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# Club Activities

## April 1978

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 Dave Hanscom at 487-6065. Avalanche probes, cords, shovels, and pieps are required on tours at the discretion of the leader.

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. Registration for all tours is recommended. Snowshoes are satisfactory for any Beginning Nordic Tour. If there is no snow, tours as planned may be converted to hikes at the discretion of the leader.

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HIKING INFORMATION: Members participating in easy or intermediate hiking (rating below 7.0) are generally not required to register with the leader. Unless otherwise stated, advanced hikes (rating above 7.0) do require registration. Adequate equipment is a must for advanced hiking. You can participate in these events only if you have demonstrated your ability on other hiking activities and if you have adequate and well-broken-in boots with good Vibram-type

soles and suitable protective clothing. Special equipment, such as an ice axe, may be specified and you are expected to be able to handle such equipment. Remember that these restrictions are set for your safety as well as that of your fellow members.

Children are permitted on hikes with a rating of less than 3.0; however, permission of the leader is required on hikes with a rating between 3.0 and 5.0.

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FRONT COVER: It was a monumental task, the construction of the Wasatch Mountain Club lodge at Brighton, requiring the dedicated efforts of many enthusiastic club volunteers. Most of the work was done during summer of 1930. This summer, the Club is initiating a new commitment to repair, to renovate, and to otherwise improve this priceless asset. As in '30 your enthusiastic support will be equally welcome and rewarding. Photo by S. Dean Green.

ATTENTION!

Russell Patterson is planning a week long backpack into the Escalante area and would like to share the fun with anyone who can go. Your efficient hiking director has misplaced the list of details so get in touch with Russell as soon as possible if you are interested. 973-6427.

April 1-2  
Saturday-  
Sunday

WHEELER PEAK OVERNITE. Intermediate/advanced ski tour. Call Pete Hovingh by Wednesday, 359-4791 or 582-1565 ext. 345 (work).

April 1  
Saturday

LOWER DAYS FORK. Beginner nordic and snowshoe (a short, steep section may be overcome by sheer willpower). Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m. Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.

April 1  
Saturday

LEADER'S CHOICE. An Alexis Kelner Tour. Advanced - you bet. Limit 10. Call leader for details, 359-5387.

April 1  
Saturday

RIVER RATS SPRING PARTY. Come up to the lodge on Saturday night, 7:30 p.m., and meet old friends and make some new ones. We will have some movies and slides but you are asked to bring your own refreshments. The lodge will be open overnight but we need a host. If you wish to volunteer, please call Mary Manley at 363-3985 (work) or 277-6307 (home).

April 2  
Sunday

RAFTING WORK PARTY. It's that time again to haul out the boats and get the gear organized. We will be gluing lots of D-rings on our new boat so we need people willing to sandpaper and glue. For those wishing to join the club, this will count as an activity (provided that you do work of course). The address is 4317 S. 3rd West, Unit #214. 2:00 p.m. In case of bad weather this will be rescheduled for April 9, same time and place.

April 2  
Sunday

HONEYCOMB FORK. Beginner/intermediate snowshoe. Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Kermit and Marilyn Earle, 268-2199.

April 2  
Sunday

ALTA TO MIDWAY. Intermediate nordic. Limit 12. Register with George Westbrook, 966-6792.

April 2  
Sunday

PARK CITY TO MIDWAY, Postponed from March 26. Intermediate nordic. Registration required by Friday, March 31, 6:00 p.m. Bring bathing suits, booze, and money. We will swim and have dinner at the Homestead. Call Lyman Lewis 1-649-9632.

April 2 & 9  
Sunday

RIVER RATS POOL CLASS. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Learn to swim, even in a life jacket. No prior swimming experience is necessary, however, you should feel comfortable in chest-high water. To register, send a \$5.00 check (payable to WMC) to Mary Manley, 3631 S. 23rd East, SLC, Ut. 84109. The classes will be taught by Mike Taylor. For more information see the rafting article in the March Rambler or call Mary Manley, 277-6307. Adults only please.

- April 6  
Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. Meet about 5:30-6:00 p.m. at Pete's Rock, approximately 5500 South Wasatch Blvd.
- April 8  
Saturday DANEELS CANYON, UINTAS. Intermediate nordic. For details call Doti Marden, 1-649-9628. Destination possibly changed dependent on snow.
- April 8  
Saturday FOOTHILL HIKE. Call Carl Bauer for meeting time. He will need a ride. 355-6036.
- April 9  
Sunday FAREWELL TO POINT SUPREME. An environmental ski tour. Call and register with Alexis Kelner, 359-5387.
- April 9  
Sunday BIG BEACON HIKE. Rating: 3.0. A short hike but with a lot of "up". Meet at east end of Hogle Zoo parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Fran Flowers. 581-9083.
- April 9  
Sunday SPRING SOCIAL at the Kelner's, 1201 First Avenue. Come and enjoy this extension of our winter social custom into the spring season. Among other featured attractions you might even get to tour the Rambler Print Shop. 6:00 p.m.
- April 13  
Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See April 6 for directions.
- April 15-16  
Saturday-Sunday DEWEY BRIDGE TO MOAB COLORADO RIVER TRIP. Beginners trip. The Colorado River offers some great scenery of the Fisher Towers, Castle Valley, and the La Sal Mountains and throws in a few rapids just for kicks. Beginning rafters should take this trip to get experience for the intermediate trips later this summer. "Old timers" are welcome to come along since we will be needing some boat captains. To reserve a place, send a check for \$20 (payable to WMC) to Mary Manley, 3631 S. 23rd East, SLC, Ut. 84109. If you need more information, please call 277-6307.
- April 15  
Saturday FOOTHILL HIKE. Call leader Carl Bauer for meeting time. He will need transportation. 355-6036.
- April 15  
Saturday ICEBREAKER KAYAK TRIP. Depending on water levels, we will go to either the Provo River or the Weber River. Start getting your arms in shape for the long summer ahead, come join us. This is a good place for beginners. Call Jim Mason, 355-3810 for details.
- April 15  
Saturday AMERICAN FORK TWINS-MAJOR EVANS GULCH. Advanced alpine tour. Call Dennis and Karin Caldwell, 942-6065, for details.
- April 16  
Sunday GOURMET SKI TOUR. Beginner nordic. Come one, come all, Grand Finale for ski touring, meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, 9:30 a.m. Destination to be announced, leader, Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856.

- April 16  
Sunday  
BIG MOUNTAIN HIKE. Rating: 3.0. Call Fran Flowers for details, 581-9083.
- April 16  
Sunday  
SOUTH RIDGE OF SUPERIOR CLIMB. This will involve substantial exposed scrambling, some roped pitches, snow slogging, and a long day. Ice axes will be required, and the number of climbers will be limited. Register with the leader, John Gottman, at 359-4693 (home) or 328-8066 ext. 359 (work).
- April 20  
Thursday  
EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See April 6 for directions.
- April 22  
Saturday  
STANSBURY PEAK. Rating: 4.0. We will have a neat view of both valley and lake if the weather is clear. Call Fran Flowers for details. 581-9083.
- April 22  
Saturday  
FOOTHILL HIKE. Carl Bauer for information. 355-3036  
He will need a ride.
- April 23  
Sunday  
GRANDEUR PEAK. Rating: 4.5. A popular hike with a fine view of the valley. Call Fran Flowers for details. 581-9083.
- April 23  
Sunday  
SPRING SOCIAL. Although the Social Season is drawing to a close, Dennis and Karin Caldwell are counting on a fair number of you still being in the mood for one of these gatherings. Their address is 3645 Golden Hills Avenue (8775 South). Drive south on Wasatch Blvd. til shortly before the Quail Run, then turn east towards the mountains. 6:00 p.m.
- April 27  
Thursday.  
EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See April 6 for directions.
- April 29-30  
Saturday-Sunday  
DEWEY BRIDGE TO MOAB KAYAK TRIP. Beginner trip on Class II water. Wetsuits will be in order for the low water temperatures. We will camp at Rock Garden Rapid Friday night and run the trip from there. This is a primitive (no water) camp so come prepared. Go east from Moab on Highway 128 (just north of Moab) for approximately 16 miles and then turn left just past a small bridge. Call Jim Mason, 355-3810 for details.
- April 29  
Saturday  
BIG BEACON. Rating: 3.0. A repeat of this fun hike. Call Fran Flowers for details, 581-9083.
- April 29  
Saturday  
FOOTHILL HIKE. Call Carl Bauer for details. 355-3036.
- April 30  
Sunday  
MOUNT OLYMPUS. Rating: 8.0. Come on out and see how well you weathered the winter. Call Fran Flowers for details, 581- you know the rest.
- May 4  
Thursday  
EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. Drive 3 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon to the Storm Mountain Picnic area. Food and drinks will be available for a fee.

- May 6-7  
Saturday-Sunday  
SAN RAFAEL KAYAK TRIP. Spend the weekend near the spectacular San Rafael Swell. One day of paddling is planned for this beautiful river. This trip is suitable for beginners in kayaks and canoes. Call Dan Thomas, 561-5667 for details.
- May 6  
Saturday  
LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN. Rating: 4.5. This is the peak behind Schreiners Hospital. Call Carl Bauer for details. 355-3036. He will need a ride.
- May  
Sunday  
STORM MOUNTAIN. Rating: 7.5. The route will be up infamous Ferguson Canyon. Call Fran for details, 581-9083.
- May 11  
Thursday  
EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 4 for directions.
- May 13-14  
Saturday-Sunday  
DELORES RIVER KAYAK TOUR. Intermediate tour through beautiful canyons. We plan a weekend tour from Slickrock to Bedrock. Depending on the water level, a few hardy souls are tentatively planning to do the Upper Cahone to Slickrock stretch containing the famous "Snaggletooth" Rapid on Thursday-Friday, May 11-12, meeting the main group at Slickrock. Please contact Marty MacKnight, 355-3810, in advance if interested.
- May 13-14  
Saturday-Sunday  
DOLORES RIVER TRIP. Beginner to intermediate trip. There should be plenty of water this year on the Dolores and the scenery is always first rate. Due to some fluctuation of water levels, this trip may be moved up or back by a week. For more information, please call the trip leader, Dave Hart at 583-3228. Do not send a deposit until you have talked to him.
- May 13  
Saturday  
MULE HOLLOW WALL EXPERIENCE CLIMB. See the May Rambler for details.
- May 18  
Thursday  
EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 4 for directions.
- May 20-21  
Saturday-Sunday  
GRAY CANYON KAYAK PRACTICE. We will spend the weekend sharpening our skills on the 5-mile stretch just above Swasey Rapid. This is suitable for beginner as well as advanced kayakers. Call Jim Mason, 355-3810, for details.
- May 25  
Thursday  
EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 4 for directions.
- May 26-29  
Friday-Monday  
DESOLATION CANYON RIVER TRIP. Intermediate. This is a popular trip down the Green River with an ample supply of rapids, scenery, and good times. You must have been on one previous Club trip to qualify. To reserve a place, send a \$20 check to Mary Manley, 3631 S. 23rd E., SLC, Ut. 84109. Please mark your check "For Desolation Trip". Stewart Harvey will be the trip leader.

- May 26-29  
Friday-Monday  
DESOLATION KAYAK TOUR. An intermediate kayak tour on the Green River. Several rapids with lots of waves always make this a great tour. A great way to spend the Memorial Day weekend. Call Bob Meyer, 1-782-5708 or Jim Mason, 355-3810 for details.
- May 27-30  
Saturday-Tuesday  
WHITE RIVER KAYAK TOUR. A beginner tour that is suitable for both kayaks and canoes. This may be your last chance to paddle this beautiful river before it is dammed. Call Dan Thomas, 561-5667, for details.
- June 10-11  
Saturday-Sunday  
GREEN RIVER - FLAMING GORGE DAM TO BROWNS PARK - RIVER TRIP. Beginner trip. This trip hasn't been run by the club for several years. If you feel adventurous, send your \$20 deposit to Mary Manley, 3631 S. 23rd E., SLC, Ut. 84109. Mark your check "For Green River Trip". (I haven't run it either!).
- June 24-25  
Saturday-Sunday  
SNAKE RIVER - ALPINE CANYON RAFT TRIP. Water levels at this time of year should be pretty exciting. We will be car camping for this trip. For more details call the trip leader, Bill Yates, 1-723-3853. A \$10 deposit is required. Send it to Bill at 625 W. 6th South, Brigham City, Ut. 84302.

# News & Notices

## SPRING HIKING

A brief word to new members about the early season hikes. You will be more comfortable if you wear good medium weight leather boots. Light weight suede waffle stompers will soak through no matter what you put on them and some of these hikes will be WET!

Bring enough clothes! Not only is the weather fickle this time of year, but after a sweaty hike, you can chill right to the marrow during the customary lunch break. If you prefer to hike in shorts, fine, but have some long pants in your pack. Bring gaiters if you can get them. The snow will be over ankle deep in places and waterproof boots aren't much good if your socks are soaked. Also have a warm knit cap and gloves. If you're a real softy like me you'll also bring a dry shirt!

It's true, most of the time all this stuff will stay in your pack, but the few times you'll want it, it will mean the difference between enjoying the hike or wishing you were back home.

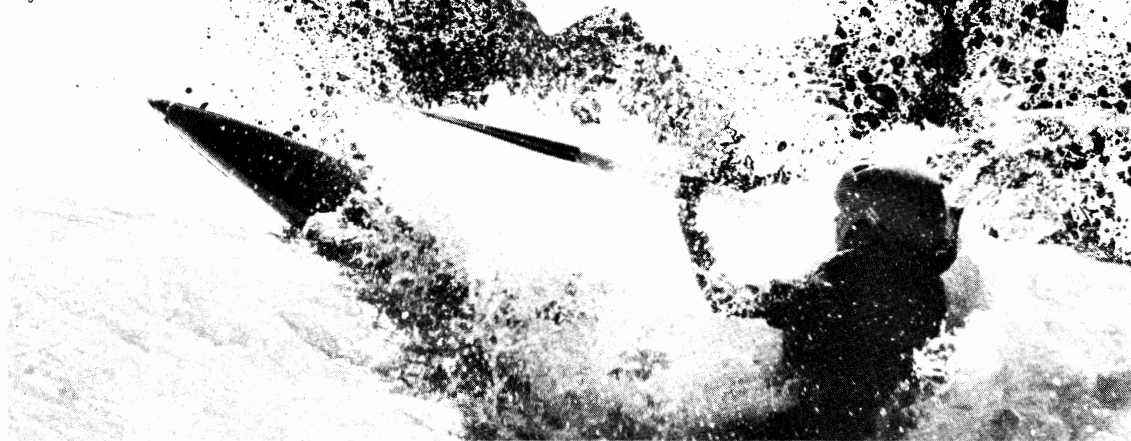
Now, shoulder that 20 lb. day pack and enjoy yourself.



# KAYAKING

## 1978

by Jim Mason



With the deep snowpack in the mountains, 1978 should be a great year for WMC kayakers. A schedule which covers trips and tours through May is included in this Rambler. Hopefully, a more complete schedule for the summer will be ready for the May Rambler. The schedule will include trips for all levels of ability, beginner through advanced. Please take the ratings seriously and do not try to go on trips above your ability. If you have interest in a trip that is not scheduled, do not hesitate to call your friendly kayaking director.

As in the past, a "tour" refers to a multi-day trip on which we travel self-contained, staying overnight on the river. This kind of travel requires a certain degree of confidence in the Eskimo roll and in whitewater technique. A kayak "trip" refers to running a stretch of river and then returning to our cars to camp at night. Kayakers new to our program must go on some trips in the beginning of the year so that we can assess your ability before you will be allowed on tours. Although no formal policy exists for assessing an individual's kayaking ability, it is hoped that the kayaker will take into account his or her ability when considering a particular trip. This does not mean advanced beginners cannot go on intermediate trips, but it does mean a rank beginner cannot go on an intermediate trip. The trip leader and/or kayaking director will make the final decision as to whether a kayaker is capable of going on a particular trip.

At this writing, we have had good and bad luck with permit applications. For the first time, we have received a Selway permit for this advanced tour. This will be the hardest river most WMC kayakers have been on. For this reason, only qualified kayakers will be allowed to go. We were not as fortunate in regards to the Middle Fork of the Salmon. A new system for permit applications is proposed for the Middle Fork in 1979. Hopefully, the new system will eliminate the inequities of the old system. A new management plan has been released for the Grand Canyon and is desperately in need of your support. See article by Randy Frank in this Rambler.

# Conservation Comments

## SAVING THE GRAND CANYON —Once Again!

by Randy Frank

After years of study and research, the National Park Service has released a DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN for the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon National Park. While there are many noteworthy parts of the plan, its most significant part is that it calls for a 3-year phase out of motorized travel on the river. In the proposed wilderness plan for the Park released last year, the river and its corridor was excluded from wilderness designation because of motorized use, which conflicts with the Wilderness Act. The Park Service has now proposed to remove one of the last main obstacles toward gaining protection for the Colorado River through the Wilderness Act. And wilderness status for the Colorado River through the canyon will once and for all put an end to recurrent schemes for dams in this national landmark.

While we have won the first round of the battle, we are in grave danger of losing the war. The commercial river running companies are furious over the decision to ban motors. The Western River Guides Association has allocated 20% of its budget to fight the decision. Outfitters have sent out tens of thousands of letters to their customers totally distorting the draft plan, and implying that the Park Service is trying to prevent the public from running the river. The result of this has been that to date letters received by the Park Service have been running 8 to 1 in favor of letting motors remain on the river. An examination of the facts clearly shows why the outfitters are fighting the ban on motors, and it has nothing to do with their "alleged concern" for the public.

The decision by the Park Service to eliminate motors was not a spur-of-the-moment idea, but one based on substantial public input and surveys of public desire. The Park Service ran several combined trips down the river, where participants had the

opportunity to experience both motorized and nonmotorized forms of travel. At the end of the trips, participants were asked which mode of travel they preferred, and an astounding 85% said that if they were to run the river again, they would go on a nonmotorized trip, compared to 5% who would choose a motorized one. The outfitters would have you believe that the current 80% to 20% ratio of motorized to nonmotorized travel is a "true" reflection of public demand. This might be true except for the fact that under current yearly allocations in the Park, demand for trips exceeds the number of trips available, and thus the public must taken what they're given by the outfitters. And for financial reasons, the outfitters have decided to give the public motorized trips. Why? The answer is simple: Profit margins on motorized trips, where the ratio of boatmen to passengers is small, far exceed profit margins on nonmotorized trips, where more boatmen are needed to run the somewhat smaller boats. Thus, the outfitters pretensions of concern for the public really boil down to concern for their own pocketbooks.

The outfitters haven't been content to only distort the motors/no-motors issue, but have totally distorted many other aspects of the plan. They would have you believe that the ban on motors would mean that you'd have to spend two or more weeks in order to go down the Canyon, and that you'd have to go in "less safe" non-motorized boats. Statements such as the above are pure fabrication, but demonstrate the degree to which some outfitters are going to defeat the plan.

The new plan also seeks to address the imbalance which exists under the present situation, in which outfitters control 92% of the yearly allocation in the Park. Demand for noncommercial (or "do-it-yourself") trips has grown dramatically in recent years, and has resulted in a situation where less than 10% of those who apply to run the river on their own are allowed to go down in a given year. Yet space on commercial trips is available with a quick call to a travel agent. The new plan proposes a 70% commercial, 30% noncommercial split, while at the same time giving commercial operators an increase of 50% in their total allocation by raising the yearly ceiling. Yet the outfitters would have you believe that the segment of the public who want their services are being excluded by the Park Service under the new plan.

The Park Service is soliciting public comment on the plan. At the moment the commercial outfitters have the momentum. With their huge mailing lists, large sums of money, and vested financial interest, they are out to see that nothing happens to the status quo. The only hope at this point is for massive public input to the Park Service indicating that the Grand Canyon deserves protection as wilderness area, and that motors don't belong in a wilderness. Remind them that it is the Park Service's obligation to manage the Park for the benefit of the public, and not for the benefit of the outfitters. For years now the commercial operators have had control of the Canyon as if it were their personal piece of property. The plan begins to manage the Park for the benefit of the public, and needs and deserves your support. Written comments can be sent to:

Assistant Secretary Herbst  
Department of the Interior  
Interior Building  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Request that your comments be included in the hearing record for the Grand Canyon management plan, and send your comments before May 1. Time is running out to protect the Canyon. Your comments are needed.

# Beginner Climbing Course

The goal of the BCC is to teach beginners the basics of snow and rock climbing. The course will provide the skills and knowledge required to follow experienced climbers up technical routes, and a background for WMC experience climbs and mountaineering high camps. Because climbing and climbing classes can be dangerous, students are expected to pay attention and to take the instruction seriously.

WHO: WMC members only. No experience required--only an interest in learning to climb.

WHEN: Mandatory registration with Paul Horton (364-0728) by Wednesday, April 26. An evening session will be held Thursday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m., at John Gottman's house (1074 East 600 South). Outdoor sessions will be held on April 29 and May 6, at a time and place to be announced. The evening class will last a few hours; the day classes, most of the day. Attendance at all sessions is required.

FEE: \$10, payable at the first session.

EQUIPMENT: Boots or rock shoes, hard hat, nylon webbing (1 inch x 20 feet), 3 carabiners and a brake bar (or 5 carabiners) are required. For the May 6 class an ice axe will be necessary. Bring any other gear you may have, such as nuts and slings. Only the webbing is required for the first class.

Borrow the gear if you can, buy it if you must, but have it! Some ice axes may be available for loan and it is possible to rent them from local climbing stores. If you have questions or problems concerning equipment, then don't get any until after the first class when we will discuss it. However, you must bring the webbing to that class.

WARNING: The class is limited to 20 participants and it is usually filled quickly, so register soon. For further information and for registration, call Paul Horton.

## Thanks

As the ski touring season draws to a close, we look back over a great snow year, lots of grand tours, many friendships made, and a heck of a lot of outdoor fun. Your touring director wants to thank the many members who led tours; Thanks to David Hanscom and Jerry Horton

for conducting the avalanche course, and to the members of the touring committee who were a real pleasure to work with--David Hanscom, Milt Hollander, Dwight Nicholson, Andy Schoenberg, John Riley, Trudy Healy, and Jim Dalgleish.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT  
FOR THE GALA OPENING  
ON MAY 20 OF THE  
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INTRODUCING THE 1978  
SUMMER SEASON.  
WE'LL HAVE REFRESHMENTS,  
GOURMET DINNER AND  
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FOR MORE DETAILS SEE THE MAY RAMBLER**

**MARK THE DATE  
ON YOUR CALENDAR  
NOW**



# Maybird Gulch Ski Tour

by A. Kelner

Although the weather was changeable and blustery, and the Pfeifferhorn remained visible for only a few moments, some ten WMC'ers, led by Gale Dick, nevertheless spent an enjoyable day touring this well known canyon.

That this was the first day of the newly established Lone Peak Wilderness Area made the outing even more savourable.

After a routine, orderly, and well-mannered ascent of Red Pine Gulch followed by a rapid traverse to the base of the Pfeifferhorn some "good" skiing was had on the gentle, open slopes of upper Maybird Gulch.

The intensity of the touring experience heightened somewhat as the group entered steeper, sun softened, and brush and tree covered slopes just west of the main ravine. With the exception of darkness the outcome had nearly all the "important basic ingredients" necessary for a "classic Kelner tour". (See adjacent photo). EUREKA! At last--an understudy who understands!



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## Willow Creek—Desolation Lake

February 26, 1978      Jeanne Rickerson

From a questionable beginning as far as weather was concerned, a most enjoyable tour evolved. However, many of us had our misgivings as we started up Willow Creek from the old Pine Cone Inn. The tourers in the group initially spent a fair bit of time bubble-gumming up with red wax so that we could make the grade, while the snowshoers smirked on. After a few miles when we really started climbing, the snowshoers decided to head down. The snow was difficult to edge into as it was wet and and frozen over. This didn't pose any major problem until we started to skirt the top of Bear Trap. Onlookers would've noticed a group of ten walking very gingerly across this steep, open field. After all, it's not easy edging onto an icy crust when the bottoms of your skis are rounded with snow. We did successfully move across, though, and promptly rewarded ourselves with a pleasant lunch under the pines. Afterwards we enjoyed some extremely nice powder skiing down the ridge line and into the east side of Desolation. Coming out of Desolation was most interesting, though. Much to our delight the bob-sled run from the intersection of the Dog Lake trail down Mill D awaited us. Oh well, it was a good time to practice staying real low to the ground and testing one's maneuverability through the trees.

Tour participants: Bill Yates, leader, Greg Yates, Jana Stevens, Steve Gersten, Ralph Nauman, Paul Rubinfeld, Denise Knapp, Bob Woody, Mac (?) MacPhearson, Jeanne Rickerson, Joyce Sohler, and two snowshoeing friends.

## Deseret Peak

March 11, 1978      by Bob Mitchell

For some of us the most difficult part of the trip was trying to find the meeting place -- Odell's Shoe Repair (it's really on 9th West and not 8th West as stated in the recent Rambler). After meeting our leader, Steve Swanson, we had a nice chat with Odell Peterson. Odell said that Deseret Peak was his favorite mountain and a very beautiful area!

We arrived at the Willow Canyon ranger station at approximately 10:00 a.m. and walked up the canyon to the loop area. After putting on our skis we found the lower part of the trail to be crusty and difficult to wax for. However, the snow conditions improved markedly as we gained elevation.

After a late and hasty junch on the sind swept ridge, three of us were inspired to go on to the summit. We reached the top of Deseret Peak at approximately 3:15 p.m. with the wind howling and visibility near zero.

During the descent our leader knocked off part of a cornice and lead us down a steep chute (I think the first 200 feet was more or less a free-fall) a few hundred yards south of the summit. From there it was a delightful trip back to our point of origin-ation through a very picturesque alpine setting.

The Expedition: Judy Ballantyne, Paul Rubinfeld, John Vollum, and Larry Swanson.

To the Top: Steve Swanson, Mark Hessing, and Bob Mitchell.

## Lake Solitude

January 28, 1978

Fred Zoerner

We all set out enthusiastically across Silver Lake on our skis following snowmobile tracks, ski tracks or breaking our own trail through the powder. As the steeper part of the trip started, the group broke into coveys of comparable ability. The first group to the lake enjoyed several neat runs down the mine dump through the best powder all season. After a fun lunch in the warm sun we departed for the cars. Three of us (Cindy, Ellen, and Fred) decided to take the steeper slopes of Solitude Canyon and had fun zipping through the trees back to Brighton.

Participants: Tom Tollefson, Ron McFarland, Marianne Ausseresses, Cindy Ward, Ellen Kaiser, Helen Grandreau, Clint Lewis, Billee Jane Hayes, Faith Briggs, Joy Ray, Hugh Gillilan, Fred Zoerner, Mary Mitchell, John Tallmadge, Carla Dumesnil.

## Lamb's Canyon

February 18, 1978

Chuck Ranney

All participants quickly agreed to the change in itinerary of ascending Toll Canyon and descending Lambs when they learned that there would be about 600 feet less elevation gain and two less miles to go.

The point of departure was the Smith home at Summit Park. Dave had set out at the crack of dawn to blaze a trail up Toll Canyon so that we wouldn't make any false turns. It was a big help because none of us had ever been very far up the canyon. Thanks Dave.

The first part of the trip was the most difficult as we descended a steep, forested, brushy hillside to the bottom of Toll Canyon. A few epithets, a broken ski, and a spare tip later we arrived on the trail and proceeded merrily on our way. Toll Canyon was enchanting with a fresh snowfall and an unused look which most of Lambs Canyon can't match. About halfway up George Wiens, who was on snowshoes, reversed course for some sleep (he came directly from work) and the moonlight tour that evening. The tour to the pass was pleasant with a thin variable overcast, and we ate lunch in the cirque under Murdock Peak. The upper half of the descent was marked by some nice powder and soft crust on the sunnier slopes. The lower half was the usual snowmobile tracks.

Participants: Nancy Coombs, Joe Hall, Lyman Lewis, Dave Morris, Barbara Richards, Jean Smith, George Wiens, Chuck Ranney, leader.

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## Redman Camp to Silver Lake Snowshoe Trip

February 5, 1978

Helen Chindgren

All eleven snowshoers and one skier that made the trip from Redman Camp to Silver Lake on Sunday, 5th February were inspired by the favorable weather, beautiful scenery enhanced by new snow, and the unhurried good mood of the group. Interesting animal tracks and bird activity were observed. After an enjoyable lunch break, the downhill trek to the cars was made and all seemed delighted and rewarded for their efforts and were looking forward to future trips. The trip concluded for some with a snack at the Village Store.

Snowshoers and skier: Maxine Angus, Barbara Burnson and son Andy, Margaret Strickland, Mary Mitchell, Martha Holmes, Stan and Avon Murcock, Doug Craig (on skis), Carl Chindgren and Nelson Pflieger (chief harness adjusters) and Helen Chindgren, leader.

## Wanted Urgently

The rafting program needs some capable trip leaders to lead family trips and weekend trips on the Snake River through Alpine Canyon. The dates for these trips are not yet set so timing is flexible. If you wish to lead or assist in leading, please call the boating director at 363-3985 (work) or 277-6307. The rafting program will not survive without willing volunteers. I can't lead all the trips myself so I need some help from you. Thanks.  
--Mary Manley

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# A New Rambler Column

by Dale Green

Starting next month a new feature will be initiated in the Rambler. Its purpose will be to report news and happenings of WMC members not directly related to Club business. Events such as marriages, births, anniversaries, awards, travel, etc., will receive brief announcements of 1 to 2 sentences. Although the column's writer will actively seek news, its success will depend mostly on input from others. If you know of any newsworthy item, please send it to Dale Green, 4230 Sovereign Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84117, or call Dale at 277-6417.



**Sam Allan**

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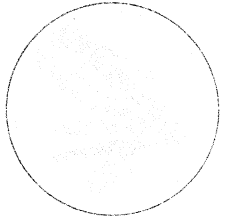
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