acreage figure by moving one boundary from the White Pine road westward, and eliminating the entire section east of our proposed Silver Lake Flat corridor. This would make it possible for some company to build ski lifts from American Fork Twins to Silver Lake and down White Pine Ridge. In fact, it would permit commercial development of the entire ridge right up to Red Pine. If these boundaries are confusing you, just refer to your Lone Peak brochure. If you don't have a copy, drop a postcard to the Lone Peak Committee at the WMC address.

Another boundary contest is shaping up in the area of Box Elder peak. Here the problem is access to flood control zones. There are some bonafide problems with flood control in this region, and we certainly don't want to leave anyone out in the wet. But! It just might be possible to have a Lone Peak Wilderness Area with a written-in variance permitting flood control work for the critical areas. Alternatively, a flood control corridor could be used. In any event, if our political leaders knew how many people thought the 20,000 acre parcel was so important, they might do a little more homework to help bring it to pass.

One other final point that we must be concerned with. Commercial developers are urging the Forest Service to authorize "special use" permits inside the boundaries of what we consider to be pristine wilderness. At present, this makes us fear that some of the land outside the 13,000 acre proposal (but within our 20,000 acre proposal) may be sold out from under us. It behooves us, then, to

make noise right now to Senator Moss and the Forest Service to let them know how nervous we are, and how upset we'd be if Little Cottonwood Canyon were turned into a tourist trap.

For more information, contact the Lone Peak Committee or Fred Bruenger. Remember, Sen. Moss is our friend. We can ask him to do more for us, but we are grateful for what he has already done. Also: write to Sen. Bennet and Congressmen Lloyd and McKay. They have endorsed the concept of a Lone Peak Wilderness.

san juan

THE GOOSE-EGGS OF THE SAN JUAN
by: Audrey Stevens

The evening of May 26, 17 beginner and intermediate river rats, with Dave Cook as leader, talked, slept and snored happily as the WMC bus hurtled through the moonlit night toward Mexican Hat. However, it was the last time that the bus hurtled anywhere. A valve snapped, and at this writing our poor bus may still be in Mexican Hat, scarcely the "Nirvana" promised by its destination sign. Dan Thomas and Jim McCullough, drivers, suggested that the following be advertised prominently:

FOR SALE - ONE BUS
\$1500 or best offer

Meanwhile, we put together a breakfast featuring many, many eggs (the donor thought there would be more people); more eggs were hard-boiled and planted in lunches at every opportunity. This eggy adventure was dubbed appropriately

"The Goose-eggs" rather than "The Goosenecks", hence the title above. Dan and Jim, with canoeists Don Carlton and Ruta Dreijmanis and kayakers Fred and Eveline Bruenger, stayed behind to arrange transportation home for us. Excitedly (us) and apprehensively (Dave - what the H was going to get us back to Salt Lake?) we launched 3 rafts into the silty waters, grateful that there was any water at all considering the drought. 1800 sec/ft started us out, and the river dropped about 3" every 24 hours. Captains were Don Fox, Dave, and Jan Jennings, who also did a great job of meal-planning and helped us neophytes learn all sorts of magical things, like the recipe for coffee - 8 fistfuls. We all had chances to be captains and thus discovered how tough that neoprene really is vis-a-vis sharp and (to us) unavoidable rocks. We thought surely some rapids were rated at least 4, but Dave would give them a "1½, maybe". On all three days of travel, awesome red rock canyons loomed a thousand feet about us on both sides. Lacy tamarisks in bloom provided a restful green contrast, and sandy beaches invited us to lunch on exotic edibles from zip-top cans. We explored a white man's ruin (no Indian would have built such a dumb shelter) and the Grand Wash, where huge tree trunks carried from far off mountains teetered on mounds of great boulders. Skies were clear, the wind was almost nil, and there would have been many hot bodies sizzling on grey 'skillets' except for one thing: WATER FIGHTS! Scheming, splashy, joyous, teeth-gritting, bucket-sluicing WATER FIGHTS! One soggy participant observed that "A bucket is more precious than life."

The first night's camp was made 20 miles downriver, and the second night's brought us to the

46-mile mark. We were just finishing another good dinner when a voice came from the darkness: "Is there anything left to eat?" Fred Bruenger was the hungry one, and well he might be; the kayakers and canoeists had set out early that morning to catch up with us, which meant almost 46 miles of steady paddling and some portages. When night fell they beached their boats, fortunately only a mile upriver from our camp. Guess who stayed up and talked while the rest of us went to our sandy stickery sleeping bag beds, however - the indefatigable newcomers! They brought news that after much travail, a 20-foot U-Haul van was rented in Moab and would be waiting to load us and gear at the 55-mile mark, Clay Hills. On the final morning we were escorted to our destination by a beautiful wheeling flock of black and white sandpiper-type birds. They were almost as graceful as Dan and Jim, who welcomed us with a rather unattractive wheeling flock of yellow buckets.

Some hooked rides in the shuttle cars, but most found places to hunker in the van. By the time we reached Lake Powell over a dusty road, only eyeballs and teeth were visible. A washing and several pull-ring cans later, we enjoyed a good hamburger place and then slept on riverbags and deflated boats the rest of the way home. All agreed that the trip home was a unique and really funny experience, that our leader was the absolute greatest, the bus drivers and other boaters the best sports we'd ever known, and that all of us were the jolliest (if not the most skilled) crew ever to float and bump down any river.

Others of the Select Company (besides those mentioned already): Mike and Dianne Gaschler, Carolyn Humphrey, Bob and Karen Weatherbee, Audrey Stevens, Paula Mickle, Sally and Gordy Olson and Carter and Doris Ballinger.

colorado

COLORADO RIVER TRIP (KAYAKERS)

April 29-30

by: Sara Nickl

We kayaking members (20 of us!) of the Colorado river trip set our kayaks and canoes on the water late Saturday morning. We had a lively run with some fine rapids which even the beginners managed to survive, thanks to the river's low water level. In our periodic play periods in the rapids several of us sampled the water temperature during our unplanned dips. (Rather warm for April, but definitely not recommended for a long bath!). The afternoon wind tried its best to blow us back upstream, but we were victorious and pulled into camp by midafternoon to prepare for a leisurely evening of food, music and wind.

Sunday the more dedicated river runners continued for a couple hours more, while the less adventurous cheered them on from shore.

Participants included Jim and Dot Byrne, Jane Daurelle, Jay and John Dwell, Alice Tassainer, Didik Dvorak, Lynn and Gayle Gaylor, Cal and Steve Giddings, Benita Jackson, Yenta Kaufman, Jerry Kolc, Danny Thomas, Roger and Terrie Turnes, Josef and Sara Michl, plus Byrnes' intrepid and faithful dog. On-shore mascots were Sue Gregor, Donna Barnes, Jerry Daurelle, Vera Michl, and assorted children.



"HANG ON, THIS IS THE TRICKY PART OF THESE RAPIDS!"

news and notices

THANKS...

...Rose Morrison and Mary Katsanevas for typing this months RAMBLER.

...Betty Hendriks for typing the membership list.

...Monica Karison, Marty Snyder, and Jean Smith for mailing the June RAMBLER.

DEADLINE

For the August Rambler is July 15. Please have your articles and schedules typed and mailed or delivered to Ruta Dreijmanis, 1941 Woodside Dr. #A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117.

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For information, call JIM BYRNE, 582-5631 or ROGER TURNES, 561-1088

thunder. mountain

MAY 14 NORTH PEAK OF THUNDER MOUNTAIN

by: Lyman Lewis

At 5 A.M. the cars were pulling up at the Y intersection of Little Cottonwood. Soon 3 or 4 cars were shuttled over to the mouth of Bells Canyon, we jockeyed around into the remaining cars and drove to the little generating plant about 2 miles up the canyon which was the jumping off place for Coalpit. After 20 mins or so of boulder hopping thru the trees and brush we located Coalpit and proceeded up the steep rock scramble alongside the roaring stream of the gulch. A few hesitations by some including your scribe but with a few words of encouragement from fearless leader, all climbed thru the rock ok and onto the snow which wound up the gulley here steep and then onto the sides thru the brush and then steeper up the middle for several miles. Finally we reached cirque above which a saddle was the start of the ridge up to Thunder. Here, Paul Horton and Dave George struck off on their own to climb the ridge the hard way. On the saddle we caught our breath and beheld the views towards Red & White Pine, the Pfeifferhorn and the cirque below. Soon we were trudging thru the snow up the ridge and in half hour were on the peak. No register here. We en-

joyed the views and the conversation, took pictures, and of course, ate. Dixon and Marge had a 6 course dinner served with wine in fancy glasses, on a nice flat rock, everything but a table cloth. Here, we started down, back the same ridge a short distance, and then we jumped off to the west, glissading down the snow, which was hard and fairly good, somewhat bumpy but the rides were fun--cold on the fan but fun!! on the way down Milt stayed back with Clint, who were joined by Loran. We soon got down to the meadow and rested till we saw the last trio coming down the slopes. From here down, Bells was clear of snow and an easy hike out to the cars.

Leader, Dale Green	
Hikers: John Gottman	
Bob Weatherbee	Walter Herrmann
John Sutton	Milt Hollander
Lauren Williams	Brad Rich
Jess May	Dave Hanscom
Clint Lewis	Michael Moak
Dixon Smith	Steve Adamson
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'wildcat'

by: Fred Bruenger

Eight brighteyed tigers and one sleepy, worn out body - that of the leader - met at 6:00 a.m. for the first "Big One" of the season. No time was lost and by 6:30 we found ourselves on the Butler Fork trail. At the saddle between Butler and Mill A Basin, we split up, Harold leading one group through the basin, others taking the Desolation Trail, trying to conserve as much energy as possible for the "real thing" (not Coca Cola). By a little more than two hours after take off we found ourselves up on Mount Raymond where we had a short stop - just long enough to discuss the possibility of subdividing the land below into parcels of 50-80 feet and making a pile of money by selling cabin sites. We all must have been in the high spirit of acrophilia since nobody got the idea of selling part to somebody who had enough money to cling a few twenty story condominiums to Raymond's cliffs giving us a chance to convert part of those green slopes into that other green stuff called dollar bills. However, our course for the day was mapped out. By a quarter to eleven, we reached the saddle of Neff's Canyon where we stopped for five

minutes or so. Up the hill we went accompanied by the grumble of our empty stomachs. From this peak of course, it was all "down-hill"; that is on the average. Snow and loose talus made progress quite difficult but we managed to have our lunch stop on that little familiar snow covered saddle before the fun started. I don't know about the rest of the group, but I myself focused my eyes on the splendid view of the Heart of the Wasatch, carefully avoiding looking behind me where the jagged Wildcat Ridge was waiting. Olympus seemed so close and one could see a lot of people on the summit, but an hour later, the summit had come no closer. For those who don't know, Wildcat Ridge

has the shape of a sawtooth wave and should be called "Killer" Ridge instead, especially if one develops knee trouble and cannot walk that knife edge in a straight, upright position - as happened to me this time. Nevertheless we made it to the summit by 3:00 p.m., greeted by a distant thunderstorm and a knothead of a pilot who three times seemed he wanted to hit us directly with his \$30,000 plane. At least he came close enough for that.

From there down, the hike was uneventful except for the disappointment we felt about the litter strewn trail down to the valley. It made me wonder how many people who say they enjoy nature, really care. DO YOU? By the end I was too slow to keep up with the group. So all of you who trotted along, take this as a "thank you note" for a wonderful hike.

Your Limping Leader,

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| 1. Harold Goodrow | 6. Dixon Smith |
| 2. Hafty Haftevson | 7. Lauren Williams |
| 3. John Reid | 8. Marge Yerbery |
| 4. Bill Rosquist | 9. Fred Bruenger |
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crystle cave

by: Virginia Hilliard

On a very nice day eight spelunkers gathered to go for a trip to explore another cave. One thing about spelunking, you never know what to expect. We found out we would go to Wendover but didn't know how much further. It turned out to be quite a trip but it was really worth it. The cave was discovered by a miner many years ago when he was prospecting. It was about 11:00 a.m. when we reached the entrance to the mine that led to the cave opening.

We lit up our miners carbide lights and walked a short distance to where we went down a ladder into the natural cave passage. From there on we saw many very outstanding formations. We had a bit of a struggle getting over the lake which was so clear you couldn't tell where the surface was unless you made a ripple.

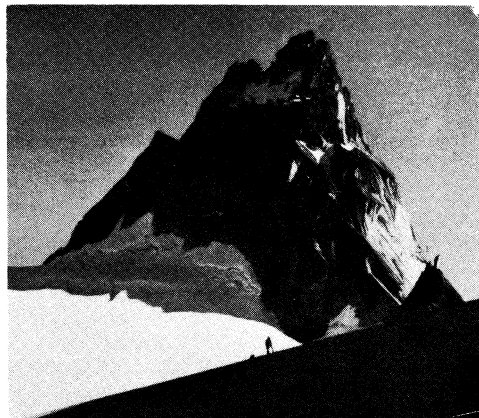
You kept hoping that the ripple wasn't made by your falling in because it was quite deep. As we progressed, Dale Green told us about some of the different formations in the cave. In the last room we were able to see hilagmites formations which are very rare in this area.

We came out about 3:00 p.m. after a very eventful time in Crystle cave. On the way out we found a very small bat hanging in the mine tunnel. There aren't very many bats around any more so we felt lucky to see this one. Out thanks to Dale Green.

Participants: Marilyn Bateman, Virginia Hilliard, Joan Nickolson, Dwight Nickolson, Cris Nickolson, Dale Gardner, Laurence Vanderblas.

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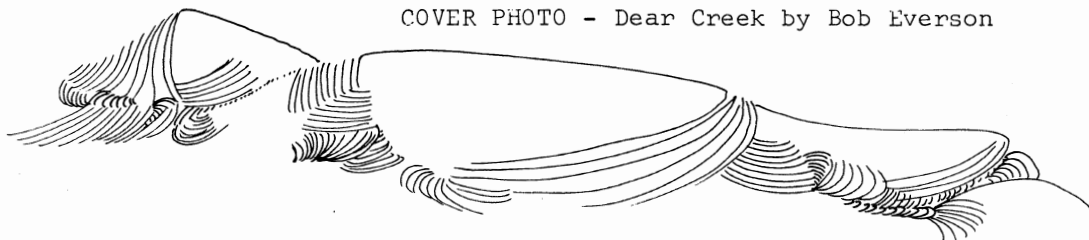


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