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

Club Activities—August 1980

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.

Thursday Evening Hike Carpool Information

For hikes originating in Millcreek Canyon, meet at the northwest corner of Olympus Hills Shopping Center parking lot (3900 South and Wasatch Blvd.) just south of the Bagel Nosh. For hikes originating in Big Cottonwood Canyon, meet at the "Storm Mountain Quartzite" geology sign 2.9 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon from Wasatch Blvd. on the right side of the road. Put your pack or hiking boots on top of your car for identification as a Thursday evening hiker. Carpooling is optional it is not required. Pools are self-organizing by hikers as they arrive. Do not call the leader to arrange car pools.

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| August 2
Saturday | MT. AIRE FROM MILLCREEK RIDGE RUN. Rating about 5.0. Meet leader Charlie Keller, 467-3960, at the Bagel Nosh at 8:30 a.m. |
| August 2
Saturday | LA MOTTE PEAK (Uintas, 12,700 ft.). Rating about 12.0. Register with leader Dave Smith, 277-4154, or at work, 261-3071, by July 31. Meet at the Bagel Nosh at 5:30 a.m. |
| August 2
Saturday | GREEK NIGHT AT THE LODGE. Bring pot luck of Greek food and plan to participate in Greek folk dancing (instructions provided). Call Pat Peebles for information and recipes, 266-7257. |
| August 3
Sunday | LODGE WORK PARTY. Lodge open to all members. All workers free admission to Greek Night. Come up, stay overnight, and work the next day. Free refreshments and food. Contact Lodge Director Bob Myers, 363-0667, if you can help with food or need information. Dave Way will cook elk steak Sunday after the work party. Bring picks, wheelbarrows, shovels and tools. |

COVER: John Sloan and unwelcome acquaintance. See story page 14.
Photograph by Larry Swanson.

- August 3
Saturday
DESERET PEAK (highest peak in the Stansburys, 11,031 ft.). Rating 8.0. No registration required, but it is a long, fairly hard hike. Be sure to bring water. Meet leader Larry Swanson, 278-3269, at O'Dell's Shoe Repair, 425 South 900 West, at 7:30 a.m.
- August 3
Sunday
THAYNE'S PEAK (Millcreek, 8,656 ft.). Rating 6.0. Meet leader John Veranth, 278-5826, at the Bagel Nosh at 8:00 a.m.
- August 3
Sunday
A CYCLE/SAIL/PEDAL SPLASH. Bob Wright has once again agreed to host a cruise on his sailboat on Rockport Reservoir. (Think sun!) This will be the only one-way ride (65 kilometers) of the season, because we plan to "enjoy" ourselves. Hamburgers, beverages, and transportation back to Salt Lake City will be provided for a nominal fee. Anyone wishing to enjoy the activities and not wishing to ride, but who owns a van, please let the leader know. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Parley's Way K-Mart. Register with Capt. Bob by July 31, 272-1177.
- August 4
Monday
MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE - Emigration Canyon. Round trip 16 miles. Meet at the east end of Hogle Zoo at 6:15 p.m. Please note earlier time! Leader Steve Vick, 968-7813 (home), or 521-9255 (wk).
- August 7-9
Thurs.-Sat.
LODORE RAFT TRIP (ADVANCED). Refer to July 3 entry for details. Trip leader Andy Childs, 3223 Kenton Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84109, 484-1975.
- August 7-10
Thurs.-Sun.
DESOLATION CANYON COMBINATION RAFT/KAYAK TOUR. Trip leader needed immediately. Contact Becky Burrage, 467-7207, or John Schell, 268-2489. No trip leader, no trip.
- August 7
Thursday
THURSDAY EVENING HIKE - Broads Fork. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the "Storm Mountain Quartzite" sign, 2.9 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon from Wasatch Blvd. Leader Dale Green, 277-6417.
- August 7
Thursday
EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.
- August 8
Friday
SWIM PARTY AT MIKE TRESHOW'S. 7:00 p.m. for swimming and partying. Beverages provided at cost, bring munchies. 1798 Millbrook, start by turning east off Highland Drive at 3535 South (Millcreek Way), Keep going until the road turns south, crosses Mill Creek "River" and turns into Millbrook. Mike's is the second house on the left after the creek.
- August 9-10
Sat.-Sun.
BOULDER MOUNTAINEERING COMMUTER CAMP. Plans call for a Friday night ascent to 30,000 feet via the airline offering the cheapest rates to Denver. This would be followed by climbing on Saturday and Sunday in the Boulder area with additional side trips to local attractions such as the Boulder Liquor Mart and the Coors Brewery. We will leave late Sunday before anyone can become afflicted with terminal mellowness. At this time the cheapo fare is \$58. Register at least three to four weeks in advance with Bob McCaig, 487-6868.

August 9-10
Sat.-Sun.

UINTAS BACKPACK. Leader John Veranth is planning a two-day trip to King's Peak via Henry's Fork. Leave Friday evening. Call him at 278-5826 for details and registration.

August 9
Saturday

WALKER-WEBSTER CANYON AT PARK CITY. Rating about 5.0. Leader Lyman Lewis, 1/649-9632. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at parking lot of Park City Golf Course.

August 9
Saturday

DOG LAKE VIA SOLDIER FORK. Rating 4.0. Leader Peter Hansen, 466-3488. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Olympus Hills parking lot near Bagel Nosh.

August 10
Sunday

LODGE WORK - RENOVATION. We meet at 8:30 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon in the lot at the geology sign. We plan to finish the tile and have the lodge ready for the fall party season. This requires a great number of members and it is all work that day. Plan to bring refreshments and be at the meeting place by 8:30. For information contact Bob Myers, 363-0667. Call also if you can help on food.

August 10
Sunday

BROADS FORK TO MEADOW. Rating 5.0. Leader Marilyn Earle, 268-2199. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

August 10
Sunday

GOBBLERS KNOB/ALEXANDER BASIN VIA BOWMAN FORK. Rating 9.0. Leader Walter Haas, 534-1262. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Olympus Hills parking lot near Bagel Nosh.

August 10
Sunday

BIKE RIDE - Park City, Peoa, Kamas Loop. See Mountainland and ride along the scenic Provo River. Bring munchies for the ride; leader also plans a refreshment stop in Park City before returning to Salt Lake City. Meet at the Parley's Way K-Mart at 8:30 a.m. to car pool or at Park City Wolfe's on U248 at 9:15 a.m.; 41 miles; leader Steve Carr, 486-7774 (w), 467-3517 (h).

August 11
Monday

MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE - City Creek Canyon. Restricted to motor vehicles; round trip 16 miles. Meet at the Liberty Bell in Memory Grove at 6:15 p.m. Please note earlier time! Leader Ilka Allers, 355-2057.

August 14
Thursday

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.

August 14
Thursday

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE - Lake Solitude. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the start of the loop road across from the Brighton Store at the head of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leave Storm Mountain carpool area by 6:35 p.m. (see page 3). Leader Dale Green, 277-6417.

August 16-24
Sat.-Sun.

SAWTOOTH WILDERNESS BACKPACK. Leader Earl Cook plans to enter at Alturas Lake and exit at Redfish Lake. Contact him as soon as possible at 531-6339 for details and registration.

August 16
Saturday

LODGE WORK DAY. No hikes will be scheduled. Come early and put in a day's work. Refreshments provided. If you can help with lunch, call Bob Myers, 363-0667. Meeting time 8:30 a.m. at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

August 16
Saturday

NO HIKES SCHEDULED. Help with the lodge work party, and enjoy short walks around the lodge. Stay for the party and overnight. Call John Riley, 485-2567, or Bob Myers, 363-0667, for details.

~~August 16
Saturday
6:00 p.m.~~

OLD TIMER'S PARTY. All members, new and old, are invited to spend an evening at the lodge. Bring slides of those good old WMC trips and parties. This is a pot luck affair, so plan to bring your own steak plus your favorite side dish or dessert. We hope charcoals will be ready for broiling around 6:30 p.m. A charge of 50¢ per person will be collected at the door to cover incidentals. For more information call Karin Caldwell, 581-7168 (w), or 942-6065 (h).

August 17
Sunday

TIMPANOGOS VIA TIMPONEKE. Rating 14.0. Leader Ilka Allers, 355-2057, has scheduled this hike in anticipation of rattlesnake victim John Sloan's return to hiking. Call her for details and registration. Participation will be limited.

August 18
Monday

MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE - Parley's Canyon to Mt. Dell Golf Course. Round trip 16 miles. Meet at the Bagel Nosh at Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 6:15 p.m. Please note earlier time! Leaders Marilyn and Kermit Earle, 268-2199.

August 20-24
Wed.-Sun.

TETON WILDERNESS BACKPACK. Leader Sam Allan plans to enter via the Yellowstone River and exit on the Snake. Call him at 942-3149 by August 18 for details and registration.

August 21
Thursday

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.

~~August 21
Thursday~~

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE - Bowman Fork. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Terraces picnic area, 4.6 miles up Millcreek Canyon (3800 South) from Wasatch Blvd. Park in the upper parking lots. Leave Bagel Nosh carpool area by 6:45 p.m. (see page 3). Leader Dale Green, 277-6417.

August 22-24
Fri.-Sun.

WIND RIVERS TRIPLE TRAVERSE. A Wind River classic. Low 5th class rock and ice. 40-mile round trip. Leave on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. To register call the leader, John Rehmer, 524-5038 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

August 23-24
Sat.-Sun.

UINTAS OVERNIGHT BIKE RIDE - Echo to Wanship via Mirror Lake Highway. Approximately 150 miles in two days. "Sag Wagon" needed to transport gear, so if you have a van and would like to car camp, call the leaders. Ride jointly listed w/ Bonneville Touring Club. Register with leaders Marilyn and Kermit Earle, 268-2199.

August 23
Saturday

BALDY VIA CECRET LAKE. Rating 3.5. Leader Mike Hendrickson, 942-1476. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m.

August 23
Saturday

MT. RAYMOND VIA HIDDEN FALLS. Rating 8.5. Leader Jim Piani, 943-8607. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

August 24
Sunday

LEWIS PEAK (NEAR COALVILLE). Rating about 7.0. Call leader Lyman Lewis, 1/649-9632, for details and registration.

August 24
Sunday

WHITE BALDY VIA RED PINE LAKE. Rating 9.0. This is a long hard rock scramble over large boulders and loose rock with some exposure. Call leader Peter Hansen, 466-3488, for details. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

August 25
Monday

MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE - Emigration Canyon. See August 4 for details.

August 28
Thursday

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE - Stairs Gulch. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the "Storm Mountain Quartzite" geology sign 2.9 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon from stop light. This is the last regular evening hike of the season. Bring refreshments for a small party at the stopping place. Leader Dale Green, 277-6417.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1
Fri.-Mon.

CATARACT CANYON RAFT TRIP. Intermediate/Advanced. This trip consists of two leisurely days floating through Canyonlands, one day of very exciting rapids, then a tow out from the top of Lake Powell to Hite Landing. The scenery is superb. Send your \$20 deposit to trip leader Bill Viavant, 218 Iowa Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84102, 532-4289, for reservations. Work party will be at the boat house at 5:30 p.m. on Monday before the trip unless notified otherwise. Helmets are required.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1
Sat.-Mon.

LABOR DAY MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMP. John Veranth will lead the group into the Deep Lake area of the Wind Rivers. To register, call John at 278-5826 before 11:00 p.m., or at work at 532-1522, ext. 264.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1
Fri.-Mon.

LABOR DAY BACKPACK IN THE WIND RIVERS. Leader Elmer Boyd plans a trek from Green River Lakes to Clark Lake. Call him at 969-7814 for details and registration by August 26.

LABOR DAY
WEEKEND

UTAH BACKPACK. Anyone wishing to lead or participate in a trip to red rock country may contact John Riley, 485-2567, before August 23 and I will try to get people together.

August 30
Saturday

BOX ELDER PEAK. Rating 9.0. Leader Bill Rosquist, 295-0458. Call for details and registration.

August 30
Saturday

REYNOLDS PEAK VIA BUTLER FORK. Rating 5.0. Meet leader Tom Stephens, 486-2992, at 9:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

August 31
Sunday

DEVIL'S CASTLE. Rating 5.4. An enjoyable rock scramble with some exposure. Leader Shelley Hyde, 583-0974. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

August 31
Sunday

PFEIFFERHORN. Rating 10.0. Leader Greg Janiec wants to do White Baldy or Chipman Peak as well. Call him for details and registration, 272-5488 (h), or 583-7291 (w).

September 1
Monday

EMERALD LAKE FROM ASPEN GROVE. Rating approximately 8.0. Leader Doug Stark. Call him at 277-2298 for details and to register.

- September 4
Thursday THURSDAY EVENING GENERIC HIKE. No pre-announced destination, and pace may be faster than usual, possibly no trail. Bring pack with flashlight, jacket, water. Boots only - no tenny-runners, etc. Meet at the geology sign, mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 6:15 p.m. prompt. Leader Dale Green. (No phone calls for generic hikes.)
- September 5-7
Fri.-Sun. FLAGSTAFF AND BASTION PEAKS. These are the highest thirteeners north of Gannet Peak in the Wind Rivers. The climbing is 2nd and 3rd class with a 40-mile round trip hike. Leave on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. To register, call John Rehmer, 524-5038 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).
- September 6
Saturday TOKEWANNA PEAK IN THE UINTAS (13,175 feet) with Dale Green. Rating 11.0. Four-wheel drives are desirable for the trip in. Call Dale, 277-6417, for information.
- September 6
Saturday LODGE WORK PARTY. Work on the lodge and spend the evening dancing with the University of Utah dancers. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- September 6
Saturday UNIVERSITY OF UTAH FOLK DANCERS will host a party at the lodge. All members invited. Dancing will begin at 7:00 to live music. Refreshments and food provided at a cost (tentative) of \$3.25. Call Hillary evenings at 532-5598.
- September 7
Sunday MAYBIRD LAKES. Rating 5.5. Leader Joyce Sohler, 467-6536. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- September 7
Sunday AMERICAN FORK TWINS VIA HIDDEN PEAKS. Rating 7.0. Leader Oscar Robison. Call him at 943-8500 for details and registration.
- September 7
Sunday BIG COTTONWOOD BIKE RIDE. Though a mere 15 miles to lunch at the Brighton Store, thighs and bike should be in top condition to attempt this tour. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leader Ilka Allers, 355-2057.
- September 8
Monday MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE - City Creek Canyon. See August 11 for details.
- September 11
Thursday THURSDAY EVENING GENERIC HIKE. See description, place and time under September 4 listing.
- September 13
Saturday 8:00 p.m. CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE LODGE. It is the fourth annual event of this kind, and to judge from previous experience we will have a good crowd, so come early if you want a seat. Refreshments will be served. Price is \$2.00 per person. Call Karin Caldwell for details at 581-7168 (w), or 942-6065 (h).
- September 20
Saturday LODGE WOOD GATHERING. Plan now to attend.
- ~~October 4~~ WESTERN PARTY.

Our WMC Lodge

We have been working on the lodge for some time now and still have a way to go. Come up to the lodge August 2, Saturday, and enjoy Greek Night. Sleep in the cool, fresh mountain air that evening and help out Sunday, August 3, with the lodge work party. We hope to finish the kitchen, foundation work, and painting with your help. Food and refreshments will be provided Sunday. If you can't make it to Greek Night, come up Sunday and give us a hand with the work party.

Spend a two-day weekend at our fabulous lodge, high in the Wasatch Mountains. Meet old friends and make new ones.

Prospective members should remember that working at the lodge counts as an activity toward membership. Members and lodge users spend a cool Sunday where your help is really appreciated.

For Those Who Are Interested In Lodge Work

By Bob Myers

We meet in the parking lot at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. For those of you who are interested in helping, call a day or two ahead of time, but if you can't register, just plan to be there a little ahead of time.

Plans are made and there is a lot of work which still needs to be done!

Attention, Volleyball Players

Volleyball will be played on Tuesday evenings at the home of Steve Summers, 1150 Wilson Avenue, Salt Lake City. Games start at 6:00 p.m., August 12 and 26. We need enthusiastic players to make this a weekly event! Call Steve Summers, 484-9022, or Pat Harvey, 583-5452

House for Sale in Emigration Canyon

2+ acres adjacent to public lands. Powder ski or hike out of back door to ridge above Parley's. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, fireplace, family room. Automated greenhouse, fruit trees, berries, firewood up the hill. Patio for summer socials. (This place is known to some as "Healy's Bar and Grill" or "Water for Runners".) Call agents Dee, 278-9443, or Dana, 277-8366, or the owners, 583-3411.



Bill Viavant, erstwhile leader of the San Juan Raft Trip, by K. Millar.

Slave Galleon at rest on the San Juan, by Bill Viavant.



•TRIP Talk talk talk talk

Saga of the San Juan

By Barbara Richards

June 4-9, 1980

Twenty-one intrepid souls set off in a rented van and two trucks for Mexican Hat on June 4. With the help of Bill Adams' strawberry daiquiris we made it to dinner in Price and finally to Mexican Hat about 3:00 a.m.

The next morning our three rafts and three kayaks were on the river in good time. With record high water we were treated to an assortment of "fun" rapids. That evening we had a superb dinner of chicken terriyaki.

After emergency suturing of Leo Fontaine's leg by Charley McDonald, Friday brought more pleasant water and a hike to prospector Mendenhall's cabin about midday. We arrive at Slickhorn Canyon early in the afternoon. This place is truly "paradise canyon" with numerous water seeps and sparkling clean clear deep pools. It took only a short time for the group to be in one of the pools for an exhilarating swim. That night after a Mexican-style dinner and drinks the group sang along to guitar music by Leslie McDonald and Pete Rose.

Saturday was layover day and each spent it in his own way. Several hiked high up into the canyon, others slept in, and one group spent the day sunbathing and skinny dipping in pool #2. It was an idyllic day in the "real" world. Some kayak lessons by Cal, Mike and Charley were a pre-dinner treat and then dinner itself was sumptuous barbequed ribs.

Sunday brought an early departure and good rapids until Grand Gulch. From there we were in Lake Powell with resultant dead water. Leader Bill Viavant got the three rafts lashed together and with whip in hand piloted the slave galleon the six miles to Clay Hills. He had calculated that 2,000 strokes would take us there and three hours later he was proven right. Some hot, stiff, sore but happy rafters had bridged the gap from river idyll to the outside world. Thanks to Bill, a truck with cold beer was waiting at the take-out point.

Participants: Bill Viavant, leader; Cal Giddings, Mike Giddings and Charley McDonald, kayakers; Kay Millar, Earl Hyde, Pat Harvey, Ann Justine, Bill Adams, Denise Basse, Leslie McDonald, Karen Felt, Angela Tan, Pete Rose, Leo Fontaine, Barbara Richards, Bob McCaig, Dave Morris, Irene Schilling and Camille Pierce.

High Water on the Snake River

By Pamela Fogle and Lois Shipway

Odin - God and Taskmaster of the River - was not smiling when the WMC rafters set out for their high-water adventure in Alpine Canyon June 20. It was a spirited, unsuspecting bunch that waited impatiently for the Lewis Brothers Stage that would transport them to the East Table Creek campground and put-in. Their trip leader Wayne Slagle and eight other kayakers awaited with detailed information - research from a day of plying the swollen waters of the Snake - about the ten-mile stretch the six rafts would maneuver.

Our "stage" throwing an axle (actually an unromatic fanbelt) near the 600 North on ramp to I-15 was an omen. Picture 35 people dodging semi's to load the even smaller bus sent to replace the original - including architect Bill Adams' rebuilding of the gerryrigged dropped ceiling (paddles slung between the overhead bays to support the raft floorboards, which refused to fit anywhere in the hopelessly inadequate storage compartments). On this trip only Ken Kraus, Marlene Austin, Penny Russell, and others of the "short people" set walked upright to the john. The bus continued to provide entertainment, as people lurched from restless sleep each time the driver attempted to coax the dinosaur into gear. All this was endured without benefit of strawberry daiquiris (compliments of Adams and John Mason) or whiskey sours (by Kerry Amerman) - which had been completely consumed before the SLC skyline passed from view. Begun at about 6:30 p.m., this first day's epoch lasted until 2:30 a.m., when we finally rolled conspicuously into the campground and unloaded the beast.

The typical Snake River early summer weather (slightly threatening) enforced a note of caution on the six raft crews, which started out with more than usual respect for the powerful rush of water that had replaced the canyon's summer visage. Loaded seven to a raft, we set out dodging frolicking kayakers, who seemed to be having entirely too much fun.

History was made that day in Alpine Canyon. Consider that 12 people were ejected from their crafts, including Pat Harvey and Michelle Pierce, who had the distinction of being the only crew to take two swims. It seemed that every time the river burped or gurgled someone else was in the water.

"The Ledge" - well known in summer as the drop on the left shortly before Lunch Counter - was disguised enough to lure veteran river captain Bob McCaig into its keeper backcurl. His shriek "Get the kayakers" had a chilling effect on Lois Shipway and John Mason, the only crew remaining in his raft after it hit the wall of water. John and Bob were busy keeping the raft from flipping, while Lois busied herself prying loose Lew Hitchner's feet from the chicken line into which he became entangled as he left the boat. Marlene Austin slipped out clean but was recycled into the hole several times after the boat popped free. Meanwhile Michelle and Richard Pierce washed out the back sides: Richard to struggle beneath the boat with Michelle keeping a firm hand on the chicken line. Observers said the spectacle lasted about 30 seconds, while participants considered it interminable. Kayakers Cal Giddings and Rich Stone helped with the cleanup and repatriation of the crew.

But "The Ledge" had not finished: Ken Kraus' boat provided the second feature. Temporary captain Phil Baldwin was recycled in the hole, Joe Pistoni did a "Lew Hitchner" in the chicken line, with Cheryl Baldwin and (sorry) an unidentified crewman out but hanging on. For comic relief after the crew had been reassembled in an eddy, Ken keeled over backwards out of the raft in pursuit of his sun visor.

Lunch Counter, its 15-foot waves dipping and breaking evenly off the wall, was terrifying but anticlimatic. Everyone passed through gleefully and more or less assembled below it for lunch and story-telling. Thereafter all was well to the take-out, and it was exhausted crews that deflated the boats and packed the bus for the return to the campground.

Bob Frohboese never rests! It was kayak-clinic time for all who wanted to try, with Bob, Wayne Slagle, Debbie Carlson, Rich Stone, and Cal Giddings serving as instructors. John Mason, Bob McCaig, Phil Baldwin and Denise Jones took them up on their offer and went upstream a few miles to get a taste of the sport.

Meanwhile back in camp, Sue Curtis - who proved that a cast on her arm would not prevent her from running the river - hung a far-too-elegant embroidered "Happy Hour" flag to signal the start of that ritual feast. The evening settled into glutinous debauchery.

"Two Kazoo Lew" Hitchner - well known on the mountaineering circuit - treated the river rats to his rendition of the 1812 Overture (with John Mason on the cannon, i.e., horn) as well as other popular favorites. As the fire flickered low and the wine bottles emptied, the group was treated (unfairly) to a string of the world's worst jokes. Only a few of the most hearty had the energy to go into Jackson. Cheryl Baldwin thinks she had a good time, but she can't remember any of the details.

Sunday morning dawned bright and beautiful. Sleepy rafters and kayakers, awakened by the aroma of sizzling sausage and camper's coffee, stumbled one by one over to the "mess tent". The breakfast array of sausage, blueberry pancakes (ably flipped by Michelle Pierce), cantalope, left-over English muffins, Tang and coffee was enough to choke a horse - but not a crumb remained.

The determined river runners vowed not to repeat Saturday's swimming "trials" and the rafts were prepared in record time. By now the novices knew the bow from the stern and reaffirmed their belief that pumping air into a raft is a real drag.

With sunburned noses, sauteed thighs and scorched shoulders tenderly cared for, life jackets donned, paddles upraised in triumph, the mighty 35 rafters shoved off to tame the ravaging Snake (did someone say this was an intermediate trip?).

Wayne Slagle abandoned his beloved Miwok, wife Betty and Saturday's novice crew (none of whom got wet the day before), to slip into his cozy kayak, leaving newly arrived Joel Bown, Karil Frohboese and their friend Steve Kendo to take his place. Ned Hardin astutely slipped away to join another crew - did he have a premonition? - taking his beer with him (the nerve!).

With Saturday's keepers vividly impressed on everyone's minds, the captains adroitly avoided the trouble spots while admiring a tree-top osprey nest and bald eagle perched on the cliff (or should that have been a vulture?).

As the rafts flawlessly executed Lunch Counter to the tune of Indian warwhoops and shored up to partake of lunch and brew, we all perched on the rocks to cheer on the kayakers. Debbie Carlson drew a standing ovation as she popped up, disappeared from sight, only to pop up again triumphant. Cal Giddings, Wayne Slagle, Bob Frohboese, and Jack Campbell slipped through unscathed.

As "cool as a cucumber" Wayne meandered up to the rocks, his kayak took that time to inappropriately turn upside down in front of God and the world. We assumed he was merely surveying riverbed rock formations. He saved his reputation, however, by deftly executing a perfect Eskimo roll - to the roaring approval of all.

But back in the rafts...

Nearing the take-out point, Joel's smug and complacent crew spied Holey City and Rock Garden just ahead. A lone voice cried out in the wilderness "GO FOR IT!" As the raft headed dead center into the rapids, a hole opened up large and dry enough to hold a bridge party complete with hors d'oeuvres.

As Clark Fogle flung his body sacrificially and unsuccessfully to the front of the raft, the stunned and amazed crew found themselves unceremoniously dunked in the drink as the raft flipped over. Rock Garden should be renamed "Bottoms Up." Most of us were convinced we had bought the farm - albeit too prematurely.

All six crew members were rescued in due time. We were positive it took the rescuers three hours, but were assured it was only five minutes. That estimation, of course, depended on whether one was in or out of the 50-degree water.

The spirit of bon ami prevailed on the bus ride home and no time was lost in arranging a reunion - after all there were many war stories to tell. We're sure they'll get better with time!

Everyone brought steaks and other goodies to Fairmont Park July 10 to recount their brave deeds and renew friendships with new acquaintances.

Participants not previously mentioned: Steven Kammeyer, Boyd Murdoch, Don Wachter, Dale Woodward, Teresa Farr, Mary Aa, David Parry, Bruce Pietsch, Karrie Galloway, Jim Eixenberger, Nick Zarvos, Lew Morey, Arlene Babilis, Andy Childs, Rick Tanner, Bonnie Sloan, and Denise Basse.

The Wildcat Ridge Backward

Or

A Tale of Woe and Some Specific Advice for the Snakebit Mountain Wayfarer and his Pals

By Burt Janis

The June 29, 1980 Wildcat Ridge Backward hike ended short of its goal of reaching Mt. Raymond and coming out the Baker spring trail into Millcreek Canyon. The indigenous fauna of the Wildcat Ridge may include wildcats, but it was a reptilian member of the animal kingdom that made this trip unforgettable for John Sloan. At about 2:00 p.m. John was bitten on his right wrist and hand by a large (about four-foot long) rattlesnake while he was walking along a ledge on the ridge at the upper extremes of Neff's Canyon. John was given immediate first aid by Larry Swanson and myself, and over the course of the next several hours we helped John descend into Neff's Canyon to a site we thought a helicopter could land and take John to a hospital. During this time John became very weak and nauseated and demonstrated signs and symptoms of shock. Larry and Harold Goodro descended to the mouth of Neff's Canyon and arranged for the Salt Lake County Search and Rescue team to evacuate John, while Bob Myers, Mary Schmitt and myself stayed with John to try to make him as comfortable as possible. It was approximately eight hours after the bite was inflicted that John finally arrived at LDS Hospital and received definitive therapy for the severe envenomation that he sustained.

Since many of us who hike and climb in the Wasatch range have seen rattlesnakes, and since I personally have seen rattlesnakes each of the three times I have been on this specific hike, I thought it might be useful for other club members if I reviewed the immediate emergency field first aid that should be administered to a snake bite victim.

1. Get out of the snake's striking range. If the snake has bitten once it can bite again.
2. The victim should remain calm and be advised not to panic. Excitement and hysteria can cause rapid breathing with resultant dizziness, numbness and tingling and spasm of the extremities. Also, rapid motion after a bite can increase the spread of the venom from the area of infection.

3. Immediately, a flat tourniquet should be applied above a bite on an extremity. This can be a belt, sock, handkerchief, etc. It should be snug enough to easily permit the introduction of one finger between it and the skin. The purpose of this tourniquet is to restrict the lymphatic and venous drainage and not to restrict the arterial blood flow to the limb. As swelling increases, the tourniquet should be loosened gradually, but it should not be removed and reapplied, since removal is associated with a sudden spread of the venom into the body. If the bite is on the trunk or face, a tourniquet cannot be applied and the person administering the first aid should immediately proceed to the next step.
4. This step involves incision of the fang marks. A linear incision about 1 cm long can be made through each fang mark down to the subcutaneous fat or a single linear incision can be made through both fang marks. Suction is then applied either by mouth or by application of suction cups available in the Cutterlabs or Beckton Dickinson kits. An incision made promptly after the occurrence of the snake bite coupled with gentle suction for 5 to 30 minutes will remove a significant amount of venom. Suction applied for a longer period of time is without benefit.
5. The bitten limb should then be immobilized and if possible it should be at heart level, i.e., an arm should be put in a sling and kept at heart level.
6. Physical activity should be kept to a minimum since it will increase circulation and enhance the spread of the toxin.
7. The victim should be transported to a medical facility as rapidly as possible.

Several other points should be kept in mind: 1) if possible, a definitive identification of the snake should be made. Many physicians, expert in the care of snake bite victims, advise killing the snake and bringing it along for positive identification. However, if this is done, be sure the snake is dead and put it in a separate sack before it is put into your pack; 2) do not apply snow to the bite site and do not immerse the bitten part in cold water. More harm than good can be done if cold is applied in an uncontrolled manner; 3) Finally, a severe snake bite is life-threatening and if a victim sustains such a bite and is hiking or climbing in a remote region of the mountains, he may be unable to transport himself to a medical facility and could succumb to the effects of the venom. Consequently, it is advisable for hikers and climbers to have companions with them when traveling in remote, snake-infested regions.

The large rattlesnake that bit John did so without warning and when examined did not possess rattles. It behooves hikers in snake-infested areas to be alert for the presence of snakes, to wear protective clothing and not to reach into holes, caves, or onto poorly visible mountain ledges.

John did sustain a severe snake bite and although he was able to descend into Neff's Canyon, he soon demonstrated many of the signs of severe envenomation: nausea, vomiting, rapid heart rate, initial local pain which gradually becomes intense and severe, progressive swelling of the bitten limb, and shock. After admission to the hospital, John underwent extensive surgery on his arm. At this writing he is convalescing at LDS Hospital. He has a good prognosis for return of normal function of his arm.

Lake Blanche— Mount Superior

(Maybe it was Monte Cristo)

By Ann Cheves

Leader Sam Allen was unable to accompany the group due to an emergency but did meet us to give some directions: (a) after Lake Blanche get above the ledges but stay off the ridge to the left; (b) watch out for false peaks.

Getting to the lake presented no problems. Some of the group selected that as their destination. Those assaulting the peak continued on to discover the reality of Sam's hints.

There is a fairly good trail leading to the target area; we missed its beginning at the lake as we prematurely ascended above some ledges and then found ourselves looking down on the trail.

A bit later while resting in a notch (on Cardiac Pass) we debated the identity of surrounding peaks, and deciding that the one immediately south before us might be false, some of us scrambled up it to the main ridge and declared ourselves to be on Superior. It had better have been Superior as no one was going any further to check out that next one. Well, it's funny how different things will look when you take a different route. The famous South Ridge leading up from Snowbird was right there and I later checked the pictures in the ever helpful Wasatch Tours by Kelner and Hanscom. We were where we were supposed to be! The view was as panoramic as ever and it really was worthwhile getting there.

We thundered down the trail from Lake Blanche in blazing sun and dust, not too fast to notice the multitudes of people backpacking into this No-Camp area of the watershed.

Hikers: Steve Vick, Greg Wendland, Betty Rhodes, Suzanne Somers, Ernie Sanchez, Mike Sanchez, Vianca Sanchez, Jean Kordig, Joyce Sohler, Peter Bradley, John Van Hook, and Ann Cheves.

Lone Peak Cirque

By Gary Colgan

On the weekend of June 27-29, with the cirque still full of snow, a group of enthusiastic climbers managed to complete climbs in this local and fantastically beautiful alpine setting.

Most of the expedition succeeded on the classic line of the Open Book (II, F6) while two other teams completed other routes as well. Russell McLean and Harold Goeckeritc climbed what was christened the "middle finger buttress", located west and across from the main cirque. Lynn Christensen and I ascended Tom's Thumb South Side (II, F7) on Saturday. On our climb it was necessary, at the top of the first pitch, to belay from my ice axe jammed to its hilt in a crack because the fitting chocks were already set below.

A note should be made of John Mason's masochistic hike up on Saturday morning, his climb of the Open Book and his descent to the valley the same day.

Mention should also be made of Martha Veranth, Lois Shipway and Nancy Galloway's wanderings all over the mountain for eight hours after being led astray on their approach to the cirque Saturday. Martha and Nancy did manage to stagger into camp during the late afternoon while Lois returned to the valley to meet John Mason after his climb.

It is obvious from even a brief look at this area that numerous possible lines still remain to be climbed and weeks at a time could be spent in this inspiring glacier-carved bowl.

Leader: Gary Colgan; climbers: Lynn Christensen, Russell McLean, Harold Goeckeritc, John Veranth, John Walton, John Mason, Lew Hitchner, John Reed, and Bob McCaig; hikers: Martha Veranth, Nancy Galloway and Lois Shipway.

"Progress" Along the Lookout Peak Trail

By Betse Davies

"Progress" as defined by land developers is alive and well in Immigration Canyon. As our stalwart group started up the trail an ominous roar preceded us for some time. Speculation ran high - some new species of monster? the preliminary rumblings of The Wasatch Earthquake? The truth was revealed. It was a Cat busy clawing numerous roads through the wilderness and fashioning housing plots. No one volunteered to throw himself in the path of the predator but mutterings of rebellion and practical sabotage suggestions were heard. The demand for recreational facilities for the expanding population of Salt Lake seem to me to have priority over the private interests of a few. Witness the full-to-overflowing conditions of the picnic facilities in the other canyons to cite but one example.

The roar of the Cat faded away as we made our way up the trail. Wild flower production was at its peak. Numerous long patches of snow provided a Wet 'N Wild attraction for the backsliders in the group. Rock hounds were delighted at the variety of rocks in the Triassic conglomerate outcropping along a major portion of the trail.

Four miles later we were at the top of Lookout Peak - though there was some doubt as to which peak it actually was. "Will the real Lookout Peak please stand up?" If the tallest one gets the name, we were at the wrong one by ten feet. To avoid problems such as these, just leave your topo maps at home.

John Riley was our Substitute Peerless Leader. Trudy Healy, our Advertised Leader, sent her regrets - by the time we got to the top we were wishing she'd sent some beer too. John's troops consisted of Dennis

and Sharon Dougherty, Earl Cook, Thom Dickeson, John Van Hook (foresaking New York state for yet another sabbatical year), Betse Davies, and Bruce Nibley.

We passed the Cat again near the end of the return trail. It was silent having done its Thing for five hours. We were appalled to see the extent of "land improvement" which had taken place in such a short period of time. No one said much as we passed the scene of carnage. Maybe that's why such things continue to go on...not enough of us say much.

Personal note: Last September I reported on the Secret Trail hike and introduced myself and my husband, Walter, as new members from Florida (I was pushing WMC's sister group, Florida Trail). The varied activities of WMC have been the highlight of our stay in Salt Lake City. We will miss you all - we are moving to Houston, Texas.

Empire Canyon

By Sherie Pater

Ah, Sunday. What a beautiful sunny day for the Empire Canyon hike! Starting from the top of Park City, we forge onward to our conquest. But alas - where is Empire Canyon??? Mining towns yes, water towers yes, brass beds yes, but no Empire Canyon! Following the bluebell path and plunging through scrub oak we finally reach our destination. Breathtaking views of snow-capped peaks await our hungry eyes. Each developed his own approach as we slide down snow fields. It was an exhilarating hike thanks to John Riley's apt leadership.

Participants: Allen Olsen, Connie Bridges, Cathy Kreuter, Susan Rennau, Vickie Sutherland, Marilyn Goings, Sherie Pater, Peter Hansen, Joanne Miller, John Riley, Elmer Boyd, and Sue Allen.

Mount Raymond

By John Van Hook

June 21, 1980 - the first full day of summer - a hike to Mount Raymond. Leader Yukio Kachi gathered participants and arranged cars for transportation. After parking at Butler Fork it was foot power all the way. The ridge, 1,500 feet above Big Cottonwood Canyon, was a cool spot for a rest break and snack. The saddle between Mount Raymond and Gobbler's Knob was a second stop and chance to view the area. The ridge to the summit still had snow in places which provided solid even footing to contrast with the hard uneven rock. Warm sunshine and a cool breeze on the summit made the hike a summer picnic and gave a leisurely chance to sign in at the mail box. After identifying and enjoying the view of the peaks of Big Cottonwood and Millcreek canyons and beyond, the hike continued beyond the peak along the ridge. The group dropped down a chute and slide down scree onto a snowfield. A huge pine tree torn down by an avalanche and shorn of its branches was the occasion for a group picture. Then it was down the dusty trail to the heat of the canyon and city. It was a hot day of summer but interrupted by the beauty of the mountains so near to the city.

Participants: Bruce Nibley, Dave Way, Dick Bojack, John Van Hook, John Riley, Sam Kingston, Yukio Kachi, and Bob Mitchell.

Mount Nebo— Spanish Fork Peak

Or The Hikers Shell Game

By Milt Hollander

Mt. Nebo was the scheduled hike for July 13, 1980, but the Nebo Loop Road was closed about seven miles out of Payson and also closed from Nephi and Santaquin because of minor construction. It was much too warm and late to attempt the southeast approach by the time this info was assimilated. However, Bill Yates and Cindy Yurth managed to enjoy Nebo's lower east facing snow fields. The remaining 13 hikers substituted Spanish Fork Peak for their destination with John Riley and Lori Webb as guides. The start at 5,700 feet at 10:00 a.m. was warm and enervating.

Flowers and invigorating air of the high bowls and ridges were delightfully rewarding. It was windy and cold on the peak with the threat of rain and lightning imminent.

Fortunately for the listed leader, this hike proved satisfying enough so that at the trail's end he was able to partake of a much appreciated transfusion.

Apparently the Nebo Loop Road is expected to be open for hunting season in October.

Hikers: Bill Yates, Cindy Yurth, Norm Fish, John Van Hook, Dale Green, Horst Holstein, Jerri Barber, Trudy Healy, John Riley, Lori Webb, Phil Berger, Fred Duvall, Joyce Sohler, Brian and Milt Hollander (leader).

From the President

By Mike Treshow

Some time ago I mentioned the opportunity for everyone to get involved in club activities. That's truer now than ever. Whatever your pleasure, we can use your help: kayaking, rafting, hiking, mountaineering and all the rest. We'd really like you to complete the form below and send it in.

The board is especially concerned with the nonparticipation in the lodge renovation work parties. If there's any way in which you think your talents can be used, please let us know. Also, there's plenty of need for those not laden in talent. Come pitch in, make some new friends, and have a fun time doing great deeds.

Along this line, if you do have some special ability, or serve on a community or state board or committee whose activities might be of interest or concern to the WMC, could you let us know that also?

Another point of business you might be interested in was the Life Membership category discussed at our last board meeting. It's now open to active members of the club after 25 years if they've distinguished themselves in one way or another. Do you favor the Life Member designation?

On still a different issue, the board was wondering how many members might be interested in taking a rather intensive first aid course, involving perhaps three evenings. With the ever-present possibility of accidents, it would be a good precaution if as many of us as possible knew what to do in an emergency.

Finally, I want to mention the "mining" activities (panning for gold) in the Lone Peak Wilderness Area. Surprised? So was I. Particularly surprising to some of us, there appears to be nothing illegal about it. There are, however, heavy fines for interfering with the operations.

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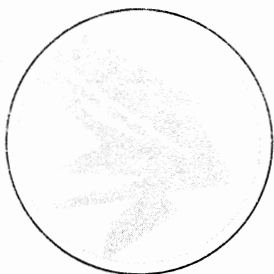
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If you're interested in getting more involved with the club, or just plain helping out a bit to keep us as viable as possible, I hope you'll complete this form and mail it to:

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