

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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Wasatch Mountain Club

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THANKS:

To Debbie Savage for typing this month's Rambler.

Club Activities

Ski Touring, General Comments

- Call 524-5042 for avalanche information.
- Club equipment--probes, may be borrowed from John Riley, 3639 Palisades Dr., 485-2567. Also, a portable toboggan is available.
- \bullet Tour leaders may request you bring shovels, avalanche chords, and pieps as they deam necessary.
- All tours limited to 12 participants. Reservations not accepted more than 5 days in advance and close at 9:00 p.m. on the day preceding the tour.
- See article on general ratings in the January issue of the RAMBLER. Ratings can vary according to the route. Discuss with leader.
- Most Difficult (MsD) tours limited to qualification list in the December, 1978 issue.
 See article in the January, 1979 RAMBLER on how to qualify for the MsD list.
 - Feb 10, Sat POWDER SKIING SEMINAR. Leaders: Dwight Nicholson, Dave Hanscom, and Milt Hollander. Instruction in parallel and Telemark turns by our own pros. No charge but limited to intermediate and advanced skiers.
 - Feb 10, Sat MsD ALPINE ONLY SKI TOUR. Mt. Aire. Leader: Joel Bown 485-8084.
 - Feb 11, Sun MoD SKI TOUR. Toll Canyon. Leader: Dave Smith 1-649-8798.
 - Feb 11, Sun MsD SKI TOUR. Ben Lomond. Leader: Harold Hafterson 1-621-2042.
 - Feb 11, Sun NTD SKI TOUR. Upper Dog Lake. Leader: Don Coleman 486-7796.
 - Feb 11, Sun 6:00 p.m. Winter Social at the Bergers. Enjoy a relaxing evening at a place with plenty of Lebensraum. The address is 2250 Pheasant Way. (Drive to 5650 South on Highland Drive and turn east; soon enough a staggering amount of parked cars will indicate that you have reached your destination.)
 - Feb 16-18 Lodge open. Hosts Larry & Sue Stensass, 466-9050 Fri-Sun

COVER: Lake Solitude. Photo by Jack McClellan.

- Feb 17, Sat NTD SKI TOUR. Cardiff Fork from the bottom. Leader: Frank West, 1-225-5999.
- Feb 17, Sat MoD SKI TOUR. McHenry Canyon. Leader: Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632.
- Feb 17, Sat MoD SNOWSHOE. Mineral Fork. Leader: John Dawson, 262-7061.
- Feb 18, Sun NTD SKI TOUR. East Canyon. Leader: Pete Hovingh, 359-4791.
- Feb 18, Sun MsD ALPINE SKI TOUR ONLY. Mt Raymond. Leader: George Westbrook, 966-6792.
- Feb 18, Sun MsD NORDIC SKI TOUR. Naomi Peak. Leader: Yukio Kachi, 466-8418.
- Feb 19, Mon MoD SNOWSHOE. Tusquarora Peak. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.
- Feb 21, Wed 7:30 p.m.

 Election Meeting. There will be a large turnover on the board this year. Plan to attend and choose among at least five pairs of candidates. As an extra incentive Charlie Keller will be showing some unique slides from the Karakoram taken on his trip last summer along the Baltoro Glacier to the base of K-2. Place: Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Boulevard.
- Feb 24, Sat MoD SKI TOUR. Little Water Peak. Leader: Danny Thomas, 561-5667.
- Feb 24, Sat MsD SKI TOUR. Hogum Fork from White Pine. Leader: Alexis Kelner, 359-5387.
- Feb 24, Sat NTD SKI TOUR. Ontario Canyon. Leader: Trudy Healy, 583-3411.
- Feb 25, Sun 6:00 p.m.

 Winter Social at Sandra Taylors. At this mid-point of the winter season, the club's social activities should be in full swing. 1123 Vista View Drive (which starts at 2950 E. 1190 S. and winds north) is the place where we will gather for an enjoyable evening. (If things get out of hand, the Zoo is just a block away.)
- Feb 25, Sun MoD SKI TOUR. Willow Fork to Desolation Canyon. Leader: Bill Yates, 1-723-3853.
- Feb 25, Sun MoD SNOWSHOE. Desolation Lake. Leader: Jerry Powelson, (call John Dawson, 262-7061).
- Feb 25, Sun MsD NORDIC TOUR. Settlement Canyon. Leader: Yukio Kachi, 466-8418.
- Mar 3, Sat MoD SKI TOUR. Hoyt Peak. Leader: Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632.
- Mar 3, Sat NTD SKI TOUR. Catherine Pass. Leader: Paul Horton, 364-0728.
- Mar 3, Sat MsD SKI TOUR. Deseret Peak. Leader: Larry Swanson, 278-3269.

Mar 4, Sun MoD SKI TOUR. Honeycomb Fork. Leader: Mike Treshow, 467-1022.

Mar 4, Sun MoD SNOWSHOE. Beartrap Fork. Leader: Joyce Sohler, 272-2624.

Mar 4, Sun MoD SKI TOUR. Bench Creek. Leader: Jay Dewel 295-2754.

Mar 10, Sat TWO TRIPS TO END AT THE HOMESTEAD (MIDWAY) FOR DIP AND DINNER.
MoD SKI TOUR. Park City to Midway. Leader: Buzz Marden,
363-3892.

MoD to MsD SKI TOUR. Brighton to Midway via Snake Creek Pass. Leader: Gerry Horton, 262-8372.

Mar 10, Sat MsD SKI TOUR. Lake Blanche to Sundial Peak. Leader: Alexis Kelner, 359-5387.

Mar 11, Sun MsD ALPINE ONLY SKI TOUR. Alta to White Pine. Leaders: Charlie and Emily Hall, 277-1555.

Mar 11, Sun MoD SKI TOUR. Wolverine Cirque. Leader: John Modmer, 467-7519.

Mar 11, Sun NTD SNOWSHOE. Scott's Pass via Mill "F". Leader: Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.

Mar 15, Thu
7:00 p.m.

BEGINNING RAFTING CLASS
At Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Blvd. (backdoor). This class will give you information on club rules, equipment, rafting techniques, etc. It is a MUST for new rafters. Any questions, call Mary Manley, 277-6307, after 5:30 p.m.

Notice

GRAND CANYON BY: Stewart Ogden

Stewart Ogden is interested in knowing if there is enough interest to run the Grand Canyon river trip this year. If so, Dave McKay's Colorado River and Trail Expeditions, Inc. will host us for 9 days and 8 nights--Sat., April 21, through Sun., April 29. We expect a total cost, including transportation from/to SLC, to be slightly less than \$575. We will need 11 people

signed up by February 20th. (To sign up, get a \$100 per person deposit payable to WMC into Stewart't hand.)

Your deposit is refundable, of course, if the trip does not go, or if you notify Stewart before March 5 that you will not be going. Call him for additional details at 359-2221.

From the Board

BY: Dennis Caldwell

Membership

As discussed in a previous issue of the Rambler and at the last general membership meeting, in order to reaffirm certain past practices, clear up some misconceptions, and institute a few minor procedural changes, the board has passed a by-law on the subject of life membership. The basic structure of this program is preserved with self-explanatory modifications; the text appears below.

By-Law III-H

- 1) Life membership may be awarded to individuals who have:
 - a) been regular or spouse members for 25 years.
 - b) rendered service to the club equivalent to at least a one-year term on the board.
 - c) maintained a visible level of recent interest in club affairs.
- 2) Life members will be duly identified in club membership lists and be granted all the privileges of regular membership. They will be exempt from dues; however, those wishing to continue receiving the Rambler will be assessed an appropriate subscription rate.
- 3) Under extenuating circumstances, paragraph 1a may be waived, provided an equivalent 25-year association with the club can be documented.
- 4) The procedure for voting in or dismissing life members will be the same as the one for regular members.
- 5) A spouse membership can be converted into a life spouse membership on the basis of either partner's qualifications. If subsequently it is split into two single memberships, the privileges of life membership are retained only by individuals who satisfy the longevity requirements above.
- 6) This by-law is not retroactive with respect to existing life members.

Conservation

The RARE II survey of National Forest lands with Wilderness potential is now complete, and the public comments have been evaluated. Last month the Forest Service submitted their specific recommendations, and a critical comments period, in which areas may be added or subtracted, is just coming to a close. It is necessary that the Governor and our Senators and Congressmen near from us at this time. Important areas omitted from this list can be lost

for good, and it would be dangerous to assume that any of the recommended ones are a shoe-in. Specifically the FS proposal for Utah has the following breakdown:

Wilderness

1) High Uintas (ca. 500,000 acres)

- Dromedary (region between the Cottonwood Canyons from Twin Peaks to Mt. Superior).
- Mt. Olympus (western portion of area between Big Cottonwood and Millcreek Canyons).

4) Stansbury (including Desert Peak).

5) Pine Valley Mountains (just west of Zion Park).

6) Ashdown Gorge (adjacent to Cedar Breaks).

7) Fishlake Mountains

8) Dark Canyon

- 9) Red Canyon, North and South (along the approach road to Bryce Canyon).
- 10) Wellsville Mountains

Further Planning

1) Box-Death Hollow (in the Escalante Area).

2) Nephi (Mt. Nebo).

- 3) Birdseye (Loafer Mountain).
- 4) Santaquin (north of Nebo).
- 5) Mt. Naomi (near Logan).

This comprises approximately 6% of the total National Forest acreage in Utah, the remainder, some 100 areas, are proposed for release from further consideration. Although the actual amount is a bit on the skimpy side in comparison with what truly qualifies, there are a number of bright spots on the above list. One half of the areas proposed for Wilderness are in the Wasatch National Forest, for which we have ample reason to express our appreciation.

Conspicuous by their absence are:

- 1) The Lakes Area (west of the Mirror Lake Highway; includes Reids Peak and Mt. Watson).
- 2) Tushar Mountains
- Thousand Lake Mountain (contiguous with Capitol Reef).
- 4) La Salle Mountains (overlooking Moab and Arches).

The following concerns may be voiced:

<u>General</u>

- a) None of the areas on the Utah Environmental Coalition Proposal should be released at this time. Massive legislative release of areas should be avoided. The release process must be on an individual basis, depending on the merits of each case.
- b) As far as it goes, the specifics of the Utah FS proposal are basically sound, but it is much too small as a working draft for an omnibus Wilderness Bill. Particularly deficient is the number of "Further Planning" areas, which is only half of what was recommended for Wilderness itself.

Specific

- a) Nephi (Mt. Nebo) and Mt. Naomi should be promoted from "Further Planning" to "Wilderness".
- b) The four released areas above (Lakes, et. al.) and many others on which you may have personal knowledge, should be incorporated into the final Wilderness recommendations.
- c) The Mt. Olympus Area should include Gobbler's Knob and Alexander Basin.
- d) The eastern portion of the High Uintas (in the Ashley Forest) is a good proposal; however, the western portion on the North Slope is particularly vulnerable (this includes some of the best drainages in the region, such as China Meadows). Much more careful attention should be

given to trailhead protection here.

The Forest Services has done its job; now is the time to express your views to:

Governor Scott Mattheson State Capitol Building SLC UT 84114

Senator Jake Garn Senator Orrin Hatch U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510 Congressman Dan Marriott Congressman Gunn McKay U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Qualifications for WMC Outdoor Activities

Starting in the 1920's from a small nucleus of people who were all well acquainted with one another, the club has grown into an organization with 600 memberships affecting a total of nearly 1000 individuals. Under these circumstances it is difficult, if not impossible, for trip leaders to be familiar with everyone's experience and capabilities.

So long as the affair is of a non-technical nature, as is the case for most hikes, there is no problem; but for activities entailing some degree of potential danger, such as climbing, river-running, and alpine ski-touring, a certain responsibility is involved on the part of the club leaders. Long ago the Mountaineering and River-running directors instituted qualification programs designed to give people the experience necessary to participate in more advanced (and hazardous) events.

With the cross-country boom the club has experienced a surge of people wishing to partake of this exciting sport. In order to discharge their responsibilities in providing some margin of security for the more rugged trips, the ski-touring committee has instituted a qualification system. While individuals may differ in their particular approach to the problem, the basic philosophy seems to be that all the participants on alpine tours should be able to handle themselves under adverse as well as ideal conditions, both with respect to snow and weather. This is particularly important when it comes to

descending several thousand feet of inconsistent snow, in order that the whole party get out before nightfall. It does not mean that we are insisting on "Alta Machine Track" virtuosity, but rather upon the ability of an individual to maintain a sufficient reserve in stamina to proceed both up and downhill at a reasonably steady pace without becoming a burden to the rest of the group. We all have our bad days, and there is certainly no disgrace in falling behind; the aim is to ensure that those two insidious ingredients, fatigue and inexperience, are not combined when the chips are down on a mountainside.

Like any new system, there are always kinks to be ironed out. The institution of this program was envisioned as a two stage process: First, the Touring Committee went down the membership list in order to identify the alpine touring "regulars" and other such indviduals they personally knew to be qualified. Second, people whose abilities were unknown to them and new members in general would be checked out by field tests conducted by the Committee.

The one fly in the ointment has understandably turned out to be the unpremeditated omission of a few regulars from the initial list. If you are in this category, please contact Dave Hanscomb, Milt Hollander, or Dwight Nicolson. If they are not familiar with your situation, call upon one of the club's advanced touring leaders who is in a position to remind them, and the Committee will make every effort to set matters right.





Nominees for the Board of Directors-1979.

Annual Nominations Dinner

This year's Nominations dinnerattracted the largest crowd in recent years, 120 persons. Along with a great meal and pleasant company, highlights of the evening included the presentation of the "Pa Perry" award to Larry Swanson for his work in helping to rewire the lodge. Additional awards were given to

Jude Whitehead Phyllis Robison Harold Goodro Bob Ehlers Phyllis Haas Bill Shepard

for service to the Wasatch Mountain Club above and beyond the call of duty. Our thanks to Karil Frohboese for preparing the scrolls and, of course, to Pa Perry for his untiring efforts on this project.





The Nominating Committee has come up with the following persons (bless them!) who are willing to run for the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors. It should be noted that this is the Nominating Committee's choices for directors. Club members at large can also nominate others to run for the various positions. The procedure is simple: Just get the person's (who you wish to run for office) permission to nominate him and then do so at or before the Nomination's Dinner.

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Dennis Caldwell

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Greg Janiec

SKI TOURING:

Lori Webb Lyman Lewis

KAYAKING:

Joe Schell

PUBLICATIONS:

John Mason

O'Dell Petersen for W.M.C. Trustee

Avalanche Course

By David Hanscom

The annual Wasatch Mountain Club Avalanche Course grows (and we hope improves) every year. Over 130 attendees were present at the morning session of this year's event. At least half of t the 130 came up to the canyon for the afternoon probing and electronic detection sessions.

Some comments on the rescue procedure might be helpful.

(1) Most of the searchers weren't careful enough in their initual "hasty" search for clues near the surface. Some groups even missed the hand that was protruding from the snow.

- (2) All groups could have moved much faster in their brobing. Remember, every second might be vital.
- (3) It is difficult to maintain a consistant spacing between probing points when starting at the top a and working down. Thus, if the victim is likely to be buried in the upper part of the deposition probers must be very careful not to take too large steps and thereby miss him.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this "school" better than ever.

Notice

MsD Tourers

Additional qualifiers, Bonnie Baty, Ann Dick, Ann George, and Mark Hessing.

Snow Sculpture

The annual CocaCola sponsored snow sculpture at Park City Golf Course is planned for March 11. There is no entry fee and the rewards are a lot of fun and maybe a

cash prize. We would like to organize a group to tackle a project this year. We need people who are Michelangelos in the making and also plenty of snow haulers. We need 12-20 snow patters and shovelers. If your're interested, contact Joyce Sohler, 272-2624, or Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632. We plan a get together on February 12 to discuss plans.





"Help! Help! My brother! My Brother!



Photos by Eric Kelner

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LAKE MARY TOUR BY: Pat Whitfield

12/31/78

The sun waxed and waned, mostly waned, during WMC's last X-C tour of 1978 led by Wick Miller. A baker's dozen of tourers, about evenly split between skiers and snowshoers, made the trek from the Lodge to Lake Mary in spite of sub-zero temperatures bidding the Old Year a cool farewell. Depending on which thermometer you favored, it was either -2 or -5°F. when we headed for the fireplace.

Not a long tour, but a varied one marked by the ultimate test for the wax of the day--some long stretches of uphill with plenty of route options. Sloped. Slanted. vertical. It all depended on your preference, your condition, And, of course, your equipment. wax. Through the trees, then past a giant's bowling alley of boulders. Occasional glimpses of Brighton's groomed slopes with alpine skiers zipping downward as we toiled upward. Lots of opportunities practice kick turns or Stevens' "cheating turn" on the uphill approach and the lake's own steep walls. Snow conditions that varied from the lightest powder to wind pack resistant to all but the most muscled edging.

Instead of lunching on the gale-swept bank, we dropped onto the lake's solid surface for conviviality, condiments and conversation. Grey skies caused the recess to be brief, although lively and enjoyable with the usual discussions about the differing benefits of "gorp" laced with goodies and "pure" gorp; ADD ONE. Whether tea enriched with honey, bourbon or brandy was better for warming chilled extremities; and

if 13-button, bell-bottomed trousers' warmth made up for their inconvenience of access during a

long tour.

After lunch, snowshoers headed out first, choosing a steeper downhill return to the Lodge. X-C'ers played in the powder, making some outstanding Australian ostrich stops and seeking more elusive channels through the trees. After a brief warmup at the Lodge's fireplace, the group reconvened at the cars to caravan to Silver Fork Lodge to cap the tour with hot cider and shoofly pie.

Tourers were: Wick Miller (leader); Ken Krause; Doug Stark; Nadine Fishbeck; Molly Archer; Pat Whitfield; Audrey Stevens; Joan Martin; Russel Wilhelmson; Leah Moncini; Dave Neal; Carol Cox; and

Anne McDonald.

GRAND CANYON BY: Clay Benton

November the 10th found three members of the Wasatch Mountain Club standing on the north rim of the Grand Canyon contemplating the ominous-looking clouds and trying to decide whether to go into the canyon.

After being reassured by the park rangers that there wasn't any danger of being snowed in, we decided to give it a try.

The first day, we went as far as the cottonwood campground, 4000 ft. below the rim.

During the night, it started to rain heavily. By morning the dalage was still continuing with no sign of letting up so we decided to give up any attempt to reach the river and started walking back to the rim in a steady downpour.

The rain produced some spectacular affects. Great cascades of reddish water came off of the cliffs vaporizing before they reached the bottom. In several places the water came pouring down onto the trail and we wound up learning how to ford a waterfall.

When we got close to the rim, the rain turned to snow which made for very cold walking.

Throughly soaked, we finally got back to the car which was well covered with snow.

Followed a long ride behind the snowplow back to Kanab and then a snowy ride home the next day. Participants: Earl Cook, Dennis Dougherty, Clay Benton, leader.

PFEIFFERHORN + MAYBIRD GULCH BY: John P. Sloan

Ski mountaineering provides challenge and thrill of reaching majestic heights during this time of year when the mountains are draped in silvery splendor. Skis are the vehicles by which indomitable mountaineers gain access to exposed ice crusted ridges and grandiose peaks.

On Sunday, January 7, intrepid Rolf, with blessings from his weather god, led a congenial party of six members on the club's first ski mountaineering trip of the season. With assistance from fearless Greq. a trail was blazed from White Pine around the flanks of Red Pine to Maybird basin: stalwart Bob, happy Hafty, lanky Peter and the incompe-Scot followed. Skis parked on the upper slope of Maybird basin and steps were kicked to the east ridge of the Pfeifferhorn which was then climbed to the summit. Ascent time - 4 hrs.

Descent was by Maybird Gulch complete with powder snow in the upper section—skiing was fun. Descended by 3:30 p.m.

Participants: Rolf Doebbeling (leader), Harold Hafterson, Peter Hansen, Greg Janiec, Bob Myers and John P. Sloan.

Footnote: For exciting adventures in ski mountaineering, join the list of incompetents - call John at 583-0078 or 581-8573.

Founder and Chief of Incompetents---John P. Sloan.

CATHERINE PASS SKIING

12/23/78

It was snowing in the parking lot at Big Cottonwood as eight skiiers and one snowshoer gathered for the trip, and it snowed lightly most of the day. This did not cause much of a visibility problem, but the fresh snow was a waxing problem for some people, varying from too slippery to too sticky.

Everyone huddled on the sheltered side of the cornice at Catherine Pass while eating lunch to escape the wind and snow. The powder was deep and unscarred in the bowl, ideal for the experts performing parallel turns, and soft falling for the others. Most of the group lingered here for an hour or two, despite the cold.

The trip down was pleasant, as always, with set tracks for speedy descents and deep snow to the sides for easy stopping. **Participants** were: Jovce Sohler, snowshoer: George Swanson, leader; and Perry Munson. Lyman Lewis, Jim Piani. Bruce Weniger, Joe Hall. Veranth, and John Dawson.

NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND PUPS

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