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news & notices

COVER PHOTO: Appropriate to this ski-touring issue, let's honor the members who started it all. Here's a group ready to zoom away from Pinecrest, about 1924-25.

thanks

...To George and Georgia Randall
for mailing the November RAMBLER.

...To Adrian G. (Graphics) Stevens
for everything else.

SELLING CAMPING EQUIPMENT?

We would like to BUY tents, sleeping bags and backpacking stove and pots. Noel de Nevers, 328-9376.

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Rambler Deadline

...for DECEMBER is November 15, Friday. Please have your articles and schedules typed and mailed to:

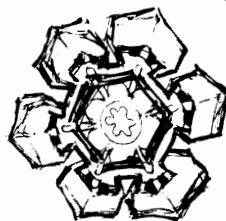
ATTENTION: RAMBLER EDITOR
Wasatch Mountain Club
3155 Highland Drive
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

The Wasatch Mountain Club is governed by a Board of Directors - 13 representatives elected by the membership. Through the courtesy of Timberline Sports, our mail is sent to their address, 3155 Highland Drive, for collection only. The Club's telephone is located at O'Dell's Shoe Repair Shop, 425 South 8th West. This phone is maintained as an answering service only by Life Members 'Pete' (O'Dell) Peterson and wife 'Pinky'. They take time out from their work to answer the phone and relay incoming messages to the proper Director. The Petersons do not hold any office, or attend Board meetings, or are they informed by the Board of official actions. If a trip leader cannot be contacted or is not specified, call the Director of that department for information. The Board strongly desires to hear comments, suggestions, inquiries, and criticisms concerning the operation of your Club. Please feel free to phone any Director or write to the President. Names will be withheld upon request, but anonymous letters will be disregarded.

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.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

FOR NOVEMBER 74



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 November 1974 RAMBLER. Contact the leader if you are in doubt about your ability to do the tour.

Avalanche information is available from Milt Hollander, 277-1416, and from the Wasatch National Forest winter sports information recording, 487-2093. The snow rangers at Alta get so many calls that you should use them only as a last resort, and please don't call them late in the evening. Avalanche probes and cords are required on advanced ski tours. Probes are available for rent at Timberline Sports and for sale by the Ski Touring Director.

NOVEMBER 2
Saturday

HALLOWEEN CCSTUME PARTY. The usual Great Pumpkin celebration gets underway at 8:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Wear your zaniest. There is a nominal fee to be announced. Bring your sleeping bag and breakfast goodies if you want to stay overnight. Call Bonnie Cmana, 561-4537, and tell her you'll be there! Call George Lowe, (1) 782-9329 for further information.

NOVEMBER 3
Sunday

EARLY BIRD SKI TOUR. Milt Hollander will once again take the eager bunch to wherever there is snow. Call Milt for details, 277-1416.

NOVEMBER 10
Sunday

DESOLATION LAKE VIA MILL D NORTH FORK. This is suitable for Nordic or snowshoes. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Jim Byrne, 582-5631.

- NOVEMBER 16
Saturday
- SKI TOURING DAY AT THE LODGE. Once again it is time to come out and talk equipment and snow conditions. We will meet about 11:00 a.m. to discuss equipment. Then we will go out for a short tour if there is any snow. We will come back to the Lodge for Fred Bruenger's movies at 4:00 p.m. Later there will be an informal dinner for a nominal fee to lead us into the Wine Tasting Party of the evening. Call Dwight Nicholson for details, 359-6178.
- NOVEMBER 16
Saturday
- WINE-TASTING PARTY. Should be starting about 8:00 p.m. A fee of 50¢ or less will be charged for snacks. Bring your favorite wine or a new one to try and to share. If you wish to stay overnight, please call us. We can't stay (kids) but someone may be willing to take on the Lodge responsibility. Call J and Alice Dewell, 295-2754.
- NOVEMBER 20
Wednesday
- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. This will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Blvd. The business meeting will feature, among other items, discussion of a possible dues raise and the Life Membership question. Then we'll have a warmup for cold weather with ski touring slides of familiar Wasatch areas as well as the Tetons, by Kennie Jackson and Hal Gribble. There will also be refreshments.
- NOVEMBER 23
Saturday
- SILVER FORK BEGINNER SNOWSHOE TRIP. We will go up Silver Fork to Honeycomb Cliffs and then back down. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Mel Davis, 278-3174.
- NOVEMBER 24
Sunday
- DESERT CAVE EXPLORING TRIP. Exact destination will depend on weather and roads. Hard hat and headlamp required and may be rented for \$1.00 from the leader. Call Dale Green, 277-6417 for meeting place, time, etc. At least 5 must sign up before this trip will be planned. Transportation charge will be about \$5.00.
- NOVEMBER 28-
DECEMBER 1
Thurs.-Sun.
- GRAND CANYON BACKPACK. We have a permit to hike two of the abandoned intercanion trails, the Old Hance and the Grandview. The Hance is a very challenging, difficult to follow trail. It requires that you be in excellent condition. The trail follows a beautiful gulch from the rim to the red wall where the trail is very difficult to find. Once in the drainage below the wall, the going to the river is fairly easy. The second day crosses the Tonto Plateau. It is very long and dry, and ends on the Horseshoe Mesa. This mesa is the destination of the Grandview Trail group who normally spend the entire trip in this area. There is a route to the river from the mesa. Water is plentiful near Horse Mesa if you know where to find it. Please contact the leaders if you are interested: Grandview Trail, Mike Omana, 561-4537. Hance Trail: Mary Jo Sweeney, 582-8298.
- NOVEMBER 28
Thursday
- THANKSGIVING TOUR. Come out and do a short tour before your Thanksgiving dinner. Meet at the Lodge at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Dwight Nicholson, 359-6178.

NOVEMBER 28
Thursday

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE LODGE. Bring your family, table service, skis, snowshoes, toboggans, and thanks to the Lodge again this year. Dinner is planned for 4:30 p.m. This is a potluck; call Barbara Ross, 277-9537 to discuss the contents of your pot. Reservations will close Sunday night Nov. 24th. Capacity is limited to about 90 people. Lodge open overnight and through the weekend. P.S. Be prepared to reimburse the turkey providers.

NOVEMBER 28-
DECEMBER 1
Thurs.-Sun.

LODGE OPEN. Call Phil Nelson, 581-9205 for details.

DECEMBER 8
Sunday

ADVANCED ALPINE TOUR. This will be dependent on snow conditions and weather so call the leader for details. Leader: Dave Smith, 486-2680.

DECEMBER 13-15 LODGE OPEN. See December Rambler.
Fri.-Sun.



NOTES

by Phil Nelson

With a mighty turnout, the WMC cut, split, and stacked a winter's supply of wood while oiling the exterior of the lodge in their spare time. The deeds were done on September 21 by numbers uncounted, although our best observer noticed eight spoons remaining post-lunch out of 100 starters.

Especial accolades to: Carol Wiens for lunch;
Chuck & Diz Mays for liquids;
Herbert, Hanscom, & Reid for chain saws;
Riley, Lowe, Reid, Nicholson, Allan and somebody for truckin';
Wendy, Paula, Laura, Allison and Suzy for kid-watchin';
and
Karen W.; Craig M., Bill Y., Mike O., and Sally N. for the morning after.

By the way, although the lodge is booked on weekends through February for club functions and rentals, it is available to members on a private basis during the week. Call your local lodge director for details.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

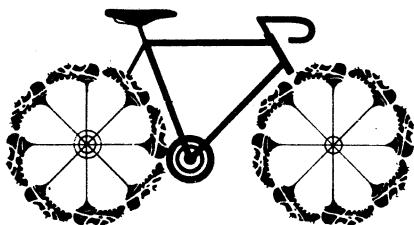
by Dale Green

Some misunderstandings have arisen concerning our finances because of my September article on Rambler problems. Our system of bookkeeping credits or debits all financial transactions to the various functions; i.e., all income or expenditures for boating is added or subtracted in the boating column. The Rambler derives its income from dues and advertising. The present dues and advertising were not enough to pay for the past size of the Rambler. But we are by no means "broke", "going under", or "in bad financial straits" as I have heard members comment. We have over \$10,000 in the banks!!! The Rambler column is the only one short of cash. So why are we talking about raising dues? Come to the General Membership meeting on Nov. 20 and discuss the problem with the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Oct. 16, 1974 (Transactions Thru Oct. 2)

Summary	Balance Sep. 18	Revenue	Disburse- ments	- Balance Oct. 16
General Fund	\$ 581.36	\$116.10	\$ 186.18	\$ 511.28
Lodge	1674.66	385.00	610.88	1448.78
Boating	2637.75	10.00	52.13	2595.62
Mountaineering	500.44			500.44
Socials	64.37			64.37
Conservation	491.95		10.00	481.95
Sam Thomas Trail Fund	120.95			120.95
Sam Thomas Special Fund	925.00			925.00
Ski Touring	222.70			222.70
Wasatch Trails	1799.88	45.00		1844.88
Hiking	38.19			38.19
Kayaking	19.00	17.00		36.00
Totals	9076.25	473.10	859.19	3790.16
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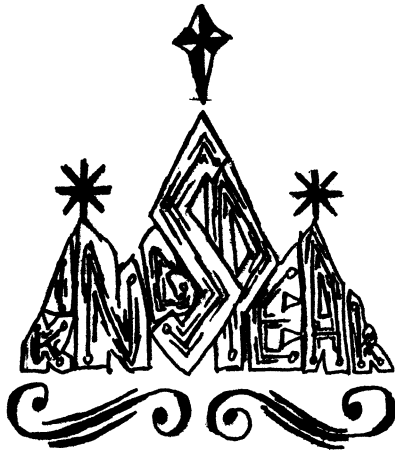
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August 17-18

by Sam Allan

The view was unusually clear to the west and the day was exceptionally brilliant. It thrilled us to discover that we could see some of our favorite peaks in the Wasatch range from the summit of Kings Peak, one hundred miles away. We identified American Fork Twins and the Pfeifferhorn lying slightly to the north of Timpanogos. Howard, with binoculars, confirmed our findings.

We had backpacked over the main crest of the Uintas via Gunsight pass the day before and sacked out

in a clearing among stunted pines in high Painters Basin. There were six of us, five men and one adventurous woman, on the trek this year: Oliver Faugeras, Jerry Youngblood, Dale Gardner, Howard LeVaux, York Osojnak, and Sam Allan. Everyone wondered why the trek isn't more popular with the club. You get sixteen miles of Nature's best on the way up and 360 degrees of nothing but pristine beauty at the summit. Your scribe would have extended the trek another sixteen miles had the others been willing. We could have returned by way of Moon Lake. The possibility was discussed but postponed to next year when we hope the club will crank that tour into its hiking program.

While we were descending into Anderson Pass, we met long-faced hikers from another club who dejectedly told us they had mistaken a peak at the head of Henrys Basin for Kings Peak. Apparently others ahead of them had made the same mistake. On the summit they had found a bottle with a note which read, "WE CLIMBED THE GODDAM WRONG MOUNTAIN!" We offered our condolences, which didn't sound very sincere since we were convulsed with laughter.

SKI TOPICS

Free Lectures
Every Tuesday Evening

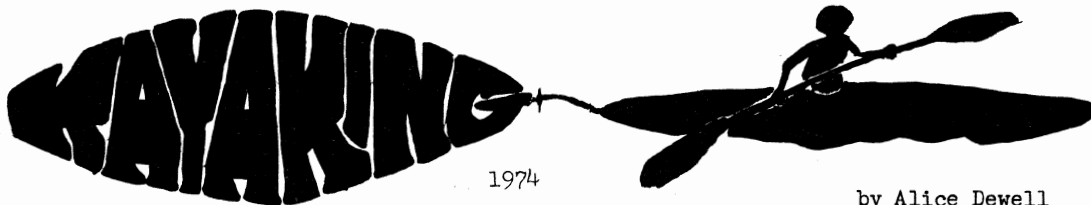
**CROSS-COUNTRY
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1974

by Alice Dewell

Two very special kayak-only trips were the highlights of this summer: the Owyhee and Middle Fork of the Salmon. John Herbert introduced us to the Owyhee - a river in southeast Oregon. Nine of us started out assuming it would be a leisurely intermediate run. But we had a lower water level than John had counted on, and the trip turned out to be an advanced exploratory run. The river is fast and rocky and required good technical skill and an ability to read a river. Rapids often had to be scouted from the water and from eddy to eddy. Portages were fairly frequent for some of us. Some learned a lot and others put their competent skills to use getting us down the river.

This river is a kayaker's dream. It will (hopefully) never be overrun by rafts - too many rocks and a mandatory, difficult portage around a nasty waterfall. The canyon is beautiful, dry lava rock country. We saw no one else from put-in to take-out and no evidence of previous campers - a truly fine wilderness adventure.

Jack Campbell led eight of us down the Middle Fork of the Salmon during the July 23rd week. This canyon begins in heavily-timbered alpine country and the hills become drier and more sparsely timbered as the river approaches the Main Salmon. The water is a beverage beyond compare. It is cold and so clear you see every pebble on the bottom. Traffic was fairly heavy, but campgrounds were clean and rustic.

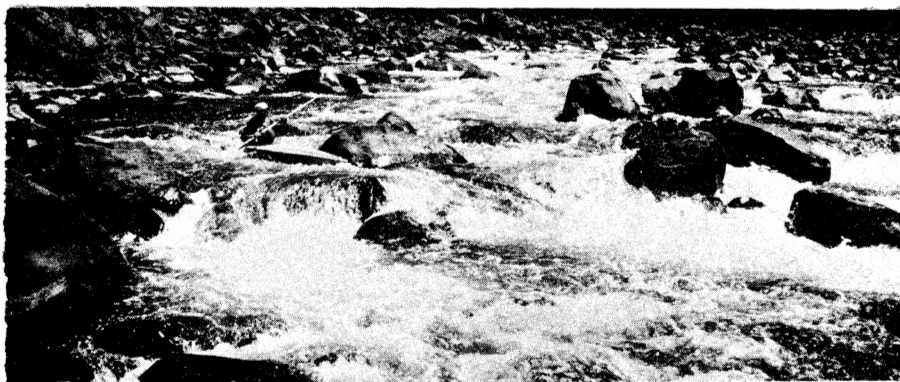
We put in at Dagger Falls. Jack scheduled 13 miles the first day - a fast, rocky run full of fun, technical rapids where quick, decisive maneuvers were needed. Feeder streams swell the river and our skills were put to many tests. As the river grew, so did the rapids. We could float at 5 mph. The water at Dagger Falls was 50° and warmed up to 62° near the confluence with the Main. We enjoyed warm, sunny weather. At our second campground we soaked in hot (118°) pools and took warm showers.

Kayaking is unique - it is serious boating and you must learn to read water and how to work with the dynamics. A kayak is highly maneuverable but very unstable and vulnerable. We have done our trips without raft support, which means that we carry our own gear and pare it to the bone. Our meals do not merit eulogies and we sit around the campfire drinking water, flavored with tea, chocolate, coffee or Wyler's. We did take 8 oz. of brandy down the Owyhee and nine of us shared it one very special evening. We'd had a harrowing day and were still in the canyon, not knowing how much farther we had to go.

Even though each person is his own captain and crew, there is a group effort involved. People tend to look after each other and help where they can. When a trip is unforeseeably extended, as the Owyhee was, food is pooled and shared. On the water, noses are counted continually. Often, cheers go up for the less experienced boater who comes through a rapid right side up.

We had a good, full season with something for everyone; some fun warm-up trips on the Colorado from Dewey Bridge to Moab, a session at Northside Canal, and several trips down the Provo and Weber rivers. Weekends at Alpine Canyon of the Snake River taught people about big water hydraulics. The season officially ended with a run down Westwater. Our thanks to all the trip leaders.

We have only one regret: no contact with canoers. The kayak director wants very much to get some canoe trips going for next year. Ideas for trips and leaders are very much needed. Please, we want to hear from you.



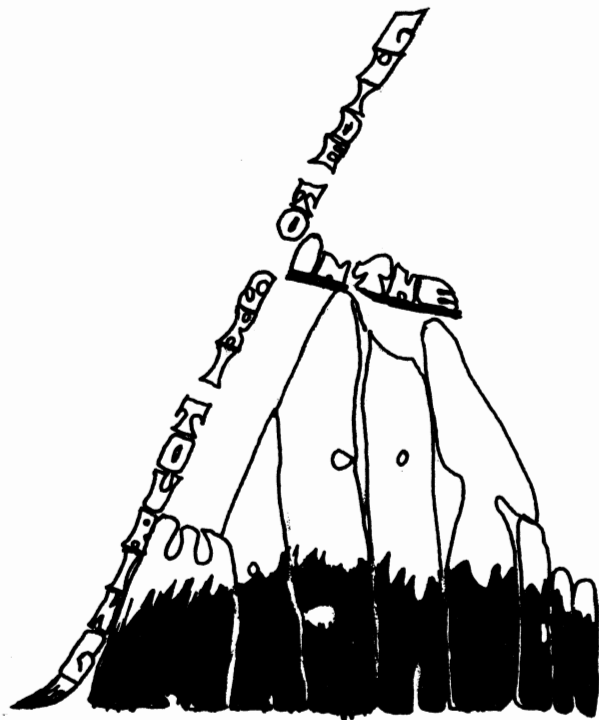
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Committed -- Cwyhee River

Happy Hour - Middle Fork Salmon





Jerry Horton

Albion Hut Ski Tour
last season

Photo by Clint Lewis

BY Dave Hanscom and Dwight Nicholson

The difficulty of a ski tour is not easy to define. It depends to a large extent upon the condition of the snow, which varies from one day to the next, (and even from one hour to the next) due to snowfall, wind velocity, air temperature and the location of the route relative to exposure to wind and sun.

It also depends upon the weather, the physical condition of the tourer, the particular route chosen, and equipment.

For Nordic skiers, correct touring technique and ability to choose the proper wax makes all the difference in the world. The only parameters that are constant on a ski tour are the vertical rise and the horizontal distance.

With these facts in mind, an attempt has been made to rate the ski tours in the wasatch. The rating system is in the form (X,Y), where X describes the difficulty of the climb, and Y indicates the skiing proficiency required to get down. Both are rated from 1 to 6, in order of increasing difficulty. For example, Day's Fork is rated (2,4); it involves a relatively short climb of 1900 feet in 1.5 miles from Alta, but the descent includes an extremely steep bowl where avalanche danger can be quite high. These numbers are necessarily relative, and are meant only to give the tourer a general idea of the required ability level necessary under good skiing conditions.

To put the skiing proficiency part of the rating into perspective, a comparison can be made to slopes at the ski areas. Skiers with ability to handle Main Street, Pay Day or Majestic with confidence could take tours rated 1 or 2; they should have mastered the kick turn, however, for the sections where it is the only alternative to turning in the powder. Nordic skiers should also be able to manage these tours with good snow conditions, particularly the ones with long run-outs. A rating of (3) requires intermediate skiing skills, as would Collins Face, Bob's Bowl, Millicent, or Thaynes; ability to turn in unpacked snow becomes more important. The higher rated tours are for advanced skiers who can manage any snow conditions; sometimes the survival instinct helps, too.

The table on the opposite page (much of which is taken from a December 1968 RABBLER article by Charles Keller) contains data on 37 of the most popular tours in the Wasatch. They are listed in approximate order of difficulty to assist your go/no go decision.

This year we have decided to add to the general ratings a column for Nordic Ability and/or suitability. The rating here is Beginner (B), Intermediate (I), Advanced (A), and Not Advised (N/A). Beginner would be the person who has only been on Nordic skis a few times, and has a lot of difficulty with down-hill sections. Intermediate ratings would refer to those people who have been out a number of times and can do a good stop and kick turn, or an adequate stem turn. The advanced tours are for those who can handle most everything on Nordic skis given decent snow conditions. We have also noted those tours that are not advised for Nordic skis, mainly because the slope is so severe, or the snow conditions are so poor, that it would be a survival situation on Nordic skis.

It is suggested that you not go on a tour that is much farther down the list than the most difficult one that you have taken in the past. A skier who goes on a trip that he can't handle not only endangers and discourages himself, but he compromises the enjoyment of the entire party. If in doubt, the tour leader or ski touring director will be happy to advise you.

A map of the ski touring routes in the Alta-Brighton area is available from the Wasatch National Forest office at 3070 E. 3300 S.

One final comment should be made regarding ski tours taken by individuals who like to get out on their own. Snow conditions in the Wasatch are extremely variable, and thanks to our large accumulations, avalanche danger can be extremely high. It is advisable before going on a tour to ascertain that the snow is safe in the area, to never go alone, and to let someone know your route and schedule. The Forest Service Alta Guard Station will provide information on weather and snow accumulation, but they cannot be responsible for deciding if you should take the tour. Your own common sense must be your guide.



Description	Lift	ASCENT		DESCENT		Rating	Nordic
		Dist.	Vert.	Dist.	Vert.		
Wolverine Cirque from Solitude	Millicent	.7	350	1.6	1330	1,2	I
White Solitude		1.4	300	1.4	300	1,2	B
Snake Creek Pass from Brighton	Majestic	1.0	840	1.4	1240	1,2	B
Catherine Pass from Alta	Albion	1.0	740	2.3	1680	1,2	B
Alta from Brighton via Twin Lakes Pass	Millicent	1.1	275	1.1	1430	1,2	I
Dog Lake via Mill D - North		2.3	1460	2.3	1460	2,2	B
Mill F		2.2	1000	2.2	1000	2,2	I
Desolation Lake via Mill D - North		3.3	1960	3.3	1960	2,2	B
Catherine Pass from Brighton	Majestic	1.5	1020	1.8	1440	2,2	I
Mill Creek from Park City West (to Log Haven)	P.C. West	.5	150	7.7	3300	1,2	I
Park City from Brighton via Scott's Pass		2.0	700	3.8	2500	2,2	I
Brighton from Park City via Scott's Pass	Gondola	1.8	400	2.0	700	2,2	I
Honeycomb from Solitude (to cirque)		3.0	1400	3.0	1400	2,2	I
Mineral Fork		2.9	1890	2.9	1890	2,2	I
White Pine Lake, Red Pine Lake		2.7	2400	2.7	2400	3,2	I
Honeycomb from Brighton	Evergreen	.6	500	3.5	2140	1,3	A
St. Wolverine from Alta	Albion	1.2	1205	1.8	2035	2,3	A
Silver Fork from Bright- on via Twin Lakes Pass	Millicent	1.6	470	2.8	2460	2,3	
Mill Creek from Mill D No. via Dog Lake (to Log Haven)		2.3	1460	6.4	2900	2,3	I
Cardiff Fork from Alta		1.0	1360	5.9	2750	2,3	A
Silver Fork from Alta		1.8	1610	2.8	2510	2,3	A
American Fork from Alta (to S. Fork Ranger Sta- tion)	Sugarloaf	.3	160	12.6	4450	1,3	I
Mary Ellen Gulch from Alta (to S. Fork Ranger Station)	Sugarloaf	.3	160	10.6	4450	1,3	N/A
Loft Canyon		3.2	3960	3.2	3960	4,3	N/A
Major Fork from Alta		1.5	1890	3.5	3140	4,4	A
Major Evans Gulch from Alta (to S. Fork Ranger Station)	Sugarloaf	2.9	480	7.4	4770	2,4	N/A
White Pine from Alta	Sugarloaf	3.4	330	3.0	3140	3,4	N/A
St. Raymond via Butler Fork		3.5	3140	3.5	3140	4,4	A

Description	Lift	ASCENT		DESCENT		Rating	Nordic
		Dist.	Vert.	Dist.	Vert.		
American Fork from White Pine via Silver Lake (to S. Fork Ranger Station)		3.4	3030	7.6	+580	4,4	N/A
Maybird from White Pine		3.4	2440	2.0	3175	3,5	N/A
Alpine from White Pine via Dry Creek		3.7	3000	6.5	5560	4,4	N/A
Hogum from White Pine		3.6	2700	3.1	3660	3,5	N/A
Alexander Basin from Butler Fork (to Log Haven)		3.6	3145	5.4	4140	3,5	N/A
White Pine from Alta via Twin Peaks	Sugarloaf	2.4	1075	4.0	3875	3,5	N/A
Major Evans Gulch from Alta via Twin Peaks (to S. Fork Ranger Sta.)	Sugarloaf	2.4	1075	8.1	5360	3,5	N/A
Mineral Fork from Alta		2.3	2180	3.1	4160	3,5	N/A
Lake Blanche from Alta		1.9	2060	4.3	4500	3,5	N/A

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Occupation (Optional) _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club and enclose \$ _____ as my annual membership dues for the year _____, \$ _____ of which is for a subscription to the Rambler for the year and \$4.00 entrance fee. (From January to August, dues are \$6.00 of which \$5.00 are for a Rambler subscription - Spouse dues (non-subscribing) are \$3.00 - plus \$4.00 entrance fee. From September to December, the dues are \$3.00, of which \$2.50 are for a Rambler subscription -- Spouse dues (non-subscribing) are \$1.50 - plus \$4.00 entrance fee.) I (do) (do not) desire to receive the Rambler.

I have attended two Club activities in the past 12 months as required for membership such as hikes, ski tours, camping trips, rock-hound trips or work parties and have been recommended by two trip leaders who are Club members. Social events such as lodge parties, winter socials, etc. are not activities qualifying for membership. I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Club as specified in the Constitution and Bylaws as determined by the Board of Directors.

I am specifically interested in the items checked below:

Hiking _____ Ski Touring _____ Boating _____ Mountaineering _____ Caving _____

Cycling _____ Conservation _____ Writing and Editing _____ Organizing social

activities _____ Lodge Work _____ Photography _____ Other _____

CLUB ACTIVITIES ATTENDED:

1. _____ Date _____ Signature of recommending Trip Leader _____

2. _____ Date _____ Trip Leader _____

(Note: The signature of a Director may be substituted for one Trip Leader.)

Signature of Applicant

SNICKERS AND THE SNAKE OTHER EVENTS

by Lois Craig

We may have thought our problems Omens from Odin, enroute and return, though the float trip itself August 23 through 25 was a delight. Before we headed out, insurance problems, a flat tire on the U-Haul trailer, and a difficult trailer hitch delayed our start a couple of hours. Finally, however, with nothing more than an Excedrin headache, leader Karen Weatherbee nosed the rented van up the highway toward Jackson, stopping in Evanston for gas and again in Afton. Due to our initial late start, we missed finding a gas station open in Afton, but incredibly, Karen wangled several gallons of gas from private sources and we headed for our rendezvous spot at Alpine Junction.

At this turnoff we waited for one of the two private cars in our caravan. Not finding the car, we left Audrey on watch at the junction while the van-full of us went on the Elbow Campground, arriving very cold about 5 a.m. for a three hour sleep before breakfast.

Our lost vehicle found us by daylight and we warmed up at breakfast, shuffled vehicles, and launched boats at Wilson Bridge, somehow omitting our Odin boating song. Two incidents stood out on Saturday: first, a pileup of boats occurred where brush and tree branches had sucked the current through a narrow passageway, the last boat acting like a mallet and knocking us all through at once. Second, Oliver Saugeras' boat rammed into the end of a downed tree. Thanks to his persistence and George Randall's shouted suggestions from shore, we pivoted this boat into clear current again. All the boats were running into trouble and everyone agreed we should change the name to the Snag River. We camped that night at Flat Creek Bridge and slept in spite of wind and blowing sand.

Sunday we woke to chow call, tardily sang our Odin boating round, and were off amidst great water fights of the lead boats with their spirited crews. We were welcomed for lunch by the hospitable owners of a private camp-area, arriving again early in the afternoon at Elbow Campground, where we dried out and repacked. Some private-car passengers got back to Salt Lake about 1 a.m. but waited for the rest of the caravan which, with new and different drivers at the wheel of the van, had taken a wrong turn and run out of gas, pulling in home about 3:15 a.m. It was a weary group of wayfarers who stashed away boats and supplies, looking over our shoulders to see if Odin was there lurking and laughing in the shadows.

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