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Wasatch Mountain Club

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THANKS:...to Lois Shipway, Ruta Dreijmainis, Alexis Kelner, Dale Green.

Club Activities-May 1979

Hiking, General Comments

Hiking Ratings: The higher the number, the harder the hike. Considered are length, altitude gain, and difficulty of terrain. Up to 4.0 is easy, 4.5-6.5 sort of middling, 7.0 and up is difficult, and registration with the leader is necessary. Call leaders between Monday and Thursday of the week of the hike or weekend trip. If you cannot keep a date, call to cancel to give others a chance.

- May 3
Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. Drive 3 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon to the Storm Mountain Picnic Area. Hamburgers and refreshments available for a fee.
- May 4
Friday KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. Northwest Multipurpose Center, 1300 West 300 North. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call John Schell, 268-2489.
- May 5
Saturday OLYMPUS, El. 9,026 feet. Rating 8.0. An ascent of 4,200 feet, but all on a trail--hidden under snow higher up. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Pete's Rock (approximately 5500 South Wasatch Blvd.) Leader: George Westbrook; 966-6792.
- May 5
Saturday GRANDEUR, El. 8,240 feet, via Church Fork. Rating 4.5. Beautiful streams and falls in the lower part, probably snow on the ridge. Meet at northwest corner of Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Leader: Carl Bauer--he needs a ride--355-6036.
- May 5
Saturday TRIP LIST for Kayak/Raft Trip on Yampa River must be sent to National Park Service. If you want to go call Bob Meyer. See June 7-10 for information.
- May 5-6
Sat.-Sun. GRAYS CANYON OF THE GREEN RIVER KAYAK TRIP. This stretch of river is entirely road accessible. Beginner and intermediate kayakers are encouraged. We will plan on camping at Nefertiti rapid. Leader: John Schell, 268-2489.

COVER: Aerial view of Mt. Monte Cristo, along the Little-Big Cottonwood divide. Photo by L. Swanson and A. Kelner.

- May 5-6
Sat.-Sun. BUCKSKIN GULCH-PARIA PRIMITIVE AREA. This backpack involves approximately 18 miles in two days as well as a seven-hour drive each way. Some rope work and a lot of wading and mudding are also required. This trip will be limited to eight people. Register with Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856, for details.
- May 6
Sunday LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, El. 8,954 feet. Rating 5.5. Located above Emigration Canyon. It might be muddy, flowery, snowpacked. Good views. There's a trail of sorts. Meet at the east end of Hogle Zoo parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments at Healy's Bar and Grill. Leader: Trudy Healy, 583-3411.
- May 6
Sunday SALT LAKE OVERLOOK (Desolation Trail from Millcreek). Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the northwest end of Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Leader: Carl Bauer, 355-6036. He needs a ride.
- May 10
Thursday THURSDAY EVENING HIKE--Red Butte via Georges Hollow. Meet at 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot north of Fort Douglas Cemetery. Go east from Foothill Blvd. on Wakara Way (600 South) to the end of the road at 391 Chipeta Way. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- May 10
Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 3 for directions.
- May 11
Friday KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. Depending on interest (Grays Canyon trip next day.) Contact John Schell, 268-2489.
- May 11
Friday MOONLIGHT HIKE TO GRANDEUR. Meet at the northwest end of Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 8:00 p.m. Leader: Walter Haas; office: 581-5617; home: 534-1262.
- May 12
Saturday MT. AIRE, El. 8,620 feet. Rating 3.0. This is the highest point between Millcreek and Parley's Canyon. Meet at the northwest end of Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Gersten, 359-4934.
- May 12
Saturday TIMPANOGOS, El. 11,750 feet. Rating 11.0, under summer conditions. At this time it's a challenging winter mountaineer trip. Ice axe required and knowledge of how to handle it. Perhaps alpine skis will be needed. Call leader between May 7 and 10. Neff Walker, 262-9022.
- May 12
Saturday STANSBURY PEAK, El. 6,645 feet. Rating 6.0. Another try at this exceptional peak on Stansbury Island. Meet at east end of K-Mart parking lot at Parley's Way (Regency Theater) at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.
- May 12
Saturday MULE HOLLOW WALL EXPERIENCE CLIMB. This 500-foot wall involves F4 to F6 climbing on several parallel routes. It is recommended that climbing course graduates participate to gain climbing experience. Leaders: Jim Williams, 942-4659, and Bob Becherer, 942-3441.

- May 12-13
Sat.-Sun. GRAYS CANYON KAYAK TRIP. Second weekend on this great beginner stretch. Leader: John Schell, 268-2489.
- May 12-13
Sat.-Sun. ARCHES NATIONAL PARK BACKPACK. Call the leader for details: Ann Cheves, 533-9074.
- May 12-13
Sat.-Sun. DOLORES RIVER RAFT TRIP/BEGINNER-INTERMEDIATE. There will be more than enough water this year and the scenery is superb. As a matter of fact, there may be so much water that you should consult with Dave before signing up if you are a rank beginner and have no redeeming physical skills. Send your \$20 deposit to the leader: Dave Hart, 1518 Sunnyside Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105, 583-3228.
- May 13
Sunday STORM MOUNTAIN, El. 9,524 feet. Rating 9.0. Route is via lovely Ferguson Canyon. Let's hope there is enough snow left over to cover what we don't want to fight through. For details call the leader: Lori Webb, 566-0868.
- May 13
Sunday DALE SUMMIT, El. 7,276 feet. Rating 3.0. A nice little summit between Emigration and Parley's, with a descent to Healy's Bar and Grill, with refreshments provided by the leader, Trudy Healy, 583-3411. Meet at east end of Hogle Zoo at 9:00 a.m.
- May 17
Thursday THURSDAY EVENING HIKE--Mt. Olympus Trail to the Creek. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the wide parking area on the west side of Wasatch Blvd. at approximately 5600 South. This is about 1/4 mile north of the small rock house. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- May 17
Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 3 for directions.
- May 17-20
Thurs.-Sun. DOLORES RIVER KAYAK TOUR. Advanced tour, Cahone to Bedrock Thursday, Friday; intermediate tour Saturday, Sunday. Intermediate kayakers can meet advanced tour at Slickrock Saturday morning. All participants need to contact trip leader Randy Frank, 466-6277.
- May 18
Friday KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. Pool leader needed. Contact John Schell before May 15, 268-2489.
- May 18-20
Fri.-Sun. COYOTE GULCH BACKPACK with Gerry Powelson. This trip is full at press time.
- May 19
Saturday ANNUAL LODGE FUND-RAISING SPECTACULAR. Last year's event was memorable so get your tickets early! For complete details see centerfold.
- May 19
Saturday ADAMS CANYON. Rating 4.0. Meet in Safeway parking lot, 300 West 500 North, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Larry Vanderplas, 521-7472.

- May 19
Saturday
TANNERS GULCH SNOW CLIMB AND TRIPLE TRAVERSE. Climb the snow gulch, then traverse Dromedary, Sunrise and Twin Peaks. Leader: Lew Hitchner, 364-0728.
- May 20
Sunday
LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN. Rating 6.5. Meet at the Shriners Hospital at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Carl Bauer, 355-6036.
- May 20
Sunday
BIG BEACON. Rating 3.5. Meet at the East end of the Hogle Zoo parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Russ Wilhelmsen, 561-0928.
- May 23
Wednesday
AUDREY'S ANNUAL BASH--pushed up even earlier this year as she is leaving for Africa last June. This is your chance to enjoy the slides of her 31-day trek through Nepal, including the side trip to Annapurna I and the base camp of the American Women's Himalayan Expedition. Dinner \$1.50, nominal charge for refreshments. Come early and enjoy the mountains; dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Drive up I-80 and turn off at the Parley's Summit exit. Follow the "Stevens" signs.
- May 24
Thursday
THURSDAY EVENING HIKE--Church Fork Trail. Church Fork is 3.1 miles up Millcreek Canyon (3800 South) from Wasatch Blvd. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the entrance to the picnic area. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- May 24
Thursday
EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 3 for directions.
- May 24-29
Thurs.-Tues.
PALISADES MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMP. This has now become a traditional Memorial Day trek. This time the group will go into the Middle Palisades area. John plans to leave Thursday night and return the following Tuesday. Leader: John Gottman, 359-4693.
- May 25
Friday
LAST KAYAK POOL PRACTICE.
- May 25-28
Fri.-Mon.
DESOLATION CANYON RAFT TRIP--INTERMEDIATE. This four-day Memorial Day weekend trip winds its way through one of the deepest and most inaccessible canyons in Utah and throws in many rapids, some of them formidable, to boot. Send your \$20 deposit to the trip leader: Bill Yates, 625 West 600 South, Brigham City, Utah 84302. If you have any questions, call him at 1-723-3853.
- May 26
Saturday
MT. AIRE VIA ELBOW FORK. Rating 3.0. Meet at Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Joy Ray, 272-3149.
- May 26
Saturday
THUNDER MOUNTAIN....leaderless. Call Dorothy Holland to volunteer to lead or participate, 272-2949.
- May 26-28
Sat.-Mon.
SALT CREEK BACKPACK. Three days. Ilka Allers, 581-1798.

- May 26-28 Sat.-Mon. DEATH HOLLOW BACKPACK. Sandy Taylor, 583-2306.
- May 26-28 Sat.-Mon. CLIMBERS CAR CAMP. This is not a family trip, as survivors of the 1976 Horseshoe Canyon climbers' trip will attest. Dogs are welcome. The location is uncertain at this time (maybe Horseshoe Canyon again). For information call the leader, Bill Shepard; work: 534-3743; home: 487-6304.
- May 26-28 Sat.-Mon. KAYAKING--Memorial Day weekend is open. If anyone has a trip suggestion or wants to lead a trip, contact John Schell, 268-2489.
- May 26-29 Sat.-Tues. SLICKHORN CANYON BACKPACK. Four days. Trudy Healy, 583-3411.
- May 26-28 Sat.-Mon. JOHNS CANYON EXPLORATORY TRIP. Three days. John Veranth, 278-5826.
- May 27 Sunday BUTLER FORK + GOBBLERS KNOB. Rating 7.0. Leaderless again.... give Dorothy Holland, 272-2949, a call to lead or follow.
- May 28 Monday GRANDEUR PEAK VIA CHURCH FORK. Rating 4.5. Meet in the parking lot of the Mt. Olympus Shopping Center at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Oscar Robison, 943-8500.
- May 28 Monday RED PINE/PFEIFFERHORN. Rating 10+. Ice axe required. Leaderless....call Dorothy Holland to lead or follow, 272-2949.
- May 31 Thursday THURSDAY EVENING HIKE--Mule Hollow Trail. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the "Storm Mountain Quartzite" geology sign 2.9 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon from Wasatch Blvd. Park in the main picnic area or near the sign. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- May 31 Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 3 for directions.
- May 31-June 3 Thurs.-Sun. SAN JUAN RIVER RAFT TRIP--BEGINNER. This four-day raft trip which will depart the evening of May 30 includes a layover day at Slickhorn Canyon for hiking or lazing around and high water levels which should produce some fun sand waves. Send your \$20 deposit to Bill Viavant, 218 Iowa Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102; home, 532-4289; work, 581-8335.
- June 2 Saturday LONE PEAK. Rating 11. Meet at Draper Crossroads at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Paul Horton, 364-0728.
- June 2 Saturday SHEEP TRAIL. Rating 4.0. Meet near the Regency Theater (K-Mart parking lot at Parley's Way) at 8:30 a.m. for this interesting nature study in the rolling hills of the Wasatch Mountains. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.

- June 2-3 MULEY TWIST BACKPACK. Mike Hendrickson, 278-9856.
Sat.-Sun.
- June 2-3 CITY OF ROCKS CAR CAMP. This unique area in southern Idaho
Sat.-Sun. offers a wide variety of climbing on granite. Leader:
 Marlene Austin, 487-3180.
- June 3 REYNOLDS VIA DOG LAKE. Rating 4.5. Meet at the mouth of
Sunday Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Lois Shipway,
 942-5033.
- June 7 THURSDAY EVENING HIKE--Mill B North Fork Trail to Overlook.
Thursday Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the same place as for the May 31 evening
 hike. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- June 7 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 3 for directions.
Thursday
- June 7-10 YAMPA RIVER KAYAK/RAFT TOUR. A firm list of participants
Thurs.-Sun. must be in to trip leader by May 5. A \$20 deposit is required.
 This is an intermediate combination kayak/raft tour. A
 limited number of rafters are permitted and encouraged.
 Contact trip leader Bob Meyer at Salt Lake work (Thiokol),
 322-5513, ext. 2564, or home, 1/863-2564.
- June 9 BEATOUT HIKE. Rating 17. Leader: John Mason. Call home,
Saturday 942-5033, or work, 582-5847.
- June 9 LEWIS PEAK. Rating 6.0. Meet at Kimball Junction at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Leader: Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632.
- June 9 SNAKE CREEK PASS MOONLIGHT HIKE. Leaders: Ilka Allers, 581-1798,
Saturday and Barbara Berntson, 363-4110 or (work) 328-2586.
- June 9 RED CEDAR CANYON, DEEP CREEK RANGE. Rating, about 15. Red
Saturday Cedar is a deep, rugged, trailless canyon leading to a cirque
 between two 12,00-foot peaks. Leave Friday at 7:00 p.m.
 Members only, maximum 10, permission of leader required.
 This is a reconnaissance trip. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- June 9-12 YAMPA RAFTING TRIP--ADVANCED. A firm list of trip participants
Sat.-Tues. must be mailed to the Park Service by May 5. To secure your
 reservation on this trip, please submit a \$20 deposit, your name,
 address and phone number to the trip leader at 2500 Cinnabar
 Lane (7030 South), Salt Lake City, Utah 84121. Bus transportation
 is anticipated. Trip leaders are Wayne and Betty Slagle,
 943-1695. No calls after 10:00 p.m. please. Remember, only
 one trip per year allowed in Dinosaur.
- June 10 STAIRS GULCH TO TWINS. Rating 10.0. Leader: Diane Schoenberg,
Sunday 943-9857.

June 10 PFEIFFERHORN-RED PINE. Rating 10.0. Leader: Fred Zoerner,
 Sunday 467-3416.

June 10 WHITE PINE. Rating 5.0. Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood
 Sunday Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Ilka Allers, 581-1798.

June 15-17 DEATH HOLLOW--Escalante Backpack. Leader: Russell Patterson,
 Fri.-Sun. 973-6427.

June 16-18 LODORE CANYON RAFTING TRIP--ADVANCED. You may not go on this
 Sat.-Mon. three-day trip if you are going on the Yampa trip. You are
 allowed only one trip a year through Dinosaur (except one-day
 Split Mountain trips). It is anticipated that there will be
 ample room for a few kayakers on this trip. Send your \$20 deposit
 to Kent Jensen, 3428 Westcrest Road, Granger, Utah 84120, phone
 966-3739, or at work, 250-9081. A list of participants must be
 sent to the Park Service by May 13, so make your plans quickly.

June 17 LAKE BLANCHE AND SUNDIAL. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood
 Sunday Canyon at 7:00 a.m. Leader: Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.

June 17 WILLOW LAKE IN THE STANSBURYS. Rating 3.5. Meet at the East
 Sunday end of Simpson Avenue in Sugar House at 8:30 a.m. Leader:
 George Healy, 583-3411.

June 17 LONE PEAK.
 Sunday

June 21-24 DESOLATION RIVER KAYAK/RAFT TOUR--INTERMEDIATE. A firm list of
 Thurs.-Sun. participants must be in by May 10. A \$20 deposit is required.
 Contact Jerry or Barbara Brower, 277-5462.

June 23 LONE PEAK.
 Saturday

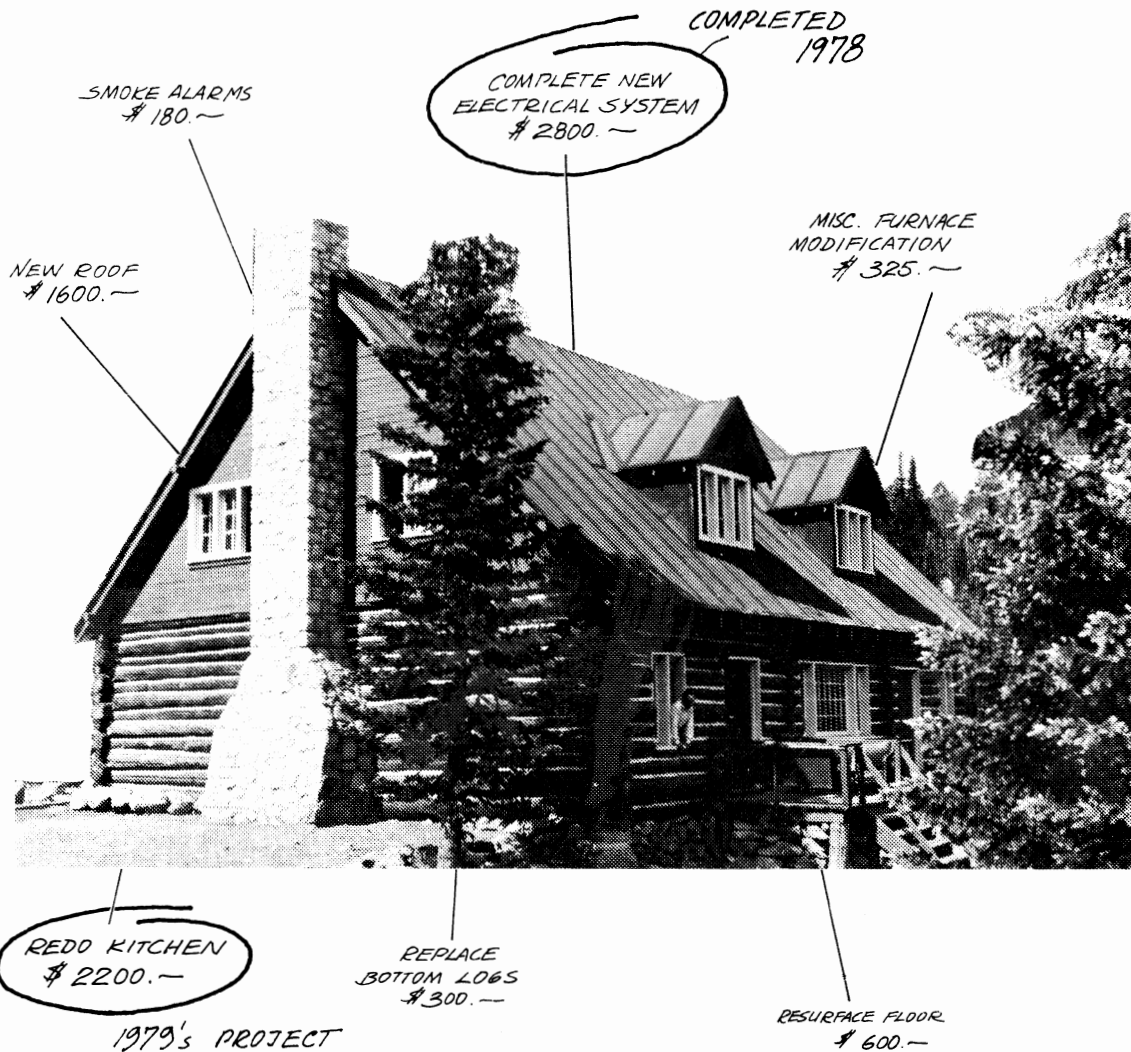
June 24 WILDCAT RIDGE.
 Sunday

June 28-July 4 MAIN SALMON RAFT TRIP--ADVANCED. Dates include travel time.
 Thurs.-Wed. This is the BIG trip of the year. Send your \$20 deposit to
 Bob Myers, 2342 Combe Road, Ogden, Utah 84403, phone 1/479-5831.

July 5-8 MAIN SALMON KAYAK TRIP. Details in June Rambler. Contact
 Wed.-Sun. John Schell, 268-2489.

July 12-15
 Thurs.-Sun.

LODORE KAYAKING TRIP. Non-WMC trip; contact John Schell,
 268-2489. A firm list of participants is needed by June 8.



Net proceeds from this first annual fund raising activity will be matched dollar for dollar from the W.M.C. treasury. The total will be utilized to rehabilitate and modernize our historic lodge. The annotated lodge photo indicates the estimated funding requirements, together with a listing of the planned projects.

YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL HELP!

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION
 OF THE **WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB** LODGE
 CORDIALLY EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO
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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1979, 7:30 PM

If you can not attend, a contribution to your lodge
 should be mailed to the WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB,
 SAVE THE LODGE FUND, 3155 Highland Drive, S.L.C. 84106

Conservation Comments

Thoughts

About Lobbying

By Walter Haas

During the recent campaign for the Salt Lake Ranger District Travel Plan, several people asked me if the one letter they might write would really make a difference. I assured them that it would, for the following reasons. Most of the people who work for the various land management agencies are dedicated people who sincerely want to do what is best for the public. Unfortunately, these people have very limited contact with the public that they want to serve. Forest rangers, for example, rarely deal on a face-to-face basis with hikers; they mainly deal with folks that present an immediate problem, such as somebody who is littering, lost, riding a motorcycle where it is illegal, etc.

When they do deal with a healthy, normal, user of public lands, it is an extremely important and rewarding experience. I have seen forest rangers almost literally walking six inches off the ground because they received thoughtful, interested public comments about something that they did. The National Environmental Policy Act requires land managers to generate an Environmental Analysis before any significant decision. When somebody reads an analysis and discusses it intelligently, it can make the whole day for the person who wrote it.

Keep in mind, then, that your letter to the Forest Service or the BLM is not only read, it is looked forward to. If you write to one of these agencies, keep in mind a few basic rules:

- 1) Start by saying how much you enjoyed the manager's forest, wild river, or whatever. Even if you are about to gripe about it, remember that you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.
- 2) Keep in mind that most land managers, like anyone else, want that feeling that they are doing a good job. Remember that you may be a major contributor to any feelings of job satisfaction that the person may enjoy.
- 3) Be informed. Your opinion will be respected in proportion to your awareness of the problems and circumstances.
- 4) Be constructive. If you don't like the way they do their job, don't just bitch, suggest a better way.
- 5) Don't talk to the management agency only to complain. Talk to them when you have something nice to say, too.

Sunset Sunrise

By Susan Schott

The Wasatch Mountain Club will help celebrate International Sun Day on June 23 by hosting a sunrise hike to Sunset Peak from Alta. This hike will be open to the public and will not be limited in number, so bring your friends. The hike will begin in the dark for the enlightenment of seeing the sun burst over the horizon, bringing with it a partial solution to the energy problem.

June 23 will be an exciting day here in Utah, with activities taking place in several cities. There will be information booths, displays of various collectors, solar food dehydrators, solar cookers and ovens, workshops on solar greenhouses, several passive solar designs, and speakers.

The events in Salt Lake City will be held at Liberty Park. If you would like more information about the activities in Utah, please contact the Utah Energy Hotline, 581-5424 or 1-800/662-3633 (toll free). If you would like to become involved in organizing workshops, setting up a display, manning an information booth, or setting up a special booth of your own, please call the Utah Energy Office, 801/533-5424 and speak to Maggie Beers or Debbie Doan.

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War Bonnet and Mt. Temple in the Wind Rivers. Photo A. Kelner

ACTION ALERT

FOR ALL RAFTERS, KAYAKERS, AND FAIR MINDED PEOPLE!

By Chuck Ranney, Rafting Co-director

The final draft management plan for Desolation and Gray Canyons is out and it is an excellent one. However, they state the goal of a 50/50 split of user days between private and commercial trips, and the usage for the last three years has been almost exactly even, but they have set the split at 43/57 and the total is nearing the limit. This means that private use can expand by only 825 user days while commercial use can expand by 5600 user days. No one would be hurt by a 50/50 split now, but once the commercials use the extra allocation it will be next to impossible to get it away from them to meet the 50/50 goal.

Write now complimenting them on an excellent plan and urging them to split the user days 50/50 to meet their stated goal and avoid a heated conflict at a later date.

Bureau of Land Management
Moab District
P.O. Box 970
Moab, UT 84532

This is YOUR recreation that is at stake! I want every rafter, kayaker, and as many others as possibly can to write. It can and does make a difference. Thanks!

Chuck Ranney



.....isn't guaranteed but a good time is, at the annual Spring Work Party at the WMC Lodge, coming up June 16. Be there!

TRIP Talk talk talk talk tal

Park City/Brighton to Midway

By Audrey Stevens

"I was shooting across the hill--back and forth--and not losing any elevation!" exclaimed Phyllis Robinson of her experience March 10 with fiberglass skis, a 60 degree slope and unbreakable crust. Phyllis, Andy White, Scott Hamel, Paul Rubenfeld, Dave Morris and Michelle Sparks endeavored to follow leader Jerry Horton from Brighton across Catherine Pass and up along the Dry Fork south-facing ridge ("We were hanging on by our toenails," continued Phyllis) to hopefully better conditions in the fork's gullies. No such luck--there was sluff, huge concrete chunks of it--in each couloir. They had to go down for fear of instant sluff, and at the bottom of the pass took off their skis and kicked steps in the marginally soft snow directly up a steep line to the saddle that drops into Snake Creek Pass. "After experiencing bad crust off the pass, this time breakable and sliding out from under me, I snow-plowed for three miles, wondering if the hot springs pool at The Homestead was really worth it." It had been the worst crossing in memory for anyone: "At least the weather was beautiful," she remarked, as the steamy water and baking sauna eased painful bruises.

Even so, the Brighton group arrived at 4:00 p.m., a full hour earlier than the Park City contingent. Our group had monumental shuttles through hordes of Snow Sculpture contestants and finally were on our hot, slippery way ("Not Special Red already?!") about 11:00 a.m. Lunch happened on a huddle of barren rocks where we could see all the way to Timpanogos, and also observed leader Buzz Marden sticking his finger up his nose illustrating an outrageous joke. So much for the tenor of conversation at lunch! The rest of us (Kate Flanagan, Joanne Martin, Wick Miller, Earl Cook, Barbara Pollei, Ann Kreilkamp, Jim and Marty Mason, Denise Basi, Mary Mulolly and me) followed Buzz down the hills to the road, skittering along a slushy layer over hard base. It was bad news for telemarks, but some actually did quasi-parallel turns. All were reunited in the misty pool, which tells something about the different routes people took down. Theresa Overfield, Russell Wilhelmsen and Sandy Taylor joined us in the aquatic exercises which mostly resembled water polo. Seven stayed for dinner, others strayed off to El Charro (finks!), other parties, or home. We had to agree that Buzz and Jerry were the finest to have assayed the Beginning Spring Thaw and led their flocks safely through to the hard-won pool and sauna! Again next year, OK?

Dog Lake

By Cathleen Flanagan

Wick said I had to write this trip up because I looked literate, but I don't feel very literate. Anyway, twelve people showed up at the geology sign Saturday morning for the trip to Dog Lake. We tooled up the canyon to the trailhead, and there collected one latecomer. It snowed going up and it seems to me that it snowed coming down, but I do remember seeing the sun once. Lunch was accompanied by wind--as a result, few cared to linger. Linger was accomplished later at the Canyon Inn. Actually, it was a pretty neat trip!

Participants: Gary Dean, John Dawson, Thomas Chancellor, Sam Kingston, Dennis Dougherty, Kate Flanagan, Russell Wilhelmson, John Riley, Lyman Lewis, Betty and Mac (?) on snowshoes (sorry--couldn't read the trip list), Joanne Martin, and Wick Miller, trip leader.

Lava Hot Springs

By Bob Myers

Last week, we went over the Skyline Resort and down into the valley. Many said the hot springs were the high point. Mine was lying in the back of my mind. The creation of this (circle) ski tour began with the ostentatious, such as Ken Strong. The complete operation included John Sloan, Greg Janiec, Lori Webb, Dave Morris and Theresa Overfield, Sandy Taylor, Russell Wilhelmson, and Launi and Harold Hafterson.

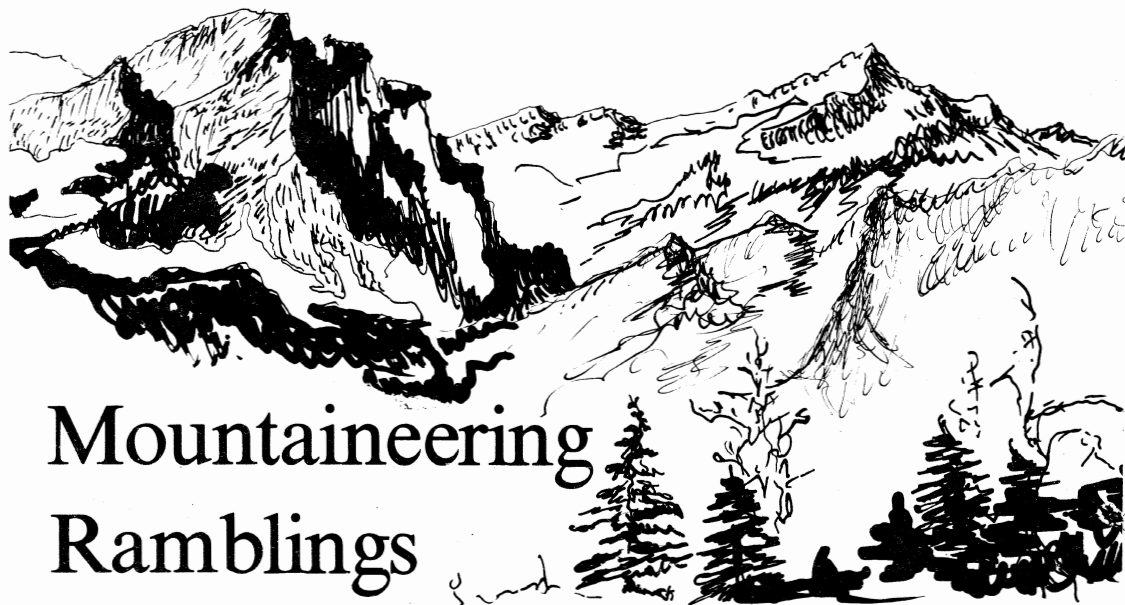
The following day, we went up into Scout Mountain, at least all of us "who were able." That goes without astonishment.

Saga of the Human Fly Brighton/Alta/Brighton

By Barbara Berntson

Joe Hull has a secret weapon* for conquering uphill slopes, as was demonstrated on the trek to Twin Lakes Pass; no slipping, sliding, herringbones for him, while John Riley, George Swanson, Thomas Chancellor, Sam Allen and I debated and experimented with various hues of wax. As we overtook Joe, we found that he had set up his movie camera and was recording our somewhat laborious ascent. George, in an attempt at stardom, climbed above us and with dramatic telemarks, headed directly for Joe and the camera. The resulting footage should be great and includes a sound recording of the collision. Upward and onward to the pass, we located the power line and descended Grizzly Gulch, had some lovely runs and lunched above Alta with the warm sun on our faces and conversed about snakes and bears. (Apparently some club members have had the experience of being treed by bears.) We then slid up to Catherine Pass, all except Joe, who briskly stepped straight up. The ridge was clustered with a large group of people and we stopped long enough to scrape the goo from our skis, but Joe merely stripped the Coltex skins* from his skis and was raring to go downhill on his alpine gold. The trip down was punctuated with some spectacular spills from which we got up laughing in a spirit of comradeship.

In a game of "Leader, Leader, who will be the leader" old faithful John Riley came through and led this pleasurable tour. My thanks to John is extended to all of you who lead trips. The giving of your time and effort does not pass unnoticed.



By Bob McCaig

With the cooperation of the appropriate weather gods, we will move the club Thursday night activities to the Storm Mountain picnic grounds on May 3. The picnic area is located about three miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon. Participants usually assemble around 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. A number of two-lead climbs and lots of bouldering are available in the Storm Mountain area. I will have several club ropes available for those willing to fight the snarls of stiff Goldline. After climbing, drink and hamburgers will be available for a fee. General B.S. and extremely poor jokes will be available free. As mentioned last month, I do need people to volunteer to cook hamburgers.

Several weeks ago I hosted a gathering of the local climbing elite for the purposes of assembling a summer climbing schedule. Despite the obvious limitations of this group, we did succeed in formulating a tentative schedule. Proposed trips include treks to the Sierras, Capitol Reef, City of Rocks, the Sawtooths, the Tetons, the Wind Rivers, the Cascades, and the Elk and Gore ranges of Colorado. After Labor Day we will try to run trips to Zion and Yosemite. On the popular holiday weekends I have tried to schedule two trips. If you are interested in knowing specifically when some of these trips are planned, give me a call.

We will also run most of the traditional local trips. Due to the club's interest in climbing in the Northwest the last two years, it has been recommended that we hold a glacier techniques snow practice. This may be before the next Rambler comes out, so be sure to call me if you are interested.

From the Treasurer

Following are the balances of the various accounts of the Wasatch Mountain Club as of December 31, 1978.

	ACCOUNT	BALANCE
	General Fund	\$ 5,121.82
Lodge	Lodge	2,242.09
	Boating	333.52
	Mountaineering	573.32
	Socials	230.49
	Conservation	929.10
	Ski Touring	207.51
	Hiking	57.19
	Kayaking	21.69
	Miscellaneous Funds	1,761.38
	Wasatch Trails	7,245.42
	TOTAL	\$18,723.53



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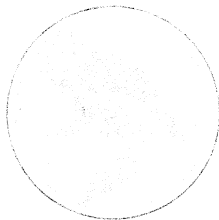
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