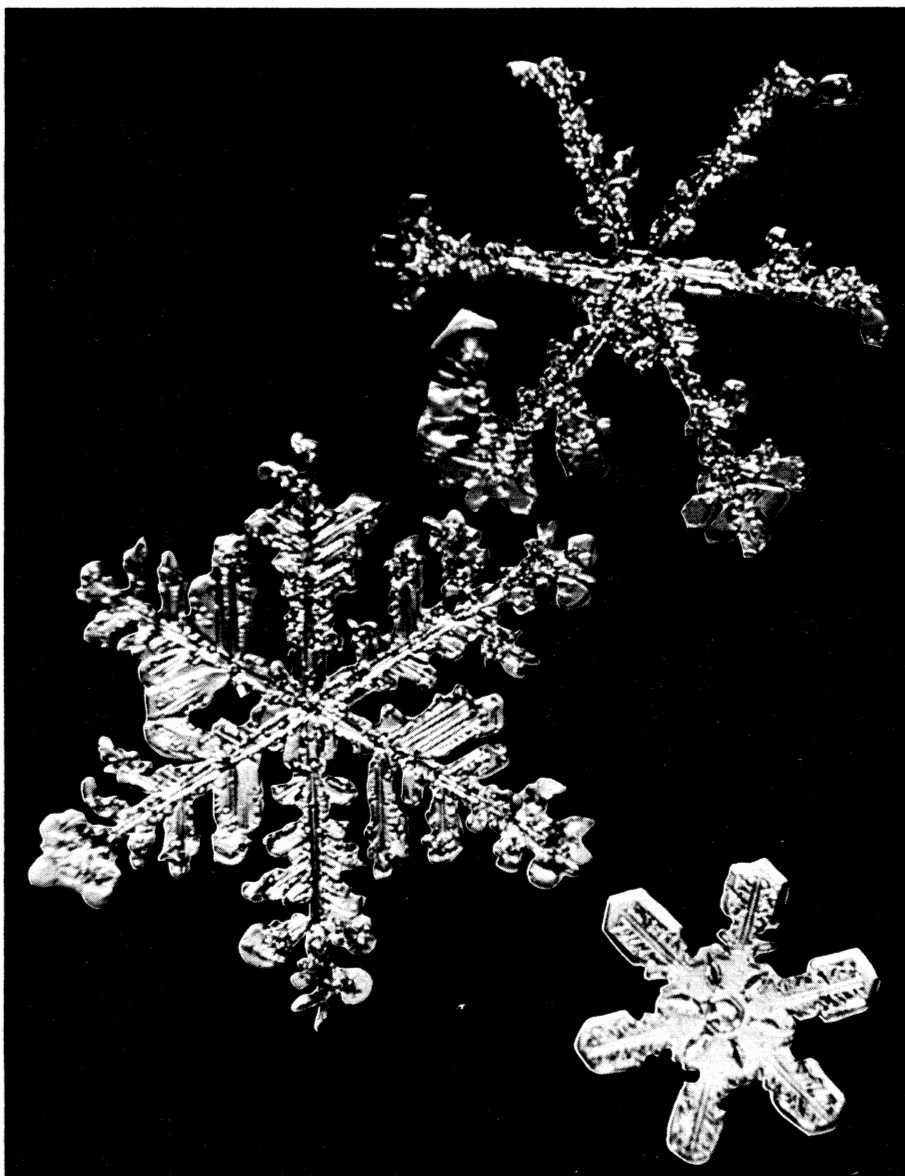


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COVER: Snowflakes by Alexis Kelner.

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- ...to Leona Conn for typing articles and to Lois Craig for proofing the copy.
- ...to Dale Green for mailing the current issue.

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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 ...

December, 1976

AVALANCHE INFORMATION is available from the Wasatch National Forest winter sports information recording, 486-6333. The information is more complete and up-to-date than in the past, so their recommendations can be relied upon. If you have any further questions on avalanche conditions, call Andy Schoenberg, 466-6531. Avalanche probes, cords and shovels are required on advanced tours at the discretion of the leader. Probes are available for rent through the Ski Touring Director. Electronic transmitter-receivers are now available through Timberline Sports and are recommended for advanced tourers.

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

REGISTRATION WITH THE TRIP LEADER is important for ski tours as weather and snow conditions can cause cancellations or changes in destination. It also aids in organizing car shuttles early enough to avoid delays. Register by some reasonable hour on the day before the tour is scheduled.

(Note: See article and charts by Dave Hanscom and Dwight Nicholson in the November RAMBLER for a more detailed description of and ratings for the more popular Wasatch ski tours.)

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FREE SATURDAY SKI TOURING CLINICS offer beginner instruction and, in some cases, more advanced tours may be scheduled. Some also offer evening discussions (such as, at Timberline Sports). However, in all instances, it is important to call the respective shops and find out the details:

Timberline Sports	3155 Highland Drive	466-2101
Wasatch Mountain Touring Co.	779 East 300 South	359-9361
Village Sports Den	1384 Foothill Drive	582-5611
The Mountaineer	207 South 13th East	582-2338

The Ski Touring Clinics provide a very good way to get into the sport and enough instruction to participate in a WMC beginner tour.

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DECEMBER 5
Sunday

SNAKE CREEK PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. (Intermediate.) Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 299-7814.

DECEMBER 11-12
Saturday-Sunday

THE LODGE is available to WMC members. For information, call Randy Taylor at 272-4624.



DECEMBER 11
Saturday

MT. OLYMPUS NORTH FACE CLIMB. This will be a difficult all-day event, most of which is roped. An early start, winter clothing, pitons, hammers, and flashlights--as well as good conditioning and determination--are required. Call the Mountaineering Director at 328-8066, Ext. 359.

DECEMBER 12
Sunday

NORDIC PRACTICE TOUR TO LAKE SOLITUDE. (Beginner-intermediate.) Trudy Healy will teach Nordic touring techniques at the lake. Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. For further information, call Trudy Healy at 583-3411.

DECEMBER 19-
JANUARY 7, 1977
Three weeks

CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS AT THE LODGE. Jude Whitehead has volunteered again to coordinate keeping the Lodge warm and welcoming over this whole span of time. Everyone--singles, couples, families--is welcome to drop in or spend extended overnights. It's a "come and do your own thing" time. For overnights, you'll need bedding, water, food, cooking and eating utensils. As Jude will be in and out during this time (unfortunately she has to work!), volunteer hosts or hostesses would be appreciated for specific times. Please call Jude (see fuller instructions below) for last-minute details. The key can be obtained from Jude or Randy Taylor, 272-4624.

DECEMBER 25
Saturday

CHRISTMAS DAY CHILDREN'S TOUR - LAKE MARY. Meet at the Lodge at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Kenny Stoner, 966-0783. Back-up Leader: Elmer Boyd, 299-7814.

DECEMBER 25
Saturday
5:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AT THE LODGE. Jude is planning a festive occasion and asks that, if you are planning on this event, please call her by Sunday evening, December 19, so that she can coordinate who is bringing what. Call Jude Whitehead at 966-0783 (home), or 299-2551 (work, mostly evenings). If you can not reach her at either of these numbers, call her mother at 298-5280.

JANUARY 1
Saturday NEW YEAR'S DAY POT-LUCK DINNER. This will be a spontaneous affair. Call Jude for further details (see above information).

JANUARY 2
Sunday RED PINE AREA-PARK CITY WEST NORDIC TOUR. (Beginner-intermediate.) Rating 2,2 (I). Meet at K-Mart parking lot (SE corner) at 8:30 a.m. Leader: George Swanson, 466-3003.

JANUARY 2
Sunday DAYS FORK SKI TOUR. (Intermediate-advanced.) This tour was originally planned to start from Alta. Because of sparse snow conditions and the desire to avoid Little Cottonwood Canyon, the starting and ending points are now planned for The Spruces in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Approximately 3,000 feet of elevation and 7 miles total distance are involved. The lower two-mile section is primarily intermediate terrain; the upper, advanced. Register with the leader, Milt Hollander, 277-1416, by 9:00 p.m. on the night before the tour.

JANUARY 8
Saturday AVALANCHE COURSE. The annual avalanche course will begin as usual on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Zion Lutheran Church (1070 Foothill Boulevard, rear entrance). The morning session will consist of slides, movies and lectures. We will adjourn for lunch and meet in the afternoon at some snowy location to practice rescue techniques. (No skis or snowshoes are needed.) A \$2.00 donation from the participants for the ski touring fund would be appreciated. Copies of some of the Forest Service avalanche publications will be on sale. The course is open to the public.

JANUARY 8
Saturday BRIGHTON/ALTA/BRIGHTON VIA TWIN LAKES AND CATHARINE PASS SKI TOUR. (Intermediate.) Rating 2,2 (I). Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Max Townsend, 363-2269.

JANUARY 8
Saturday OGDEN AREA CROSS-COUNTRY TOUR. James Peak via Liberty-Avon Road. Meet at El Monte Golf Course at 8:30 a.m. Moderate. Call Dale Van Metre at 394-4927 for details.

JANUARY 8
Saturday LAKE SOLITUDE SNOWSHOE TOUR. (Beginner.) Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 a.m. Leader: George Randall, 322-2360.

JANUARY 8
Saturday ANNUAL NOMINATION BANQUET. See page 6 for details.

JANUARY 9
Sunday LAKE BLANCE SKI TOUR. (Advanced.) The route will be determined by the leader on the basis of existing snow conditions. Regis-

ter with the leader, Dennis Caldwell, at 942-6065. Meeting time is 7:15 a.m., at the Caldwell's home, 3645 Golden Hill Drive (between Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons).

JANUARY 9
Sunday

WHITE PINE LAKE SKI TOUR. (Intermediate.) Rating 2,2 (I). Meet at mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Tricia Overfield, 328-9417.

JANUARY 14-17
Friday-Monday

GRAND TARGHEE SKIING WEEKEND. Come to Targhee and enjoy the fine light powder of the Tetons. Activities will include crosscountry, downhill, and snowshoeing. Take an extra day's vacation and spend Saturday through Monday. Lodging, breakfast, dinner and lift tickets for three days at the Teepee are about \$100.00. Call Jackie Thomas, 487-9340, for details on transportation and registration.

JANUARY 15
Saturday

HONEYCOMB FORK FROM BRIGHTON - SKI TOUR. (Advanced.) If the Brighton tow system is not used for this tour, the ascent will be approximately 1,300 feet in moderately steep terrain for a distance of about 1½ miles. The descent is steep for the first 1½ miles and is gentle for the remaining two miles. Register with the leader, Rolf Doebebeling, at 467-6636.

JANUARY 15
Saturday

SNOW BASIN AREA NORDIC SKI TOUR. (Intermediate.) Rating 2,2 (I). Meet at the lower lift (bunny hill) parking lot at Snow Basin at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Bill Yates, 1-723-3853 (Brigham City).

JANUARY 16
Sunday

BRIGHTON TO AN ALTA OVERLOOK AND BACK - SKI TOUR. (Intermediate.) The leader will adjust this tour to the snow conditions and the capabilities of those who register. Originally, this tour was intended to include Alta in the routing but because the traffic and parking in Little Cottonwood Canyon might detract from the tour, the plans were changed. Register with the leader, Pete Hovingh, at 359-4791.

JANUARY 16
Sunday

DESOLATION LAKE VIA MILL D NORTH - NORDIC TOUR. (Beginner.) Rating 2,2 (B). Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Trudy Healy, 583-3411.

JANUARY 16
Sunday

ANNUAL SNOW BASIN CROSS-COUNTRY CITIZENS' RACE. All ages and classes of skiers welcome. Useful prizes. 1:00 p.m. Call Jock Glidden at 1-394-0457 for details.



**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
to One and All!**


"Oh no, it's that time again!"

by Judy Thomas

Cautiously, she picked up the phone; her fingers trembled as she dialed. Past experiences prevented her from sounding firm and optimistic, but she managed to blurt it out: "Sam, I called to ask you to do something for the Mountain Club." Was it true? She couldn't believe her ears! Sam replied cheerfully, "Sure, I'd be glad to. What is it you want me to do?" Take heart, cynics, this refreshing reply actually did happen. And it takes answers like this to keep a large active group like the Wasatch Mountain Club going.

It's that time again--time to set up a slate of qualified people for all our offices. Not only do we need leaders, hosts and participants for activities, but we also need a Board of Directors to set up the activities, publish the Rambler, and do the administrative work necessary for a group of our size. We need doers--people willing to roll up their sleeves and do a little work.

Our by-laws specify a nominating committee of three people, two of whom have previously served on the Board. The committee this year is: Marty MacKnight, chairman (355-3810), Sam Allan (261-2791), and Mike Omana (255-8802). In order to publish the slate in the January Rambler, they need to complete the selection by December 15. It really would not be out of line to call them and volunteer or to suggest other willing people. Or, if the committee calls you, please don't hesitate to give "a refreshing reply."



ANNUAL NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS DINNER, LATE NEW YEARS PARTY, GET TOGETHER AND HAVE A GOOD TIME NIGHT.....This affair will be held at the Park Place Condominium Clubhouse located at 56th South and the Van Winkle Expressway on January 8, 1977 (Saturday).

Cocktail hour begins at 7:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. We will have a delicious buffet dinner catered by Max's Le Parisien Restaurant and drinks will be available all evening.

Reservations are limited so please send your check for \$7.00 per person (payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club) to Mary Manley, 3681 South 23rd East, Salt Lake City, 84111. Reservations close on December 30, 1976. If you need more information, call 277-6307.

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Nominations for all board positions will be accepted from the floor at the dinner. Please check with your candidates to make sure that they are willing to run before you nominate them.

CONSERVATION RAMBLINGS

by Walter Haas

The Forest Service has decided to permit the construction and operation of a resort, the proposed Heritage Mountain, in the Uinta National Forest east of Provo. The resort, about the size and skier characteristics of Snowbird and Alta together, will occupy Maple Mountain, Rock Canyon, and the west slope of Provo Peak. Ultimately, it is expected to serve about 8,300 skiers on a peak day. The base area, adjacent to the city of Provo, will include a convention center and a golf course.

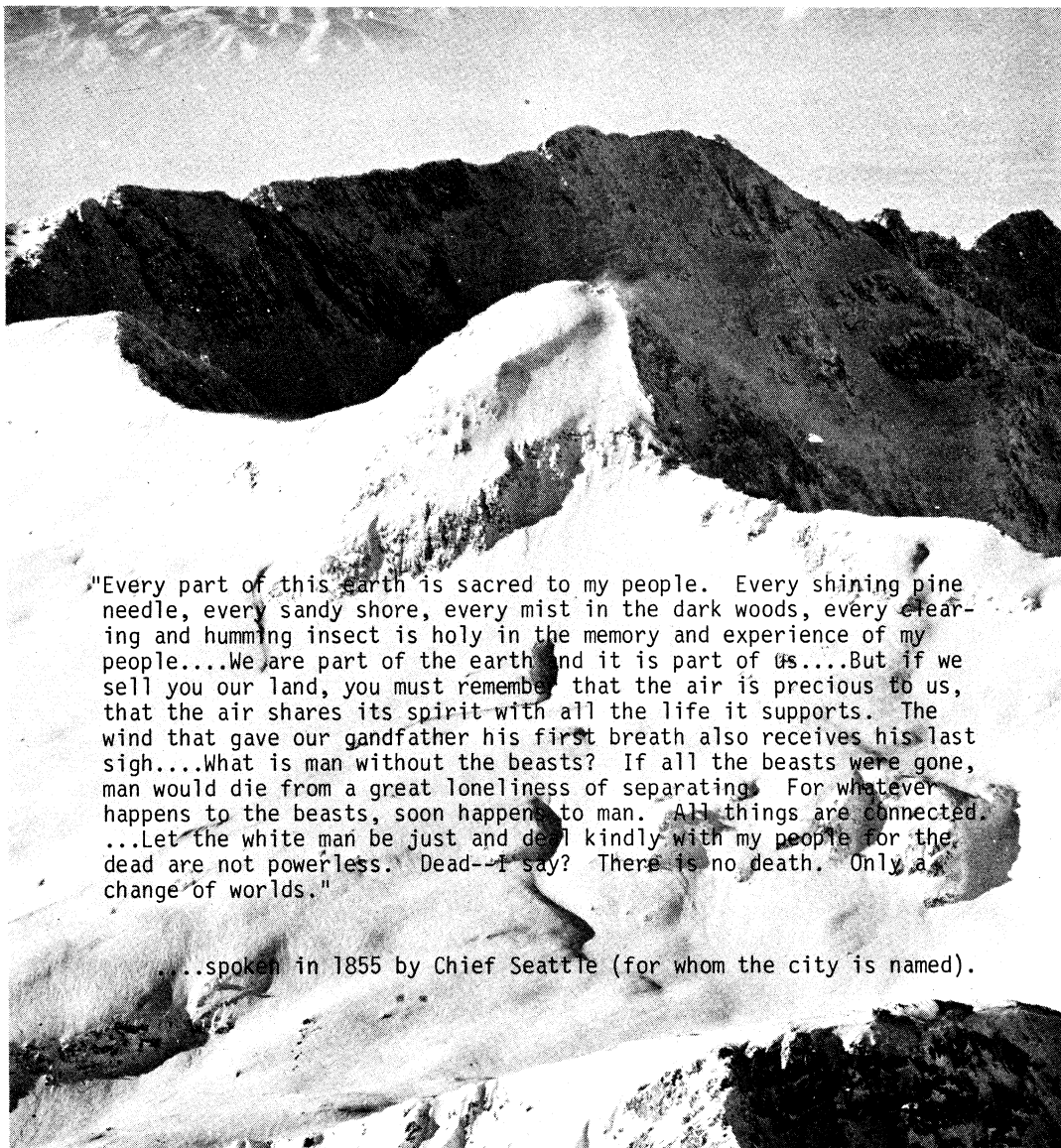
The land in this area is presently undeveloped. It was privately owned before the Depression. In the late twenties and early thirties, it was very heavily grazed with the result that the ground cover was destroyed and massive flooding and erosion occurred. In desperation, the land was turned over to the Forest Service. The major rescue effort of the last forty years has been largely successful in restoring vegetation. The topsoil in this area, however, is, like coal, a fossil of a much more humid climate. The present climate results in virtually no topsoil production so that the erosion gullies from the thirties are, although largely re-vegetated, permanent features.

Proposals to develop this area as a resort have been seriously promoted for almost twenty years. The Forest Service issued construction permits in 1959 and again in 1965. The permittee, however, never began construction. Passage of the National Environmental Policy Act in 1969 necessitated an Environmental Impact Statement before another permit could be issued. The Final Environmental Impact Statement has now been published and represents what the Forest Service considers an acceptable level of impact for sustained yield, to provide the greatest good for the greatest number.

In one sense this is a milestone for environmental quality as almost half of the proposed resort site was eliminated on environmental grounds. All of Slate Canyon and Little Rock Canyon, which have historically provided nesting sites for the peregrine falcon, an endangered species, were excluded. A major consideration in eliminating Slate Canyon was recent work showing that the reduction of vegetation necessary to groom a ski slope would increase ground moisture, resulting in an increased rate of slippage of the unstable soil in this area. The Forest Service has also set strict standards for protection of vegetation and for the appearance of the development.

Some of the items rejected by the Forest Service were so patently ridiculous that they would have been outlawed anyway; for example, the developers seriously proposed a zoo on the Provo city watershed! In general, however, the Forest Service seems to have done a careful job of protecting those aspects of environmental quality that can be measured in terms of soil, water and air quality. The proposal does seem to show a method by which large numbers of persons can be accommodated in the area without a serious adverse effect on traditional measures of environmental quality. It seems unlikely, however, that anyone would seriously consider this protection to provide an experience equivalent to that of a wilderness area.

The long range implications of this development are difficult to estimate. As petroleum supplies disappear, many of the people who now get their outdoor experience inside a motor home may find it more attractive to stay at resorts such as Heritage Mountain. On the other hand, the high prices necessary to pay for the elaborate precautionary measures dictated by the Forest Service will undoubtedly drive away many people, possibly including some who now use the area for free.



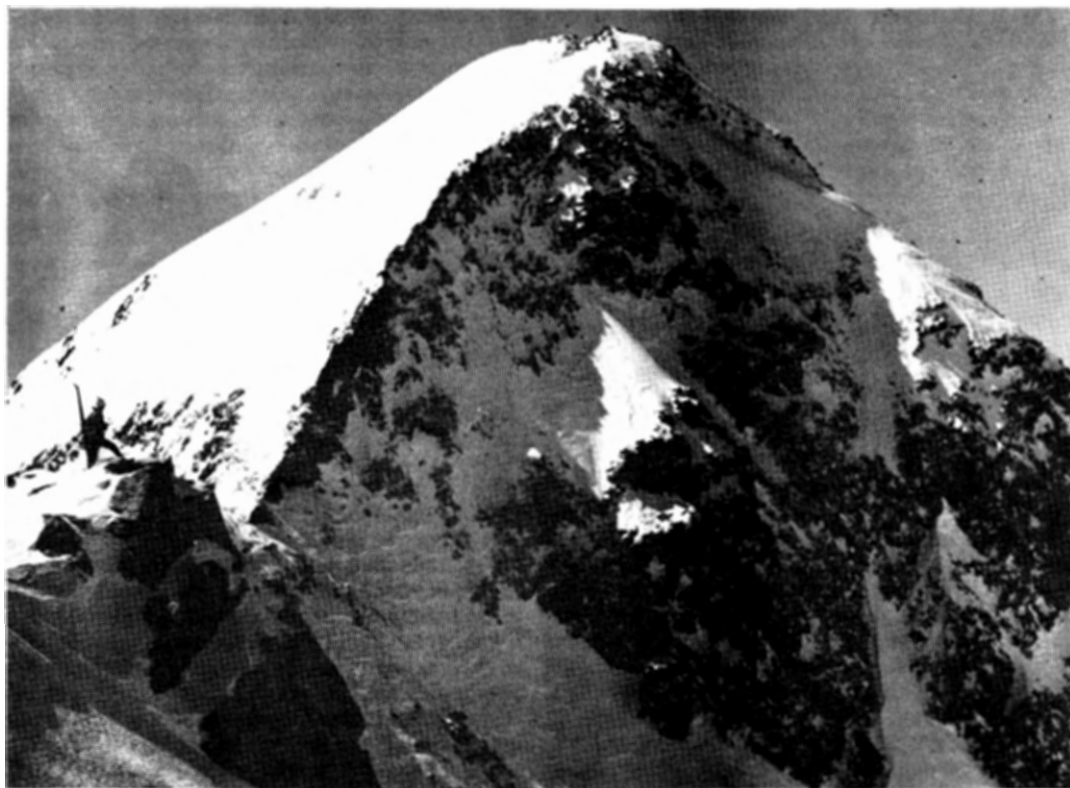
"Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people....We are part of the earth and it is part of us....But if we sell you our land, you must remember that the air is precious to us, that the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports. The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath also receives his last sigh....What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of separating. For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected. ...Let the white man be just and deal kindly with my people for the dead are not powerless. Dead--I say? There is no death. Only a change of worlds."

....spoken in 1855 by Chief Seattle (for whom the city is named).

The Pfeifferhorn

by Alexis Kelner

WASATCH TOURS A Review by Daniel Geery



Pfeifferhorn (with Pete Hovingh on the left) Photo by Alexis Kelner

I've been incurably addicted to downhill skiing for sixteen years. In fact, it was this addiction that brought me to Utah. But lately I've been pondering the drawbacks of my habit: 952 second lift lines, price tags approaching infinity (in inverse proportion to my savings account), uppity crowds with funny accents, colors that make me squint, disruption of the mountain environment, and--worst of all--powder fields that turn to cottage cheese an hour after the lifts open.

But don't get me wrong. I still love the feel of congealing blood as I sail twenty feet through the air towards a fluffy snow drift or bounce through a mogul field on my back, and probably I'll never quit. But I'm ripe for cross-country skiing at least part-time. And I thought if I found a good book on it, I might be hooked enough to buy the gear this year.

Well, I just read a 224 page book that was more than I bargained for. It's called Wasatch Tours. And it's so beautifully done that a review can scarcely do it justice.

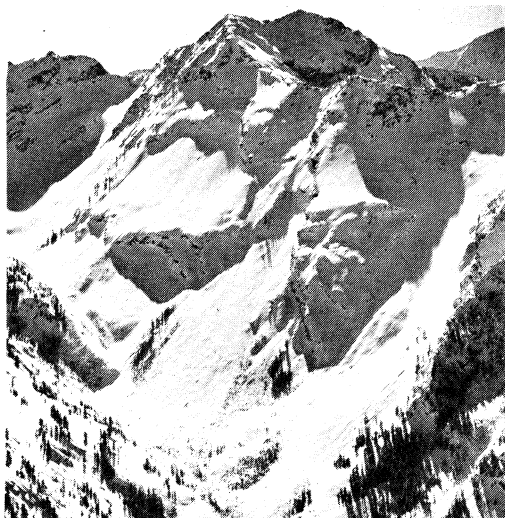
Alexis Kelner and David Hanscom, both chronic crosscountry skiers, former tour leaders, and respectable writers, have fulfilled my wildest dreams: a guide book that opens a

Pandora's box of untainted powder fields from Mill Creek Canyon to American Fork! And the way this was put together calls for equal acclaim. They shot over 2,000 aerial photos while navigating in and out among the ragged peaks, ridges, and canyons of the Wasatch--and selected the top 100 or so to complement the text. But the breath-taking scenery and photographic excellence of these and other photos comprise only part of their value: superimposed on the velvety snow in them, you see dark lines representing the routes described. Still more, Alexis, who is a topflight textbook illustrator by profession, included pages and pages of graphic illustrations to further simplify matters. Hence getting off course on your tours is about as likely as getting lost in downtown Salt Lake.

Whether you're a powder freak, nature lover, photographer, or general tourer, a beginner, intermediate, expert, or masochist, you'll find tours in this book to keep you happy for a long, long time.

Perhaps more important, you'll find information on avalanches that will last you a lifetime--in fact, it might prolong your lifetime! The chapter on avalanches should be studied by anyone venturing into snowy terrain, especially the avalanche-prone Wasatch. Rinky-dink it is not: the authors thoroughly researched the subject, and personally worked with some of the world's leading avalanche experts. Dave, in fact, has lectured several times on avalanche safety, and Alexis has worked for the Forest Service on their Avalanche Handbook. The dramatic photos, understandable diagrams, and fluent, educational text reflect it.

Cross-country turkeys like myself may also spend much time on the chapter dealing with the selection of equipment (see Chapter 1).

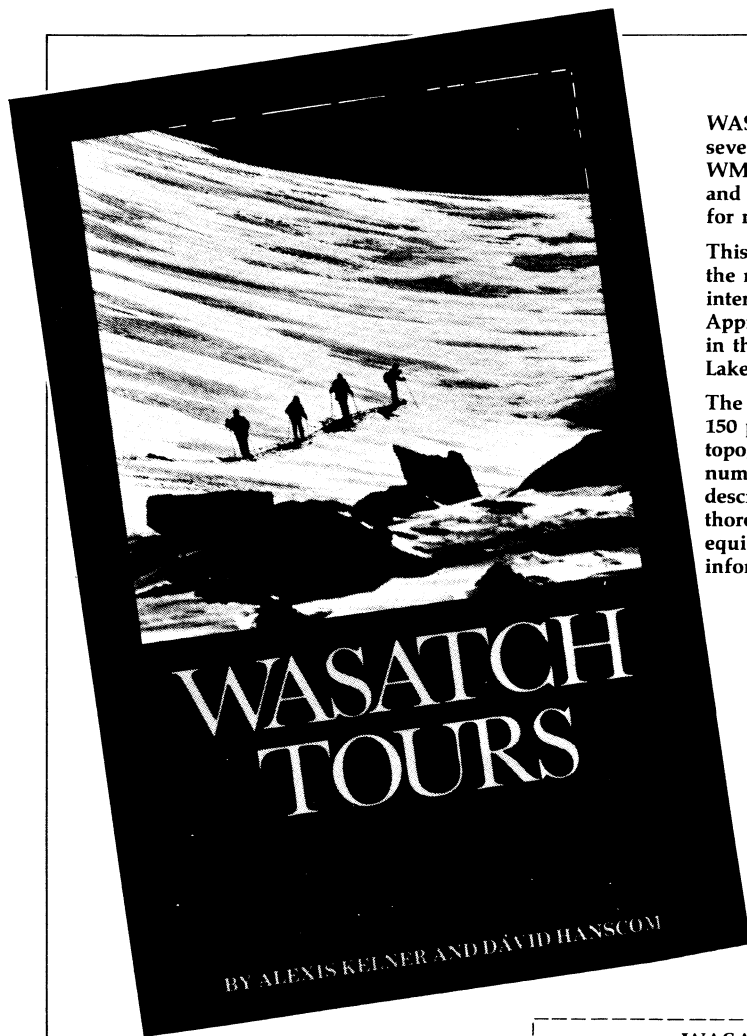


Broads Fork Avalanche Area by A. Kelner

Other time-consuming research resulted in fascinating tidbits that run from cover to cover. Did you know that Neff's Canyon contains one of the deepest caves in North America: 1,170 feet deep with rooms over 100 feet tall? That Cardiac Ridge was named by an orthopedic surgeon who observed that you could get a heart attack just looking at it? That American Fork Canyon once had five aerial tramways for hauling ore from various mines?

A sensitive ecological awareness permeates the book too--a rarity in all too many outdoor guides. You'll find insightful comments often combined with a robust, but subtle, sense of humor: "Brigham Young was certainly Utah's first -- and possibly our only -- leader with a genuine concern for long range planning and preservation of the environment," or, "...conscientious tourers should avoid leaving anything in the snow that they would not want in their drinking water the next spring."

This book is functional, inspiring, pellucid, professional; it belongs in your pack. But check it out for yourself. I've gotta go buy some skis.



WASATCH TOURS is an effort of several years in the making; by WMC club members Alexis Kelner and Dave Hanscom, both tourers for many years.

This 224 page book was written for the novice tourer as well as those with intermediate and advanced skills. Approximately 100 tours are described in the mountains adjacent to Salt Lake City.

The text is profusely illustrated with 150 photographs which show actual topographic features, and there are numerous maps. In addition to tour descriptions, the book contains a thoroughly researched section on equipment, and avalanche survival information.

One reviewer's comments:

"Whether you're a powder freak, nature lover, photographer, or general tourer, a beginner, intermediate, expert, or masochist, you'll find tours in this book to keep you happy for a long, long time."

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Square Top Backpack ...A Photo Review By Camille Pierce

July 23-25



Our destination--Square Top--on the left as seen across the Green River Lakes and the meadow in the foreground.



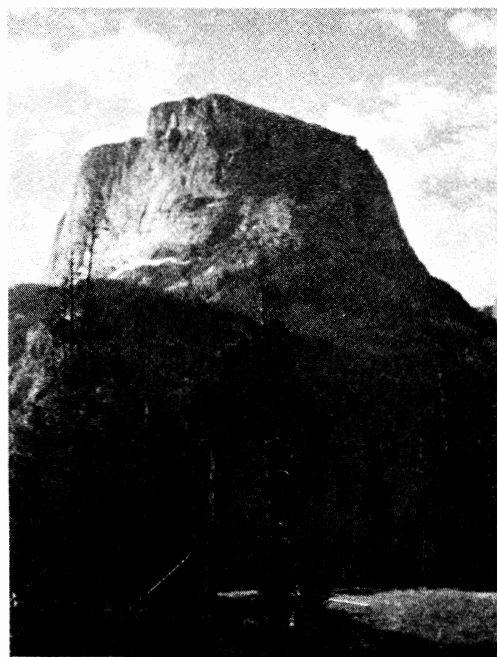
Looking back to camp beside the Green River (light patch in lower center).



A rest stop at the edge of Granite Lake on our way to Square Top.



Backpackers: John Horvath (leader), Tom Stevens, Ivan Cendese, Margaret Strickland, Camille Pierce, Renu Jalota, Paul Rubenfeld, Joyce Sohler, Katie Hedberg.



Looking back to Square Top on our way out.

Main Salmon River Trip

July 3-11

by George Sears

Our group met at Bill Viavant's house on Saturday morning. Our trip leader Bill, being a casual, relaxed kind of person, set an easy pace for the trip. We were on the river by Sunday morning.

The mornings were usually cool; the water, always cold. It didn't take long for a few goose bumps to start appearing. By noon the air was warm enough to make everything pleasant. There were not many willing participants for water fights during the trip, however.

We spent a lot of time admiring the beautiful scenery. Occasionally a Rocky Mountain sheep appeared high above us or an otter splashed on the river's edge. We were reminded of our place in time as power boats from Corn Creek Campground roared past us filled with waving tourists. After the sound and smell of the engine left us, we were lulled back into the beauty of it all.



We celebrated the Fourth of July with sparklers and group singing. Some of the more "patriotic" people celebrated late into the night.



Our meals were great. Two cherry-picking stops added cherry cobbler and cherry pancakes to our menu. The most memorable meal was Lamb Shish-Kebabs ala Bill and Sandy. The most unmemorable one was the night my group cooked chicken--some chicken halves came back two or three times for longer cooking.

We didn't encounter any problems on the river until we reached Ruby Rapid. Bob's boat led the way and showed good form, but our boat met a wall of water and everybody was thrown out of the boat unexpectedly. Three persons swam to shore and the other three were fished out by Bob's crew. I heard Bob remark afterward that it was a good learning experience for us; his speech was a bit more colorful at the time it was happening, however.

Memorable events: Sandy had the porta-potty tent blow over while she was an occupant; George Mooney broke three paddles in the line of duty, and Bob Weatherbee was thrown into the river by the rafters at the end of the trip.

River runners: Bill Viavant (leader), Katie Lee, George Mooney, George Wiens, Camille Pierce, Mary Olson, Sandy Taylor, Bob Weatherbee, Jeanne Salvato, Alan Palumbo, Jim Hathaway, and George Sears.

Leigh Lake--Climber's Fall Event

October 16-17

by Penny Russell

The mountaineers' traditional end-of-the-summer event at Leigh Lake was a little later than usual and drew a small number of participants; however, good comradeship and much variety made it rank among the better outings of the season.

On Saturday morning, we met at the Buckhorn Restaurant for a hearty breakfast and then proceeded to the launching site on String Lake to begin our journey. Our two canoes made life much easier: they held all our gear and all but two people. The paddle/hike to Campsite 13 was made in good order and included the short portage separating the two lakes. With camp set up, we still had a good part of the day to spend as we chose.

Bill and Michelle opted for a leisurely paddle across Leigh Lake to view the scenery and to soak up the warm sun. The other four of us decided to hike up Paintbrush Canyon to Holly Lake -an exhilarating experience in the perfect fall weather. On the hike, John Gottman spied his annual moose (although not as close as last year). Even bear tracks were visible at one point!

Later, we gathered around the campfire for "happy hour" and good food. Most of our party (with one notable exception) enjoyed a fine night's sleep. Mother Nature had a surprise in store for us the next morning--snow! A shroud of mist lay over everything, the lake waters teamed in the cold, and huge snowflakes drifted down. Overnight the whole area had changed completely--as beautiful as the previous day's clear sunshine but certainly less comfortable.

The snow seemed to have addled John's and Penny's brains, for they decided to take a canoe trip at this point. Actually, their destination was worth the trip: the Falling Ice Glacier on Mount Moran had broken loose a couple of weeks earlier and the gully that several of us had hiked up two months before was filled with ice blocks and debris. It was truly impressive--huge blocks of ice that must have been over 1,000 years old had slid down almost to the lake's edge. This extremely rare event was a bit of geological drama well worth witnessing.

The wind began in earnest, chilling us all and spurring us to break camp in a hurry. We fought our way across the lakes and scurried over the portage to our cars just in time for the weather to clear up. So it goes (until next year)!

Participants: John Gottman (leader), Penny Russell, Michelle Holdaway, Karen, Bill Shepard, and Doug Crow.



Wishing You the Season's Best....
From The Rambler Staff

CATARACT CANYON RIVER TRIP

September 16-20

by Ruth Hoppe

We hit the road Thursday night in our rented mobile home and, except for gas stops, we slept fine, arriving at our departure point on the Colorado River just as the moon was rising.

Up at dawn, we stuffed ourselves with omelets and hotcakes. Our boats were finally loaded and we were ready to depart about 11:00 a.m. We enjoyed a leisurely day with our three rafts tied together and powered by a miniscule motor that, together with the current, carried us along about four miles per hour. We watched the colorful canyon, the herons, the golden eagles, and the deer, and at last pulled to shore.

Friday's dinner was a superb combination of thick teriyaki steaks, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, and cake. After-dinner entertainment was provided by Bob, who took a flying leap into the river to retrieve his sleeping bag as it floated down the river on its own.

On Saturday, a few adventuresome hikers decided to climb over the narrow end of a hairpin turn while the rest of us followed the river in rafts. Noel wore out his sneakers on the rough rock. The evening's banquet added body weight with outstanding spaghetti.

Sunday morning omelets, grits, and English muffins provided our fuel for attacking the rapids. And we needed all the fuel we could get. John Schell was the first person to be grabbed by a cataraact and to leave the raft involuntarily. In Number 13 Rapid, the boat captained by Chuck and crewed by Al, Mary Olson, Suzan, and Dennis attacked a mammoth rock and the boat capsized. The defeat was humiliating. Fortunately, all swam to shore unharmed. Sue and Dennis took their turns leaving the raft in other upsets.

In all, that morning, we braved 26 ferocious rapids, then relaxed to eat our lunch, anticipating a leisurely afternoon, propelled by gasoline. Surprise! Two more rapids appeared that weren't on the map. We cut the boats loose and grabbed our paddles just in time to enjoy more thrills before reaching Lake Powell. There at last, we found a secluded side canyon in which to camp, shared "happy hour" with a pair of kangaroo rats, and ate an outstanding dinner of French Beef (with burgundy) over noodles.

On Monday we reached clear water. We swam, washed our dirty bods, and lay back to finish our suntans to a crisp. Then Noel stepped on a valve and shoosh! Our raft began sinking rapidly to the bottom of Lake Powell. John Schell saved us by sticking his finger in the hole. Next, as Wayne reached for the pump, he was almost attacked by a stowaway scorpion.

Only two miles from Hite we ran out of gas. Back to the paddles! Dave's boat, with Wayne, Sue, Noel and Ruth, soon outdistanced the other two rafts and arrived first at Hite even though the others had cheated by buying gas from a passing boater.

One final adventure: in Price we ate an infamous Chinese dinner for 14--with only six shrimp and not a single fortune cookie! As a consolation, we topped the meal with pie-a-la-mode.

River runners: John Herbert (leader), Dennis Boaz, Chuck Denton, Sue Giddings, Dave Hart, Ruth Hoppe, Mary Manley, Bob Meyers, Suzan Meyers, Mary Olson, Al Palumbo, Joy Ray, John Schell and Wayne Slager.

Sunset Peak by Moonlight

September 11

The hikers for the last moonlight trek of the season met at Mt. Majestic Lodge in Brighton. We were a bit apprehensive about the weather as it was cloudy and already growing dim at 7:00 p.m. In the late dusk, the shadows generated a ghostly erriness and the Mary Lift seemed awkwardly barren sans snow and skiers.

The staggering number of switchbacks was our only real difficulty on this hike. The peak offered a splendid view of Heber, Brighton and Alta. At one point, the moon actually emerged from the clouds, giving a welcome contrast to the wind and drizzling rain.

Hikers: John Marks (leader), Patricia Wood, George Wiens, Dave Baddley, Mary Lou Lavender, George Westbrook, Diana Rosati, Ruth Henson, and Elmer Boyd.

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I am specifically interested in the items checked below:

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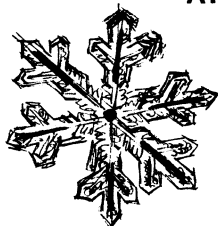
SKI TOURING KICKOFF

by Andy Schoenberg

The ski touring kickoff at the WMC Lodge on October 23 was a success with over 70 participants. Lots of new Nordic and Alpine touring equipment was on display. Steve Elsworth of the Mountaineer gave a brief overview of available equipment and brought along some fine skiing movies. Thanks to him and the Mountaineer, as well as to Timberline and Village Sports Den, for the display of equipment. SPECIAL THANKS TO JUDE WHITEHEAD AND TRUDY HEALY for managing to serve dinner to 70 members when only 35 were expected.

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MASS PURCHASE OF AVALANCHE SAFETY EQUIPMENT. We are considering buying in quantity, with appropriate discounts, several items of avalanche safety equipment that members can then obtain at cost: ski poles that convert to avalanche probes and electronic avalanche victim locators such as "Pieps." Further details will be in January's Rambler. Call Andy Schoenberg at 466-6531 for further details.



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