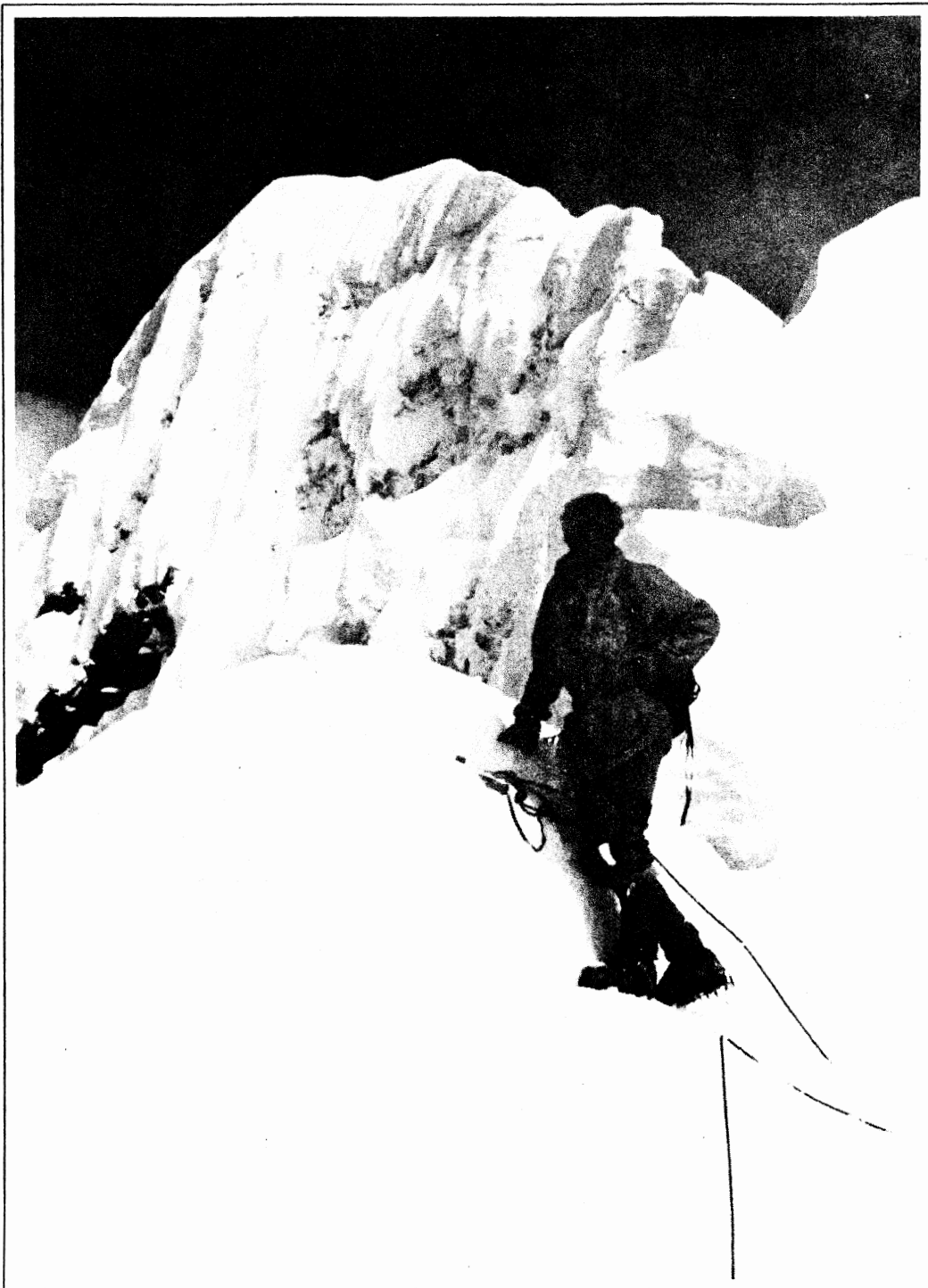


The Rambler

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club activities for jan 1973

REGISTRATION WITH TRIP LEADERS is important for ski tours since weather and snow conditions can cause cancellation or change in destination. It also aids in organizing car shuttles early enough to avoid delays. Register with the leader by some reasonable hour on the day before the tour.

RATINGS OF SKI TOURS (X,Y) describe the difficulty of the climb (X) and the skiing proficiency required to get down (Y). Both are rated from 1 to 6, in order of increasing difficulty. A detailed description of some popular tours is in the Nov. 1972 Rambler. Contact the leader if you are in doubt about your ability to do the tour.

- JAN. 6
Sat. HONEYCOMB SKI TOUR - Intermediate (2,3). A short climb from the top of Brighton's Evergreen lift takes one to the head of Honeycomb Fork. The corniced cliffs provide a scenic backdrop for a lunch stop before the descent into the bowl. The road to Silver Fork is quite narrow in spots, so skiers need to be able to turn in deep snow to safely do this tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jim Byrne - 582-5631.
- JAN. 6
Sat. HONEYCOMB SNOWSHOE TOUR - Beginner (2,1). This tour will start from Solitude's lower parking lot and meet the skiers coming down from Brighton. The route is along a wooded road most of the way with occasional open areas that allow a view of the cliffs high up in the canyon. The return is via the same route, so you can go as far as you like. It's great terrain for nordic skiers, too. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Ruth Henson - 272-3343.
- JAN. 7
Sun. AMERICAN FORK TWINS - Major Evans Gulch Ski Tour. Advanced (6,5). Here's a super tour for those who enjoy doing things the hard way. Car spotting will be avoided by starting from American Fork Canyon and ascending the Twins via Silver Lake. The views of all the major peaks in the Wasatch are truly spectacular on this tour. The descent in Major Evans Gulch provides some very challenging skiing, especially if the sun has been on the southern exposures. This tour can be quite hazardous, so avalanche probes and cords will be required. Registration is mandatory, and a prompt departure is important for the long ascent. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at 33rd South and State in the Prudential parking lot for car consolidation. Leader: Dennis Caldwell - 278-2100.
- JAN. 7
Sun. WHITE PINE SKI TOUR - Intermediate (3,2). This tour is in a canyon that may not be desirable for us climbing fools too much longer.

White Pine will soon look like Gad Valley if some people have their way, so enjoy it while you can. The tour follows the road for almost three miles to White Pine Lake. The terrain is quite gentle, but you work for every vertical foot of downhill skiing. It's a good tour for snowshoes and nordics, too. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Views of Twin Peaks, Sunrise and Dromedary entertain you during the descent. Leader: Dick Leining - 364-8982.

JAN. 13 NORDIC TOURING COURSE - Meet at the Lodge for instruction in technique, waxing, and equipment. Details are elsewhere in this RAMBLER.
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Sat. & Sun.

JAN. 13 Lodge open for adults or families with teenagers only. Bring sleeping gear, food, and cooking and eating things. Please make reservations with hots Bill and Bette Clayton by January 12. Call - -
and 14 277-0726 after 5:00 p.m.

JAN. 13 NEFF CANYON TOUR - Intermediate (4,3). This is the only time of
Sat. year that Neff Canyon has snow down close to the valley, and if we're lucky, we won't have to hike at all. The lower portion of the trip is on a narrow road and trail, but the upper section opens into a large bowl. It's a long haul to the top but the view of the valley is great. The descent can be a bit treacherous for skis since the trail is so narrow and the snow is uncertain in the lower elevations. It's an ideal tour for snowshoers. Meet at the Movie at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Fred Bruenger - 485-2639.

JAN. 14 BOWMAN FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR - Beginner (1,2). There are some excellent areas for touring in Millcreek Canyon which we have not previously done on WMC outings. This tour begins at the Terraces campground, follows the Elbow Fork trail, and then swings into Bowman Fork and back down. The terrain is all wooded and far enough away from the snowmobiles to shut out the noise. It is generally suitable for nordic skiers. Meet at the Movie at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd - 298-5537.
Sun.

JAN. 17 ESCALANTE WILDERNESS COMMITTEE MEETING at 721 Second Avenue,
Wed. Salt Lake City at the Hovingh's. 359-4791 Time: 7:30 p.m.

JAN. 19 ANNUAL NOMINATION BANQUET. This year our annual dress-up dinner
Fri. will be held at the Fort Douglas Country Club. Happy Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (BYOL...mix and ice furnished). Dinner will be served at 7:30. Six dollars per person. Please make reservations with Marian Nelson - 262-7748 or Karen Caldwell - 278-2100 before January 16.

JAN. 20 LOGAN CAVE - An escape from crowded lift lines (and virtually
Sat. everything else). Logan Cave involves some knee-deep wading in cold water. Registration limited to 15 people. Some hard hats and head lamps can be rented from the Club for \$1.00 through the leader. Transportation charge is \$1.50. Driving time - - 1 1/2 hours each way. Other details will be given when you register with the leader - - Dale Green - 277-6417.

- JAN. 20 SOLITUDE - BRIGHTON - SOLITUDE SNOWSHOE TOUR - Beginner (1,1).
 Sat. The afternoon tour in December was so popular that we will do
 more often. This one starts from the Solitude ski area and
 follows the creek through Redman Campground and up by Silver
 Lake. After a cup of something hot at the Brighton store, the
 return to Solitude will be on the same general route. It is a
 short tour with very little vertical in pleasant wooded terrain,
 so come out for a leisurely afternoon. Meet at the mouth of
 Big Cottonwood at 1:00 p.m. Leader: Liz Choules - 363-9966.
- JAN. 20 AVALANCHE COURSE - The annual avalanche safety course will take
 Sat. place at Zion Lutheran Church beginning at 8:00 a.m. The morning
 session will include films and discussion of avalanche conditions,
 avoidance, and rescue. After lunch we will adjourn to a suitable
 location to practice rescue techniques. The fee for the course is
 \$2.00 to pay for literature and to help buy avalanche probes for
 the club.
- JAN. 20 DOG LAKE MOONLIGHT TOUR - Intermediate (2,2). The first evening
 Sat. tour of the year will be up Mill D N to Dog Lake. The terrain is
 wooded and fairly gentle, suitable for any type of equipment.
 Bring plenty of warm clothes and hope for a clear night. Meet at
 the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 6:30 p.m. Leader: Dick Bell -
 254-4555.
- JAN. 20-27 SKI TOURING IN YELLOWSTONE - Dave Smith is planning a tour across
 Yellowstone from Tower to the West entrance. It will generally
 follow the road and visit the spectacular spots in the Park.
 This will be a nordic tour of six days duration, so good endurance
 and winter camping experience are required. Participation is by
 special appointment only. Call 486-2680 for details.
- JAN. 21 DAYS FORK SKI TOUR - Advanced (2,4). The approach will be from
 Sun. Brighton to simplify car spotting and avoid Alta traffic. We will
 take the Millicent Lift, climb to Twin Lakes Pass and follow the
 ridge from there. The upper part of Days Fork is a very steep
 headwall that requires very stable conditions in order to be safe.
 The route below the cirque follows an old mining road in delight-
 ful wooded terrain to the Spruces Campground. Each tourer must
 have an avalanche probe and cord for this trip. Registration with
 the leader is mandatory. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood
 at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Bruce Christenson - 278-9308.
- JAN. 21 NORDIC TOUR in the UINTAHS - Intermediate (4,1). The first of the
 Sun. Uintah tours will be up the East Fork of the Stillwater on the
 north slope. This will be a long tour lasting a full day, so you
 must be in good condition and have nordic equipment. The drive
 is about two hours, so an early start is anticipated, but the
 outstanding terrain and scenery will make it worth missing some
 sleep. For details on departure time and place, call Dave George
 at 278-9083.
- JAN. 27 BRIGHTON - PARK CITY - BRIGHTON SKI TOUR - Intermediate (3,2).
 Sat. From Brighton the route climbs up to Scott's Pass where the tourer

is greeted with views of the Uintahs to the East and the major Wasatch peaks in very other direction. You then ski down the upper section of Thayne Canyon to Park City's Thayne lift. The return route follows the ridge from the top of the lift and then descends to Brighton. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Marge Yerbury - 355-3797

- JAN. 27
Sat. PARK CITY WEST NORDIC SKI TOUR - Intermediate (3,1). Some of the best x-country tours in the Wasatch are on the east side of the mountains. This outing will explore White Pine Canyon, which rises gently from the Park City West ski area to the ridge overlooking Big Cottonwood and Millcreek Canyons. There is usually wildlife to be seen in this area, so it promises to be an interesting day. For details of the meeting time and place, please call Milt Hollander at 277-1416.
- JAN. 27-29 SUN VALLEY -- Ski among the Beautiful People during this three-day weekend. We will leave Friday night, returning late Monday night. Crowds are nil on weekends, the opposite of our metropolitan areas, and lift fees are reduced. Reservations close on January 12, so get a \$5.00 check to Jackie Thomas, 4985½ Holladay Blvd., Salt Lake City, 84117. Phone: 278-0394 for more information.
- JAN. 28
Sun. SNAKE CREEK PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR - Beginner (2,1). From the Brighton parking lot, we will hike up behind the lodge toward Dog Lake. The route then swings left around the top of the majestic lift and up to the pass. It's a good tour for skiers, too, although some parts of the descent are quite wooded. Best of all, we have a leader that likes to sleep in. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Chuck Mays - 582-3818.
- JAN. 28
Sun. HOGUM FORK SKI TOUR - Advanced (3,5). From White Pine Canyon, we will climb and traverse into Red Pine, Maybird, and Hogum, passing under the formidable walls of the Pfeifferhorn. Upper Hogum contains spectacular skiing and scenery, but the lower section can be a problem if the snow depth is not sufficient. An early start is scheduled so your leader won't be exposed to Snowbird traffic. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Alexis Kelner - 359-5387.
- FEB. 3
Sat. RED PINE LAKE SKI TOUR - Intermediate (3,3).
- FEB. 3
Sat. DESOLATION LAKE NORDIC SKI TOUR - Beginner (2,2).
Leader: Phil Ryan - 355-1591
- FEB. 4
Sun. MINERAL FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR - Intermediate (2,3).
Leader: Kermit Earle - 299-0526.
- FEB. 4
Sun. LAKE BLANCHE SKI TOUR - Advanced (3,5).

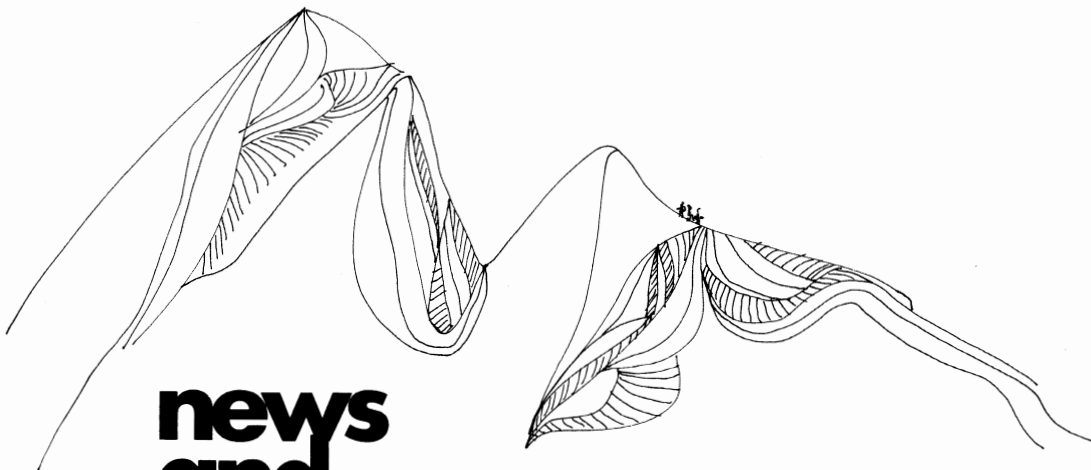


High in the treeless cirque of 11,000 foot Bighorn Peak
photo by Alexis Kelner

FEB.17-19 JACKSON -- Once again we journey to this land of awesome vertical
Sat.Mon. descents, smoke filled bars, and Mangey Moose. The occasion is
our traditional Washington's Birthday ski trip. Register by
February 3rd, sending \$5.00 to Jim McCullough, 1333 Brookshire
Drive, Salt Lake City, 84106. Trip will be lead by Tom Boyington.
For more information Phone Tom at 364-9483 or Jim at 466-4061

FEB. 17,18 Lodge open "Washington's Weekend".
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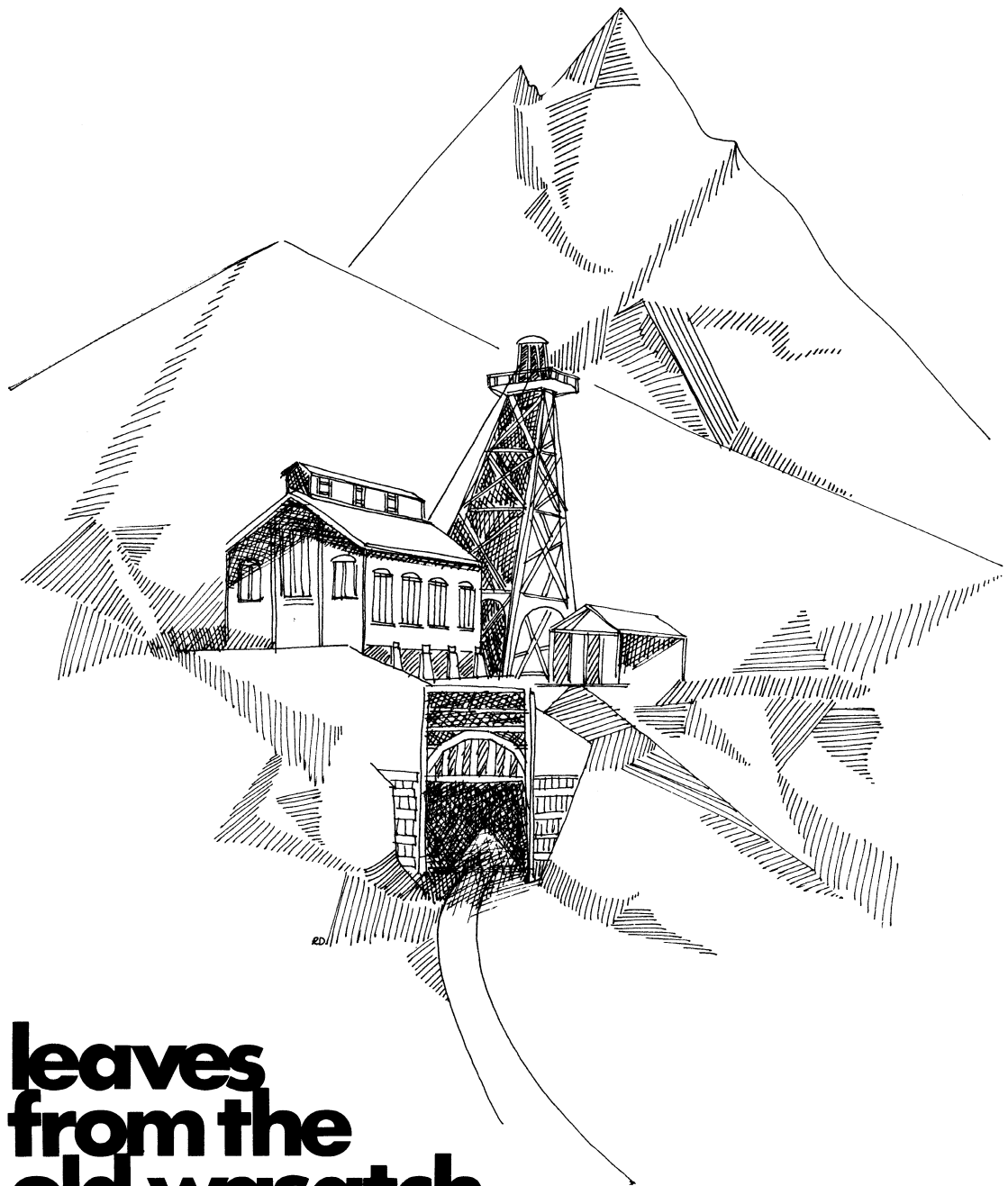
THANKS

...to Betty Hendricks for typing
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...to Georgia and George Randall
for mailing the December RAMBLER.

DEADLINE

...for the February RAMBLER is
January 15th. Please have your
articles and schedules TYPED
and mailed or delivered to Ruta
Dreijmanis, 1941 Woodside Drive,
#A, Salt Lake City, 84117.



leaves from the old wasatch

SMALL TOWN EXCITEMENT

In small towns small things make big news and often create a large amount

of excitement. Small towns in the Wasatch are no different, and in 1873 Alta certainly was a small town. It was an active town with visitors moving up and down the canyon daily, but it was still a small town. It was, after all, only two years old. And while it tried to act like a city, even to the point of taking the name Alta City, it couldn't quite make it. Its first newspaper, The Alta Independent, couldn't survive; it went out-of-business in May 1873, but was soon succeeded by the Cottonwood Observer, whose first issue appeared on Saturday, July 12, 1873. Hard pressed for big news, the second issue of the four-page paper played up a misconception and created enough excitement to carry it through another two bi-weekly issues.

It seems someone picked up the information that the land on which Alta City was built was patented by the Walker Brothers and Mr. Raybould, bankers in Salt Lake City. As soon as the news got out, concert was expressed for the city's future. If the owners decided to get possessive about their land, the Alta residents might be faced with large prices for the land they had built on, or they might even get kicked out - house, barn, shack, tent and all. It was speculated that the patent might possibly be declared void on some vague technicality, but no one really knew what could happen or who the true land owners were - not even the Cottonwood Observer who devoted nearly a full page to the controversy. A committee was formed and attorneys were consulted, but after the Observer's next issue, the Salt Lake Tribune published an editorial expose' providing the first positive information, including some on the origin of Alta City.

Long before Little Cottonwood Canyon assumed importance in the mining world, a man of the name Robert Nagler moved into the upper canyon, where Alta was later located, and lived there several years. About the time Central City was growing

just down canyon from him, he decided to file a claim for government title to the land where he lived. Subsequently several Salt Lake businessmen, J. R. Walker, H. W. Lawrence and W. S. Godbe, visited Nagler at his residence above Central City and convinced him that a town site could and should be developed on his land. He agreed. That group of men chose the name Alta. Streets and lots were laid out, but when people began to move up from Central City they settled where they pleased with little regard for the master plan or respect for prior ownership. In the parlance of a mining community, the land was "jumped." At this point, Messrs. Lawrence and Godbe severed their connection with the Alta development. Mr. Nagler's claim was disputed and protests were entered, but the Land Office ruled against them and subsequently issued the patent.

The editorial removed the name of Raybould and the banking house of Walker Bros. from the controversy, although J. R. Walker was one of that firm. But it did little to resolve the uncertainty of the citizens and businessmen of Alta, who were debating whether to build or expand under the threat of losing their investment. The true owners did not come forth. The confusion surrounding the issue began to drown the controversy. Then on the night of July 25th a fire broke out in the stable of Lingo and Anderson, down at the west end of Alta City. The conflagration that followed threatened to destroy the entire city, but the efforts of the citizens and a favorable wind confined the fire to the stable. The building was completely destroyed, and with it went four good horses, ten sets of harnesses and pack saddles, blankets, hay and grain, to the tune of twelve hundred 1873 dollars. Alta had something new to talk about. The Cottonwood Observer found the fire good enough to stretch over two issues; it was the new excitement. The ownership of the land became the old and it was soon forgotten, a thing of the past, a Leaf From the Old Wasatch.

ski touring course

By Dave Hanscom

A two-day course will be conducted at the WMC lodge this year on January 13 and 14. This course is designed for skiers with little nordic touring experience. Equipment, waxing, and technique will be covered. It is suggested that before attending, the beginning tourer spend some time on his skis and maybe go out on a Saturday with the fellows at Timberline. An excellent reference is The New X-Country Ski Book by John Caldwell.

The course will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, with about an hour of preliminary discussions. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent on skis, probably at the Redman Campground. On Sunday, we will spend part of the morning beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the lodge viewing movies, waxing, and discussing equipment. The Sunday tour will be to the Dog Lake Area, where we will have lunch and practice skiing on various types of terrain. Deep snow techniques will also be covered at this time.

The lodge will be open on Saturday night if anyone wants to stay overnight. Call the hosts for details.

We are asking for a \$5.00 contribution to the WMC ski touring fund for the two-day course.

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Utah Repertory Dance Theatre invites you to their "New Year"

celebration on January 12, 13, 19, and 20th at 8:30 PM in

Kingsbury Hall on the University of Utah campus. RDT's

January Concert Series will feature three new dance works,

each making its world premiere. National Pastime, RDT's

Family Concert especially created for little people and their

folks, will be presented Thursday, January 18, 1973 at

7:30 PM in Kingsbury Hall. The January Family Concert is

the only children's program scheduled for this year.

Utah Repertory Dance Theatre wishes you a delightful 1973--

celebrate and join us for an exciting evening of new dance!

checklist for tour leaders

By Dave Hanscom

Many tour leaders are not sure of their responsibilities, so I have compiled a list of things that I feel are important in order that WMC tours run smoothly and safely.

1. Know the condition of the snow, the best route to follow, the approximate length of time required, the difficulty of the tour, etc. People calling to register will ask for some of these details.
2. Check on avalanche conditions the night before if there is potential danger. I will be consulting with the Alta Guard Station regularly and can provide that information. It is better to change the tour than take a chance on getting into trouble.

3. Recommend that avalanche probes and cords be taken by each participant on most intermediate and advanced tours. (They will be mandatory on only a few). The WMC has a portable toboggan that the leader can borrow from me if he desires; this has been used very effectively in the past to transport the victim of a skiing accident.
4. Make arrangements to spot cars early so the whole group doesn't have to wait and fight the canyon skiing traffic.
5. Bring some extra equipment (gloves, cables, wax, tools, etc.,) in case someone in the group has a problem.
6. Get names of all the tourers in the party. Be sure their equipment and abilities are suitable for the outing.
7. Stay with the party on the tour. If it is evident that there are two distinct groups whose speed or ability differ significantly a second leader should be appointed to be responsible for one of them before the party splits up.
8. Be sure everyone has reached the destination before leaving.
9. Write an article for the RAMBLER or find a volunteer to do it. Others like to read about our activities.

If we as tour leaders can follow these guidelines, not only will the tours be run safely, but also a good image of the club will be promoted.



avalanche safety

By Dave Hanscom

The Wasatch Mountains contain some of the most hazardous avalanche terrain in the country. It is important that tourers be aware of this and learn enough about potential avalanche conditions and proper choice of route so that this type of problem may be avoided. Because the WMC is one of the heaviest users of the undeveloped canyons near Salt Lake, it is imperative that we set a good example for the rapidly increasing numbers of inexperienced tourers in this area. With this in mind, I have briefly summarized some of the facts that tourers should know in order to be safe in the mountains. Anyone who wants further information or who regularly participates in intermediate or advanced tours should study a more thorough text on the subject. I suggest Ed LaChapelle's book, The ABC's of Avalanche Safety for a starter. The WMC avalanche course on January 20 will also be helpful.

There are two basic types of avalanche, loose snow and slab. Loose snow avalanches usually occur soon after a heavy fall of dry snow. Immediately after a storm the danger is greatest, but it decreases with time. The lower the temperature, the longer the stabilization process takes; for example, it may require only a few days at 20 degrees, but it could take weeks at subzero temperatures. This is one reason the cold north-facing slopes present the most danger in winter.

Slab avalanches usually occur in

areas where the wind has built up a compact layer of snow that has not adhered sufficiently to the layer below it. Leeward slopes are usually more prone to slab formation than windward slopes. This condition also stabilizes in time, but the hazard can last for extended periods, particularly if the temperature is low. This situation is potentially the most dangerous; the slab can remain in place for long periods of time and then be released when the snow is disturbed by passage of a touring party.

Understanding of avalanche conditions at any particular time requires a knowledge of prior weather conditions. Danger signals can be large accumulations of snow and/or heavy winds in the particular area in question. The temperatures during and after a recent storm are also important. Decreasing temperatures as the snow accumulates usually result in a better situation than rising temperatures. Warmer snow on the bottom will generally bond better to other layers, while heavier snow on top is more likely to be unstable.

Another potential problem that requires close observation of the snow conditions over a period of time, particularly in the early part of the winter, is depth hoar. This is a layer of granular snow that often forms near the ground and that provides very little bonding to the snow above and below it. This condition can last for many months, although it sometimes does stabilize in time. The presence of depth hoar means that extra caution must be taken on tours, and slopes with potential avalanche danger should be avoided. Some depth hoar has been observed this year, and some serious slides have already occurred, so tourers should keep abreast of this situation.

The Guard Station at Alta is manned by Forest Service snow rangers who are out every day and really know the condition of the snow. Before em-

nominations

barking on a tour in potentially dangerous terrain, it is wise to call them or someone who confers with them regularly (such as the WMC touring director).

If the decision is made to take a tour, the choice of route can be critical. It is important to avoid open slopes and to take advantage of valleys, ridges, and timbered areas. If dangerous slopes must be crossed one should stay as high as possible, exposing only one tourer at a time to the potential danger. Ascent and descent of such a slope should involve as little traversing as possible. Whenever a tourer is in a dangerous area, he should remove his ski safety straps and ski pole loops, put on his warmest clothing and an avalanche cord, and move as rapidly as possible.

A tourer who is caught in a slide should immediately discard as much equipment as possible and call to the other members of the party. He should face up the hill and try to stay on top of the snow with a swimming motion; he should also attempt to work his way to the side of the avalanche. Before coming to a stop, his hands should be held in front of his face to make an air pocket. Finally, the victim should remain calm and not waste strength and oxygen trying to struggle and shout.

Other members of the touring party should immediately mark the spot where the victim was last seen. The area below this point is his most likely location. If he is not on the surface, a quick scuff with ski boots and poles should be conducted in the area. A more thorough search can follow with whatever equipment is available. Remember that the survivors are the victim's best hope unless help is just a short distance away, so it is often best for everyone to remain on the scene to help.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1973-74 WMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following people have been nominated for next year's Board of Directors. This list is not necessarily final, as additional names may be added before the Nomination Banquet on January 19.

PRESIDENTDennis Caldwell

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PUBLICATIONS. . . .Loraine Seager

SKI-TOURINGDave Hanscom

TRANSPORTATION. . .J. Dewell

lake blanche

By Tim Dick and Jeff Coles

We woke up on Sunday, December 3 not knowing that it was destined to be one of the most miserable days in a long time. It was the day of the Lake Blanche tour, the first of the season and the first of my life. We all gathered at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 o'clock planning to go to Alta. But then after a few reports from a few people who had been up to the ridge a few days before and said it was rotten and a suggestion from the Caldwell's, we decided to go up the Lake Blanche trail and cross over into Mineral Fork. We drove up the canyon, parked our cars and set off. For the first 200 yards we carried our skis on our shoulders and then found a suitable place to put them on. We started off over the rock-strewn trail and made fairly good time considering we continually had to step over rocks. After about three hours of walking without even a chance to sit down, the leaders

finally decided to eat lunch. Even when we did eat lunch we couldn't even sit down but had to eat with our skis still on our feet. After a 15 minute lunch stop we started up toward the ridge. Then came the worst part of the tour. Karen and Dennis decided to try a new way over the ridge. The new, so-called easier route turned out to be a very steep gully. So not knowing what we were doing we took off our skis and started up the gully. The climb was made harder by the fact that the snow was a light crystal snow on top of ice which slide away after two or three people had gone across it. Just as it looked as if we had it licked, Dennis, Karen, Rolf and Dave who had been ahead looking around, told us that there was no way to get down the other side. So we had to go back down. We started down and talk of lynching Dennis spread through the group, but we did make it down without incident. All this time Milt Hollander had been down below shouting instructions to come down and seemed to be enjoying it at our expense. Then we had the only part of the trip worth remembering. We actually had about 200 yards of good snow. But the trouble was that the hill was almost flat. After a miserable run down through the trees with everybody getting wracked up, we decided to take off our skis and walk out. We walked for 40 minutes and covered about two miles. Then most of the members of the group went to the Caldwell's house for a drink and a time for excuses.

Participants: Dwight Nicholson, Phil Ryan, Rolf Doebling, Dave Smith, Tim Dick, Jeff Coles, Gale Dick, Karen Caldwell, Dennis Caldwell, Susan Sternberg, Dogowitz Caldwell and Milt Hollander showed up during the tour.

'gory, gory'

Written by Joel Wiley

Tune - "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"

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Gory, gory, what a hellava way to die,
Gory, gory, what a hellava way to die,
Gory, gory, what a hellava way to die,
And they ain't gonna climb no more.

Will it go around the chockstone?
Yelled the belayer looking up.
Our hero feebly answered yes,
And inched his way on up.
He was trying to drive a piton
When his foothold crumbled out.
Oh, he ain't gonna climb no more.

Chorus

He slid on down the chimney,
And he quickly gathered speed.
He shot right on past the belayer
Who'd forgotten the climbers creed,
An anchor to a piton
Would be all he'd ever need.
Oh, they ain't gonna climb no more.

Chorus

The belayer felt the line go taut,
And tried to let it run,
But it pulled him from position,
And he knew his time had come.
He left the ledge behind him,
and it shot up toward the sun.
Oh, they ain't gonna climb no more.

They slid on down the chimney
'Till they passed the southern Col.
And they had such good exposure,
that it made a glorious fall.
And then they hit a friction pitch,
And slithered o'er the wall.
Oh, they ain't gonna climb no more.

Chorus

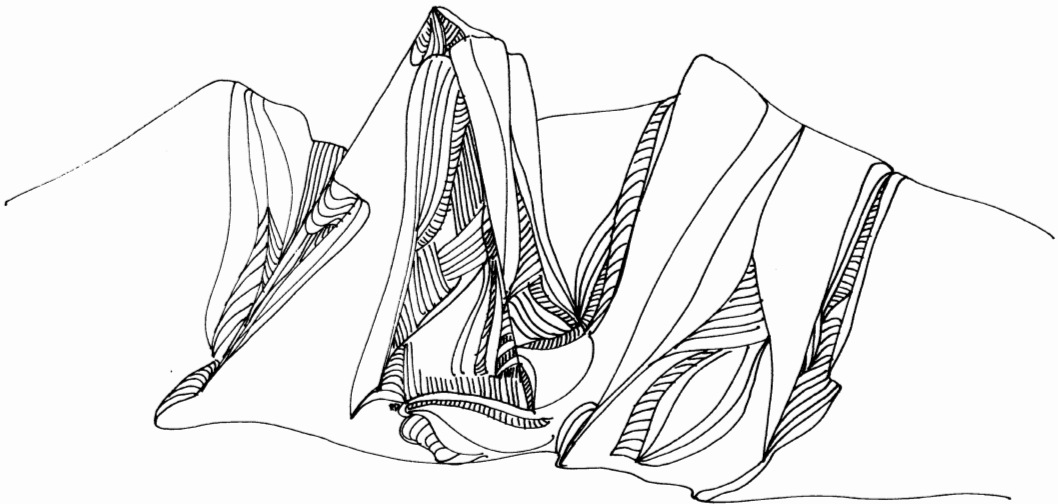
The medic in the valley watched
Them through his telescope.
And as they neared the hills of green,
His eyes grew wide with hope,
For it had been a week or so
Since the parting of the rope.
And they ain't gonna climb no more.

Chorus

They hit the ground, the sound was
splat!!!!!!
The blood went spurting high,
Their friends were heard to say,
What a colorful way to die.
They rolled across the grassy slope
In a welter of their gore.
They ain't gonna climb no more.

Chorus

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John Dewell on WESTWATER photo
by Jack Campbell

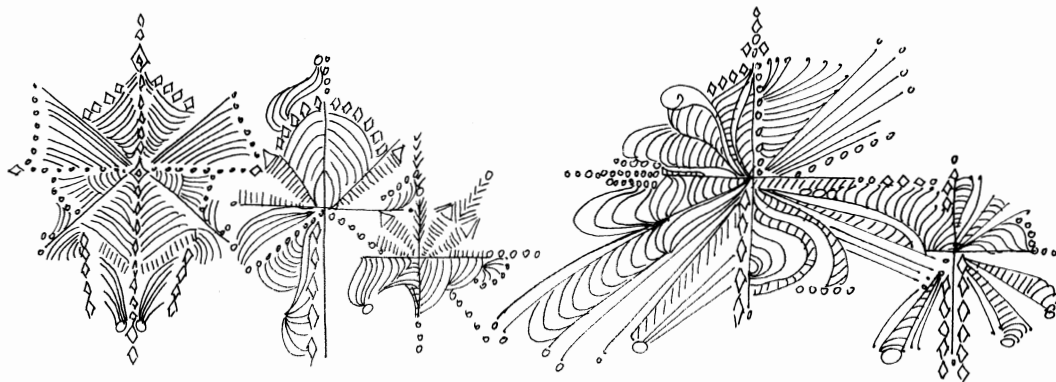
avalanche probes

By Dave Hanscom

There are a few ski tours in the Wasatch where the avalanche danger is sufficiently high to warrant a requirement that each tourer carry an avalanche cord and probe. With this in mind, I have arranged for probes to be available to club members who desire to participate in

such tours. There are three possibilities for obtaining them. 1) The WMC will have ten avalanche probes for rent at Timberline Sports. Rental fee is \$1.00 for the weekend; a \$5.00 deposit will be required and returned when the probes are brought back. 2) Dave Smith has arranged for you to have your metal ski poles made into probes for \$5.00. You can also do it yourself if you have machine shop facilities available. Call him for details at 486-2680. 3) I have designed a portable probe that I will sell for about \$7.00 (the cost of materials) to club members. It is similar to the one sold commercially for \$22.00, but mine is sturdier, easier to assemble, and short enough to fit into most packs.

Avalanche cords are simply 50 to 70 feet of red nylon cord that you tie to yourself. Any mountaineering store can supply this.



lake desolation

DESOLATION LAKE via MILL D NORTH
Distance 3.3 miles vertical 1960'
(2,2) Ski and Snowshoe Tour

By D. Nicholson

The tour was supposed to meet at 9:00 a.m. and by 9:15 when the first car started up the canyon, there were 24 ski and snowshoe tourers ready to try the first snow of the season. We quickly found out that there wasn't quite as much of it as we had hoped for, but we were able to put on our equipment at the head of the trail, and with some maneuvering to avoid the rocks, we started out. A number of people were on nordic skis for the first time, so there was some problem with waxes, but quickly the right wax, or combination of waxes was discovered and supplied, and then it was just a question of time before everyone made it to the lake. This is certainly one of the nicest drainages in the Wasatch front for nordic skis, and I think everyone on nordic skis enjoyed the large meadows on the way to the lake. A few people wanted to try the powder above the lake, but it proved fruitless, so after a pleasant lunch, the group started down at their own pace. A few of the steeper pitches had to be traversed by the nordic skiers, but generally everyone got down in good form, albeit a little tired, and I hope everyone had as enjoyable a time as I had.

Tourers and Snowshoers: Gary and Barbara Anderson, Doug Crow, Elmer Boyd, John Riley, Al Wickhan, Ruth Henson, Ed Miller, Dixon Smith, Marge Yerbury, Kinsley Walton, Mark Eliot, Ross Pearson, Yukio Kachi, Alan Tyre, Ranu Jalota, Albert Clasyre, Jerry Abrams, Ernie Abrams, Mike Stone, John Gottman, Judy Noall, Andy Curtis, leader: Dwight Nicholson.

lodge notes

By Mel Davis

Lodge use has increased greatly this year. Good evidence of this was the number of people participating in the Ski Touring Day in November. Also over 75 people enjoyed Thanksgiving Dinner at the lodge. One of the long-time members remarked that this seemed like old times, the lodge busy with people going in and out during the day.

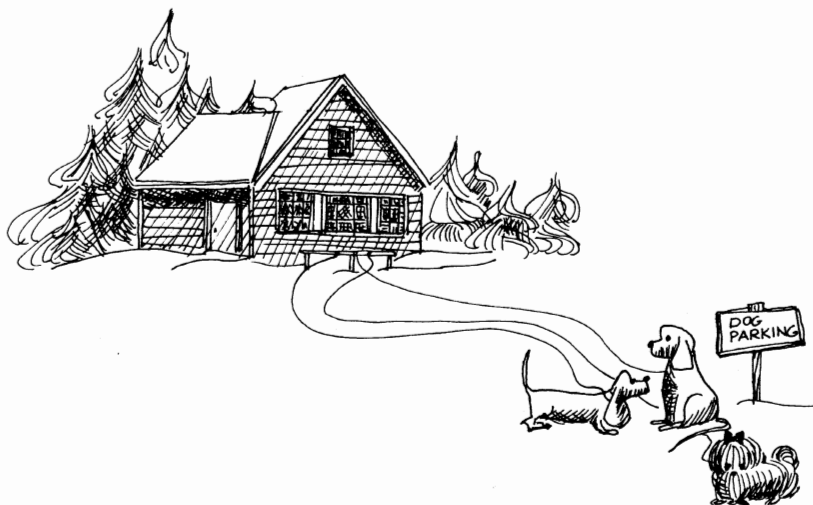
Rentals are up too. All the weekends not set aside for club use have been reserved through February. A lot of week days are available though.

We appreciate the efforts of the volunteer hosts for the open house weekends. The turn-out for these

days has been a little light, but very enjoyable for those participating. This is a good opportunity for members and guests to have a fun time at the lodge, stay overnight in the mountains, and all for free.

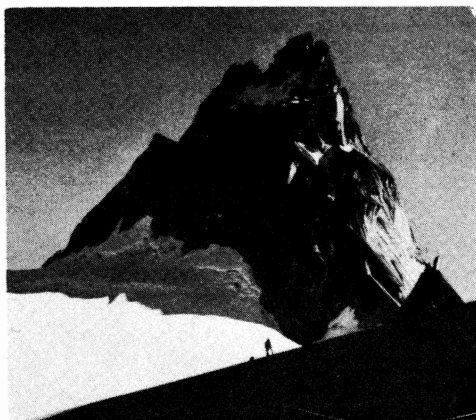
Complaints have come in from members about dogs in the lodge. There has been a lodge rule in the past to not allow dogs inside the lodge. This was discussed again at the last Board of Directors meeting and the dogs lost again. An exception could be made where a person volunteered to be a host at an open house weekend and wished to have dogs allowed.

The gas heating system has been working very well so far this year. It is automatic now, turn on the power at the switch boxes and the heat comes on. The coal furnace is also working for those who like to play with it and prefer it's quieter overnight operation. The water system is still working fine, however, we need someone to come up with a fool-proof by-pass system to remove all possibility of freezing up, even if someone doesn't turn all the valves correctly on leaving. Any ideas?



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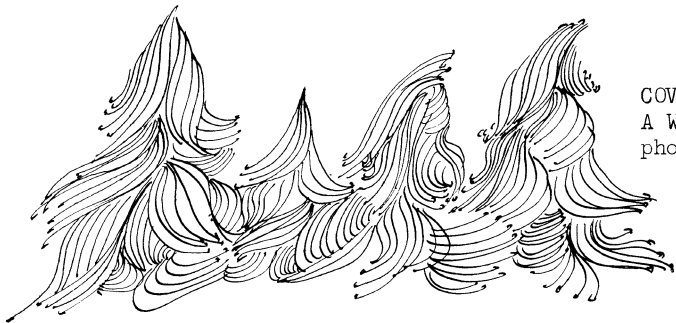
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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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