

# The Rambler

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# news & notices!

COVER: The official emblem of the WMC: Sundial, with Lake Blanche in the foreground. By Adrian Stevens, from the cover of the 1924-25 Rambler.

FOR SALE: A used Gerry Pack for backpacking small children. Call Phil or Sally Nelson, 581-9205.

FOR SALE: child's down sleeping bag, good condition. Call Mike Treshow, 467-1022.

## thanks

- ...to George and Georgia Randall for mailing the February RAMBLER
- ...to Lois Craig for typing help
- ...to Adrian Wunderkinder Stevens for everything else

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## Rambler Deadline

...for MARCH is February 15, Saturday. 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<sup>for</sup> FEBRUARY '75

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, 486-6333. 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 to rent through Ski Touring Director Dwight Nicholson and for sale from Dave Hanscom, 487-6065.

## !!! FREE NORDIC SKIING CLINICS !!!

There are two beginning Nordic skiing clinics offered every Saturday:

1. - Timberline Sports - for details call 466-2101.
2. - Wasatch Touring Company - for details call 359-9361.

FEBRUARY 8-9  
Sat.-Sun.

LODGE OPEN - Hosted by Rollin and Betty Hurlbut, 277-4547.  
Come socialize with adults and teenagers.

FEBRUARY 8  
Saturday

ALTA TO CATHERINE PASS (1,2). This is suitable for beginner snowshoers or nordic skiers. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood at 8 a.m. Leader: Burt Janis, 278-7291.

FEBRUARY 8  
Saturday

DESOLATION LAKE (2,2). This is a beginner to intermediate snowshoe or nordic tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Frank West, 1-225-5999.

FEBRUARY 9  
Sunday

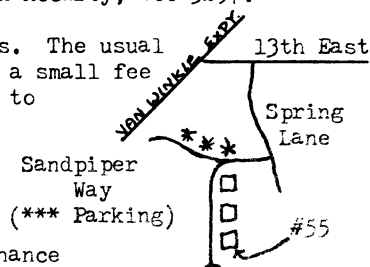
POSSIBLY MAJOR EVANS GULCH (3,5). This is an advanced tour, so registration with the leader is required. Leader: Gale Dick, 359-5764.

FEBRUARY 9  
Sunday

SILVER FORK NORDIC TOUR -- Intermediate. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Don Colman, 486-7796.

- FEBRUARY 9**  
**Sunday**      **WINTER SOCIAL.** Sally and Gordie Olsen are having this winter social, a first time for them, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The address is 5797 So. Beaumont Drive (1740 East). To get into their neighborhood, turn south off 5600 So. Their phone is 277-4179. Supper will be served for a nominal fee and drinks are available at cost.
- FEBRUARY 15**  
**Saturday**      **TONY GROVE IN LOGAN CANYON.** If you have wanted to get out of the Wasatch and do a fine nordic tour, this is it! It is a 7 mile gradual ascent, then an easy coast back if the snow is right. Call leader, Yukio Kachi, 466-8418, for details.
- FEBRUARY 15**  
**Saturday**      **SCOTTS PASS VIA MILL F NORTH FORK --** Intermediate nordic tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Bill Rosqvist, 295-0458.
- FEBRUARY 16-17**  
**Sun.-Mon.**      **LODGE OPEN, President's Day.** Lodge available from 1:00 p.m. on Sunday through as late as you want on Monday. Call Phil Nelson, 581-9205.
- FEBRUARY 16**  
**Sunday**      **WMC/TIMBERLINE BEGINNER NORDIC TOUR.** Call Timberline for details, 466-2101.
- FEBRUARY 16**  
**Sunday**      **BROADS FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR.** This is a strenuous snowshoe tour with some worthwhile payoffs for your labors. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 583-2292.
- FEBRUARY 19**  
**Wednesday**      **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING.** Our annual elections meeting will be held in the Zion Lutheran Church basement, 1070 Foothill Drive, at 8:00 p.m. Candidates for the Board of Directors will be introduced and voted upon. Attendance of members is important, but an absentee ballot procedure is available if necessary. See page 6 in this issue. A welcome addition to the business at hand will be a slide presentation by Gale Dick of his 1974 Nepal trip. Refreshments will also be served.
- IMPORTANT !**
- FEBRUARY 22-23**  
**Sat.-Sun.**      **OPEN LODGE WEEKEND -** hosted by Mike and Bonnie Omana. Leave the kids home and come up to the lodge for a relaxing weekend without the pitter-patter of little feet. If you can't stay all weekend, at least show up for the party Saturday night. Call the Omanas, 561-4537, or Phil Nelson, 581-9205, if you wish to use the lodge Friday night.
- FEBRUARY 22**  
**Saturday**      **SUNDANCE NORDIC TOUR -** this tour is intermediate, and will go somewhere in the vicinity of Sundance. Call leader for details and to register. Leader: Milt Hollander, 277-1416.
- FEBRUARY 23**  
**Sunday**      **WMC/TIMBERLINE BEGINNER NORDIC TOUR.** Call Timberline for details, 466-2101.
- FEBRUARY 23**  
**Sunday**      **BEGINNING SNOWSHOE TOUR -** meet at the lodge at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Mike Omana, 561-4537.

- FEBRUARY 23**  
Sunday  
NEFFS CANYON - advanced tour. This tour is most suitable for alpine equipment or strong Nordic skiers. Call leader for details and to register. Leader: Alexis Kelner, 359-5387.
- FEBRUARY 23**  
Sunday  
BOATING WORK PARTY. Meet at Dale Green's, 4230 Sovereign Way, at 3:00 p.m. to move the boats to their new home. See details on page 10 of this Rambler. Leader: Ken McCarty, 466-3297.
- FEBRUARY 23**  
Sunday  
WINTER SOCIAL at Bob & Judy Weatherbee's. The usual light meal, beer, wine, small talk, for a small fee will be the order of the evening. Come to 1490 Sandpiper Way #55 around 5:00 p.m. Call 272-5510 if further information is wanted.
- MARCH 1**  
Saturday  
DESERET PEAK - advanced alpine - This can be a very nice trip and is a chance to tour out of the Wasatch area. Strong Nordic skiers welcome. Call leader for details. Leader: Larry Swanson, 278-3269.
- MARCH 2**  
Sunday  
WMC/TIMBERLINE BEGINNER NORDIC TOUR. Call Timberline for details, 466-2101.
- MARCH 2**  
Sunday  
BEN LOMOND SUMMIT - alpine-nordic tour. Organized by the Ogden Sierra Club. Meet at 1777 Binford, Ogden, 7:00 a.m. Rated "hard." Leader: Jock Glidden, 1-392-9346.
- MARCH 2**  
Sunday  
LAKE BLANCHE. Once again the club will attempt this very nice advanced alpine trip. Call leader to register. Leader: Alexis Kelner, 359-5387.
- MARCH 2**  
Sunday  
PARK CITY TO WHITE PINE CANYON - a good nordic trip for intermediate skiers in good shape. Call leader for details. Leader: Bob Everson, 487-0029.
- MARCH 8**  
Saturday  
BRIGHTON-ALTA-BRIGHTON - alpine tour - meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Gerry Horton, 262-8372.
- MARCH 8**  
Saturday  
BEGINNER SNOWSHOE TRIP - this trip will wander around Albion Basin and possibly continue up to Catherine Pass. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Phil Nelson, 581-9205.
- MARCH 9**  
Sunday  
WMC/TIMBERLINE BEGINNER NORDIC TOUR. Call Timberline for details, 466-2101.
- MARCH 9**  
Sunday  
WOLVERINE PEAK - this is a good intermediate Nordic trip. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Jim Byrne, 582-5631.



MARCH 9 Sunday WINTER SOCIAL. Bob and Denna Wright will host the final winter social of this season in their unique dome home. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. for a reasonable charge, and drinks are available for same. The address is 3033 East 5800 South. Enter off Holladay Blvd. on 5800 South. Please park below the bridge. The Wrights' phone is 272-1177.

MARCH 14-16 Fri.-Sun. LODGE OPEN - hosted by George and Georgia Randall, 322-2360.

MARCH 15 Saturday DESOLATION LAKE VIA MILL D - an excellent intermediate nordic trip, possibly continuing over to Millcreek Canyon. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Mel Davis, 278-3174.

MARCH 16 Sunday WMC/TIMBERLINE BEGINNER NORDIC TOUR. Call Timberline for details, 466-2101.

MARCH 16 Sunday MAYBIRD LAKES - advanced alpine - a very good trip into the high country in Little Cottonwood. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Rolf Doebling, 364-9934.

MARCH 26-27 Wed.-Thurs. LODGE OPEN, but we need a host during the spring school recess. Call Phil Nelson, 581-9205.

MARCH 28-30 Fri.-Sun. LODGE OPEN - hosted by Noel deNevers and family, phone 328-9376.

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APRIL 11-20 Friday to Sunday week GRAND CANYON RIVER TRIP. Upon your receiving this Rambler, reservations are now open for this spectacular nine-day trip through the Grand Canyon. We will leave Salt Lake City by bus on the evening of Friday, April 11th, and meet our commercial boatmen at Lee's Ferry the following morning, where we will put in on the Colorado. Takeout is at Pearce's Ferry on Sunday, April 20th, and a late arrival back in Salt Lake that night.

We will be floating large pontoon rafts under motor with seasoned boatmen. There will be time for side hiking trips and time to relax. All meals are provided, as well as life jackets. I will attempt to help locate enough river bags and ammo boxes. You must provide your own personal gear, sleeping equipment, and shelter.

Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis with current WMC members having first priority. The price of the trip is \$300 for the river trip plus approximately \$75 for transportation. A deposit of \$75 is necessary to secure your reservation. Mail to Karen Weatherbee, 1167 Ramona Ave. #4, Salt Lake City 84105 after February 1st. Please include your name, address and telephone number. Call Karen at 467-9715 after 5:30 p.m. for further information.

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# *The President's Column*

By Dale Green

The nominating committee (Charlie Keller, Ruta Dreijmanis and Danny Thomas) has presented the following nominees for next year's Board of Directors:

President - Dale Green  
Secretary - Judy Davis  
Treasurer - Mel Davis  
Boating - Ken McCarty  
Conservation - Sam Allan  
Mike Omana  
Entertainment - Susan Morris  
Hiking - Mike Hendrickson  
Kayaking - Danny Thomas  
Lodge - Diz Mays  
Membership - Marlene Austin  
Judy Weatherbee  
Mountaineering - John Gottman  
Publications - Audrey Stevens  
Ski Touring - Dwight Nicholson  
Trustee (4 yr.) O'Dell Peterson

Nominations are officially closed with the publication of this list but space is provided on the ballots for write-ins.

The election meeting is at 8:00 p.m. February 19th at Zion Lutheran Church. If you cannot attend and want to cast an absentee ballot, request one by phone or letter from our Secretary, Betty Hendricks, 487-1929, 3335 South 2070 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109. Mail or bring your marked ballots to The Wasatch Mountain Club, c/o Timberline Sports, 3155 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106. To be counted, the ballot must be inside a sealed envelope which has been marked on the outside with the word "Ballot" and with the voter's name. These ballots will be picked up at 5 p.m. on February 19th. Ballots not delivered to the meeting by voting time will not be counted.

At our January 8th Board meeting, a motion to increase annual dues from \$6.00 to \$7.00 did not have enough votes to carry. Dues will remain as before. Therefore, the Board will decrease its spending, mainly by slightly reducing the Rambler's size.

Near the middle of February, you will receive a dues notice by First Class Mail. Our dues year is from March to March. With the dues notice will be a form requesting information so we may update our membership and mailing list. Please be sure to return it. If we do not receive your dues and the form by April 16th, you will be removed from the mailing list.



By Mike Omana

The next few months are going to be incredibly busy times for Utah environmentalists - that small, slowly growing group of concerned Utah citizens trying to keep Utah from becoming the largest and most ill-planned boom town ever conceived.

In the last few months there have been some important hearings held in Salt Lake City. Thanks to Dave Hart for representing the WMC at the EPA air quality hearings in December, Sara Michl for representing us at the State air quality hearings in early January, and Dave Hanscom for representing us at the Albion Basin rezoning hearing held in early December.

I have been acting as the Mountain Club representative to a Utah resource conservation group so new it doesn't yet have a name. Its main purpose will be to tie together all the Utah conservation groups; to give them one collective voice instead of many fragmented voices. It will not be a non-profit making organization, so it will be able to lobby and enter into lawsuits without any hassles. I am sure that once this new organization gets in gear, it will be a great help to Utah.

The Utah State Legislature opened in early January and with over 300 bills to consider, it's going to be a busy session. An example of bills that will interest us are: 1) The Coyote Eradication Bill. This bill gives the Department of Agriculture power to exterminate with poisons the coyote, but it is so poorly written that they could wipe out any or all predatory animals they choose. 2) The Agriculture and Wildlife Damage Prevention Act. This bill (and this is only one of its bad points) gives the Department of Agriculture the power to destroy any predatory or non-predatory animal by any means they want, anywhere they want, i.e. on private property or on public land. Some of the predatory animals listed in this bill are bear, mountain lion, bobcat, and coyote. Not listed but included are the fox, eagle, wolf, and any other animal that dares to live in the wild (it could even include man). This mess would be funded by taking a large chunk of the Division of Wildlife Resources budget, resulting in the probable closing of fish hatcheries and important wildlife programs.

Another predator bill has been written by the above-mentioned Utah Resources group that will take a sane approach to predator control and protection. We will be involved in other important bills before the legislature, but the Rambler has a budget to keep so I'll say no more on them.

These are critical times for Utah, and we need to stop and think and plan ahead before we jump into the boom years that are about to envelop us. Unfortunately, too many government officials and developers want to change into these new energy opportunities and water plans with only the short-term benefits in mind and without a thought to the long-term problems that will arise. There is no stopping the large development projects coming to Utah, but we can make our public servants guide this growth in a sensible manner.



If anyone has interest in any conservation issue, please tell me. If I know who is interested in what, I can funnel out some of the large amount of information I receive to where it would do the most good. If you have one area you are especially interested in or there is some issue you would like to keep up on, I could send you all of the information I have on it, if I only knew who you are. I would like to have the kind of club conservation organization where when something came up, i.e., a hearing, WMC input for an environmental impact statement, letters, etc., I could get in touch with those concerned and most informed on the subject. I do not want to rely on a few people in a conservation committee because a few people just can't do the job. Most conservation meetings I have attended accomplish little and end up with everyone talking about his favorite issue. It is hard to put in the time and effort required for something you're just not interested in.

Old dam projects never die; they always come back to haunt again. There has been a new proposal for the China Meadows dam. This time it is three miles downstream from the previous site, and it's just as bad as before. This one's just getting started again but public hearings are bound to come along soon.

Mike Omana - Conservation Director - 561-4537

## LODGE

by Phil Nelson

Lodge users, note well: the water supply froze up around Thanksgiving, not to thaw again until Spring. However, this has deterred neither the WMC nor the renters as water is available in the stream if you shovel around a bit.

Other than that the lodge is functioning well, so take advantage of the WMC-hosted

weekends and the Brighton snow. Or call me if you wish to use it during the week.

Lodge checkup has in the past been performed by the director or a cheerful WMC volunteer. However in December I requested and the Board approved that we provide a modest stipend for a regular checker-upper (checkperson?). Paul Horton (see cover, Dec. Rambler) grabbed for the ring and will serve in that capacity until he tires or retires.

**SKI  
TOPICS**  
Free Lectures  
Every Tuesday Evening  
  
**CROSS-COUNTRY  
SKIS AND SKIING**  
7:00 p.m.  
**Timberline Sports**  
3155 Highland Drive S.L.C. 466-2101

**WE ALSO CARRY A COMPLETE  
LINE OF CROSS-COUNTRY SKI EQUIPMENT.**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB  
3155 Highland Drive  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

NAME (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse (only if spouse wants membership also) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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



A NEW HOME FOR THE

by Ken McCarty

A fire at the Ice Plant left us temporarily without a home for our boats. Fortunately, the fire did not reach the boat room. Many thanks to those who helped in the hasty work party to get the equipment out of the boat room before the Ice Plant was torn down. The equipment now resides in Dale Green's basement and my storage area.

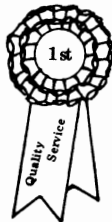
Those who were not contacted or could not make it to move the boats will have another chance. A work party will be held to move the equipment into our new storage area. Meet at Dale Green's, 4230 Sovereign Way, on Sunday, February 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. (I ski on

Sunday mornings). We will need a truck for transportation. If you have any questions, call Ken McCarty at 466-3297.

### MOUNTAIN NAMED AFTER FORMER WMC MEMBER

An 11,340-foot mountain near Mirror Lake has been named Mount Marsell in tribute to the late Professor Ray E. Marsell, a University of Utah geologist and former WMC member.

During our club's early years in the 1920's, Ray Marsell was the official "Club Geologist." Most annual publications of that period have articles on local geology by Ray and old pictures show that his geology field trips were well attended.



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