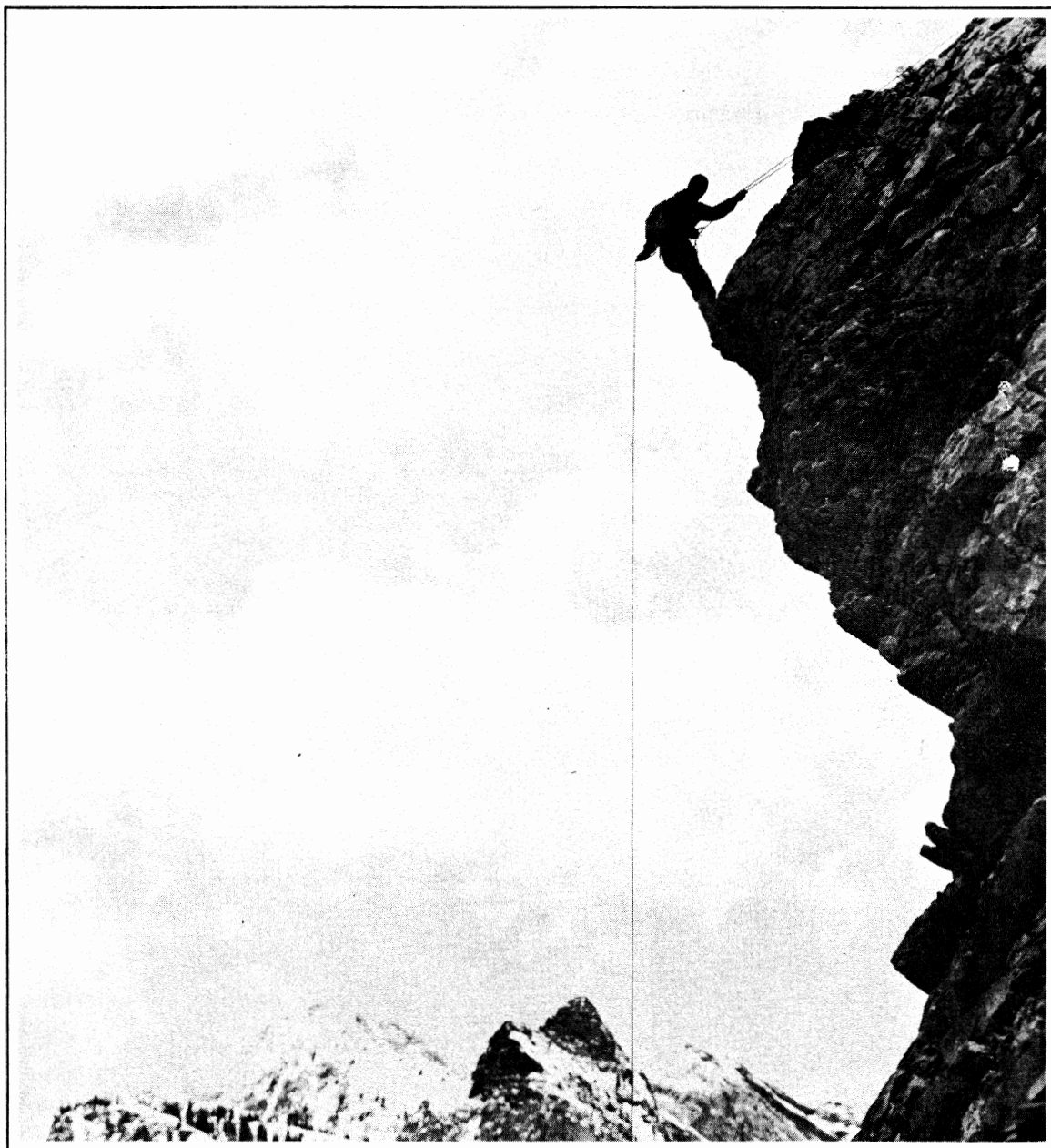


# The Rambler

MARCH 1972



*Official publication of THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB Salt Lake City, Utah*

# club activities for march 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.

- Mar. 4-5      SUN VALLEY SKI WEEKEND - Are you ready to tackle the bowls at Sun Valley? If so, come and join us! Register with Jackie Thomas      NOW 278-0394
- Mar. 4      NORDIC SKI TOUR - Advanced - We will again visit the upper reaches of Mill Creek, approaching the area via the Park City West area. The climb up is gentle but the lifts can't be used so its about 2800 feet of rise. We will have to spot a car in Mill Creek. Meet at the Movie, 39th South and Wasatch Blvd. 8:00 a.m.. Call Dave Smith 467-9163 for further details.
- Mar. 5      RED PINE, MAYBIRD, HOGUM AND BACK - Expert. This tour will explore the canyons mentioned, the descent route will be determined by the party and Maybird of Hogum are possibilities. Leader: Milt Hollander 277-1416.
- Mar. 5      WINTER SOCIAL hosted by Velma and Lyman Lewis and Margaret and John Riley. Stop by and enjoy the food, drink, and company at the Lewis home, 4205 Neptune Drive. Turn east off Wasatch Blvd. onto Oakview Dr. (also known as Cove Road--about 4275 South. Oakview is also easily located by the Churchill School pedestrian overpass which is right beside the turn.) Proceed up the hill until you reach Oakridge Elementary School. About half way past the school, Neptune Drive takes off to the North. Go north to house 4205 and we'll see you there!

- Mar. 11 Sat. MILL F FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR - Beginner ski tour -- We will again visit this fine area of Big Cottonwood Canyon and this time explore the east fork of Mill F. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd
- Mar. 12 Sun. DAYS FORK - Advanced -- We have rescheduled this fine tour and if the snow and avalanche gods are with us perhaps it will go. Car spotting is necessary so please be on time. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader Dave Hanscom 298-5537
- Mar. 18 Sat. ALTA-BRIGHTON-ALTA -- Beginner - Intermediate. Again we are going to run this old standby. The skiing can be quite good on this tour, even this late in the year. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m.
- Mar. 19 Sun. DOG LAKE FROM BIG COTTONWOOD - Snowshoe or beginner ski tour. The last few days of winter should be enjoyed by participating in some nice showshoeing. Nordic and regular ski tourers are welcome. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Kermit Earl 299-0526
- Mar. 19 Sun. DESERET PEAK - Advanced. This is a very long tour and an early start is necessary. The skiing is very nice and good snow can often be found. The upper slopes are quite steep and usually hard so be prepared. Please register with David George 364-7025 before the 18th. We need a leader!!!!
- Mar. 19 Sun. WINTER SOCIAL - This will be the last social of the season, so don't miss it. Hosts are Miriam and Shep Bloom, 1959 Longview Drive. Turn west off Wasatch Blvd. at 39th South. Go to 20th East, turn South and proceed until you rd reach Gunderson Lane (about 4100 South). Turn right onto Gunderson. Then take the first left turn, followed by the first right turn. You should now be on Longview Drive and a beer awaits you in the 3rd house from the corner on your right!
- Mar. 21 Tues. DEADLINE FOR GRAND CANYON RIVER TRIP DEPOSIT
- Mar. 25 Sat. WHITE PINE CANYON - Intermediate Ski Tour -- This is a wonderful trip for the first few days of spring. Plan on spending all day and enjoying the sun. Nordic skiers and snowshowers are welcome. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottongwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m.
- Mar. 25 Sat. MOONLIGHT TOUR - Everyone is welcome except Snowmobiles. We will hopefully have good weather for this trip. We are going to go up Silver Fork this road I am sure we can find in the "dark". Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 p.m.
- Mar.26 Sun. LAKE BLANCHE-MINERAL FORK FROM ALTA - Expert. This variation of the regular Lake Blanche tour avoids all of the brush and

the downhill is better. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: ??? Call David George for details 364-7025.

- Mar. 27 SIERRA CLUB CHAPTER MEETING, Monday, March 27th, 8:00 p.m.,  
Mon. 569 South 13th East. This meeting will be used as an opportunity for members to become better acquainted with the wide range of environmental problems which confront us. Ted Packard will present a brief slide show which highlights a number of those problems. We will then break up into small groups organized by subcommittees concerned with specific areas. We hope to enlist the efforts of a greater proportion of the membership to work toward solutions of our major environmental problems. Good attendance and participation could make this our most important meeting of the year. Refreshments will be servered.
- April GRAND CANYON RIVER TRIP! We will leave Lee's Ferry, Arizona, on April 22nd, and have over a week on the river, 300+ miles - all the way to Lake Meade, with time for hiking and side-canyon exploration! This trip will be for a limited number of people (and is not planned as a family trip) so get with it and send in your deposit of \$75 right away. For \$250, your transportation, river expenses, and food will all be included (the river-run itself often starts at \$375/person, so we really have a good deal). We plan to use a commercial bus this time so we won't deprive the rest of the WMC of our bus for the week we'll be gone. The trip on the river will run from the 22nd through the 30th. This trip is planned for WMC members, however, if there are any places left unfilled by March 21, non-member reservations will be accepted. The balance of the trip must be paid by April 1. RESERVATIONS BY THE 21st, BALANCE BY APRIL 1. The earlier the entire balance is paid, the higher the priority for non-members. Mail your deposit (\$75 - no cash will be accepted on this trip) to Ruth Henson, 2661 Verona Circle, Salt Lake City 84117. For additional information, call Ruth at 272-3343, or Bob Everson at 487-0029, 581-8495.

April VAIL OR SPEN SKI TRIP

## news and notices

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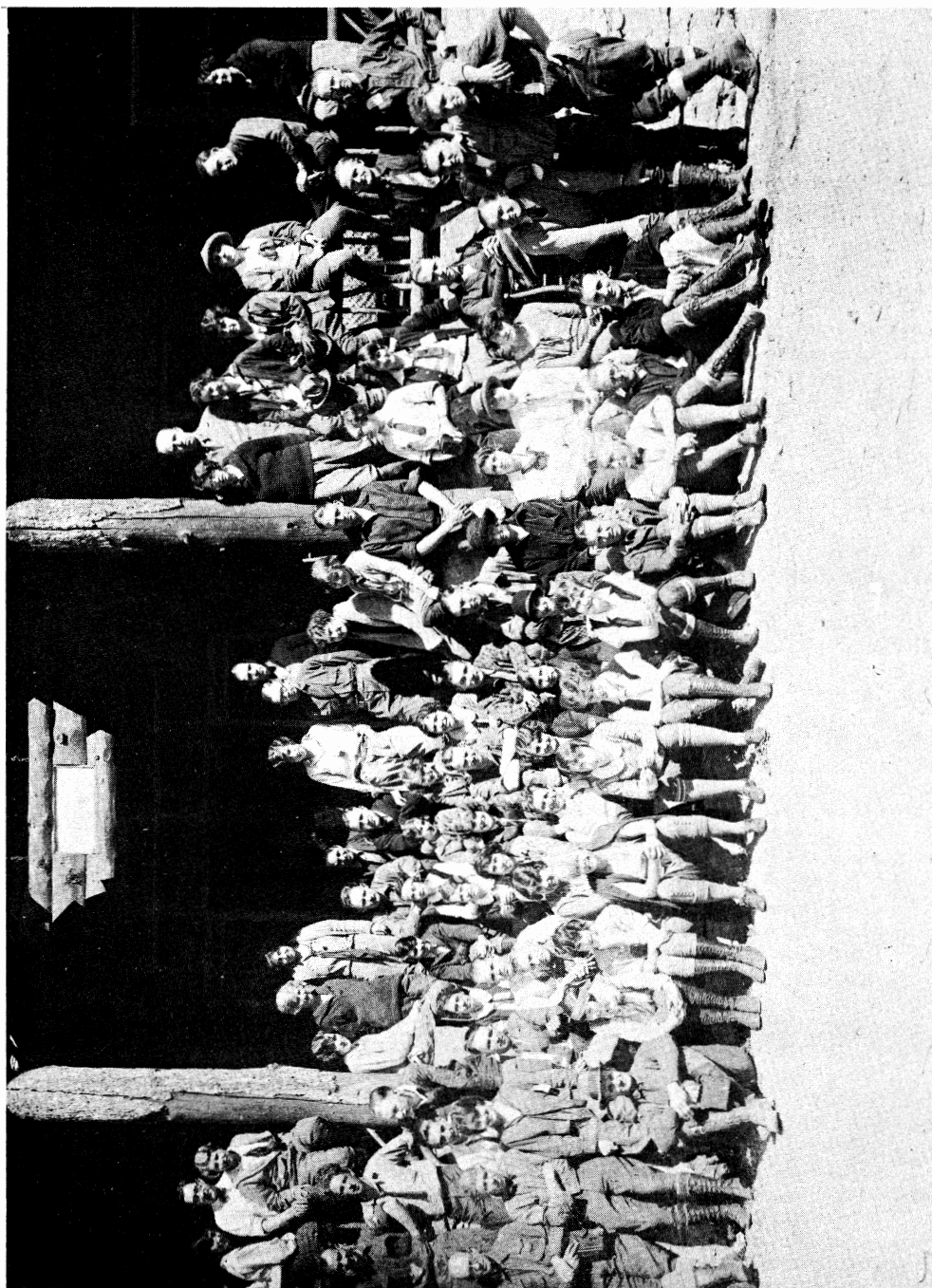
...Rose Morrison, Mary Katsanevas  
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DEADLINE

For the April Rambler is March 15.  
Please have your articles and  
schedules typed and mailed or  
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Do you remember? WASATCH MT. CLUB - 1923



# leaves from the old wasatch

#### LITTLE COTTONWOOD COMMENTS

Although the name of Alta dominates the Little Cottonwood scene today, it was neither the first nor the only community of importance to appear in that canyon. Antedating Alta by many years was the thriving metropolis of Central City, located about nine miles up the canyon, and about one mile below the future site of Alta. Central City's first and major item of export was lumber, it being the site of several sawmills. When mining moved into the canyon in a big way, Central City became the site of several smelters, the first being built by a Dr. O. H. Congar from New York, this in the year 1866. Another, constructed shortly thereafter by mine owner James P. Bruner of Philadelphia, was located just east of Central City. The smelters did not prove a complete success and soon vanished from the canyon scene, replaced by larger ones down near the mouth of the canyon or out in the Salt Lake valley.

By the Fall of 1870 Central City claimed most of Little Cottonwood Canyon's 216 inhabitants, and the following January it gained further recognition by having a Post Office established in its name. However, the settlement to the east began to beckon, and the move to the suburbs was on. By the end of 1871 Alta had become the prominent settlement, while Central City faded away and finally vanished.

Farther down the canyon was a smaller settlement known as Tannersville, named after the proprietor of the principal boarding house. The town is usually described as having had boarding houses, implying more than one, plus a saloon and livery stable. Situated as it was between Granite and Central City, it could have been a popular midway rest stop on the long trip up or down the canyon. Tannersville also had one or more sawmills, making it another of the many lumber centers in the canyon. About 1871, partners Jones and Pardee built a small smelter there and ran it for several years. But Tannersville itself left the scene in September 1872 when it caught fire and vanished in a wisp of smoke.

An early, but undated map shows a settlement of Hogum located a mile or more down canyon from Tannersville. Wooley's Mill was located there, but the map fails to give any further information about the size or extent of this town. It is likely that Wooley's Mill, drawing on the waters of Hogum Fork for its power, was Hogum's sole claim to fame.

Today nothing can be seen of old Central City, or of Tannersville, or of Wooley's Mill at Hogum. Not even a name remains to remind us of the first city of Little Cottonwood, but memories of Tannersville and Hogum may be found at Tanner's Flat and Hogum Fork, names that are remnants of the past, Leaves From The Old Wasatch.

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# **1972-1973**

# **moon light ski tour**

By D. George

When Dave Smith was called out of town the week before the moonlight tour he asked me to take care of the tour for him. I somehow got the impression that it would be a typical skitour, i.e. one with skiers. I had a surprise coming.

When I arrived at the mouth of Big Cottonwood canyon I was greeted by snowshoers, not just a few, but 34 snowshoers. I didn't think that there were that many snowshoes in all of Salt Lake City. I felt sort of left out until a few stragglers with skis showed up making the trip more balanced 34 to 5.

We finally arrived at the White Pine trail head and promptly set off, in all directions. The entire crew did get onto the correct trail and after signing the checkout sheet we were on our way.

The temperature was around 10°F. but the gentle climb kept most of us warm. The trip looked like an Himalayan expedition, one long line of people. The trail was not too distinct, even with the very bright moonlight, so the leader could not find the road. The steep side hills caused plenty of problems for the snowshoers, but a good portion of them pushed on until we were nearly up to the flats. When everyone was suitably tired or juiced we started back. A quick check showed that all but one member had returned and checked out. She was finally accounted for, and the last few tourers went home or wherever such people go. There is one more moonlight in the offing and if you don't go you are missing a treat. Besides it will be warmer in March.



# families feed

# slalom kayak racing

by Phil and Sally Nelson

Toddlers toddled.  
Moppets meandered.  
Mothers mopped.  
Snowshoers shuffled.  
Skiers skied.  
Tenders tended.  
All ate.

The occasion was the  
February 6 Family Feed at the  
lodge. If your name wasn't  
Brower, Dewell, Dunn, Fitzgerald,  
Hathaway, Nelson, Ross, Thompson,  
or Wawersich, you missed it.

You wanna try kayak racing? There  
are four beginners races in Colo-  
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# conser. vation notes

CHINA MEADOWS DAM  
by David Raskin

On January 28 a meeting was held at the Bureau of Reclamation offices in Salt Lake City to discuss the Draft Environmental Statement on the proposed dam and reservoir to be constructed at China Meadows late this spring. The meeting was attended by representatives from government agencies involved, the Wasatch Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, and Hartt Wixom of the Deseret News. The meeting was not open to the public.

Although the Bureau of Reclamation has made some efforts to improve their environmental statement, we still find it seriously deficient. First, they are recommending construction of the dam at China Meadows in spite of the fact that their own studies had previously recommended the Bridger site as the most economical. Second, they have failed to provide an adequate analysis of the costs, benefits, and environmental impact of all of the alternatives. Third, a careful weighing of the economic

benefits against the environmental costs has not been accomplished as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Fourth, there has not been an adequate opportunity for a balanced input to the environmental statement, since only the water users who would benefit from the project were served by the single public meeting held in Mountain View, Wyoming. This is a clear violation of President Nixon's Executive Order concerning public meetings on environmental statements.

On the basis of the above deficiencies, I have requested that no further action be taken on this project until the Bureau of Reclamation does the following: (1) provide a complete re-evaluation to the project and all alternatives including abandonment, (2) hold a public meeting in Salt Lake City on the revised environmental statement, and (3) comply with all of the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and the President's Executive order.

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## dues are due!



Photo by Dave Smith

# lake desolation

by Marilyn Bateman

My girlfriend, Virginia, and I had never been on snowshoes before, and we soon discovered a whole new realm of sports activity to pursue. It was chilly at 9:00 a.m. when we met at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, but soon we were strapping on our snowshoes (or attempting same) and some were climbing into their skis. As we started out up the trail, I couldn't help but notice that my snowshoes kept coming off. Then along came Kermit Earle; and observing the situation, pointed out the fact that the little strap on the bindings is supposed to go over the instep of the foot and not under it. He then helped Virginia and me re-adjust our snowshoes and we soon were making great headway.

To my amazement, snowshoeing came easy. I had expected a difficult time, but was pleasantly surprised to find that it is easy. I soon was uncomfortably aware of the fact that one has no trouble keeping warm when snowshoeing and that the 14 layers of clothing I had on were totally unnecessary. I kept looking for a place to cache some of the outer layers, but when none was found, I ended up sweating it out!

Soon we passed the main group of snowshoers and headed toward the lead. We took great delight in making new tracks in the untouched snow as we went through a large meadow that was surrounded with pine trees and silence. The wind blew most of the day, and the sky being somewhat cloudy when we started out, was soon a brilliant blue as nature displayed a day of fantastic beauty.

We stopped for lunch on the hill above the frozen and snow-covered Lake Desolation, and I learned how to sit on the back of my snowshoes with my knees bent clear up to my chin and somehow eat lunch. I must say that cramped position does nothing for digestion. Our leader, Elmer Boyd, dug a hole in the snow to put his feet in then took his snowshoes off and sat on them and said it was very comfortable and warm. Just as we were getting ready to leave after lunch, Pat Miller came trudging through the snow. Charles Hall and family had found her down the trail where she apparently had become lost, and feeling no reason to be upset, sat down and ate her lunch!

Kermit Earle suggested we take a different route home and I, feeling full of enthusiasm and energy, thought that was a great idea. (I always did like a challenge.) A few went back the same way we came up, and the rest of the group followed Kermit as we climbed up the ridge behind the lake. I couldn't help but notice the snow flying through the air from the force of the wind on the crest of the ridge. I was swept with a feeling of euphoria as we gazed at the view from the top of the ridge, and couldn't help but feel a little wind swept also!

The descent was something to be remembered. I looked with astonishment at this incredible incline that we were supposed to descend. Kermit instructed us to stay near the trees to avoid an avalanche, and then schooled us on the finer points of how to ski downhill on snowshoes. With one snowshoe somewhat behind the other one, we slid down the hill. Kermit was soon

far in the lead, and I distinctly remember him shouting, "Try it you'll like it!" as his voice faded out of earshot.

Further down the canyon we came to several places where an avalanche was a good possibility, so we crossed these areas one at a time, in case one got buried, the others would have the fun of digging him out. We paused in a grove of aspen trees and noticed that we had left our leader, Elmer Boyd, and the rest of the snowshoers miles behind us. We decided to wait for them awhile and amused ourselves by watching Jim (didn't get last name) maneuver very carefully through the thick grove of trees on his Nordic skis. After waiting for about 15 minutes, the others were still a long way behind us so we continued on down the canyon. For the home stretch we followed the canyon road for about three-fourths of a mile and got to try our hand at bush wacking on snowshoes. Soon we sighted the cars and so ended a fantastic day at about 4:00 p.m., and I for one can't wait to go again!

The hearty snowshoers and skiers were: Elmer Boyd, Marilyn Bateman, Kermit Earle, Charles Hall, Emily Hall, Janet Hall, Marc Hall, Ruth Hanson, Virginia Hilliard, Pat Miller, John Mosley, Margaret Mosley, Gerry Powelson, Oscar Robinson, Phyllis Robinson, John Riley, Jim ?, and two guys whose names we didn't get.

# snake creek pass

by Mel Davis

This is the first ski tour I've been on where there were as many snowshoers as skiers. Even the leader (myself) wore snowshoes,

having found a pair under the tree Christmas morning. Some wore plastic snowshoes, my wife Clare included. They're lighter and easier for the ladies to handle. However, I get the same feeling seeing plastic snowshoes as I would had I lived in the early days and seen an Indian paddling an aluminum canoe. Anyway, I welcome all kinds.

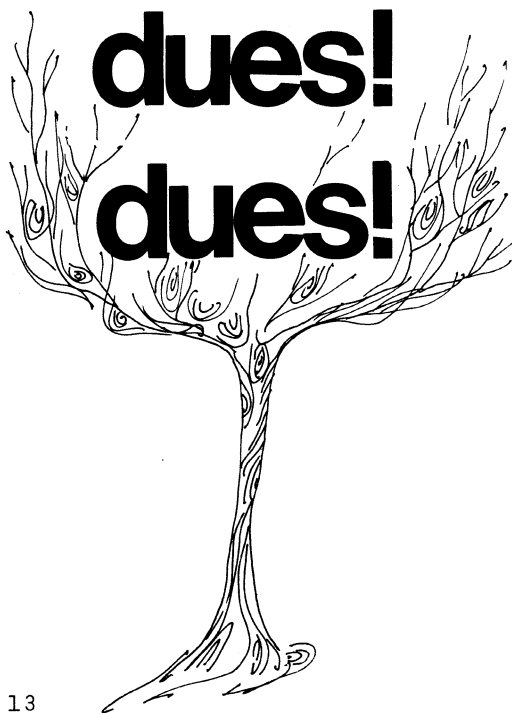
On assembling at the mouth of the canyon, several expressed disappointment at the planned use of Mt. Majestic lift to begin the trip. Fortunately Dale Green came along with the same feeling, so ten of the thirty left with him to start the trek from our Lodge. The rest of us, realizing it was a beginner trip and knowing our own ambitions (and abilities) proceeded happily to mount the lift and proceed upward. The trail wound through open meadows and hillsides and occasionally in the shadow of the trees for cooling off places. Snow was near perfect, deep and soft with some crust on the hillsides open to the wind.

The last pitch up through the trees to the summit was a little steep and brought moisture to the brow of even the hardy ones. (One person complained of sweat running in her eyes, another said if this is a beginner trip, I wonder what the regular trips are like.)

Lunch at the pass was a choice experience with everyone sitting around in a group on their skis or snowshoes on a gentle slope overlooking Hever valley, with Timpanogos off to the right. Dale Green put together his avalanche probe and pushed it down into the snow - the eight foot probe didn't touch ground. Basking in the bright sun was in order after lunch, with zinc oxide applications reminding one somewhat of circus clowns. Then a few at a time, the group broke up to choose their own trail back down the mountain.

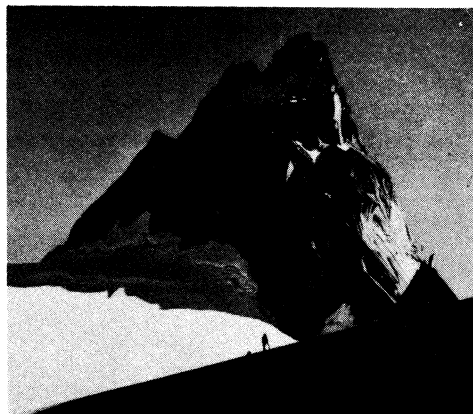
Deep blue skies, bright sunshine, soft sparkly snow, and as Harold Goodro once said "Choice companions are what really makes a trip" - all combined for the success of this one.

Trip roster: Helen Chindgren, Ann McDonald, Wolf Snyder, Clint Lewis Jr. and Sr., Joe Neuschwander, Clifford Cole, John Riley, Bill and Wally Hinckley, Kingsly Walton, Mary Louise Wilson, Marilyn Bateman, Von Parker, Virginia Hilliard, Rufus Hall, Mike Gallagher, June and Al Wickham, Phillis and Oscar Robison, Gerhard Henschel, Darien Lucas, Dale Green, Clare and Mel Davis. A Special welcome to Pat Miller, Mark Nelson, Kathy Debrecht and Peggy Thomson who came on the trip as a preliminary to joining the club.



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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: _____
Address _____	Member: _____
City _____ State _____	Director: _____
Zip _____ Phone _____	(Please note: you must have above signatures before your application can be presented to the Board of Directors.)
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