



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

The Rambler

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Club Activities January 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.

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.

COVER: Summit ridge near Provo Peak in winter. Photo by A. Kelner and Larry Swanson.

- December 31
Saturday
WHITE PINE LAKE. Intermediate tour. Register with the leader, Milt Hollander, by Friday Night. 277-1416.
- January 1
Sunday
LAKE MARY. Hangover tour, beginner ski/snowshoe tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at noon. Wick Miller, 582-6051.
- January 2
Monday
MAYBIRD GULCH. Advanced ski tour. Will do Red Pine if insufficient snow. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:00. Dave Smith, 1-649-8798.
- January 7
Saturday
MOUNT WOLVERINE. Intermediate ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30. Theresa Overfield, 583-4508.
- January 7
Saturday
CITIZEN'S RACE. Park City Racquet Club. Sponsor, Lovett Ski Co. Contact the White Pine Touring Center, Park City, Golf course clubhouse, 1-649-8701, or Dave Hanscom, 487-6065.
- January 8
Sunday
Sierra Club Sponsored Youth Cross Country Ski Trip (Junior and Senior High). Park City West area. Register with leader, Dick Dougherty, 853-3421, by Thursday, January 5.
- January 8
Sunday
ALEXANDER BASIN. Advanced ski tour. May be some bushwacking at the bottom. Call for details, Dave Hanscom, 487-6065.
- January 8
Sunday
DOG LAKE. Beginner snowshoe tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00. Leroy & Barbara Kuehl, 582-6890.
- January 14
Saturday
CITIZEN'S RACE. The Jock Glidden Annual 20 Kilometer, sponsored by the Fischer Ski Co, Snow Basin Ski Area. Contact the White Pine Touring Center, Park City, Golf course clubhouse, 1-649-8701, or Dave Hanscom, 487-6065.
- January 14
Saturday
AVALANCHE COURSE. The annual avalanche course will begin on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Zion Lutheran Church (1070 Foothill Blvd., 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, (\$3.00 for non-members) 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 14
Saturday
UPPER DOG LAKE. Beginner tour, approximately three miles with a 1000 ft. elevation gain. Register with the leader, Jim Byrne, 582-5631.
- January 14
Saturday
NOMINATION DINNER. Log Haven Inn in Millcreek Canyon. Happy hour begins at 6:30 p.m. (BYOL) and is followed by the dinner an hour later. Your check for \$7.50 per person will also constitute your registration. Please make the

check payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club, and send it in an envelope marked "Nomination Dinner" to WMC, 3155 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106 before January 4.

- January 15
Sunday
WEST BOWL OF SILVER FORK. 11th Anniversary Tour, Intermediate ski tour. Meet at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 and celebrate with the leader, Charlie Keller, 467-3960. Register by Saturday night.
- January 15
Sunday
LAMOTTE PEAK-UINTA. Advanced Nordic Ski tour via East Fork of the Bear River. Register by Friday night with leader: Dwight Nicholson, 359-6178.
- January 21
Saturday
CITIZEN'S RACE - The City Park Dash. Salt Lake City Parks and Recreation and NCAA Collegiate Meet. Mt. Dell Golf Course. Contact the White Pine Touring Center, Park City, Golf course clubhouse, 1-649-8701, or Dave Hanscom, 487-6065.
- January 21
Saturday
CATHERINE PASS FROM ALTA. Beginner's tour if the ski lift is available. Register by Friday night with the leader, Dick Leining, 583-1616.
- January 21
Saturday
BENCH CREEK INTERMEDIATE NORDIC, ski tour. Area S.E. of Heber approximately 10 mile round trip. Meet at the Movie at 7:30 a.m. Register with the leader, Tom Stevens, 486-2994.
- January 22
Sunday
LAKE BLANCHE FROM ALTA. Advanced ski tour. Register with the leader, Joel Bown, 485-8084, by Friday night.
- January 22
Sunday
DESOLATION LAKE VIA MILL D NORTH FORK. Intermediate Nordic and Snowshoe tour. Register with the leader, Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856.
- January 28
Saturday
LAKE SOLITUDE. Beginning ski tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Phyllis Robison, 943-8500.
- January 28
Saturday
PARK CITY-WHITE PINE CANYON. Intermediate ski tour. Meet golf course clubhouse opposite Conoco station at 8:30 a.m. Bring lift money as we will take the gondola up. Leader, Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632.
- January 29
Sunday
RED PINE LAKE. Snowshoe intermediate tour. Register with the leader, Fran Flowers, 581-9083.
- January 29
Sunday
DESERET PEAK. Advanced ski tour. Register by Friday night with leader, Rolf Doebbeling, 467-6636.
- January 29
Sunday
WINTER SOCIAL at Bill Viavant's. The first of these happenings will be held at Bill Viavant's pad on 218 Iowa St. at 6 p.m. (Iowa St. begins at 950 East, 2nd South and very much resembles an alley.) Bill will do his best to top last year's exquisite Mexican cuisine.

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| February 4
Saturday | BROADS FORK. Snowshoe intermediate tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 a.m. Leader, Elmer Boyd, 969-7814. |
| February 4
Saturday | REDPINE CANYON (PARK CITY) AND DOWN MILL CREEK. The lift will not be used making this an advanced nordic tour. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Movie. Register with leader, Steve Swanson 484-5808. |
| February 5
Sunday | Sierra Club Sponsored Youth Cross Country Ski Trip (Junior and Senior High). South Willow Canyon in Stansbury Range. Register with leader, June Wickham, 272-7996 by Thursday, February 2. |
| February 5
Sunday | REDMAN CAMPGROUND TO SILVER LAKE AT BRIGHTON. Beginner snowshoe tour. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood. Leader, Helen Chindgren, 277-8946. |
| February 5
Sunday | RED PINE CANYON-DEER CREEK-TIBBLE FORK. Advanced tour. A club first attempt with an early start required. Register by Friday evening with leader, Alexis Kelner, 359-5387. |
| February 12
Sunday | NORDIC POWDER SKIING COURSE. See details in February Rambler. |

News & Notices

Dear Editor:

UTILITY PROBLEMS?

Are you concerned about utility issues? Rising costs of gas and electricity services? Plant construction and expansion costs? Regulation of utility companies by the Public Service Commission of Utah?

Now is the time to discuss your utility concerns with your legislators. A resolution will be introduced in the House during the January 1978 session of the Utah State Legislature which will order a study of the Public Service Commission of Utah -- its composition, its staffing policies, and its ability to effectively evaluate the frequent utility company applications for rate increases.

Call your legislators today. You can get the name and phone number of your representative and your senator from the League of Women Voters at 328-4532.

For more utility information, phone the Hovinghs at 359-4791.

Margo Hovingh

Nominations, 1978

by Michael Treshow

Nomination time again: A new slate of officers and a new Board of Directors. Once again there were numerous capable members enthusiastic to participate on the Board and serve the WMC. Several members of the 1977 Board expressed the desire to stay on, making the Nomination Committee's job that much easier.

Further nominations for every position will be accepted at the nomination banquet, January 14. Don't forget though, our by-laws require that the nominee be present at the banquet or that the nominator have written consent from the nominee.

The proposed slate of nominees are as follows:

President	Dennis Caldwell
Secretary	Peggy Taylor
Treasurer	Stewart Ogden
Boating	Mary Manley
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Hiking	Fran Flowers
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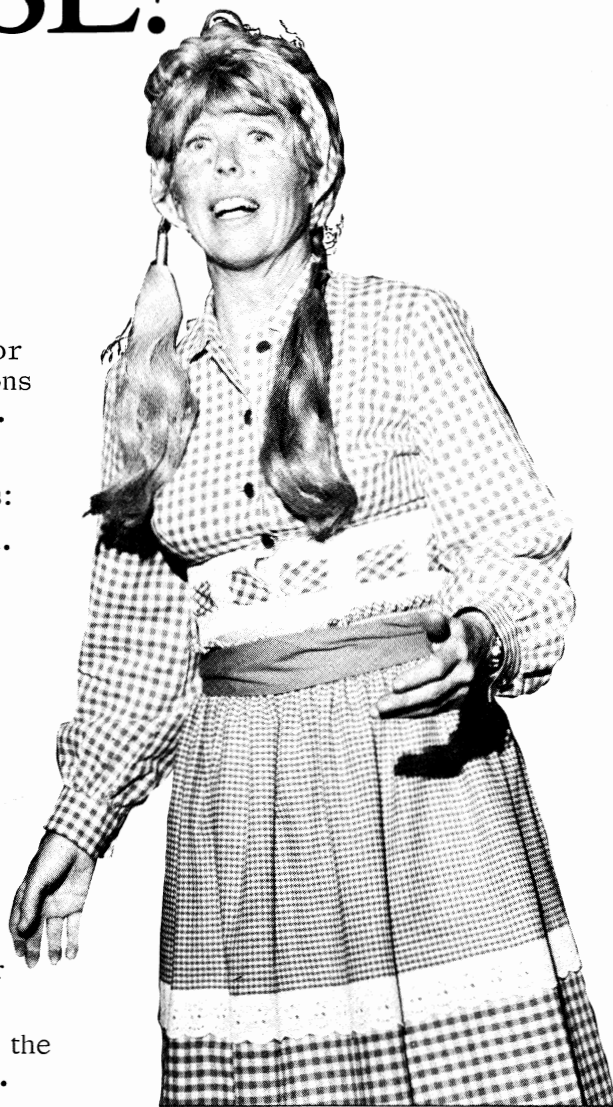
If you don't register today for the Club's Annual Nominations Dinner you might just forget.

And that would be terrible!

For here's what you'd miss:

- Happy Hour at 6:30 p.m.
- Dinner at 7:30.
- Introduction of the Nominees for the Board of Directors.
- Presentation of Club awards to a deserving few.
- A dynamic speech:
"The Role of the
Wasatch Mtn. Club
in the Community"
by Salt Lake City Mayor
Ted Wilson.

For Registration details see the Jan. 14 entry in the Schedule.





Ski Touring with the Wasatch Mountain Club. Early 1930's
photo by S. D. Green

TRIP Talk talk talk talk

Solitude

December 4

by Darlene Gladden
Joan Walker

Tie pieces of wood to the bottom of your feet--grab poles--walk out into a snow storm with a cold sandwich and a granola bar in your backpack (that keeps hitting your fanny) and tell the world you are having a wonderful time--and you are!

On Sunday, December 4, Joyce Sohler led a group of beginner cross-country skiers and snow-shoers on a trip to Solitude. There were 26 of us who met at the entrance to Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.

We left the city in a mist and the conditions hadn't changed as we waited for everyone to arrive. As we started up the canyon, it began to rain. Then about two-thirds of the way up to Brighton the rain changed to snow and we were READY. We had been READY ever since we put on our gaiters that morning.

About nineteen people were going to cross-country ski and the remainder were on shoes. Lyman led the cross-country skiers out into the several feet of snow and Joyce brought up the rear on snow shoes. We tended to maneuver in clusters, with the skiers moving on ahead. Some groups were slowed a bit by faulty bindings on their rental equipment. The terrain was fairly level until the final approach to the lake. It was certainly a good trail on which to practice technique and develop confidence in ones self and ones equipment. The weather conditions varied from calm with no precipitation to a driving snow when we reached the lake. Some of us never did haul it up to the top because the wind was so fierce and it was obviously not the spot in which to take off ones gloves and enjoy a sandwich. We gathered, instead, at the base of the last rise to the lake in a grove of trees protected from the wind. We discussed the morning,

repaired and adjusted bindings and appreciated the respite with sounds of avalanche cannons in the background.

The snow was fresh and unmarked except for our trails. The sun never did shine but that only enhanced the subdued color scheme. At first glance the scenery appeared to be monochromatic but on closer observation rust colored bushes and occasional dusty yellow birds punctuated the landscape with vividness.

The skiers glided along the trail with sweeping, graceful motions; the snowshoers plopped along one foot in front of the other and we were suddenly back to our cars. It was 2:00 p.m.

An ordinary trip? Well, maybe to the "old timers" in the WMC but not to the two snow-shoeing embryos who had just been introduced to the wonders of the Wasatch in winter.

Participants: Jana Stevens, J. Dewell, Alice Dewell, Curtis Perry, Ruth ?, Craig Olsen, R. Henson, Tom Tollefson,, Doris Brown, Darlene Gladden, Joan Walker, Steve Harper, Dave Harper, Lyman Lewis, John Riley, George Swanson, Peter Hansen, John Verbiscar, Linda Verbiscar, Ray Schott, Sue Schott, Chuck Ranney, Joyce Sohler, Dick Bojack, Scott Imber, and ??.

Mt. Olympus

November 13, 1977 by John Dawson

Twenty-six people showed up early on a Sunday morning to tackle Blister Hill. Despite snow warnings on the preceding days, the weather was as good as could be expected in mid-November, with a pale sun shining at times from the cloudy sky. The group scattered far and wide almost immediately, with the faster hikers far up the trail while some others, less fortunate, missed the switch-back and headed back down the hill on the Petes Rock trail.

Everyone made it to the last saddle, and the fearless climbers

had lunch on the south peak, warm in the weak sunshine. At least one went so far as to scramble to the north peak. The last sore-footed wanderer was down by late afternoon.

The hikers were: Tom Tollefson, George Wiens, Larry Piette, Chris Ingalls, Bob Myers, Ilka Stallard, Mike Hendrickson, Angela Tan, Herta Dennett, Damian Spilsbury (age 6), Daisy Chadee, Joan Osborn, George Swanson, Patty Hurlburt, Camille Pierce, Bob McCaig, Roger Rollins, George Westbrook, Judy Thomas, Dan Thomas, Jake Dehaan, Johanna Dehaan, Diane Dehaan, Martin Knaphus, Jan Paarman, and leader, John Dawson.

Red Pine

October 16, 1977

by Fran Flowers

Once again the popularity of this hike was confirmed as twenty people arrived at the meeting place.

It was such beautiful hiking weather that the original hike kept getting extended; first to the upper lake where we basked in the sun for at least an hour, then, for a few, on to the Pheifferhorn.

Participants: John Riley, Fred Zoerner, Helen Gandreau, Steve Harper, Tom Tollefson, Carol Beasley, Ray and Susan Schott, Janet Toole, Ken Kraus, Margaret Strickland, Paul Reubenfeld, Elmer Boyd, Julie and Dina Sims, Milinka Boyle, Sue Frazier, Barbara Bishop, George Swanson, and Fran Flowers.

Devil's Castle

by June Viavant

June 26, 1977

The hike to Devil's Castle began at Albion Basin. We passed Cecret Lake and continued on to the saddle between Baldy and Sugarloaf, where we noted many wildflowers in bloom. Kathy decided to stay here and explore the flora more fully. Around behind Sugarloaf, the scenery got more barren and the mountain dropped away below us more steeply. At the Moment of Truth, after we had traversed some sheer ledges and had to start straight up some very steep, bare rock ledges, Elise and Lois decided to start back down in a leisurely fashion. At the Moment of Sheer Terror, where the way led straight up rough, sheer, limestone cliffs, "Paco" B. and June decided to stop and enjoy the view. The hardy few--Pat, David, Peg, George, Lauraine, and Tom--made it to the top and obligingly posed silhouetted starkly on the skyline.

We collected our scattered members on the way back down, stopping for a delightful cold drink at a beautiful waterfall high up on the mountain. George, Peg, Pat, and June stayed at Cecret Lake for a thoroughly delightful swim, while the rest of the hikers returned more directly to their cars. The weather was perfect and so was the hike. Thanks Sam, for being listed in the Rambler and getting the trip off the ground; thanks Tom, for a wonderful hike!

Trip participants: Tom Stephens (leader), Elise Wallentine, Kathy Wallentine, Pat Fairbanks, David Blaine, David Green, Peg Achterman, Lois Shipway, June Viavant, George Westbrook, and Lauraine Stephen.□

Notch Peak

by Jack Roddy

October 22, 1977

Thirteen excited hikers, led by Carl Bauer, met before daybreak October 22, to assault Notch Peak, a mountain west of Delta in the desert area. We drove down Redwood Road west of Lake Utah to be delighted by the many flocks of geese flying by. At Eureka, Carl gave a commentary on its history and human interest. By 10 a.m. we arrived at a barren mining area to start our ascent. Approaching Notch Peak, many were reminded of Half Dome in Yosemite. The wash we climbed was full of interesting, beautiful plants, trees and rock formations. Carl's enthusiasm was contagious and although we climbed nearly 3000 feet we weren't prepared for the majesty at the top. The sheer drop and unparalleled view of Tule desert below were well worth the trip. As we descended, we circled around through a forest of Bristlecone Pine and after 12 hours were back to our cars. After dinner at Delta, we arrived back at S.L.C. by midnight, exhausted but satisfied.

Participants were: Carl Bauer, Wick Miller, Erica Flood, Joe Hall, Becky Trunnell, Jim Bobo, Carol Smith, Doug Stark, Janet Toole, Stephen Carr, Jack Roddy, Bob Myers, Reg Swartz, Jon Olson.□

Big Beacon

November 12, 1977

by Fran Flowers

Balmy fall weather with warm sunshine and a cool breeze greeted us as we began our trek to the peak. We enjoyed a relaxed pace and even the tigers slowed down to enjoy the luxury of being lazy.

Participants: George Healy, Nelson Pflieger, Clint Lewis, Beth Randall, Karl Lagerber, George Wiens, George Swanson, Rip Johnson, Jimme Bienz, Susan Healy, Stewart Ogden, Chuck Ranney, Dick Conn, and Fran Flowers.

Albion Basin

November 20


by George Swanson

We left the new snow cover in the valley and made our way up the canyon to the thin hard stuff mixed with rocks. The party either walked, snowshoed, or skied from the parking lot up the snowpacked road to the basin. From there it was to the ridge following the Sugarload runs. After a quick lunch we made a cold run down breaking only one ski in the process. A number of skiers were making their way up and about every five minutes a four wheel machine would roar past.

Participants: George Swanson, learner; Lori Webb, Ruth Henson, Trudy Healy, Doug Stark, George Westbrook.

HITCHED: Jan Paarman and Martin Knaphus

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Grand Canyon River Trip

The club has made reservations with Dave McKay of Colorado River and Trails Expeditions to run the Grand Canyon from April 22 to April 30. (Saturday through the following Sunday. You will need five days of vacation for the trip.) Cost for the river portion of the trip is \$350.00 which includes all meals. The transportation costs will be worked out later. If you want to go you must send a check for \$150.00

payable to Col. River & Trails Exp. to Mary Manley, 3631 South 23d East, Salt Lake City, UT. 44109. This is your deposit and the money will not be refunded unless the trip is cancelled. The trip is limited to 12 people and reservations must be made by February 25, 1978. For more information please call Mary at 277-6307 (work 363-3985).



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Finally, finally it has snowed and it looks like Christmas in the mountains will be white at last. Remember while you are touring to take lots of black and white prints we can share with others by putting them in the RAMBLER. Good articles always make reading the RAMBLER enjoyable, as well.

The RAMBLER staff wishes you a happy holiday season and safe outings. See you in the hills!

John F. Moellmer

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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363-7150

NAME (Print) _____ Telephone _____

Name of spouse (only if spouse wants membership also) _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Occupation (Optional) _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club and enclose \$ _____ as my annual membership dues for the year _____, \$ _____ of which is for a subscription to the Rambler for the year and \$4.00 entrance fee. (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

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Rambler Deadline

...for February is Monday, January 16
Type (double-space) your articles/schedules, indicate your name and telephone number on your articles, slides, prints, etc., and place your slides or prints in protective folders. Mail to (or drop by):

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3155 Highland Dr.
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ATTENTION: RAMBLER EDITOR

Thanks: For the December RAMBLER:
Dennis and Karin Caldwell,
Joan and John Moellmer,
Alexis Kelner, Larry
Swanson, and Dale Green.

Thanks: For the January RAMBLER:
Larry Hoskins, Alexis and
Karla Kelner, Joan and John
Moellmer, Dale Green and
Larry Swanson.

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 9th West. This phone is maintained as an answering service only by Life Members 'Pete' (O'Dell) Petersen and wife 'Pinky'. They take time out from their work to answer the phone and relay incoming messages to the proper Director. The Petersens 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.



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