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THANKS: ...to Dale Green, Alexis Kelner, and Lois Shipway.

Club Activities — Oct. 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 during the week preceding a hike if rated 7.0 or higher. For overnight trips you may call as soon as the Rambler is out.

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| October 4 Thursday | EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. |
| October 5-7 Fri.-Sun. | ARCHES CAR CAMP. Call Ann Cheves at 533-9074 for details and to register by October 3. |
| October 6-8 Sat.-Mon. Columbus Day | MOUNTAINEERS CAR CAMP--Zion National Park. This trip will accommodate both those who wish to loll around in the splendor of Zion and those who wish to climb some of the routes in the area. If interested, call Bob McCaig at 487-6868. |
| October 6 Saturday | TWINS VIA LITTLE WILLOW. Rating 11.0. Leaders Dennis and Karen Caldwell. Register by October 4 by calling 942-6065. |
| October 6 Saturday | MT. RAYMOND VIA BUTLER FORK. Rating 6.5. Meet leader Steve Gersten, 359-4934, at 8:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. |
| October 6 Saturday | HARVEST MOONLIGHT HIKE--Mt. Majestic via Snake Creek Pass. Rating 3.5. Bring appropriate munchies or dinner and beverage of choice, warm clothes, and a flashlight. Arrive at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon in time to leave at 5:30 p.m. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417; after-dinner activities coordinator: Ilka Allers, 581-1798 |
| October 7 Sunday | ALPINE LOOP BIKE RIDE. Join the Bonneville Wheelmen for a 34 mile loop of American Fork Canyon and Provo Canyon via Alpine and Orem. The Autumn colors of Timpanogos, a six mile grind, and a thrilling descent will make this a memorable ride. Meet at the Alpine exit of I-15 at 9:00 a.m. or car pool from Skaggs lot at 7:30 a.m. (Simpson Avenue and 13th East). For details call the leader Lou Melini at 521-8685 (or Bruce Schatmeier at 521-8032). |

COVER: Come an join Lynne Larsen at the Annual HALLOWEEN PARTY to be held Oct. 27. (See Schedule for details.)

- October 7
Sunday LAKE SOLITUDE FROM SILVER LAKE. Raing 1.0. Meet leaders Dwight and Jean Nicholson at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 11:00 a.m. Families welcome.
- October 7
Sunday LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. Rating 6.0. A relatively new club hike with very rewarding views of the Weber drainage. It is located at the top of Emigration Canyon, Left Fork. Leader Shelley Hyde. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the east end of the Hogle Zoo parking lot.
- October 11
Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.
- October 12-13
Fri.-Sat. PILOT PEAK OVERNIGHT. Rating 10.0. Drive to the base camp on Friday evening. Climb the mountain and return home Saturday. Enjoy a truly superb view in every direction from this pioneer landmark. Register with leader Dale Green at 277-6417.
- October 13
Saturday FALL WOODCUTTING PARTY. The annual stocking up of firewood for the winter. Bring chain saws, axes, work clothes, lunch, and a lot of bodies and meet in the K-Mart parking lot by the Regency Theater at 7:00 a.m. for car pooling. Due to excessive use of last years stock, only one load will be gathered and rationed this year.
- October 14
Sunday SILVER AND HONEYCOMB FORKS LOOP. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader Charlie Keller, 467-3960.
- October 14
Sunday 10:00 a.m. RAFTING WORK PARTY. Let's all show up early and get the work done. We need to do some gluing and general cleanup. Let's see some new faces at this function, not just the old reliables. Location: 4317 South 3rd West, Unit #214. 10:00 a.m. In case of bad weather the work party will be held at the same time one week later.
- October 14
Sunday LAMBS CANYON-MURDOCK PEAK-PARK CITY. No official rating but it is about 15 miles with about 3,000 feet of vertical. Participants should car pool at the Parleys Way K-Mart at 8:00 a.m. and meet leader Dave Smith at the mouth of Lambs Canyon at 8:15. Register with the leader at 1/649-8798.
- October 14
Sunday TRAIL CLEARING. The Forest Service is asking for our help in clearing the trail up Mill B North Fork (Hidden Falls to Desolation Trail). They'll provide tools, and a ranger will be with us. Let's have a BIG TURNOUT! Meet leader Carl Bauer at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00. Leader needs a ride, call at 355-6036.
- October 18
Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.
- October 19-22
Fri.-Mon. CANYONLANDS MAZE BACKPACK. Four-wheel drive vehicles needed. Call the leader Chuck Ranney at 363-7285.

- October 19-22
Fri.-Mon. CANYONLANDS--SQUAW FLAT CAR CAMP. Exploratory day hikes to little known hinterlands. Leader Mike Treshow, 467-1022.
- October 19-22
Fri.-Mon. ZION CAR CAMP--ORDERVILLE. Leader needed. Call Trudy Healy, 583-3411.
- October 20
Saturday JHCOB WALL EXPERIENCE CLIMB. Several moderately difficult to difficult climbs of 3 to 4 pitches are available. Register with the leader, Dan Stright, at 278-2279.
- October 20
Saturday HIDDEN PEAK. Leader Nancy Coombs, 359-1559.
- October 21
Sunday SOLITUDE AREA. Easy. Leader Jackie Thomas. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 a.m.
- October 22
Monday ALTA AREA. Easy. Leader Mary Jo Sweeny. Meet at Little Cottonwood at 9:00.
- October 25
Thursday EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. This will be the last evening climb this year.
- October 26-28
Fri.-Sun. CAPITOL REEF CAR CAMP. Limit 15. Call the leader Joy Ray at 272-3149.
- October 27-31
Sat.-Wed. NAPA VALLEY CAR CAMP. This is an exploratory trip into a new area still undiscovered by an official club trip. We will explore such areas as Mt. Veeder, Spring Mountain, and the infamous Stag's Leap. This trip will be limited to 12 people and registration is required before October 15 so reservations can be made. Call Mike Hendrickson at 942-1476 for registration.
- October 27
Saturday
7:00 p.m. THE INFAMOUS HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE LODGE. The fun starts at 7:00. Chili, rolls, chips and donuts will be served for supper. Prizes will be awarded for the Costume Contest. Dancing and general frolicking will be permitted. Admission \$3.00 with advance registration or \$3.50 at the door. Make your reservations before Thursday, October 25, by calling Phyllis Haas at 534-1262 between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m.
- October 27
Saturday PARK CITY HIKE-BALDY TO MIDWAY. Intermediate. Leader Lyman Lewis, 1/649-9632. Meet at Golf Club House at 8:30 a.m.
- October 28
Sunday BRIGHTON AREA HIKE. Leader Jim Dalgleish, 295-8749. Meet at Big Cottonwood at 9:30.
- November 2-4
Fri.-Sun. CANYONLANDS-ISLAND IN THE SKY. Primitive car camp. Limit 12. Leaders George and Trudy Healy, 583-3411. BYOT.
- November 3
Saturday MILL D NORTH TO RIDGE ABOVE DESOLATION LAKE. Leader Bill Swander, 942-1056, 974-2400. Meet at Big Cottonwood at 8:00.
- November 3
Saturday MOUNT OLYMPUS. Leader John Dawson. Meet at trailhead $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Petes Rock at 8:30.

November 4 BROADS FORK. Leader John Marks. Meet at Big Cottonwood at 9:00.
Sunday

November 4 PERKINS PEAK. Leader Oscar Robison, 943-8500.
Sunday

November 9-11 LASAL MOUNTAINS CAR CAMP. Leader John Veranth, 278-5826.
Fri.-Sun.

November 10 BIG BEACON. Leader Frank West. Meet at entrance to Hogle Zoo
Saturday at 9:00.

November 11 MILL D TO DOG LAKE. Leader Pete Hovingh, 359-4791.
Sunday

November 14 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill
Wednesday Drive. Club business, a Grand Canyon slide show, and refreshments
7:30 p.m. will be featured.

We're in Trouble!

By Walter Haas

The environment is under attack as never before. Congress is in the process of giving the proposed Energy Mobilization Board powers to exempt energy projects from existing environmental protection laws, a power which President Carter has not asked for and doesn't want. At the same time, the western states are attempting to gain control of Federal lands in the West, largely to avoid efforts by the Federal government to protect these lands from abuse. Now more than ever before, it is important to let your elected representatives know that a quality environment is important to you. Write them a letter or postcard today! They are:

Senator Jake Garn
4203 Dirksen Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Orrin Hatch
613 Dirksen Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Rep. Dan Marriot
1610 Longworth Bldg.
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Thanks for your help!

Ask Questions or Gripe Toll Free

The Denver office of the Environmental Protection Agency now has a toll free number for environmental information or problems: (800) 525-3022. The person who answers the phone will supposedly be able to take complaints or research the answer to any question, according to Roger Williams, the new Regional Administrator of the EPA.

Notes on the Lodge

By Ann McDonald

Inquired about buying a small cabin in Brighton lately? Don't... you probably couldn't afford it. Anyway, you don't need one, you've got our Lodge. Our Lodge is much more than a tacky-tacky cabin... it's an historic site (designation applied for). You can use it almost any time you want for almost any kind of event... wedding... birthday party... WMC event... or just a cozy weekend... And what's more, you're only partially responsible for its upkeep.

Thanks to a very few dedicated members, work is progressing very nicely on the kitchen. These few have spent their summer digging and hauling and sawing (as opposed to hiking and climbing and river running). Anyway... now it's time for all of us to do our share in labor or in BUCKS. The Lodge committee figures that we'll need about \$3,000 a year for the next few years to continue with the improvements. (A pittance, too. Have you priced remodeling lately?) Some of this money can be raised by raising the rental fees and at our May and August Lodge fund raising parties. Other ideas in the mill are adding an extra dollar onto our party fees, another swap meet (this one was not too cost effective and anyway, Mary Manley is gone), a marathon bike race, hike, or mountain climb, and one that I just thought up (but not through)... A RAFFLE. We could print an amount of tickets in the sum needed, distribute books of ten tickets at \$1 each to the membership, (each person would be responsible for their book, either by selling it or buying it) purchase or solicit donations for kayaks, backpacks, ice axes or a trip down the Grand Canyon as prizes and PRESTO, enough money for the Lodge painlessly. Please help me think this idea through, or come up with something better by the next Rambler deadline. My p.m. phone is 277-5433.

The Halloween Party is Coming

Fun
Dancing

Food
Costume Contest

October 27, 1979

Volunteers are needed to help in this gala event.
Please call Phyllis Haas at 534-1262.

TRIP Talk talk talk talk talk

Breaking Away...to Rockport

By Steve Vick

Billed in the Rambler as a "cycle-sail/pedal-splash" event, the August 19 cycle trip to Rockport Reservoir and leader Bob Wright's waiting sailboat turned out to be long on the cycling and splashing, but short on the sailing. For those unfamiliar with the WMC cycling contingent, the 65 km Rockport trip was to be the season's payoff for the hard-core group of cyclists conditioned by Monday evening trips up Emigration and City Creek canyons. As a result, the steady drizzle at the 8:00 a.m. rendezvous at the Parley's K-Mart deterred no one.

Ten cyclists in all with three sag wagons (support vehicles) took the first leg of the trip from the mouth of Parley's in good spirits, with conversation centering around the possibility of encountering flash floods in Parley's (unlikely), to the probability of being sucked under a passing semi by the draft (possible). Eight gear for the first five miles became first gear at the boot of the hill at the Emigration Canyon exit, as conversation gave way to panting up the long, hard pull to the Lamb's Canyon exit! A pit stop here for tire repairs and Dennis Walden's watermelon candy provided needed rest and refreshment. The remaining grade to Parley's Summit proved to be relatively easy. After regrouping, the cyclists, led by Kermit Earle, made a screaming run down the back side of the summit only to be met by a total downpour and a 20-degree temperature drop at the Park City exit. To ward off the onset of hypothermia the group took refuge off I-80 at Silver Creek Junction at Ma Bell's Gas and Grocery. Here reports of whitecaps on Rockport Reservoir were received and Captain Bob, not wanting his sailboat to go the way of the Edmond Fitzgerald, decided to bag the sailing and the remaining 25 km of the cycle trip. Unfortunately, nobody so notified the sag wagons, by now well ahead of the cyclists and on their way to Rockport.

The drivers, in their eventual confusion over the mysterious disappearance of ten cyclists, made numerous runs back and forth on I-80 past Ma Bell's but didn't stop. The cyclists, shivering in Ma Bell's with quarters for the coffee machine running out and unable to flag down the speeding sag wagons, began to experience a feeling of despair not unlike that of the sailors in the rubber raft who hear the drone of the rescue plane but have run out of flares. This comedy ended after about two hours when the sag wagons ran out of gas and stopped at Ma Bell's to refuel.

After packing cycles and cyclists back to sunny SLC, the group had beer and burgers on the deck--not the deck of the sailboat, but the deck of Bob's geodesic dome, the next best thing. It was a memorable trip indeed for cyclists Bob Wright, Bob Mitchell, Steve Carr, Dennis Walden, Sam Kingston, Bruce Schatmeier, Ikla Allers, Rick Bliss, Kermit Earle and Steve Vick. As for the drivers Larry Hoskins, Nancy Matson, Marylin Earle and Doris Walden, well, that's another story.

Three out of Seven Hurting

By Anonymous

Driving seven hours in beautiful evening weather we arrived at White House Ruins, the trail head for Paria Canyon and rendezvous point for seven hikers at 8:00 a.m. the following morning, September 1, 1979.

Saturday morning, while one couple went to Kanab to buy a pair of girls hiking shoes, which were left at home, and 400 ASA film for the dark recesses of Buckskin, we spotted cars and started down Wire Pass, a drainage named for its constricted cave-like lower end where the hiker must go sideways to get through.

After 6.6 miles, we came to "The Cesspool" which did not require packs on heads to portage, due to low water. It's strange to look up at a log jam 10 or 20 feet above your head left by the last flash flood.

Slimey mud, silt and ooze, slick as ice, hard to tell if it was thick water or not. Our leader had warned us to carry two days' supply, which we did.

The first day was the hardest, one pulled foot tendon, one case of flu (working before the trip), and one bad case of blisters.

We camped at a small widening in Buckskin, with an access to the benchland above, if you're a climber. There are "Moki" steps and petroglyphs in excellent condition, due to their remoteness.

Tomorrow will be a lot easier and less distance, our leader Mike Hendrickson informed us.

Happy hour was only 45 minutes and early to bed on a high rock shelf, with sleep's recouping powers at work.

The next day ropes were required at a rock jam.

Buckskin is the largest and most spectacular tributary of the Paria. A twisting labyrinth has been eroded in the Navajo sandstone. The undulating, near vertical walls block out the sky, it is 20 degrees cooler at the bottom.

We camped about ½ mile above the confluence of Buckskin and Paria Rivers (dry). It was a nice campsite, with sand covered with Box Elder trees. Man had arrived earlier with garbage and old clothing but this is what we have to put up with in Primitive areas?

Most of the group hiked about two miles south of the confluence to a free-flowing spring for our first fresh water of the trip.

That night sleeping on top of my sleeping bag minus my night shirt and cap, a large frog (I think) jumped in the middle of my back, jumping up, the frog leaped to the face of a lovely maiden beside me. Apparently, kissing a frog does not produce a prince, much to her dismay.

The Paria "narrows" were nothing to compare with Buckskin.

We passed "sliderock" arch and the picturesque "windows", massive sandstone rocks being undermined by fine lace work of erosion.

One by one we emerged from Paria Canyon, dirty, tired, but happy for the experience. Strange as it may seem, this is why you grow to love the desert country.

The hurting three were Judy Tinker, Larry Hoskins, and Bruce Beck; the other four were Lori Webb, Chuck Ramsey, Barbara Pollyea, and Mike Hendrickson.

Beartrap — Willow Ridge Run

By Suzette Sparks

A nice day and a nice hike. The group tended to split up early into three groups of fast, medium and slow with everyone being able to go pretty much at their own speed. Trudy, the leader, seemed to do a lot of hiking back and forth from group to group trying to keep us all together.

There was a nice, steep hike up to the top of Willow Ridge (I guess it was Willow Ridge, it was somewhere in the Wasatch Mountains I'm sure). The first group ate, rested and left for the next peak while the others were still climbing up.

The views were beautiful from the ridge and each peak was different from the last; low brush, sandstone, and a narrow meadow.

At the last peak one of the people in the last group, whose lunch was being carried by someone in the first group, shortcutted, caught up and finally got something to eat.

The walk down was great fun, down a steep slope but with plenty of low brush to keep from slipping, then some bushwhacking and finally the road. Participants: Trudy Healy, George Healy, Suzette Sparks, Ali Pembleton, Cathy Van Dyke, Steve Harper, Paul Hudak, John Winkel, John Riley, Melissa Harris, Janet Friend, Joyce Sohler, Peter Hansen.

Mountaineering Ramblings

By Bob McCaig

This month's activities will close the summer climbing program. I feel it has been quite successful thanks to the many people who volunteered to lead trips, cook hamburgers and bring liquid refreshments. I didn't have to severely twist too many arms to elicit the above effort.

Despite the plummeting thermometers and enticing deep powder snow, I will try to schedule some winter climbs in the coming season. If anyone has a particular climb in mind they would like to do, especially if you are willing to lead it, please contact me.

For those so inclined, John Gottman will be offering his ice climbing course sometime in January. Watch for further details in subsequent Ramblers.

First Aid Seminar

In the past few years the club has seemed to have been fairly fortunate in avoiding very many injuries during its activities. This may be due either to the careful nature of club members, or to plain old dumb luck. I suspect the latter. At any rate, in case the odds change, we will be offering some seasonal first aid seminars to increase everyone's knowledge of what to do if someone is injured.

The first seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. This seminar will be specifically aimed at ski touring-related injuries, hypothermia and frostbite. Everyone is encouraged to attend, but particularly anyone who feels they could be leading a trip this winter should try to come. Paul Rubinfeld and Burt Janis have volunteered to share their expertise at the first session.

A second seminar will be planned for next spring and will feature climbing, hiking and rafting.

If you have any questions, contact Bob McCaig at 487-6868.

Think Snow!

By Lori Webb

Pine tar the Bonnas, barber pole the bamboos, wax up the Alfas, patch the woolie find the pencil and paper, and think snow. Yes, skiers, ski season is near and if you don't want to be up to the wee hours the night before, you had better get your gear in shape. Where is the hat, the mittens, the Gore-tex and the pencil? The pencil is needed to write your comments to the ski tour committee, which is right now being brought up from the basement. We need your comments on skier qualification for advanced (Most Difficult) tours.

Last year a qualification program was initiated. In this program current members who were known to be advanced skiers were automatically qualified. New members, and those unknown by the ski tour committee, were qualified by a "qualification" tour.

Unfortunately, ill feelings were generated last year and the list became an "ego trip". It should be remembered that the purpose of the list is to be an aid to the leaders of advanced tours. The intrepid leader is faced with many calls from people he does not know. It is hard for these leaders to ensure that the group will be cohesive, with all skiers able to enjoy the tour.

Evaluation of skiers' abilities is a tough endeavor. There are many things which should be considered: judgement, endurance, and ability are only the beginning. It is not simply a question of how tight the telemarks are or how stylishly one gets down the slope. Someone with good endurance can "fall" down the slope, pick himself up and keep up with the group.

There are probably a number of good ways to help the leaders of advanced tours have an idea of a persons skiing ability. It could be the method initiated last year; it could be the same as last year only the list is not published, just given to those scheduled to lead advanced tours; or it could be something entirely different. On club river trips one must go on beginner, then intermediate trips before going on the Big Rivers. Perhaps a skier could be established as having skied Deseret Peak, Maybird Summit of Raymond and Settlement Canyon (or any four advanced tours.) This would not say that a skier, having done these four tours, would be ready for anything. It would only help to let the leaders know what you have done.

Whatever your ideas on skier qualification are, send your suggestions to Lori Webb before October 29.

Many skiers do not know their abilities or the terrain and will overextend themselves. If you are unsure of yourself, your equipment, or the terrain ask the leader for details of the trip, tell him the tours you have done and enjoyed and ask his advice. Be honest with yourself and the leader and LET'S HAVE A GREAT SNOW YEAR!



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