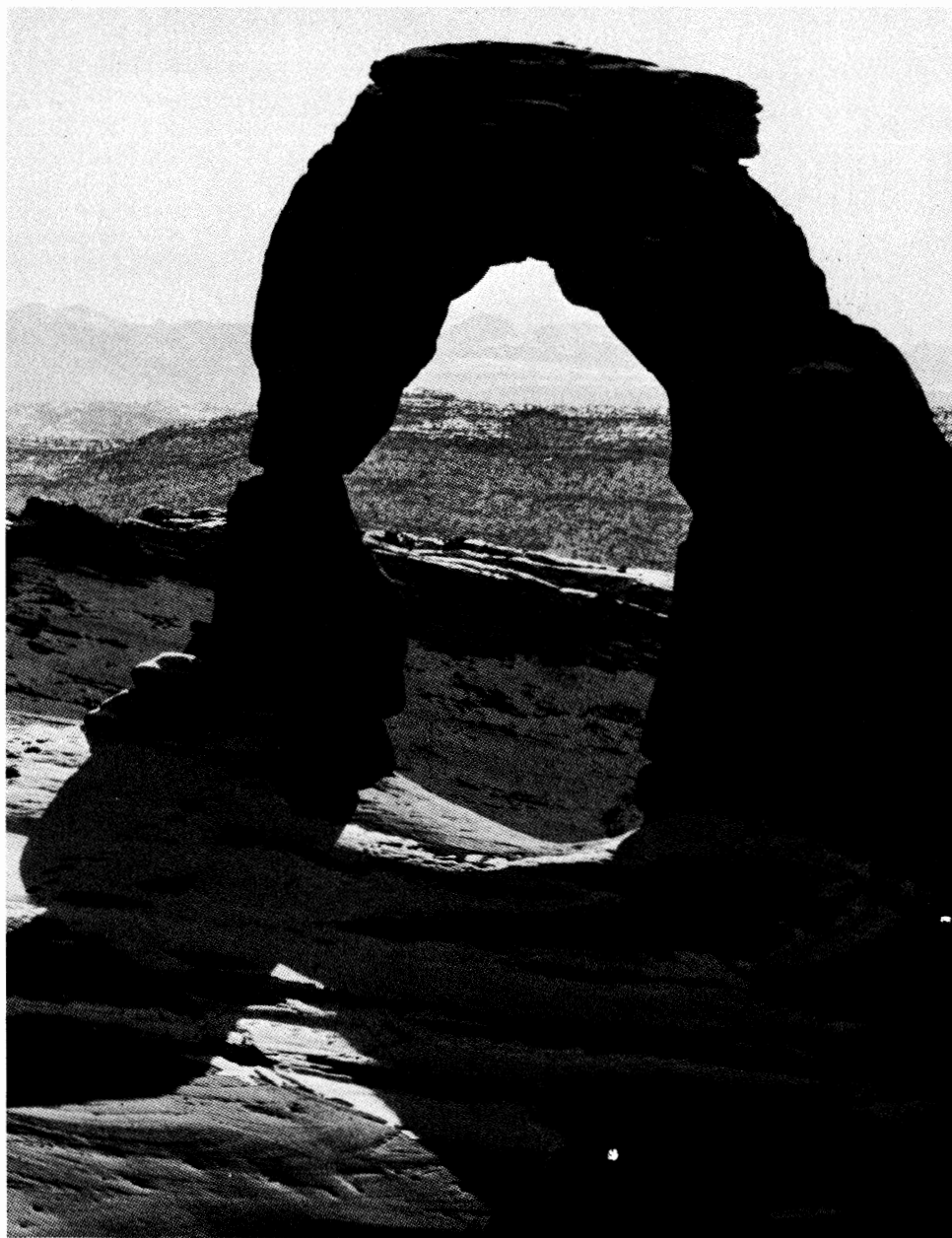


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# Club Activities ... March, 1977

AVALANCHE INFORMATION is available from the Wasatch National Forest winter sports information recording, 486-6333. The Forest Service will attempt to update this information on a daily basis as needed. More detailed information may be obtained from Milt Hollander, 277-1416. 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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MARCH 5  
Saturday

SNAKE CREEK PASS MOONLIGHT TOUR. Easy Nordic or snowshoes. For those interested, weather permitting, an overnight stay is contemplated. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 4:00 p.m. Call George Wiens, 1-376-1531, Kaysville, before 9 a.m.

MARCH 5  
Saturday

MILLCREEK VIA DOG LAKE FROM MILL D NORTH. Intermediate, 2,3. An easy climb up, a long run down. Meet at The Movie (Olympus Hills Plaza) at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Burt Janis, 278-7291.

MARCH 6  
Sunday

WHITE PINE LAKE. Intermediate. A good tour to study avalanche paths. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Dick Leining, 583-1616.

MARCH 6  
Sunday

PARK CITY WEST TO MILLCREEK. An intermediate Nordic trip with a long, pleasant (if the snow is right) descent into Millcreek Canyon. Meet at The Movie (Olympus Hills Plaza) at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Tom Stephens, 364-2731.

- MARCH 12-13  
Saturday-Sunday      LODGE OPEN and will be hosted by Dan and Judy Thomas for an adults only weekend. For additional details, please contact one of the hosts at 272-6435.
- MARCH 12  
Saturday      BEAR TRAP FORK. Snowshoe or intermediate Nordic tour. This fork leads you to a superb viewpoint. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Joyce Sohler, 272-2624.
- MARCH 12  
Saturday      LOWER SILVER FORK. An easy Nordic or snowshoe tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Trudy Healy, 583-3411.
- MARCH 13  
Sunday      WHITE BALDY FROM RED PINE, RETURN VIA DEER CREEK CANYON. For Alpine and competent Nordic skiers. The group is limited to eight participants. Call the leader for details: Alexis Kelner, 359-5387.
- MARCH 13  
Sunday      SCOTT PASS. Snowshoe and Intermediate Nordic. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 299-7814.
- MARCH 13  
Sunday      SNOWBASIN TO MT. GREEN. Intermediate. A 7 to 8 mile round-trip, a 400-foot climb, a 1500-foot descent. Now isn't that a fine ratio? Meet at Snow Basin at 9:00 a.m. To register and for details call Bill Yates, 1-723-3853.
- MARCH 13  
Sunday  
6:00 p.m.      WINTER SOCIAL- - Sue and Cal Giddings promise you an enjoyable evening at their home at 1425 Perry Avenue. Call 521-9496 if you need more information.
- MARCH 17  
Thursday      RAFTERS CLASS. This is mandatory for all those who will start rafting this season. Anyone else is welcome to attend. We will talk about paddling techniques, what gear to bring, how to read the river, etc. The class will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Blvd. Call Mary Manley for more information at 277-6307. Those who are beginning rafting this season are reminded that you must be a member of the club to participate on the raft trips.
- MARCH 19  
Saturday      SNAKE CREEK PASS. Easy Nordic and snowshoe. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jim Dalgliesh, 295-8749.
- MARCH 19  
Saturday      PFEIFFERHORN. For Alpine or competent Nordic skiers. A great trip to some high, alpine country. Call the leader for details. Gerry Horton, 262-8372.
- MARCH 19  
Saturday      PFEIFFERHORN NORTH RIDGE CLIMB. This is a difficult, all-day event involving a long approach on skis and 4 to 6 pitches of roped climbing. A small, about 6, in condition, determined, fast party can do the ridge. Others are welcome to do other routes to the summit. Call the leaders for details. Leaders: Renny Jackson, 278-8379, or John Gottman, 359-4693.

- MARCH 20  
Sunday      ALBION HUT from Alta. (Beginner/intermediate nordic). Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 9 a.m. Leader: Oscar Robison, 943-8500.
- MARCH 26  
Saturday      RIVER RATS PARTY at the lodge. We will have movies, slides, refreshments, and lots of speculation about water levels this year. If you have slides of past club trips, please bring them. The lodge will be open overnight for those who are interested, but we need a host. For more information please call Mary Manley, 277-6307.
- MARCH 26  
Saturday      LONE PEAK. For Nordic or Alpine skiers with stamina and ability. An attempt for the summit requires ice axe and rope. Call the leader if interested. Meet at the Draper Crossroads (7th East and Draper) at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Swanson, 278-3269.
- MARCH 26  
Saturday      PARK CITY WEST TO MILLCREEK. Beginner/intermediate ski tour. If you want to ride the lift, bring \$\$\$\$. With lift it's a 1,2 rating. Meet at The Movie (Olympus Hills Plaza) at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Danny Thomas, 272-6435.
- MARCH 27  
Sunday      CATHERINE PASS snowshoe trip. Also suitable for intermediate nordic skiers. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Sheldon Hyde, 583-0974.
- MARCH 27  
Sunday      BOATING WORK PARTY. We have a lot of work to do so wear your grubbies and be prepared to work all day. The old boats need a coat of paint and various other repairs so we need all the help that we can get. The boat storage is at 4317 S. 300 West, #214, on the east side of the freeway off the 45th South exit. In case of bad weather, this event will be rescheduled for April 3.
- MARCH 27  
Sunday  
6:00 p.m.      WINTER SOCIAL -- Stop by Alexis Kelner's for an evening of fun and pleasant conversation. The address is 1201 First Avenue and the phone number, 359-5387.
- APRIL 2  
Saturday      PARK CITY TO MIDWAY. Beginner/intermediate nordic. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the east side of K-Mart parking lot at Parley's Way. Leader: Jim Byrne, 582-5631.
- APRIL 2  
Saturday      SNOWSHOE TRIP FROM TIMBERLINE, to wherever conditions look best. To reach the meeting place at the "Timberline" sign, take I 80 east. Exit at Parley's Summit. Drive down the hill (south) and follow the Frontage road east for ½ mile to the "Timberline" sign on the right. Meet at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ruth Holland, 1-649-8255.
- APRIL 3  
Sunday      ALEXANDER BASIN. Only for the most capable nordic or alpine skier. The upper bowl is extremely steep. The route goes up Mill D to Dog Lake, and follows the ridge to Alexander Basin. If conditions permit, Gobblers Knob will be climbed. Call the leader for details: Dave Hanscomb, 487-6065.

APRIL 3  
Sunday  
6:00 p.m.      WINTER SOCIAL -- Grace and John Burton will be hosting the fun at 2028 Sylvan Avenue (2075 South). Please call 467-5646 for more information.

APRIL 7  
Thursday      EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See Mountaineering Ramblings for directions.

APRIL 8 - 10  
Fri. - Sunday      ESCALANTE River to Coyote Gulch. Phone the leader for details before April 7. Leader: Bill Yates, 1-723-3853.

APRIL 9  
Saturday      SNAKE CREEK PASS from Brighton. Beginner/intermediate nordic or snowshoe. The lift will not be used. If conditions are right, a dash for the summit of Clayton Peak (Alias Majestic) is contemplated. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Oscar Robison, 943-8500

APRIL 10  
Sunday      DANIEL'S CANYON in the Uintas. Intermediate nordic. This trip is subject to snow conditions, so call Doti Marden, the leader, at 1-649-9628.

APRIL 14  
Thursday      EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See Mountaineering Ramblings for directions.

APRIL 16  
Saturday      MILL D NORTH TO MILLCREEK. Intermediate nordic. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at The Movie (Olympus Hills Plaza). Leader: Danny Horton, 328-9486.

APRIL 17  
Sunday      GOURMET SKI TOUR. Details later.

APRIL 17  
Sunday  
6:00 p.m.      WINTER SOCIAL -- John Gottman will host the final social of the season and it ought to be a good one. John lives at 1074 East 6th South and his phone number is 359-4693.

APRIL 21  
Thursday      EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See Mountaineering Ramblings for directions

APRIL 22, 23, 24  
Friday to Sunday      SAN JUAN RIVER TRIP. This will be a three day beginner trip from Mexican Hat to Clayhills. The San Juan is a beautiful southern Utah river and does have some small rapids. Please register early for this trip since it may be moved up due to water levels. To reserve your spot, send a \$20. deposit, payable to the WMC, to Mary Manley, 2681 South 23rd East, SLC. 84109. Any questions, call 277-6307.

APRIL 28  
Thursday      EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See Mountaineering Ramblings for directions.

MAY 7 and 8  
Sat. Sunday      DEWEY BRIDGE TO MOAB beginner raft trip. This is our most popular beginner trip and has some great scenery. Send your \$20. deposit to Wayne Slagle, 2500 Cinnabar Lane, SLC, 34121. Call 943- 1695 if you need more information. Or work no. 328-8066.

MAY 14 and 15  
Sat. - Sunday

DOLORES RIVER TRIP. This trip has more interesting whitewater than our standard beginner trips, so if you're a beginner, please check with the trip leader concerning your qualifications. Send a \$20. deposit to Dave Hart, 8311 Top of the World Drive, SLC 84111; phone 943-0318. Is there anyone who would like to help with the shuttle?

MAY 27 to 30  
Fri. - Monday

DESOLATION RIVER TRIP. This 4-day trip goes through some of the most inaccessible country in Utah and offers some nice rapids. The classification is intermediate and the trip leader is Chuck Denton, but send your deposit to Mary Manley, 2681 South 23rd East, SLC, 84109. Phone 277-6307, or Chuck at 322-5513, Extension 33402 from 8:00 to 4:00.



Congratulations to Dave Hanscomb who was first in his class in the Citizen's Cross Country races at Park City.



## **Clayton Peak** **via Snake Creek Pass**

January 22

by John Hendrickson

It was a snowy, foggy morning as seven skiers left from the lodge for Snake Creek Pass and Clayton Peak. It was quickly noted that no ladies had joined the group. As we arrived at the pass, a sign indicated a view of Mt. Timpanogos. However, the thick fog obscured all scenic vistas. The group took the rocky ridge to the base of the peak, where rocks made it necessary to leave our skis and hike to the summit. The descent back to the lodge included some open powder areas that everyone enjoyed.

Leader: Andy Schoenberg;  
participants: Bob McCraig, Chuck Ramsey, John Hendrickson, Gene Collier, Frank West and John Riley.

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# ARCHES

## CAR CAMP

February 6, 1977

Eleven of us gathered at Arches Campground, some having arrived that morning and others during a brilliantly moonlit Friday night. We set out immediately on our first hike to Double O Arch, Dark Angel, and a return trip around the tantalizing Fin Canyon.

Saturday afternoon we drove to Klondike Bluffs and hiked to Tower Arch. The panoramic effects of this scenic area were variously appreciated by the group with gusto lasting back to camp and through evening festivities.

Randy, Ann, Martin and John G. braved a Moonlight hike obscured by high clouds, an event that covered considerably more terrain than was anticipated.

Our group shrank Sunday morning as Peggy and Randy, George and Lydia left. We did Firey Furnace and Delicate Arch and ended a superb weekend with the short Park Avenue trail.

Leader: John Gottman; participants: John Schell, Ruth Holland, Margaret Strickland, Larry Hoskins, Martin Knaphus, Ann Cheves, Peggy and Randy Taylor, George Wiens, and Lydia.

## NOTES

APRIL 27, Wednesday, The Salt Lake Chapter of the Sierra Club and Ute Alpine Club present a slide show by noted photographer and mountaineer Galen Rowell on the "1975 American K2 Expedition". Galen was a participant on the expedition. The presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Orson Spencer Hall Auditorium at the University of Utah. Tickets are \$2.00 in advance, \$2.50 at the door, with a special price of \$1.50 for members of the Wasatch Mountain Club, Ute Alpine Club or Sierra Club. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Ute Alpine Club office in the Union Building at the University.

# SCOTTS PASS

by Bob Woody

It was to have been a solemn Sunday -- February 6.

The legislature had resolved for prayer to end the drought in the West and the cold in the East.

Twenty-two cross-country skiers chugged up to Scott's Pass, arriving at 10:40 a.m., 20 minutes before prayer time.

Two jets, trailing contrails, were making lazy passage over the Uintas. Hold on there! Were they on a collision course? There was increasing apprehension. We would be witness to tragedy!

Ah, no. They intersected and continued. And for a few moments there was wispy but near perfect cruciform etched in the blue. It was a moment to ponder. Prayer time?

Three snowmobilers snarled over the pass and down into the other side -- ignoring the solemnity and the "No Trespassing" sign of Park City resort.

There was more cursing than prayer.

And there was the first annual telemark contest.

Mike Treshow was an easy first place winner with a quartet of superbly-executed linked turns.

Audrey Stevens demonstrated telemarkus interruptus. Walter Haas slumbered upon a torso-length foam pad. Yukio Kachi revived old Alberg turns.

When we had dined -- and wine -- Audrey made a climactic announcement. We all were to be her guests at the European Health Spa.

By 3:30 p.m., several of us had taken up Audrey's invitation and were sweating and reveling to a variety of stimuli -- the scent of eucalyptus, the invisible fingers of the whirlpool bath, steam, heat.

Revelers and sensualists: Chuck Ranney, Mike Hendrickson, Trudy Healy, John Hendrickson, Art Griffin, Yukio Kachi, Tom Stephens, David Appleby, Virginia Pedler, Elmer Boyd, David and Marga Raskin, Marish Daily, Joyce Sohler, Audrey Stevens, Kermit and Marilyn Earle, Mike Treshow, Stewart Ogden, Jim Robinson, Walter Haas and Bob Woody.

# ORV'S AND HELICOPTERS

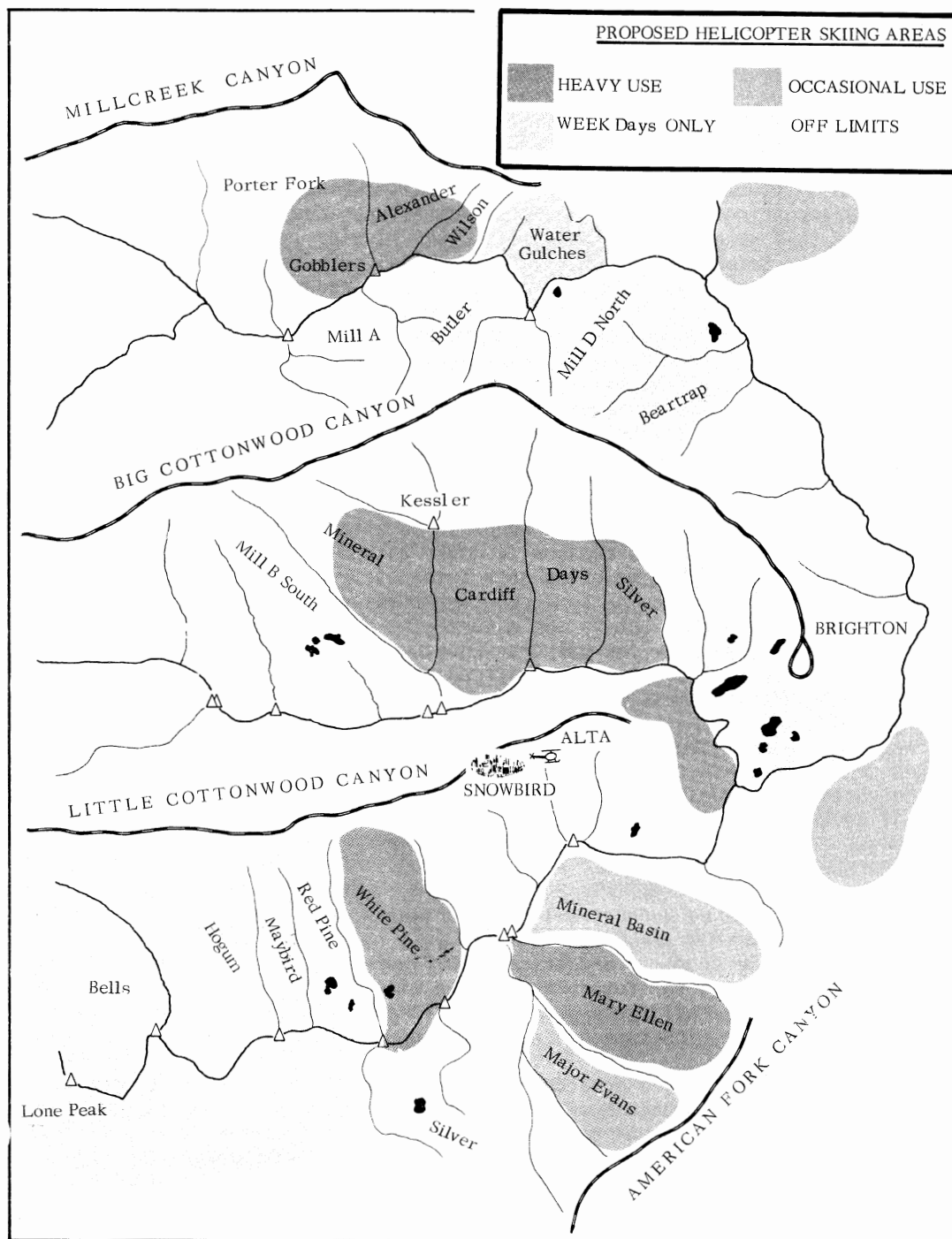
About a year ago, the Wasatch National Forest published a proposed Travel Plan to define rules and regulations for the use of off road vehicles. The basic philosophy of the plan for the Salt Lake area was that snowmobiles had almost no restrictions, but summer vehicles had to stay on specified roads and trails. We requested that some areas be set aside for x-country skiers to avoid the conflict with snow machines.

After considering the inputs from us, as well as many other groups, the Forest Service recently published a revised plan which has been submitted for approval. An outline of this plan follows:

- (1) Vehicles are allowed on the roads in Mineral, Cardiff, and Silver Fork.
- (2) No vehicles are allowed in the Lone Peak Scenic Area, White Pine Canyon, and Red Butte Canyon.
- (3) Motor vehicles less than 40 inches wide are allowed on the trails from Mill D North to Millcreek, and Dog Lake to Mill A Basin.
- (4) Vehicles are allowed in Albion Basin "only when free of snow" except to get to private lands.
- (5) No over-the-snow machines are allowed in the Brighton Basin "except for ingress and egress to permitted and private residences."
- (6) No snowmobiles are allowed in Redman Campground.
- (7) Maxfield and Mill A Basins, Butler Fork, Reynolds and the Water Gulches, and Mill D North Fork are off limits to over-the-snow vehicles.

The last four items were added since the original plan, so it appears that the forest service has responded to our needs. Let's hope they will enforce these restrictions in future years. We also need to be aware that changes can be made to this plan. The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation is extremely sensitive to the desires of ORV areas, and they will continue to pressure for more places to play along the Wasatch Front. On the other hand, as more people learn to enjoy the canyons in winter under their own power, we should encourage the Forest Service to set aside additional areas for us (Millcreek Canyon is a good prospect, particularly for banning 4-wheel drives in winter as they plan to do in Albion Basin.)

Negotiations have also resulted in compromises with Greg Smith, who operates Wasatch Powderbird Guides. It doesn't appear at this time that conflicts will arise between ski tourers and helicopters this winter, but I'm still interested in keeping a record of all encounters if any occur. The accompanying map shows the areas where the helicopter service is permitted to operate. Note that three areas are completely off limits: the Lone Peak Scenic Area, Brighton/Solitude/Honeycomb, and Mill D North/Butler/Beartrap. Also, the Water Gulches are to be used only on weekdays.



# RAFTING

by Dan Thomas

The 1977 boating season may be rather disastrous due to our complete lack of snow this year, but if there is a river flowing, we will try to find it. Some of our trips may be subject to rescheduling because of water levels, so it is advisable that you register with the trip leader as soon as possible after the trip is announced. We have not received any responses yet on our permit applications so we don't know what the full schedule will be.

This year there will be special emphasis on SAFETY in boating. The club seems to have fallen into a rather slipshod attitude towards safety, and we need to work to change this before we have a serious accident on the river. We shall be trying out some new approaches this year and I should appreciate any comments or additional ideas you may have.

All beginning river runners are required to attend a class on the essentials of river running. This class will cover things like how to paddle, how to read the river, what to bring on a trip, etc. We won't get to cover everything, but hope to provide some good information so the novice won't feel lost when he/she gets out on the water. The class will be held on Thursday, March 17, at the Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Drive, at 7:00 p.m. Any old-timers who want to attend are welcome, but all those who plan to start this year must attend.

Next, we should like to have 10 to 15 river runners volunteer to take the Red Cross First Aid class. This class runs for eight hours on a Saturday, and the cost is five dollars which will be paid by the boating fund. If you are willing to take the class, please call me for more information.

## BOATING REGULATIONS

1. Life jackets must be worn at all times while on the river and while loading and unloading boats that are in the water. This regulation will be strictly enforced by the trip leaders, and anyone who flagrantly violates this rule will jeopardize their status for future trips. We will not rent life jackets this year (except for some children's jackets for family trips) so plan to buy a good type I jacket or find someone to borrow one from.

2. A person is assured of a position on a trip upon receipt of a \$20 deposit (check payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club) by the trip leader as listed in the Rambler. Verbal intent to go will not confirm a reservation. Note that the deposit has been raised from last year to help discourage the last minute cancellations that cause so many problems. The deposit will not be returned if you drop out within seven days before the departure date.

3. The work party prior to the trip is absolutely essential to the success of the trip. It is usually held 2 to 5 days before the trip, and at this time cooking assignments are handed out, transportation arranged, and the remaining money for the trip is collected. Not to attend the work party inconveniences everyone else on the trip. Anyone who misses the work party may find themselves with porta-potty duty!

4. The cost of the raft trips is \$3.00/person/day for use of the boats and equipment. Transportation and food costs will vary with the trip.

5. Each person on the trip is expected to do his/her share of the work involved with the trip. If you want to be waited on and don't want to paddle, please go on a commercial trip.

6. The trip leader is the final authority of the trip, and the captain is the sole master of the raft; so please respect their opinions, at least as far as the trip is concerned. These people take on a tremendous amount of responsibility and would appreciate your cooperation.

7. The dates listed for the trips are for time on the water, and departure time from Salt Lake is usually the evening before.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

River trips will be classified according to estimated difficulty and participants will be classed according to experience and ability. This is done not only to aid the trip leaders in filling the boats with well-rounded crews, but also to provide for the safety of all members. The trip leader has the responsibility for deciding the qualifications of participants. In general, trip position will be held in the order deposits are received, but the ability to handle the rapids expected on the trip must be a consideration.

##### Classification

##### Qualification

Beginner	Physical ability, willingness to work, must be member WMC.
Intermediate	As above, experience on at least one other trip.
Advanced	As above, experience on at least two intermediate trips; ability to handle intermediate and advanced river situations
Captains and Trip Leaders	Experience, ability to maneuver rafts, coordinate crew efforts, willingness to accept responsibility and leadership.

# DUES ARE DUE



## Mountaineering Ramblings

By John Mason

Last month's attempt on the North Ridge of the Pfeifferhorn was cancelled due to extremely poor snow conditions. We will try again on March 19, conditions permitting. Renny Jackson will lead the trip if he is in town, otherwise John Gottman will be the leader. See the schedule for details.

Speaking of John Gottman, I would like to thank him for the excellent job he has done as Mountaineering Director for the past two years. His constant enthusiasm and determination were large factors behind the success of the program. I plan to follow his example in scheduling year-round mountaineering events and shall continue to schedule at least one week-long event in the summer.

Our Thursday evening climbing sessions will start April 7 at Pete's Rock, located at approximately 5500 South Wasatch Blvd. We meet about 5:30-6:00 p.m. and climb until dark. Those interested and/or hungry then go get dinner somewhere, followed by our usual visit to a local establishment to discuss our epic climbs. We will meet at Pete's Rock through April and move to the Storm Mountain Picnic Area in May.

Titanic Paul Horton will once again teach the Beginners' Climbing Class. This year the class will probably be held in late April. As before, only club members may take the course, and a modest (under \$10) fee will be charged to cover the costs of materials. See Paul's article in next month's Rambler for all the details.

I am looking forward to serving as Mountaineering Director, and would appreciate any suggestions for future mountaineering events.

# JOHN AND AUDREY FINALLY DID IT

by Audrey Stevens

The Mt. Olympus massif is so close to the city that one makes the irrational assumption that the routes are easy. Some may be in summer, but winter is another story. The north face doesn't get the sun. The approaches are narrow and steep and filled with slushy snow. The days are short. The valley sits below in the sun and watches Wide World of Sports while cold climbers hang off a tree and munch a hasty lunch, possibly in a local blizzard. Among all the club summit bids the past two winters, only Larry Swanson and John Cole made it, via an 'impossible' squirm up the obvious crack.

The (invincible) (foolhardy) (just plain nuts) team of Gottman and Stevens plotted and schemed to reverse its 2-year failure record. On January 29, the puffing started at 6:30 a.m. A twig promptly grabbed John's left contact lens. Ever try searching with flashlights for a colorless contact in crystalline snow? John managed the climb with no stereo vision, plus symptoms of the blind staggers!

We scrambled through snow over huge boulders in a creek bed and kicked steps up steep couloirs. Roping up at 9:30, we studied the looming slabs, mottled with lichens and snow. John chose a route that angled slightly left up the westerly slabs on that cold north face. The main difficulty was in finding protection -- tough enough in summer, with those quartzite cracks petering out. Plus finding handholds and footholds; I think we brushed half the snow off the mountain. There was a suspicious zigzag brown streak when I looked up at ol' Olympus the next day. About the 7th pitch, we crawled gratefully into a shallow dyke with small trees in it. One of life's little raw thrills is having to be pulled through a tree.

We welcomed the warm sun on the 10th pitch, but it set at 5:30 just as we summited on the 12th pitch. The mountaineer's summit was about 100 yards east along the ridge, but night was coming fast and we opted to slide down (literally!) the west ridge into another deep gully. A long slip-and-fall march through heavy brush and snow brought us thankfully to John's car at 7:30 p.m. This could be a good summer club climb if the starting place could be reached without snow. With an even earlier start, it is a possibility for next winter for those with just plain nutty tendencies.

"Climbing is a great game - great not in spite of the demands it makes, but because of them. Great because it will not let us give half of ourselves - it demands all of us. It demands our best."

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See you soon,  
 Audrey Stevens

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## SNAKE CREEK PASS

January 29

The smog had not yet choked the entrance to the canyons when 13 participants, led by Diana Schoenberg, started up Big Cottonwood Canyon for Brighton. The weather was fantastic--little wind, lots of sun, and clean, crisp air. Everyone was rejuvenated and happy, for it seems nature has a way of washing away the troubles of the day. It was a fun trip up and back.

While waiting for the last skiers, part of the group adjourned to the Majestic Lodge for light refreshments before returning to the polluted air of the valley. The rejuvenated were: Diana Schoenberg, Jim Henk, Ann Cheves, Cathy Cheves, Joy Ray, Trudy Bach, Beth Bibberd, Phyllis Robison, Larry Hoskins, John Riley, Karl Lagerberg, John Schell and George Westbrook.

# conservation

By Walter Haas

Recent years have seen a great increase in pressures put on the back country. The population is increasing; the popularity of outdoor recreation is increasing; and new sources of raw materials are being sought to replace sources that have been exhausted. To manage the resulting conflicts, Congress has instituted a number of laws requiring the various agencies involved in land management to develop long-range management plans. One of the major goals of the planning process is the participation of members of the public who would be affected by the proposed types of land use. The Wasatch Mountain Club is a major user of the federal lands in this area, and our members are directly affected by most federal land use planning in Utah. We have a strong need to be involved in the planning process.

Our membership includes people with experience in every area of the state. We can potentially supply a group of people who can intelligently discuss the merits of any land use plan affecting the state of Utah. In order to be effective, however, we must adopt an organization which will guarantee that the club is properly represented in every major decision affecting our interests. At the same time, we must spread the burden of this work in a manner that will make it possible for members to contribute without suffering undue interference with their daily lives.

As conservation director, I should like to organize a standing committee to deal with each of the major areas in which the club operates. For example, the Forest Service has developed a land use plan for the Uintas which is said to advocate logging for most of that area. A Uinta Committee needs to be formed to stay on top of this situation. The National Park Service is apparently inclined to ignore the public input concerning Canyonlands which was received at the workshops last fall. A Canyonlands Committee is needed to handle this situation, and so forth.

Each of these committees will be limited in scope to something that normal people can handle in their spare time, and in size to a number that can work effectively. We are frequently forced to respond quickly to the notice of a hearing or the issuance of a plan, and a cohesive, well prepared group can respond more quickly and more intelligently than an amorphous mass of people drawn together on the spur of the moment. Volunteers to work on these committees are needed. If you feel you could contribute, please call me at home (534-1262) or work (292-2401 ext. 217).

A P P L I C A T I O N   F O R   M E M B E R S H I P

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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. (If joining during January thru August, dues are \$6.00 of which \$5.00 are for a Rambler subscription -- Spouse dues (non-subscribing) are \$3.00 additional. If joining during September thru December, dues are \$3.00 of which \$2.50 are for a Rambler subscription -- Spouse dues (non-subscribing) are \$1.50 additional. Add \$4.00 entrance fee to each application, single or couple. Subscriptions are not deductible from dues. 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. Events such as lodge parties, winter socials, lectures, meetings, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

# DESOLATION LAKE

February 6

By George Westbrook

By 9 Sunday morning at the mouth of Big Cottonwood a good size group had gathered. The air crisp and cloudy, but not too promising for snow, which as it turned out, we needed desperately.

When we got to the trailhead "Mill D North Fork", the seven snowshoers were ready to go but, as usual, the nordic skiers weren't. The standard question had to be asked, "What color wax?". I suggested, since the snow was a week old, use old wax that was on the skis from last week. As it turned out, a full-length purple kicker was the best.

On the way up the group got spread out for about a mile. The group had a few "never been on skis before" in it, and Kermit and Marilyn Earle were using x-c skis for the first time, and doing well. They said they had burned their snowshoes in the fireplace, and wanted the fun of skiing down and not walking.

Fifteen made it all the way up to the lake, but the trail down was too narrow, and had not enough snow. Hitting rocks and trees on the way down, and having to stay in a 20-inch wide trail, ruined our skiing style. Everybody got down safe and a little bruised.

Participants: Trudy Healy, Leader Steve Healy, Assistant leader George Westbrook, Larry Hoskins, Ruth Holland, Ruth Henson, Al Tueller, Marilyn Tueller, Dan Merdoga, Linda DeFord, Kevin DeFord, Craig Olsen, George Wiens, John Hendrickson, Kermit and Marilyn Earle, Joyce Sohler, Shirley Anderson, Chuck Ranney, Dennis Dougherty, and John Riley.

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