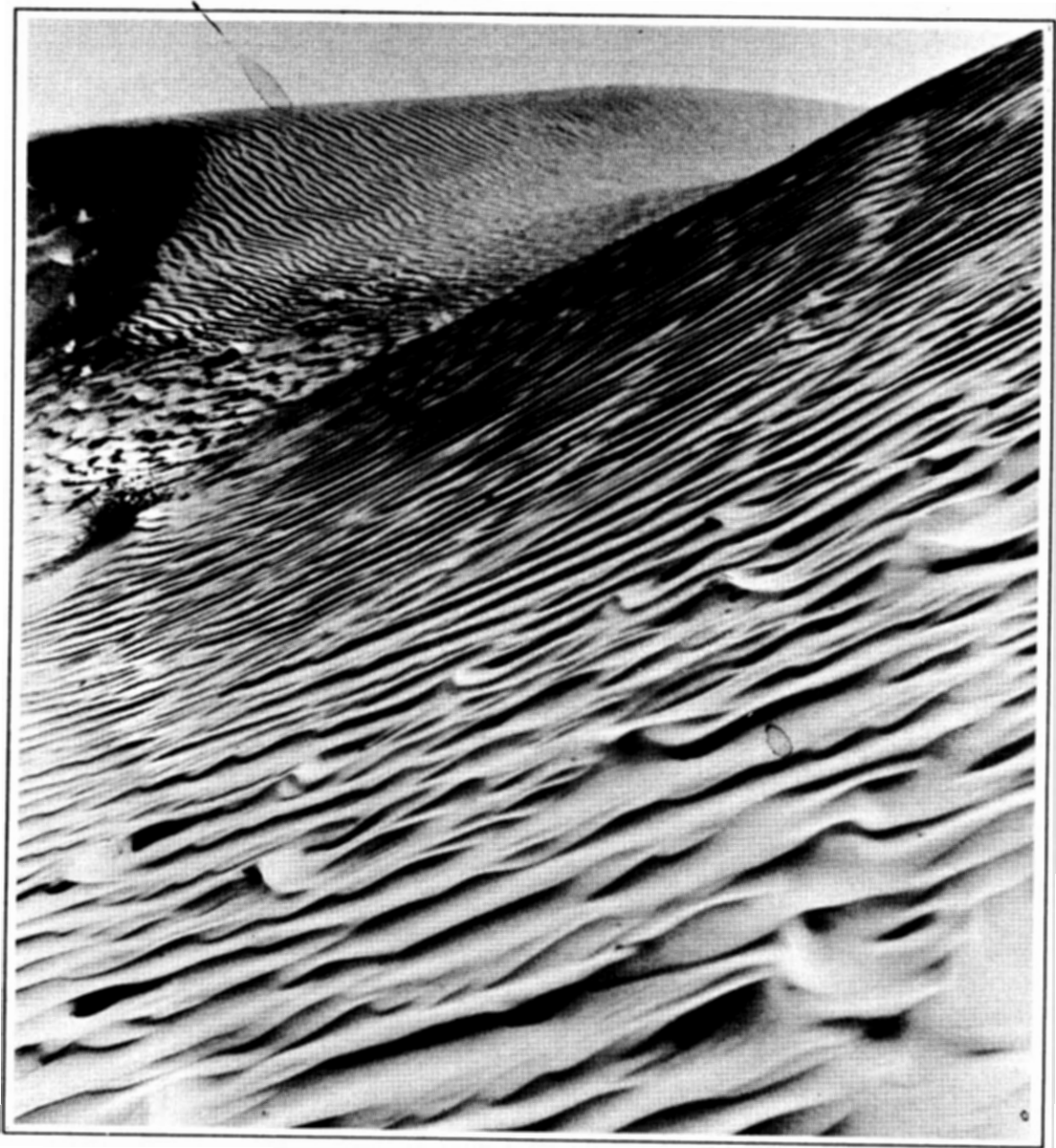


The Rambler

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club activities for may 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.

- Apr. 26 BEGINNERS CLIMBING COURSE - If you are planning on participating
Wed. in the BCC you must attend one of the two registration sessions
Meet at 8:00 p.m. at Timberline Sports, 2959 Highland Drive.
See article in April Rambler for more information.
- Apr. 27 EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK - Hiker's Climbing Course -
Thurs. 2nd Session - 8:00 p.m. at Timberline Sports, 2959 Highland
Drive
- Apr. 28 BEGINNERS CLIMBING COURSE - Registration Session - 8:00 p.m.
Fri. at Timberline Sports, 2959 Highland Drive.
- Apr. COLORADO RIVER: DEWEY BRIDGE TO MOAB - Beginner - Intermediate
29-30 This is a pleasant trip offering views of Fisher Towers and
Sat/Sun the LaSal range. This is also a good trip for kayaks and
canoes. For those inexperienced members planning to run more
difficult rivers this is an opportunity to learn the fundamentals. Leader: Dick Snyder (582-2950 or contact Joan Snyder
581-6012) Fee: \$18.00
- May 3 Escalante work night at the Hovings 8:00 p.m. 721 2nd Ave,
Wed. Salt Lake City 359-4791
- May 4 EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK - Hiker's Climbing Course -
Thurs. 3rd Session - Meet at Upper Pete's Rock at 5:30 p.m.

- May 6 BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE - 1st Session - Meet at Storm Mt.
Sat. Picnic Ground (Upper Parking Lot) at 9:00 a.m. For details
see April Rambler.
- May 6 REYNOLD'S PEAK - Elevation 9,400 - Rating 4.5 -- The east
Sat. approach to the peak is via Mill D north and past the Dog Lake
area. The summit view should inspire everyone to see and
learn more about our Wasatch Mountains. The return will be by
the same route or those who have an ice axe might wish to re-
turn by Butler Fork. This hike is especially suited for fami-
lies. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.
Leader: Marty Snyder, 262-4695.
- May 7 MT. OLYMPUS - Elevation 9,026 - Rating 8.0 -- This should be
Sun. a good time to make this hike before the weather becomes too
hot. There should still be some snow-capped mountains to pro-
vide an unforgettable view from the summit. Meet at Pete's
Rock at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Oscar Robison, 272-0174.
- May 11 EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK
Thurs.
- May 13 BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE - Snow Session. Time and place
Sat. to be announced later.
- May LOWER DOLORES RIVER - Intermediate - From Gateway, Colorado,
13-14 to the confluence with the Colorado River at Dewey Bridge.
Sat/Sun. This small river flowing through sandstone country offers
some interesting rapids for teaching the unskilled and sharp-
ening the skills of the experienced.
Trip fee \$22.00. Register with a \$5.00 deposit to Ken McCarty,
1136 East 2700 South, Apt. 142, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106 -
466-3297. Participants are expected to attend the work party
at the Union Pacific Ice Plant, 430 West 2nd North, Tuesday
May 9th at 6:30 p.m.
- May 13 SPANISH MOSS CAVE - A pretty, photogenic cave protected by a
Sat. Forest Service gate and a 30 foot drop. Registrants are re-
quired to have a hard hat and head lamp (rentable from the
leader). Every registrant must know how to tie onto a belay
rope with a bowline knot and demonstrate the ability to climb
a cable ladder. You can learn how and demonstrate Thursday,
May 11 at the evening climbing session at Pete's Rock or by
other arrangement with the leader. Transportation charge
\$.50 Meet at the northeast corner of Simpson Ave. and 13th
East at 9 a.m. Leader: Dale Green 277-6417
- May FAMILY WEEKEND AT THE LODGE - Come join the Keirs and Hankleys
13-14 for a relaxed time. Call Marilyn (467-0265) or Wally (277-
Sat/Sun 6726) for a planned pot luck dinner. Breakfast will be
served for a small charge
- May 13 MT. AIRE, VIA ELBOW FORK - Elevation 8,620 - Rating 3 -- This
Sat. is a very popular spring hike for the club and is also suited

for kids. The whole family can enjoy this one. Meet at the Movie (3900 South) at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Marty Snyder, 262-4695.

- May 14 NORTH PEAK OF THUNDER MOUNTAIN VIA COALPIT GULCH - Elevation
Sun. 11,750 - Rating 10 - This is the first advanced hike of the year and will require an ice axe and good boots with Vibram type soles. The return will be by Bells Canyon. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 5:00 a.m. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- May 14 DRY FORK TRAIL - Rating 7.0 - This trail leads to the high
Sun. ridge south of Mt. Olympus. The view from the ridge of Big Cottonwood Canyon and the Storm Mountain - Twin Peaks area is one of the best in the Wasatch for the effort. Meet just north of the Holladay Gun Club entrance on Wasatch Blvd. at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Tom or Carol Juelson, 486-8005.
- May 17 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Gayle Dick will show slides of
Wed. his adventures in Nepal. Guests welcome. Zions Luthern Church, 1070 Foothill Drive at 7:30 p.m.
- May 18 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN - Join us for this, our
Thurs. first Storm Mountain Session of Thursday evening climbing. Enjoy Multipitch climbing, hike, boulder, or just Socialize. Everyone is welcome.
- May 20 BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE - 3rd Session - Meet at the mouth
Sat. of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.
- May 20 SAN RAFAEL RIVER KAYAK AND CANOE TRIP - This is an easy and
Sat. scenic float in a deep canyon through the San Rafael Swell. Run-off permitting we will run the 15 mile stretch of the San Rafael above the San Rafael campground. Water conditions may force cancellation or postponement until June. Register with Jim Byrne (582-5631) by May 17.
- May 20 HAYSTACK PEAK - Rating of about 12 - This is one of the high-
Sat. est desert peaks in Utah (over 12,000 feet) and is in the Deep Creek Range south of Wendover. We will leave Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Meet at northeast corner of 13th East and Simpson Avenue (south of American gas station). Register with Dale Green for details - 277-6417. There will be a transportation charge of \$3.00 per person.
- May 20 LAKE DESOLATION FROM BRIGHTON - Rating 5.0 - This is a leisure-
Sat. ly hike that is enjoyed by everyone. Take a lunch to eat at this cool refreshing lake. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Gerry Powelson.
- May 21 STORM MOUNTAIN VIA FERGUSON CANYON - Elevation 9,524 - Rating
Sun. 9.0 - This hike will follow a route up Ferguson Canyon which parallels Big Cottonwood Canyon. With a little luck we might be able to avoid the brushy area of the middle section if we

can find the trail. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Hal Gribble, 484-6923.

- May 22
Mon. SIERRA CLUB CHAPTER MEETING - Monday, May 22 at 8:00 p.m. - 569 South 13th East. Alexis Kelner, locally famous ski-tourer, mountain climber, hiker, spelunker, commercial artist, photographer, and conservationist, will present a slide show on current problems and projects in the Wasatch Mountains and Canyons. He will discuss the proposed Lone Peak Wilderness and many of the past and current problems created by the "industrialization" of our canyons and municipal watershed. You will see beautiful slides of one of the most magnificent wilderness areas in the country which is right in our own backyard, and you will hear about the many compelling reasons why we must work harder than ever to protect these areas.
- May 25
Thurs. EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.
- May
26-29 MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMP - Location to be determined. By taking advantage of the long weekend, many possibilities are open to us. Some of them would include Tetons, Devil's Tower or the Deep Creek Range. Call Dave Smith (467-9163 or 466-2101) to register and help with the decision making.
- May 27
Sat. BUTTERFIELD PEAKS - This is an easy hike which has a fabulous view of the Wasatch from Nephi to Ogden. Meet at the Dairy Queen in Tooele at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Karen Carleston, 467-4080.
- May 28
Sun. LONE PEAK - Elevation 11,253 - This is our first hike into our proposed wilderness area. For those who have not been into this area, this is your chance. Take one or two lunches for this long, but rewarding hike, and meet at the end of 7th East (about 13200 South) at 6:00 a.m. Leader: Harold Goodro, 277-1247.
- May 29
Memorial Day DESERET PEAK - Elevation 11,031 - Rating 8.0 - This is the highest peak of the Stansbury range and therefore the view of the Salt Lake Desert and the surrounding mountain ranges is fantastic. Some club members might want to spend most of the weekend in this area. Leader: ?
- May
27-28 LODGE OPEN HOUSE - TEENAGE STOMP - Teenagers and parents, bring your sleeping bags, plates and spoons and join Jayne James and her family for a spaghetti dinner, with garlic bread and all the trimmings, to be followed with a stomp to the wee, small hours. Sunday's doings are still in the planning stages. Register with Jayne, 467-1360 by 9:00 p.m. of the 25th.
- May
27-29 GOOSENECKS OF THE SAN JUAN - Beginner - Intermediate - Here is an opportunity for club members to stretch a hard 2 day trip into a easy going 3 day trip. This change of pace will allow the river rats time to scamper among the rocks, poke around

side canyons, and explore ruins. As always, this trip will depend on water level, weather, and condition of roads in the Mexican Hat and Piute Farms area. For those interested, there will be a work party and meeting at 430 West 2nd North on Sunday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. Due to weight limitations, there may be a restriction in registration. So, please register early. Fee: \$27.50. Leader: Dave Cook - 355-4086.

June 1 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN
Thurs.

June 3 WILDCAT RIDGE - Rating 18 - This is the first beat-out hike
Sat. of the year and probably the most difficult hike in the Wasatch. If you want a hike that requires strength, endurance, knowledge and the manipulating of exposure, come along. You must, however, be in excellent condition and have the leader's consent to go along. Registration is a must. Meet at Pete's Rock at 6:00 a.m. Leader: Fred Bruenger, 485-2639.

June 4 LOOKOUT PEAK - This peak is seldom hiked as a club function
Sun. yet is one of the best spring hikes in the Wasatch. From its summit near the top of Immigration Canyon there is a great view of East Canyon, Park City, and the ridges between it and the Salt Lake valley. This would probably be classed as an intermediate hike. Meet at the entrance of Hogel Zoo at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Paul Horton, 262-4695.

June UPPER DOLORES RIVER - Intermediate - This relatively small
3-4 river has plenty of rapids (approximately 30). None is of
Sat-Sun super size but a lot of them are exciting and require maneuvering skill. The scenery is superb and of real wilderness character, in fact, so beautiful that the "Bureau" will surely at some time find a reason to dam(n) it up. Kayak and deck canoes welcome. Leader: Fred Bruenger (485-2639). Fee \$28.

June 8 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN
Thurs.

June COLORADO RIVER TEENAGE TRIP - Dewey Bridge to Moab, for teen-
10-11 ages only. Parents need not apply. In view of the popularity
Sat-Sun of this trip, early registration is suggested. Participants will assume major responsibility for trip activities, beginning with a work party on Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Leader: Bob Andersen, telephone 328-5731 (business) or 322-0143. Please mail \$5 deposit by June 1st to 73 F Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103. Fee: \$18.00.

June 17 MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S BACCHANALIA - Celebrate the summer solstice,
Sat. the first point of the sign of Cancer, with revelry and merry-making. Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge.

June YAMPA-GREEN - Intermediate - Come join with us on this terrific
17-19 stretch of river from Deer Lodge, Colorado through Dinosaur
Sat-Mon National Monument to Vernal, Utah. This trip was originally

scheduled earlier but camp sites were not available. Make reservations early by sending \$5.00 to the leader. Attendance at work party on Wednesday June 14th at 6:00 p.m. is mandatory. Departure will be Friday evening June 16th from the Ice Plant. Cost: \$21.00. Leader Jim McCullough, 1333 Brookshire Dr., Salt Lake City 84106. Phone 466-4061 (home) 328-8066, ext. 5466 (work).

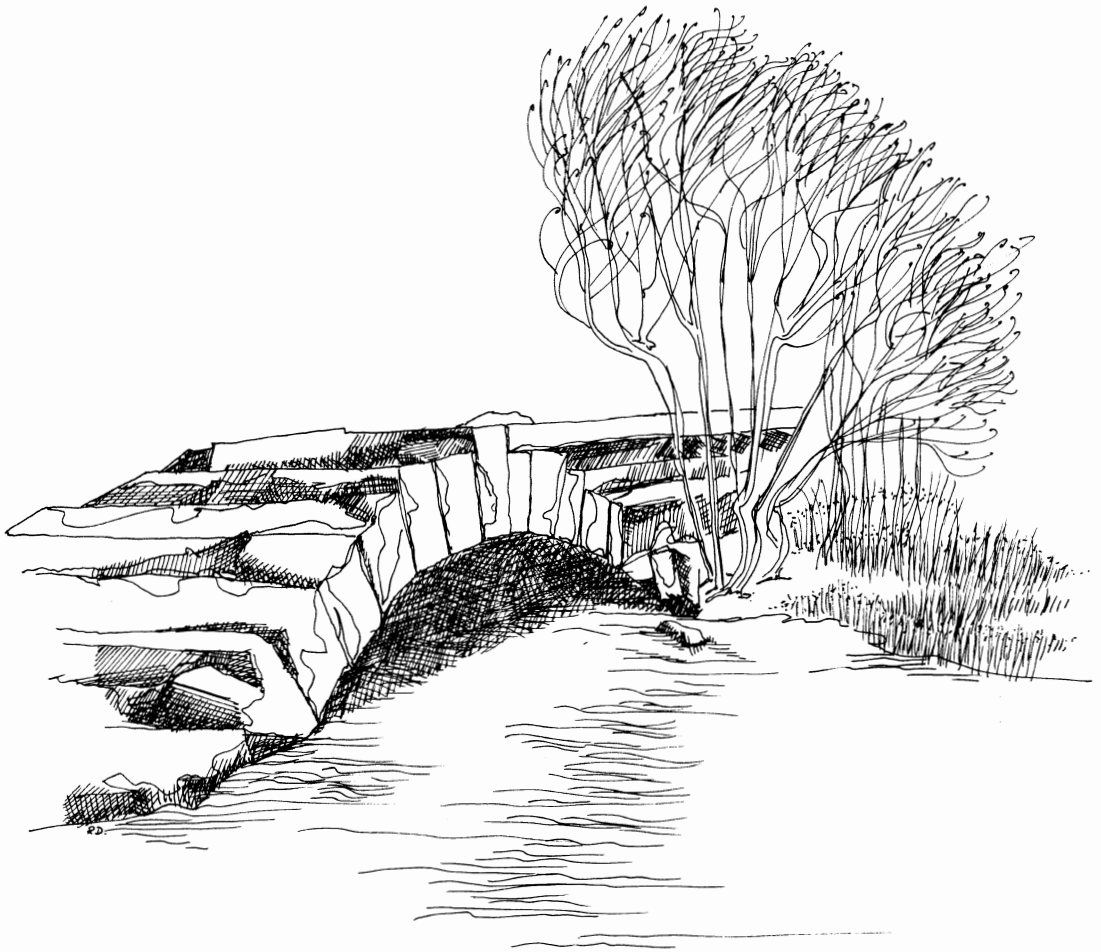
June 24-25
Sat-Sun

FAMILY RIVER TRIP - The exact destination for this trip has not as yet been chosen. This decision is up to the trip leader and the interests of the participants. Suggested possibilities are the Snake River below Twin Falls, the Snake below Palisades Dam, the Green below Flaming Gorge, Labyrinth Canyon and Lower Henry's Fork. Trip Leader: "Hafty" Hafterson (621-2905). See June Rambler for further details.

BOATING SCHEDULE REVISION - Due to the increase in river traffic and problems obtaining camp site permits it has been necessary to reschedule the Yampa River trip previously planned for May 27-29. The Yampa trip will now go June 17-19 with Jim McCullough as leader. See announcement in the calendar for details. In addition, the San Juan trip has been shifted to the three day weekend of May 27-29 with Dave Cook as leader. Other revisions arising from a poor water year in southern Utah and Colorado may be possible, but we are optimistic at this time.



J. Dewell on the South Fork of the Salmon, 1971
by Cal Giddings



PARLEY'S CREEK WATER PLANT

**leaves
from the
old wasatch**

In the year 1890 the population of Salt Lake City had grown to nearly 45,000 and the culinary water supplies were severely taxed, especially in summertime when much of the supply was used for irrigation purposes. City Creek had been tapped since the very day the pioneers arrived in the valley, and the waters of Emigration Canyon had been used for many years. The Jordan and Salt Lake Canal brought water all the way from the Jordan Narrows, providing irrigation water for lands

lying below Tenth or Eleventh East Streets in the southern parts of the City and most of the County. The next major water supply was Parley's Canyon Creek.

Under the direction of A. F. Doremus, an early civil engineer, a water plant was designed and built at the mouth of Parley's Canyon, and a conduit was built to carry water to the eastern part of the city and the reservoir at 13th East and South Temple Streets. In those days the mouth of the canyon was guarded by a tower of limestone standing in the center of the very narrow canyon. The wagon road and stream were crowded together on the north side of the rock, while the railroad passed through a deep, narrow cut on the south side. This guardian of the canyon was called, appropriately, Sentinel Rock.

The dam was built on the northeast side of Sentinel Rock. To make way for the reservoir, the road was relocated higher on the north slope and supported by a stone wall, which also confined the waters on that side. On the south side the railroad was lower than the intended water level, so it was protected by another stone wall running the full length of the reservoir. A tunnel was drilled through the base of the rock to a large screening and settling tank, some twenty feet in diameter and sixteen feet deep. From the tank a 36-inch pipe lead northerly across the creek on a double arch stone culvert to the point where the conduit began. The conduit, too, was 36-inches in diameter and followed the contour line, crossing the present day Foothill Blvd. near 21st South Street and terminating above the end of 1st South Street in the present University campus. Points of interest along the conduit were a five-span arch culvert across Dudler's Gulch, about one-half mile below the dam, and a large siphon at Emigration Creek crossing, just above 21st East

Street. Red Butte Creek was crossed by a small arch culvert in the Fort Douglas Military Reservation.

The Parley's Canyon Dam served well for many years, but only during summer months when the stream flow and water needs were greatest. During the spring the water was considered too muddy, while winter flows were too small. As the city continued to grow new and larger water supplies were tapped; the Parley's Canyon Dam was even eventually dropped from the expanding water network. In later years an enormous fill was built across the canyon mouth to carry Wasatch Blvd., dwarfing the once proud Sentinel Rock and destroying the big culvert at Dudler's Gulch. The fill was later enlarged for the Interstate Highway system so that today the top of the rock is barely visible from the road. But for those who are interested, the dam remains, its center torn out, but both sides still intact. The wall below the road remains, with its beautifully hewn sandstone capstones, but only a few feet of the south wall that protected the railroad may still be seen. The tunnel through the base of the rock has been plugged, but the very top of the settling tank protrudes above the ground on the north side of the rock. All these remains are surely Leaves from the Old Wasatch. But the best Leaf of all is nearly hidden by the trees arching over the stream, for down under the brush, close to the water, is the stone culvert that once carried the pipe across the creek, the two arches still visible although one is filled with silt and the top of the other has been broken away. The arch stones, running the full 6½-foot width of the culvert, so carefully shaped and fitted, lead up to the traditional keystone with a symmetry and grace that remind us of the sweat and calloused hands of the craftsmen who have left this, their monument, while they themselves have vanished into the past - like nameless Leaves from the Old Wasatch.

the escalante canyons:

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Perhaps in May there will be congressional hearings on Glen Canyon National Recreational Area (GCNRA). There are many more complications involved at this time. There is S 27 which has passed the Senate and HR 8214 and HR 13550 which are before the House. All these bills are concerned with multiple-use of the land by permitting grazing and mining (grazing is administered by BLM at Lake Mead NRA). All the bills call for the Secretaries of Interior and Transportation together with the States of Arizona and Utah to study the road alignments within the area.

But that is where the similarities end. As S 27 was passed, it provided for the inclusion of the lower Escalante drainage into GCNRA and for wilderness studies to be made of this region. HR 8214 includes much less area of the Escalante drainage within GCNRA and makes no mention of wilderness studies. HR 13550 essentially limits the boundaries of GCNRA to the shoreline of Lake Powell and calls for the area surrounding Lake Powell, including the lower Escalante drainage to be administered as a Canyon Country National Conservation Area. HR 13550 also calls for: "The State of Utah shall be allowed to construct and maintain a highway to secondary standards ... within a corridor ... This corridor shall not exceed one mile in width" (Sec 8 c). This will be the road from Glen Canyon City

to Bull Frog Basin. There is no mention of wilderness studies.

The National Conservation Area is a new concept in the administration of the BLM's lands. The concept, first being voted by Congress, must then be studied by the Department of the Interior as to management needs, and then this plan must be submitted to Congress for approval. Thus Congress votes twice for each National Conservation Area. During the interim Congress allots necessary funds for the study and for the management of the region. The BLM certainly needs more funds and personnel to administer their lands, especially in view of the numbers of peoples that are discovering the far-out places (200 people were at the confluence of Coyote Creek and the Escalante River this last Easter weekend). The National Conservation Area is one way to solve this management problem.

The Escalante Wilderness Committee feels that Sec 8 c of HR 13550 allowing for the construction of the scenic highway from Glen Canyon City to Bullfrog Basin must be deleted. This 100 miles of new highway would cost \$24,000,000 according to the Highway Dept. records of 1969. This is \$24,000,000 for a luxury item with perhaps 95% of the funds would be Federal and probably from the Economic Development funds. With the mile-wide corridor 64,000 acres would be taken out of the multiple-use concept. Present dirt roads, if upgraded, could provide the same purpose by covering 190 miles of scenic country, and pass through communities that already have tourist accommodations, instead of by-passing them. These 190 miles are currently used by tourist, stockmen, and the mining industry.

Again, the Escalante Wilderness Committee feels that wilderness studies must be conducted and the region must be given good management whether by BLM or the National Park Service. Good grazing practices within wilderness areas are compatible and would be permitted by either agency. Please follow the local newspaper for more information on the hearings and please state your views to your congressman and to the hearings.

garner cave

by Von Parker
(11 years old)

It all began when we started to hike up the mountain to the cave. After we had hiked a little while Rikki Gans and Judy Pate started to get tired, but they still went on walking. Dale Green told us as we hiked that it would be a longer hike than it said in the Rambler. Then we hiked more and finally we made it to the cave.

Dale Green gave us a lesson on how to light our carbide miner lamps. We strapped the hats on. We saw two boys coming to the cave. When they got there they climbed up some rocks for about 20 feet to the cave then we started to get 7 people up in the cave it took about a half hour to 45 minutes to get every buddy in the cave. The two boys started in the cave, we waited for Dale to lead but some how later Virginia Hilliard was leading and I was in back. As we went farther in the cave, the tunnel got quite small so we

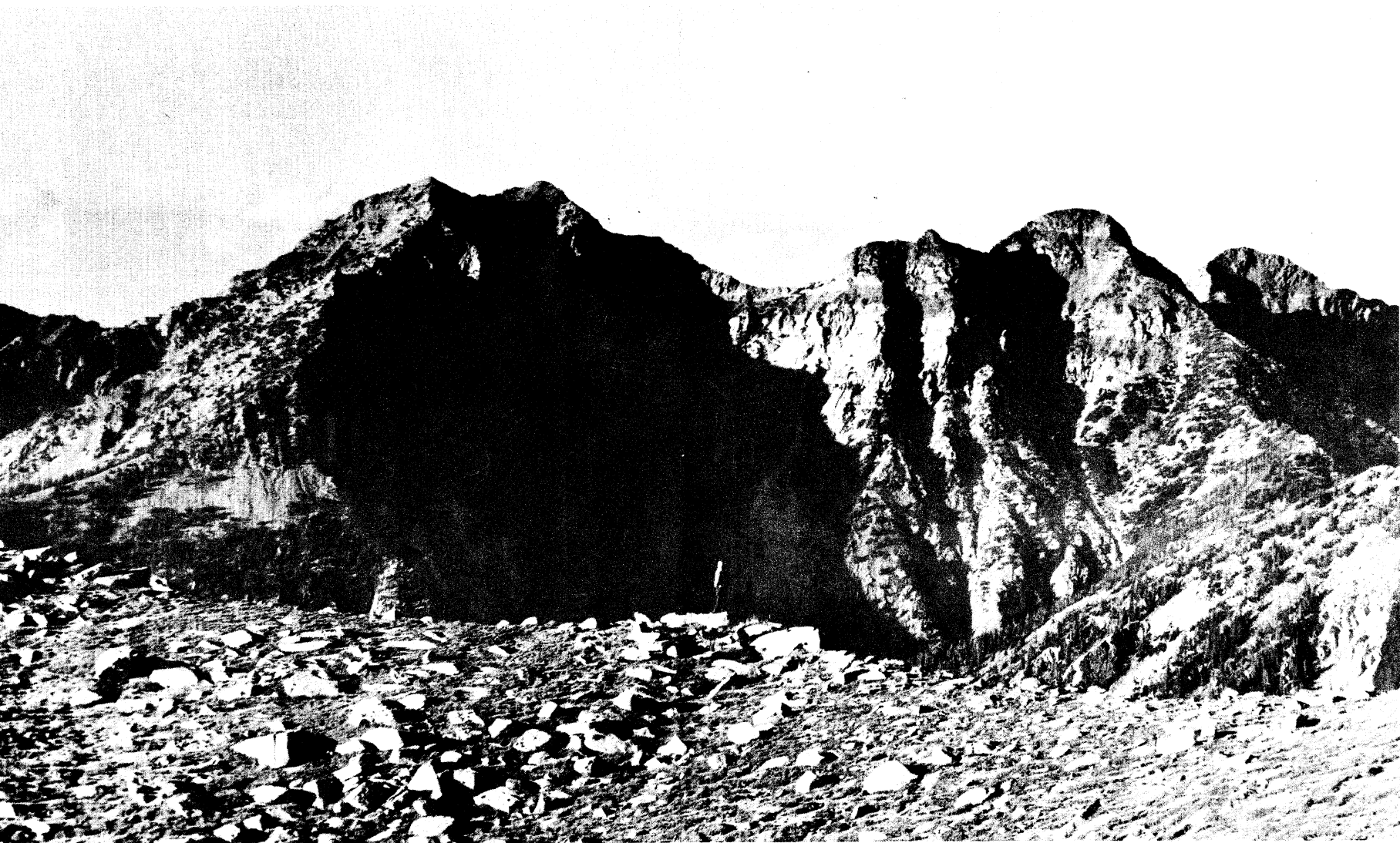
had to ooze and slide along which made our pants wet and muddy, but we still went on. Dale took Rikki Gans, Judy Pate, and Remu Jalota back because they couldn't make it the rest of the way. Perry Walters, Virginia Hilliard, Marilyn Bateman, and I went on till we came to a 14 foot drop. It seems we couldn't find a way to go across it, but Virginia saved the day. It was very hard to go across but after while all of us made it. We went on through a very small tunnel so we had to crawl through it. We finally got up with the two boys.

There was a hole that the boys said they couldn't get through so if they couldn't we couldn't so we all started back. Marilyn was in the lead on the way back. Back through the very small tunnel and back to the 14 foot drop so we went up the same way we came down. We braced our feet on the rock and our back on the other wall and slid up. Then we went on.

By that time Virginia's carbide lamp went out she fell on the rocks after a while. We went on and then we were at the mouth of the cave. We climbed down the rocks to the ground and sat down and had a snack. A wasp kept flying over so Virginia tried to feed it, but it wouldn't eat anything she gave it.

We got all of our things together and started down the mountain. I ran and tried to stop fast. I slipped and fell down. We kept on walking, then we came to the dirt road and walked to the car. The time was about 3:30.

The people on the cave trip were: Rikki Gans, Judy Pate, Joan and Dwight Nickolson, Dale Green, leader, Perry Walters, Remu Jalota, Virginia Hilliard, Marilyn Bateman, and Von Parker.



w from Lone Peak of the Twin Peaks, Sunrise and Dromadery by Alexis Kelner.

lone peak wilderness

A LONG FIGHT NOT ENDED

by Cal Giddings

The proposal for a Lone Peak Wilderness Area has achieved sudden visibility in Utah, stirring hope that this superb Alpine region will not fall to the developers. But much convincing still needs to be done - much help offered. A contingent of Lone Peak Wilderness Committee workers - Dennis and Karin Caldwell, Sam Allen, Alexis Kelner, Fred Bruenger, Phyllis Robison, Bruce Parry and Malin Foster - have wrestled this issue into the limelight, and they need broader support. All of us who love mountain solitude have a stake in this - and a responsibility to help.

What justifies our focus on this particular region? A ski touring article by Alexis Kelner and I in the October, 1965, Summit Magazine, which first introduced the Lone Peak Wilderness concept, states the area's unique circumstances

and need for protection as well as any:

"Lying as it does a mere 20 miles from Salt Lake City, only a combination of circumstances has prevented its (the Lone Peak areas's) loss to the machine age. Surrounded by farm and ranch land to the southwest and rich ore-bearing rocks to the northeast, this mountain world has so far protected itself by its own economic sterility and its rugged ramparts."

"Bitter experience elsewhere, though, has shown that our wildest mountains are no match for an expanding civilization and an exploding technology. It is sheer luck that some small tracts of remoteness still remain so close to Salt Lake City and Alta. To perpetuate this good fortune we have proposed to the U.S. Forest Service that the best of the ski touring terrain - centered around Thunder Mountain (one mile from Lone Peak) - be protected by the Wilderness Act. This proposal has been well received and with any luck we shall have our back land touring for a long time to come."

Thus, for reasons that are even more valid today, the concept of the Lone Peak Wilderness area was born on skis as we trekked through the magnificent snow of the Thunder Mountain area in the early 1960's. I had been working in behalf of wilderness legislation and thinking wilderness thoughts, so I drew up a map of what seemed a reasonable wilderness area spanning two National Forests - Wasatch and Uinta. In retrospect my area was too small (about half of the present 20,000 acre proposal), but then this was before the days of the environmental bandwagon. Accompanied by Gale Dick and my own trepidation at what then seemed a revolutionary idea, I took the map to Jerry Horton of the Forest Service. It was with no slight amazement that I heard Jerry suggest that a larger area

might be acceptable! With encouragement from Head Wasatch forester, F. C. Kozial, Jerry took the proposal to the Uinta people and got their support. We hoped for quick action, but a directive from national Forest Service headquarters squelched this by establishing a firm priority for existing primitive areas, which by the Wilderness Act of 1964 required study and classification by 1974. I consulted with Jerry on many occasions in the last half of the 1960's to make sure that dormancy did not mean decay. It didn't. Now as we approach the 1974 deadline and the classification log jam is breaking up, a great push is needed. In April Senator Moss introduced a bill for a 13,000 acre Lone Peak Wilderness area, so now the matter is in the congressional arena. We should encourage Senator Moss (and at the same time urge him to add to his 13,000 acres), and bring the matter to the immediate attention of other elected officials. We should continue to let the Forest Service know of our profound interest in this area. These activities are urgent, for the cancer of development is now moving rapidly westward from Alta, and will soon engulf this wilderness enclave if we fail to provide boundaries to halt it. The only boundaries in sight are those of the Lone Peak Wilderness Area.

sunny sun valley

by Jane Daurelle

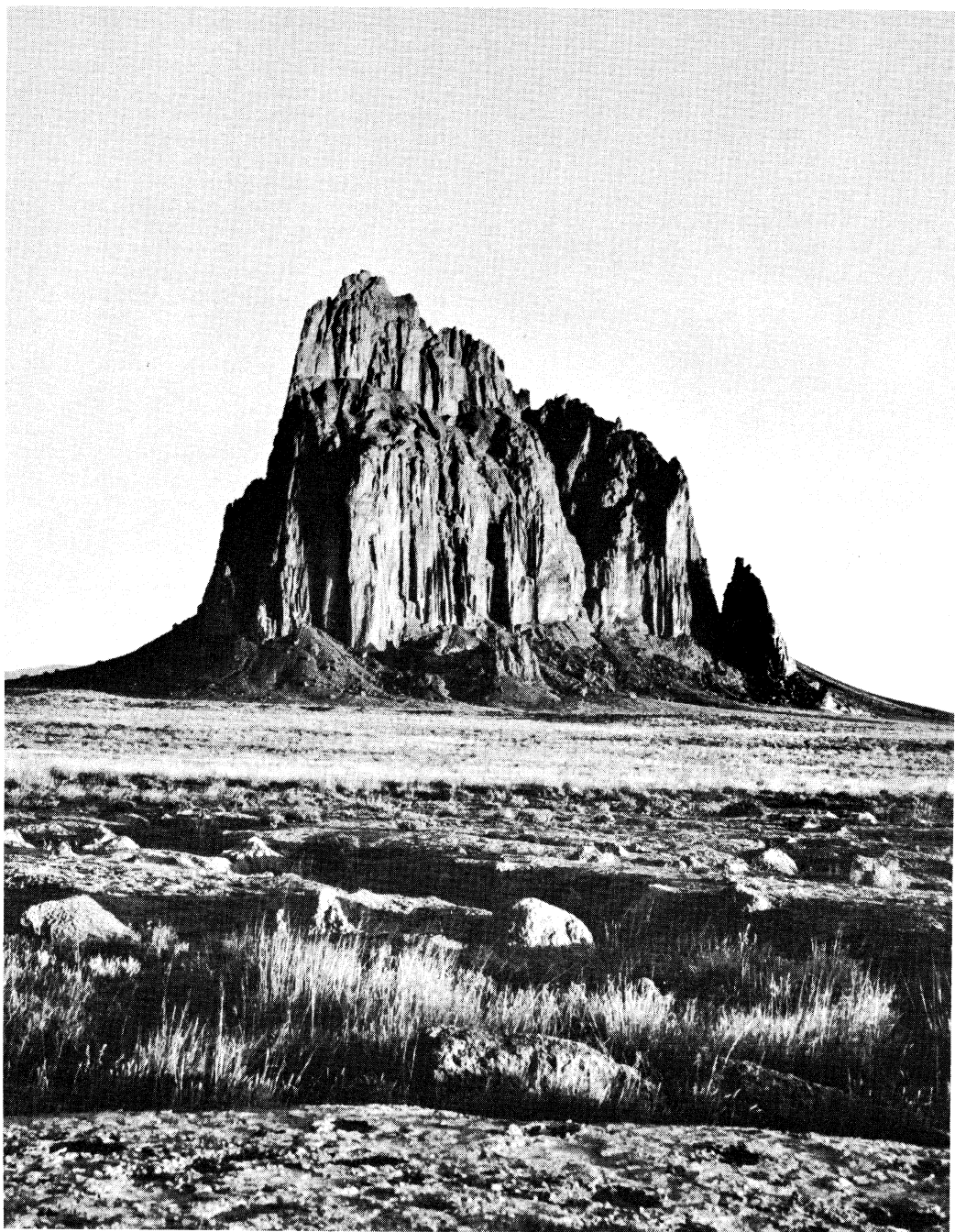
The rain poured with a vengeance and it was not until 5:00 p.m. Friday that we finally realized that out of an enthusiastic group of skiers, only four REAL skiers were to embark on the dubious trip to Sun Valley. However,

primed with Rhine Garten, we left the dreary-looking Salt Lake Valley vista and turned our skis (with the car underneath) toward Idaho, land of such things as Northside Canal and Sun Valley, the latter probably being more renowned than the former (though I would question the worth of the one as opposed to the other - who ever saw a dead cow slide down the slopes of Sun Valley?). Dan called Sun Valley prior to departure in order to check the ski conditions. We three peered over his shoulder as he jotted down the data: ptly cldy; 10" new. It wasn't till after we were on the freeway that he intimated the 10" new was actually 10" of Portland Concrete. Oh well! All the way up we discussed how the storm would have made conditions great, and we were really convinced that the famous ice we had heard so much about had been foiled by the new snowfall, however heavy.

We neared the resort about 11:30 p.m. and a rather distressing sight greeted our eyes - there were endless flat miles of snow-covered fields glistening in the moonlight - all having the appearance of ice-skating rinks.

The next morning we mingled with the other beautiful people (?) and made a very cold ride to the top of the mountain. As soon as we left the lift and dropped down the other side, we realized we were in for a great time. There was nary a cloud in the sky, and the snow had softened up. As it turned out, we had two whole days without a cloud. I called Salt Lake Saturday morning and heard that it was grey and drizzling down here. We had great skiing, great weather, great meals, great suntans, very bad jokes, and felt beautiful. Eat your hearts out those of you who elected not to go.

Four Real Skiers: Jacky Thomas, Gerhard Henschel, Danny Thomas, and Jane Daurelle.



mt wolverine

After the usual preliminaries at the base of the canyon, our group sped up to the bustling community of Brighton, for our take-off into the wilds. I should say, though, that not all of us sped. Milt wondered all the way up the canyon why his car didn't have more pick up and discovered the reason why at the top--his emergency brake had been on the entire way up. After a few futile attempts trying to cool down the smoking rear end, he gave up in disgust and joined the rest of us on the Majestic loading platform. There, Bruce was showing off his badly rusted skis which he said had been buried in the Lake Blanch avalanche the previous year. We were all properly impressed as we loaded ourselves on the chairs.

At the top of the chair, we found a tremendously hard wind crust. The crust became thicker and harder as we gained elevation. (In many places it was possible to walk on the surface with just ski boots and not break through.) The skiers with skins did OK, but Kermit and Karen (both on snowshoes) fell behind on the steep slopes above Lake Mary.

The way down was interesting, to say the least. Sue handled the crust the best, using an aggressive, forward-leaning jump turn. The others followed in varying degrees of grace and control. Everyone agreed, though, that the beautiful day and relatively mild temperature made up for the less-than-perfect snow conditions. The view of the Uintahs was stupendous and everyone who came had a fine time.

Wolverines for a day were:
Clint Lewis, Sue Sternberg, Dwight Nicholson, Milt Hollander, Jack Spoon, Karen Weatherby, Kermit Earle, Bruce Christenson, (leader), Tom Dickman.

lodge rentals

by Mel Davis

Large Groups (over 37 people): \$75.00 flat fee plus \$25.00 for cleaning and damage guarantee, refundable after lodge inspection has been made.

Small Groups: \$2.00 each person, minimum of \$25.00, plus \$10.00 for cleaning and damage guarantee, refundable after inspection has been made.

Above rates apply for all rentals, both member and non-member.

Two weekends each month will be reserved for member use and will be open to all members and their guests free of charge. Hosts will be appointed and they will decide on type of activity - family or members only, hikes, party, etc.

The other weekends will be rented out to assist with the substantial lodge expense.

Priority will be given member groups which are groups with one or more couples belonging to the club. The member making the reservation will be responsible for the conduct of the group and to open and close the lodge.

If not enough member groups wish to use the lodge, consideration will be given to non-member groups for vacant dates.

For information about the lodge or reservations, call the lodge director, Mel Davis: 278-3174.

alta brighton alta

SWIFT-ROBISON VARIATION

by Phyllis Robison

When I arrived at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon on the morning of March 18, I found not one other club member. I had talked to Dave George the night before and since there was no scheduled leader, he said he would probably come out to meet the group. So I decided to wait until the last possible minute before going home and facing the drudgery of unpacking when I was all primed for a great tour. The usual thoughts raced through my mind---what if the tour is tomorrow?

Maybe the meeting place was at Little Cottonwood Canyon!

At last another car arrived. It was Charley Swift and he had just returned from Little Cottonwood Canyon, having had the same fears I did about misreading the RAMBLER. By now it was late, and also evident that we were it. I was overjoyed at Charley's suggestion that we go anyway. Since we had no leader, we felt at liberty to make a slight change. We decided to start from Brighton instead of Alta. Although conditions were stable, we felt the trip to Twin Lakes Pass would be even safer in the morning. Also, I personally like to get that steeper pass out of the way first while still fresh.

So after signing out with the Brighton Ski Patrol, we hopped on the Millicent Lift and were on our way. The weather looked a bit dubious all day, having alternate clouds and sunshine. As it turned out, the Gods were good to us. Each time we climbed to the passes the clouds came in, keeping the temperature moderate. Then when we reached the passes, the sun would break through and we had good runs down. We spent a lot of time being lazy on the passes and Charley took bunches of pictures, capturing the beauty of the cloud formations.

On the way down Grizzly Gulch we were slowly going through some trees when Charley exclaimed something about a Porcupine. After looking in all the wrong directions I finally saw him --- in the tree right behind me and almost close enough to reach out and touch. He kept a skeptical watch as Charley photographed him and I'm sure was greatly relieved when we proceeded on our way.

To our surprise, even after the weeks of unseasonably warm weather, we found the snow conditions to be amazingly good. There was nothing too heavy to ski (and I'm no super-skiier), and we hit a great deal of corn snow that was perfect! You just couldn't do anything wrong in it!

We saw no need to drop down to the Neversweat Lift at Alta, so we stayed high and traversed around until we hit the Albion road. Then we started our climb to Catherine Pass, where the sun again broke through the clouds and we enjoyed a quick lunch. After chatting with some cross-country skiers who had come from Brighton, we started our final run. The skiing back to Brighton was marvelous and the storms which had threatened all day didn't finally hit until we were back in the car with beers in hand!

All and all, it was a fantastic tour and we came away feeling very sorry for the club members who might have contemplated going but scratched, thinking the snow would be lousy. We're here to tell you, YOU BLEW IT!!!

dog lake

by Virginia Hilliard

On an overcast day 10 hardy people and a very active dog, belonging to Rocky & Sharon Mc Dermott got under way. Berf (the dog) became your buddy if you would share your lunch.

We drove up the canyon to the mouth of Mill D Fork where we started our hike. It was about 10:00 A.M. and snowing just a little but not too cold. The snow was very good for skiing and snowshoeing.

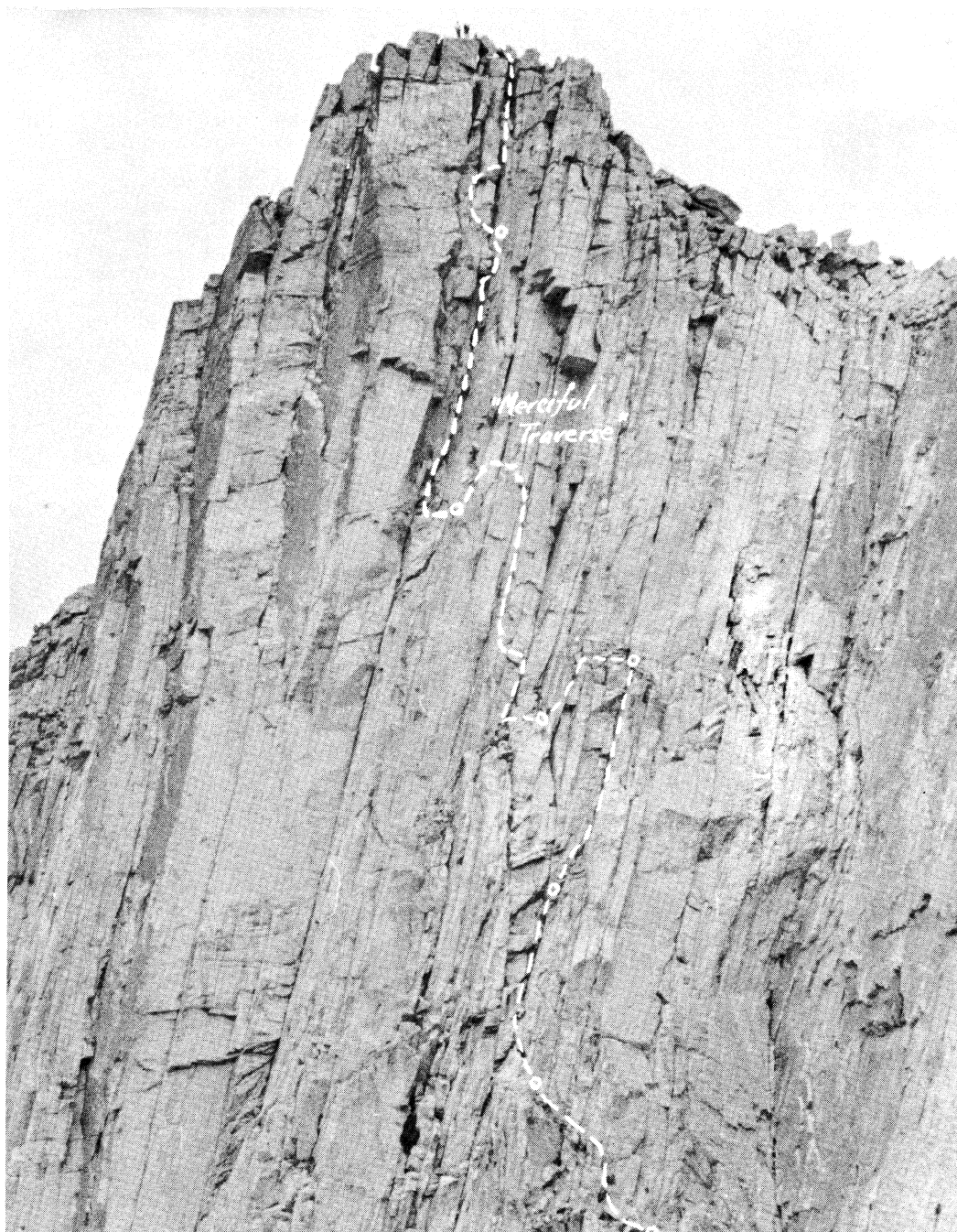
As we hiked along with the usual stops for adjusting bindings every one got to know each other and enjoyed the quiet beauty of the winter mountains. The hiking was not too hard so we made very good time. The trail had been used by snowmobiles so was packed under the new snow so one of the two skiers with us decided to carry his skis all the way up and then ski back.

We reached Dog Lake about 12:00 where we stopped to eat our lunch. We had all worked up a good appetite for a good lunch but had to eat what we had brought.

After a short lunch Kermit Earle suggested we hike up to a ridge a short distance away where we could look down into Mill Creek Canyon.

It was very pretty with the clouds starting to break up and the sun came out to make it warm. We went back by way of a side canyon to make a change on the way back. The snow was untouched and very beautiful.

It was about 2:30 P.M. when we got back to the cars after a very invigorating and enjoyable hike. Out thanks to our leader Kermit Earle. We are looking forward to the next outing. Hikers: Russell Patterson, Rocky Mc Dermott, Sharon Mc Dermott, Hammelore Janke, Virginia Hilliard, Michael Thomas, Barbara Thomas, Kermit Earle, Pat Baudelaire, (Berf) the dog.



Lone Peak by Alexis Kellner

red pine to white baldy

by Dwight Nicholson

It was cloudy when we started from the campground at the base of Red Pine Canyon, but it looked like it would be a good day. We crossed Little Cottonwood Creek in our own personally daring maneuvers, and started up Red Pine. We didn't come on the trail until about a thousand feet higher, and then headed for the water hole about halfway up, where we stopped and filled canteens.

The sun had come out by this time, which was very welcome. From here on there didn't seem to be any sort of trail, so we just tried to stay in the shade where the snow wouldn't stick to the bottoms of our skis. In this we proved to be very deficient, for we all carried about five pounds of snow on each ski all the way up to the head of the canyon.

The three of us made the ridge, after finally taking our skis off and carrying them the rest of the way. From here there was a tremendous view of Alpine and Utah Lake below, and because two of us had never before seen this view, we stayed here and enjoyed it while Dave Smith climbed to the top of White Baldy. The slope off the ridge was fair skiing, and from there down it was a little heavy, but skiable, and we all had a chance to try out our wet cement techniques for 3400 feet.

Leader: Dave Smith; Participants: Jack Spear and Dwight Nicholson.

news and notices

RDT CONCERT

Remember that your discount tickets are good for the RDT concert coming up on Friday and Saturday, May 5, 6 and May 12, 13.

BOOK NEWS

A book entitled "The Biography of a Dome" about designing, building and living in a geodesic dome home is available from author Bob Wright for \$3.95 Call 272-1177

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alexander's basin

by Jim Lonergan

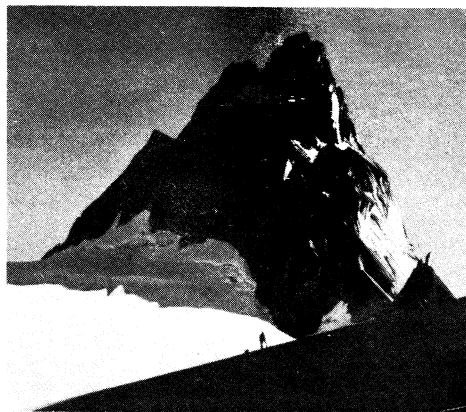
On Sunday, Feb. 6, eight hearty souls and I took off for Alexander's Basin on assorted touring equipment. Fred Bruenger and his wife were on snowshoes and as far as I know, managed beautifully. Six others were on genuine alpine touring equipment, which would be recommended for this tour. There was one person, namely me, on Nordic skis who waxed and waxed and waxed until he reached Gobbler's Knob. Then for the descent to Millcreek via Alexander's Basin he cussed and cussed and cussed at those same waxes for grabbing on the downhill run.

For those of you who are not familiar with this tour, it consists of a climb of approximately 3000 ft. to Gobbler's Knob from Butler Fork. Then you descend to the Millcreek Road via Alexander's Basin. The last 300 ft. or so of the descent is sheer torture. In this part of the tour you go through a wooded V-shaped draw with no place to go but straight down. Once you get down to the Millcreek Road, Nordic skis are just fine.

All kidding aside, the tour was very challenging and rewarding and also very well run by our leader, Dave Smith. My only suggestion is do not try it on Nordic skis unless you know how to use them. Persons participating in the tour were Fred and Evelyn Bruenger, Dennis and Karen Caldwell, Dixon Smith, Marge Yerbury, and myself.

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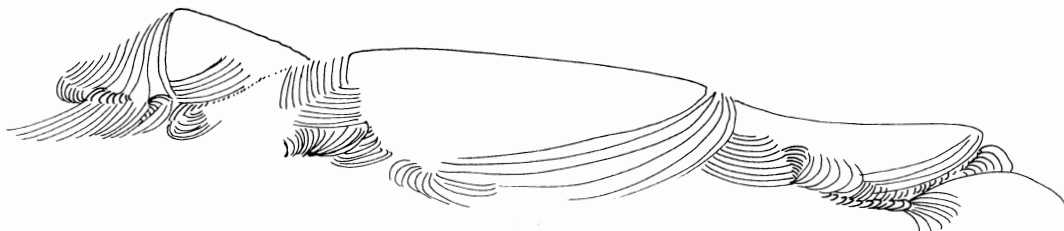
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To the Board of Directors:

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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