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# Wasatch Mountain Club

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

# Club Activities—March 1981

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## Ski Touring, General Comments

- Call 942-4059 for avalanche information.
  - Club equipment--probes, may be borrowed from John Riley, 3639 Palisades Dr., 485-2. Also, a portable toboggan is available.
  - Tour leaders may request you bring shovels, avalanche chords, and pieps as they deem necessary.
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| March 2<br>Monday   | KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. Practice will be held on six consecutive Monday nights, from 8-10:00 p.m., beginning tonight and ending April 6. The pool is located at the Northwest Multi-Purpose Center, 300 North 1300 West. Cost: \$2/person/night. You may come to practice on your own or participate in drills to help develop reaction times and skills. Beginners (never-evers) are welcome but <u>strongly</u> encouraged to take the Beginning Kayaking Class, spring quarter at the University. Questions, call Debbie at 583-5039. |
| March 7<br>Saturday | SILVER FORK SKI TOUR AND TEACH. Rating NTD. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. This is one of the easiest trips in the Wasatch. Beginners instruction for all those who would like it. Please register with leader Norn Fish at 487-0937.  |
| March 8<br>Sunday   | HOYT PEAK. Rating MoD. Meet at the Park City Golf Course at 8:30 a.m. Call leader Lyman Lewis at 1/649-9632 to register.  |
| March 8<br>Sunday   | BRIGHTON TO MIDWAY SKI TOUR. Rating 2,3. MoD. The annual trip to the Homestead for a swim and dinner. To avoid the long car shuttle the ski bus will be used to reach Brighton. Call leader Mike Treshow at 467-1022.   |
| March 8<br>Sunday   | LONE PEAK SKI MOUNTAINEERING. Rating MsD. Any equipment (alpine or Nordic), snowshoes welcome. Ice axe helpful. Tour <u>leaves</u> Draper Corners promptly at 7:00 a.m. Leader Larry Swanson, 278-3269.   |
| March 8<br>Sunday   | BUTLER FORK TO THE DIVIDE SNOWSHOE TOUR. Fine views of Mill A basin from the ridge. Register with leader Joyce Sohler at 487-6536.  |
| March 9<br>Monday   | KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. See details on March 2.  |

Cover: Previous editor John Mason working on his last RAMBLER.  
Photo by Alexis Kelner.

- March 14  
Saturday CATHERINE PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leader Leroy Kuehl, 582-6890.
- March 14  
Saturday CLAYTON PEAK. Rating MoD. Meet leader Chuck Ranney at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon (geology sign) at 8:30 a.m.
- March 14  
Saturday MAYBIRD GULCH - Kelner Style. Rating MsD. Call Alexis at 359-5387 to register.
- March 15  
Sunday DOG LAKE VIA MILL D. Rating NTD. Leader Mike Hendrickson will meet the troops at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon (geology sign) at 9:00 a.m.
- March 15  
Sunday RED PINE LAKE (COTTONWOOD). Rating 3,2 MoD. Meet leader Dick Leining, 583-1616, at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m.
- March 15  
Sunday NAOMI PEAK. Call leader Yukio Kachi at 466-8418.
- March 15  
Sunday WINTER SOCIAL at the home of Jean Garside, 8846 South 1240 East from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dinner and drinks at nominal cost. Phone 561-0332.
- March 16  
Monday KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. See details on March 2.
- March 20-22  
Fri.-Sun. MEMBER WEEKEND AT THE LODGE. \$1.00 per night charge. The lodge director will have a host. For information, call Tom Silberstorf at 359-5310.
- March 21  
Saturday LOWER MINERAL FORK SKI TOUR AND TEACH. Rating NTD. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. This is another of the Wasatch's easiest trips. Beginner's instruction for all who would like it. Please register with leader Norm Fish at 487-0937.
- March 21  
Saturday HONEYCOMB FORK. Rating MoD. Meet leader Dennis Zwang, 571-8020, at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Two club trips are meeting here at this time so be sure to get the right one.
- March 21  
Saturday SKI TRIP. Exploratory trip to the LaSal Mountains southeast of Moab. Rating somewhere between MsD and MUD depending on the weather. Register by the 18th by calling Haftey Hafterson in Ogden at 1/479-5739.
- Mar. 22-27  
Sun.-Fri. MEMBERS WEEK AT THE LODGE. All members will be invited to use the Lodge from Sunday to Friday. This week corresponds with spring break for many of the colleges. Call Richard Conn at 363-6035.
- March 22  
Sunday SNAKE CREEK PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leader Joyce Sohler, 487-6536.
- March 22  
Sunday PARK CITY RED PINE. Rating MoD. Call Lyman Lewis in Park City at 1/649-9632 to register. Plan on meeting at the Park City Golf Course Club House at 9:00 a.m.

- March 22  
Sunday  
DESERET PEAK. Rating NLY (No Leader Yet) and MsD. If you would like to change the NLY rating or just go along on the MsD part, register by calling Andy White at 484-5158.
- March 23  
Monday  
KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. See details on March 2.
- March 28  
Saturday  
SCOTT'S PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leader Larry Hoskins, 268-9122.
- March 28  
Saturday  
LITTLE WATER GULCH. Rating MoD. Call Danny Thomas at 561-5667 to register.
- March 28  
Saturday  
MT. RAYMOND. Rating MsD. Leader needed. Call Andy White at 484-5158 to register or volunteer.
- March 28  
Saturday  
KINGS PEAK. Rating MsD. Snow and weather are always big variables. Outstanding success last year. 12-16-hour day but relatively easy going. Register with Larry Swanson at 278-3269.
- March 29  
Sunday  
CECRET LAKE/ALBION BASIN. Rated on the high side of NTD by the leader. Meet her, Theresa Overfield, at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon (geology sign) at 9:30 a.m.
- March 29  
Sunday  
DESOLATION LAKE. Rating MoD. Call leader Charlie Hall at 277-1555 to register.
- March 29  
Sunday  
WINTER SOCIAL at the home of Pat Peebles, 961 East 5650 South, downstairs. Dinner and refreshments for nominal fee, from 5 until 9:00 p.m. Phone 266-7257.
- March 30  
Monday  
KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. See details on March 2.
- March 31  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.  
BEGINNERS RAFTING CLASS. All inexperienced members interested in rafting rivers with the club this year must attend the class if you have not done so in previous years. We will discuss equipment, rules, rafting techniques, etc. The class will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Blvd. (back door). If you have any questions, call Kerry Amerman or Chuck Ranney. There will be a charge of \$1.00 per person.
- April 3-5  
Fri.night-Sun.  
RUBY MOUNTAINS SKI TOUR. Dwight Nicholson's annual exploratory trip to Nevada's Ruby Mountains. This year's approach is planned to be from the southeast. Call Dwight to register at 583-6054.
- April 4  
Saturday  
LOWER DAY'S FORK. Rating NTD to MoD. Call leader Jim Byrne at 582-5631 for time, place, and reassurance of snow.
- April 4  
Saturday  
ALTA-BRIGHTON-ALTA VIA CATHERINE'S PASS AND GRIZZLY GULCH. Rating MoD. Meet at the geology sign in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Call Steve Summers at 484-9022 AFTER 6:00 p.m. if you have questions.

- April 5  
Sunday FOUNDERS'S DAY CELEBRATION GOURMET TOUR. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at the geology sign at 9:00 a.m. Bring your old Heads with Cubco bindings, vacuum cleaner bag style ski pants and any other remnants of bygone touring days to help celebrate 15 years of Gourmet touring. Those uncomfortable skiing back down on truffle covered spring snow may want to bring a pair of snowshoes for the return trip.
- April 5  
Sunday TWIN LAKES PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leader Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.
- April 6  
Monday KAYAK POOL PRACTICE. See details on March 2.
- April 6  
Monday CYCLISTS! All you Tuesday morning quarterbacks come and tell us how to do it better this year. FIRST MONDAY NITE BIKE & BURP (no bikes allowed - only good ideas). Meet at PANDO's, 500 East 300 South, at 7:00 p.m. For additional information, call Ilka at 355-2057 or 486-2471 (work).
- April 11  
Saturday BRIGHTON-TWIN LAKES-SILVER FORK via Charlie Keller. Rating MsD, probably, but you're never really sure til you get there. Meet at the geology sign in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Questions, call 467-3960.
- April 12  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. RAFTING WORK PARTY. Put on your grubbies and help check out the rafts. We expect those who want to raft this year to come and lend a hand. Location: The Storage Center, 4317 South 300 West, Unit #214. In case of rain or snow, this event will be postponed until one week later (April 19), same time and place. Questions, call Kerry Amerman or Chuck Ranney.
- April 17-19  
Fri.-Sun. SKI TRIP. It's Easter weekend and John Veranth wants to go somewhere. Start dusting off your Wyoming maps and watch for details in next month's Rambler.
- May 23-27  
Memorial Day Weekend  
June 1981 GRAND CANYON OUTING TO PHANTOM RANCH. Clint Lewis leader. See write-up elsewhere in this issue of the Rambler.
- MT. MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK EXPEDITION. Possible objectives include ski mountaineering on the Ruth Glacier, an extended backpack in the foothills of the Alaska Range and day trips from the park road for the less adventurous. Interested club members should contact the leader during February to discuss costs, logistics, and alternatives so that the extent of interest can be determined and more definite plans made. Call leader John Veranth at 278-5826.

# Memorial Day in Grand Canyon

Clint Lewis is planning an outing to the Grand Canyon over Memorial Day weekend. He has reservations for five men and four women at Phantom Ranch dormitories. There are no other openings for overnight in the Canyon. His schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, May 23    Hiking in Zion Park. Spend night in Zion or vicinity.
- Sunday, May 24      Travel from Zion to South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Camp at South Rim or vicinity.
- Monday, May 25      Hike from South Rim to Phantom Ranch via South Kaibab Trail. Stay overnight at Phantom Ranch dormitory.
- Tuesday, May 26     Hike Phantom Ranch to South Rim via Bright Angel Trail. Stay overnight at South Rim or vicinity.
- Wednesday, May 27   Return to Salt Lake City.

If interested get in touch with Clint Lewis at 295-8645 as soon as possible since an advance deposit is required to hold the reservations he has for Phantom Ranch.



## SPECIAL NOTE



Revising the Constitution proved a lengthy task! Audrey's slides have been postponed to Sunday evening, April 12, at the Kelners' spacious house (if they get the Jeep out of the living room). Watch for details in the April Rambler.

For those who can't make that date, come to Mike Treshow's Thursday, March 19, 7:30 PM, BYOL and munchies.

# Cross Country Skier Parking Bill

By Dave Hanscom

Over the past few years, there has been considerable conflict over the use of trailhead parking facilities that are plowed out for snowmobilers. Snow machine registration fees are used to pay for plowing these areas and for grooming trails for their use. Cross country skiers are using these parking areas in increasing numbers, much to the snowmobilers' chagrin.

The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation has been considering the possibility of closing these parking areas to anyone but snowmobilers. In order to prevent this from being necessary, Senator Francis Farley and Senator Richard Carling have sponsored a bill in the Utah Senate (SB124) which would set up a program similar to ones in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington to establish a series of "Winter Recreational Parking Areas" throughout the state. These would include the areas presently plowed for snowmobilers, as well as other locations that are used primarily by cross country skiers.

Anyone using one of these areas would be required to purchase a permit, which would be displayed in the car. The permit would cost no more than \$5.00, with the money being used for plowing and maintaining trailhead facilities. Anyone purchasing a snowmobile registration could get a parking permit as part of that fee.

If you support this program, please call your Senator today to encourage him to vote in favor of SB124. The vote could occur within a week. The number to call to leave a message for your Senator is 533-5701; when the bill gets to the House, call 533-5801.



# Kayaking

By Debbie Carlson

**Beginners.** Those people wishing to start kayaking this summer are strongly encouraged to take the Elementary Kayaking class at the University of Utah spring quarter. This class is offered on Tuesdays 6-8:00 p.m., Thursdays 6-8:00 p.m., or Thursdays 8-10:00 p.m. Register through the Division of Continuing Education on or after March 3, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Room 1180 in the Annex Building (farthest east of the Special Events Center). Spring quarter begins March 30.

The Club does not have the equipment nor facilities available to properly instruct beginners. Kayaking can be very frustrating to someone who, prior to kayaking a river, has spent little or no time in a pool learning and practicing basic techniques.

**Pool Practice.** All kayakers, beginners through expert as well as those just interested, are invited. Please refer to the calendar for details. The cost (\$2.00 per person per night) has been changed since February's issue of The Rambler because I could not obtain a fee waiver for the use of the pool. The participation and support of club kayakers is necessary to make these sessions possible for all six weeks. We unfortunately do not have the funds to subsidize this program so when the money is gone so are the pool sessions.

Everyone wanting to use the pool should bring his own boat or arrange to borrow one ahead of time. We want to maximize our pool time and get our money's worth in the two hours given. If you can't get a boat, come anyway and perhaps some kind soul will lend you his kayak.

Another difficulty will be getting our boats into the pool area. We can no longer go through the pool office as before. We will have to pass our kayaks over a fence into a porch area outside the pool and then inside. If everyone arrives between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. we will have enough time and people to get this done before the pool will be turned over to us at 8:00 p.m. The fenced-in porch is located on the north side of the pool.

**Permits.** Don't forget to apply for as many as possible and do so as soon as you can. Also, as permits come in let me know so we can start planning. Even if you don't feel capable of leading a trip or kayaking a river - apply anyway! I have addresses if you need them.

# Sagebrush Rebellion

By Cal Osburn

We Utahns are blessed with vast vistas and scenic splendor. Ours is a life and lifestyle inextricably tied to large tracts of public land - public not private land; public lands administered by the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. Unfortunately for all too many of us, ours is a life of hiking and camping, climbing and skiing, without a commitment to the land that sustains these activities. It is now incumbent to make that commitment, for it is a dark and desperate time. Shrouded in the moral rectitude of "states rights", a multiplicity of mining, timber, grazing, and real estate interests are vying for our public lands. They call it a so-called Sagebrush Rebellion. But it is in fact a ripoff - a thievery of our lands. The land in question includes the Escalante drainage and Grand Gulch, the High Uintas and the Wasatch Mountains. Yes, the Wasatch, the lifeblood of the club. To lose our public lands is to lose the *raison d'être* of the Wasatch Mountain Club. We must love this land or lose it. It is imperative that we write our Utah Congressional delegation, members of the Utah legislature, the governor of the state, and our local newspapers and vehemently protest this ill-conceived transfer of public lands to the states and private ownership. We must reaffirm our ownership of this natural heritage.

Contact: Calvin Osburn, Save Our Public Lands - Utah, 1304 South 1400 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105; 582-7944.

Governor Scott M. Matheson  
Office of the Governor  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

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5121 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Congressman Jim Hansen or Dan Marriot  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

# From the President

By Mike Treshow

CONGRATULATIONS new Board members! Newly elected at the general membership meeting were: Kerry Amerman, Rafting; Pete Hovingh, Conservation; Teresa Farr and Larry Hoskins, Entertainment; Sherie Pater, Membership; Tom Silberstorf, Lodge; Lew Hitchner, Mountaineering; Wick Miller, Ski Touring; Debbie Carlson, Kayaking; Donna Snow, Publications; and Karin Caldwell, Trustee.

In a lively and spirited meeting filled with diverse opinions, the WMC membership approved the Constitution revisions as amended at the meeting. The main change is that we now have one Governing Board. It consists of the Directors plus one of the Trustees. The approved Constitution will be published in the April Rambler for your information and records. The Bylaws have not been changed, but your new Board will review these to make certain that they're consistent with the Constitution.

The Articles of Incorporation were altered largely by deleting any reference to dues. This Amendment will be filed with the of State as required.

The 1980 Pa Parry award was given to Dennis Caldwell at the Nominations Banquet for his instrumental role in promoting successfully the Lone Peak Wilderness Area. Being a Board member at the time, he was ineligible. Congratulations, Dennis!

Regrets to Audrey Stevens and the members who had hoped to see her slides of Annapurna and the WMC in Africa. The Business Meeting lasted until 10:40, so there just wasn't time. But the presentation was only postponed. Look forward to mid-April at the Keiner's.

# Red Cross Canoeing Class

A beginner's canoeing class will be offered this spring if there are enough participants. The classes will cover safety, paddling techniques, equipment and on-the-water experience. Classes are limited to club members, 16 and over, with some swimming ability necessary. Cost of the classes is \$20.00, which includes a manual, but does not include equipment. The course will consist of four evening sessions and two river sessions. If you are interested, call Mary Manley at 277-6307 (5-10:00 p.m.) or 250-5911, Ext. 2322 (work) before March 25. The exact scheduling will be arranged later.

## Canoeing Meeting

Efforts are being made to establish a canoeing program for the Mountain Club. If you wish to participate in scheduling and leading trips, please attend a planning session on March 25, 1981, 7:30 p.m. at 3631 South 2300 East, Salt Lake City. We will discuss possible trips and set up a tentative schedule for the coming year. If you plan to attend, please call Mary Manley at 277-6307 (5-10:00 p.m.) or 250-5911, Ext. 2322 (work). If you are interested but cannot make the meeting, please call and leave your name so we can contact you.

# TRIP Talk talk talk talk ta

## Scotts Pass

By Bob Woody

The day was lovely. So was the snow. It also was dangerous. Too much avalanche danger said leaders Kermit and Marilyn Earle of the scheduled Wolverine Peak ski tour.

We would go to Scott's Pass, a relatively easy and safe trip.

It was not only easy, but short. We had left the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:45 a.m. for the Scott's Pass start just off the Solitude parking lot.

By 11:00 a.m. we were at the pass, nuzzled under a few trees below the crest to get out of the chill wind.

Hunkering down on upturned skis, we broke out lunches. The sun was dazzling out of the deep blue. But it could not drive off the chill that crept through jackets, gloves and boots.

In a half an hour, Kermit decided we had to move - up the ridge toward Jupiter Peak, then down through a broad meadow to the first switchback of the Guardsman's Pass road.

That sounded good to most of us. But Betty Gooch, a downhill skier out for the first time on cross country skis, yielded to the recommendations of Marilyn that they should let well enough alone and ski down the trail.

In a series of lazy traverses, we kick turned our way up the ridge - through powder at first then into wind driven slab. Finally, the crest and a full panorama of the Wasatch Peaks of Big Cottonwood crisp and sharp. To the east, the Uintas lay under a blanket of snow clouds.

It was all beautiful - and cold. An insistent chill wind discouraged lingering.

We headed down the peak, then in to the unbroken powder of the meadow.

Some reached the switchback sooner than others. The later arrivals - Bernard Begue, son Michael, Kennita Shew and Bob Woody - accepted the word of a passing snowmobiler that the group had taken a side trail back toward Scott's Pass.

That led to a detour and a venture described by Bernard as "full of Terror and sudden stops."

By the time the lost sheep got to the base, it was a half hour after the rest of the flock had arrived. They had made good time - even snowshoer Clint Lewis.

It could not have been past 2:00 p.m. We critiqued our venture. Kermit had seen a hawk cruising under the radar no more than three feet over the contour of the snow.

An unexpected member burst out of the Aspen. It was Elmer Boyd, on snowshoes, having taken over leadership of the Clayton Peak snowshoe tour for Larry Hoskins. But nobody had showed for the tour. So, he made the Scott's Pass trip by himself.

Marilyn reported that Betty Gooch had performed some formidable telemarks.

Leslie Petrick showed some homemade climbers fashioned of strips of mohair sewn to nylon and affixed to the ski by a link of bent coathanger wire at the tip and semi-sticky cement along the length of ski side of the climber.

Those with Saturday afternoon chores to complete headed down the canyon. Kermit, Marilyn, Betty, Bob, Leslie and Clint chatted over a couple of pitchers of beer at Solitude, then boarded Kermit's Volks bus for the trip to the base.

Participants: Kermit and Marilyn Earle, Lou Melini, Leslie Russon, John Van Hook, Kennita Shew, Clint Lewis, Leslie Petrick, John Riley, Larry Larkin, Bernard Begue and sons Tim and Michael, Betty Gooch and Bob Woody.

## Days Fork

By Bob Woody

Ten showed for the Day's Fork tour January 17.

Newcomer Tom Foster enjoyed instant acclaim and popularity when he offered his van as transport from the mouth of Big Cottonwood to the starting point in the Spruces.

On advice of our leader Emily Hall, we walked up the steep narrow pitch that is the first part of the trail.

Thereafter, the trail leveled off to a reasonable grade that put little stress on achilles tendons.

With the temperature near 30 degrees, the snow was perverse. No wax seemed to work. Some were plagued with snow balling up under the bindings, other with snow pack between shoe sole and ski.

Emily wisely put on homemade skins.

In a meadow, about half way up, Peter Hansen demonstrated remarkably able telemarks. This was in snow that was a trifle stiff. Bravo.

He also did a little backward skiing. Chuck Ranney did some forward skiing, engaging Peter in a sort of pas-de-deux of skinny skis.

The climb was pleasant enough - with Ilka Allers up front discussing Family Health Programs and Mike Treshow and Marilyn Tueller bringing up the rear.

By midday, we had gathered in the lovely bowl at the head of the canyon. Brave talk, however, of climbing the bowl to gaze down into Alta had become subdued. For by the time we had eaten, we had found ourselves damp and cold. Clouds and snow denied any sensual sunning.

Only Bob Klimaj, with sleeping pad strapped on his back, had come for comfort.

The walk up had been modestly difficult.

Going down would have to claim a most difficult rating. Upper level snow was decent enough, but bushwhacking around steeper parts of the trail was a bit of a terror.

Those who had been damp ended up being soggy after several falls.

Hank Winauer and Bob Woody served as rear guard on the retreat.

## Bryce Canyon

By Rich Clawson

Since coming to Utah I have had two memorable first encounters, the first being Fantasia and the second Bryce Canyon. Nature must have its own Buena-Vista Productions.

The Bryce trip was arranged by John Veranth as a weekend ski tour. Unfortunately there was only enough snow to decorate the spires and not enough to accommodate the valley floor, so we hiked through Fantasia instead. The weather was just right and we were the only people there.

The next morning the group decided to move on to Cedar Breaks and get in a little touring, however the snow was not the best. But everytime we came upon that ridge the view more than compensated the snow conditions.

The tour included Audrey Stephens, Mike Treshow, Steve Negler, Larry Hoskins, Ruth Holland, Werner Huck, Chuck Ranney, John and Martha Veranth, Gus Abt, Ronda Crist, Bea Layton, Linda Hill, Dianne Dick, and Jerry Weixler. I would like to thank these folks for giving me a fine introduction to southern Utah and to the WMC.

## Valentine Joy

Saturday, February 14, three different groups met at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. One, the gung-ho ridge runners (XC skiers) led by Theresa Overfield, the lower Mineral Fork tricky ski group and the Gourmet Lake Snowshoe dogs, led by the fun-loving Ray Joy. I chose the latter.

The trail was short but well covered by a long string of snowshoers, eager to share the delectable delights.

Before the packers were down at Dog Lake, hot wine warmed chilled toes and fingers. The rum balls were rolling before the last pack was open. A tarp was erected and clothing removed, with discretion of course. I realized I had picked the right nip or trip.

The red tablecloth and candle were laid out but sleet expired the guiding light, not the spirits. Greek wine, smoked oysters, cheese and crackers, stuffed eggs, cookies, nuts and upside-down eggs, washed with ruby red wine.

Three XC skiers ventured by and joined the festival and later skied away for greater heights and application to the WMC.

Chocolate ice cream cones cooled hot bodies followed by cherry turnovers with hot lemon sauce. Even sensuous music was provided but was terminated by a weak battery.

As we waved goodbye and set off into the sunset, the last of the homemade Kahlua was downed. All arrived at the cars, from the north, south, east and west, safely but disoriented. All agreed, it was fun and to bring food next year.

Note: All incidents were exaggerated and no last names were given - Bonnie, Elvin, Ann, George, Karin, Larry, Earl, Jerry and Joy.

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