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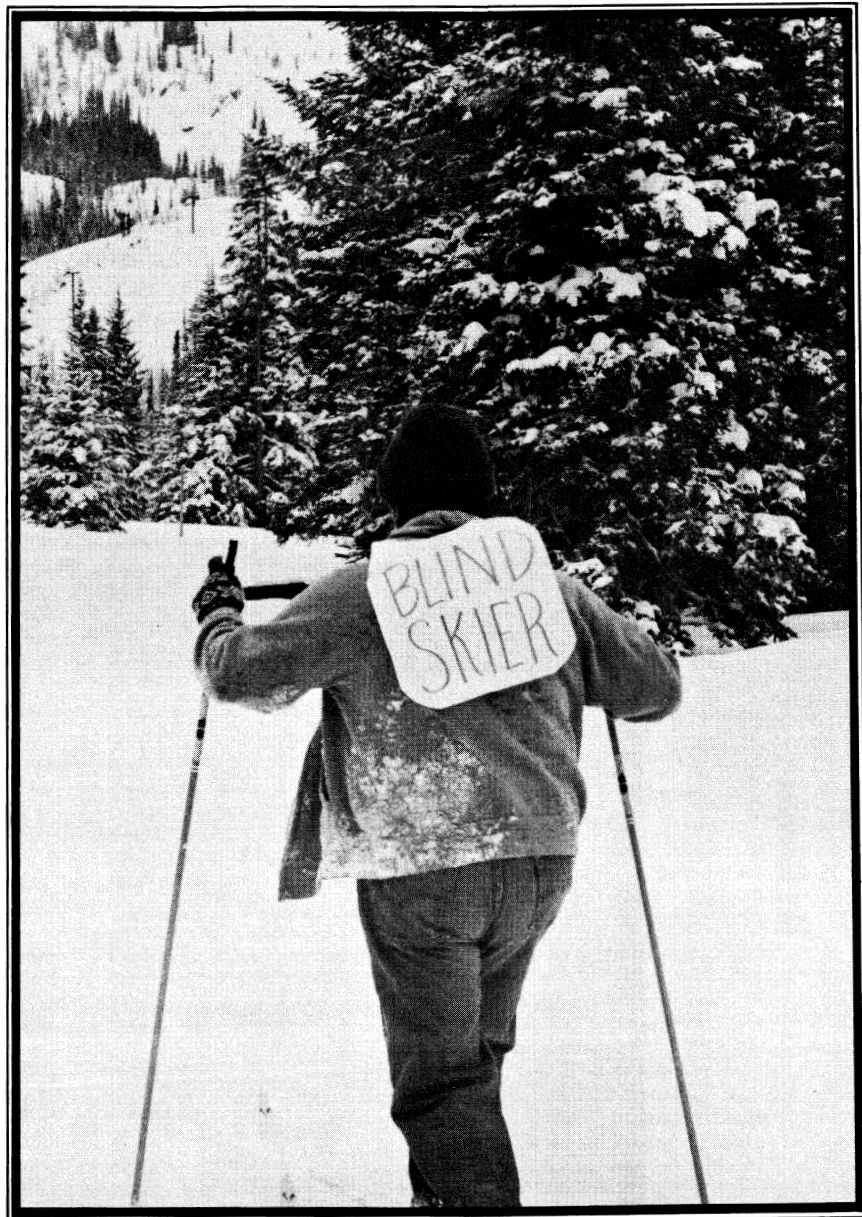
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EDITORIAL COMMENTS
BY EARL COOK

I, and the Rambler staff wish all WMC members Happy Holidays and a Grand New Year. In the spirit of holiday giving the WMC has made a monetary donation to an organization called S'PLORE. This is an organization for allowing the disabled person to also enjoy the outdoors. I hope WMC members individually will give support to this worthwhile program. (See Mike Budig's article in this Rambler for more information.)

I am hoping to upgrade the Rambler more next year by having staff photographers and writers to cover some of the WMC activities not well-enough covered this year. Those of you who have photographic and writing skills, please volunteer to help us out and display those skills to the club.

Earl Cook

WMC BOARD MEETING REPORT
BY JANET FRIEND

The following items were discussed at the November Board Meeting:

A letter opposing the nuclear waste dump near Canyonland NP was sent to Senator Udall from the WMC.

A contribution of \$600 was given to S'PLORE for purchase of snow sleds for their handicapped person outdoor program.

The boating storage move has been postponed until the spring.

A profit for the club of \$128 was realized from the sale of WMC t-shirts. Marge Denton will be sent a letter of thanks from the WMC for her hard work on this project.

The Lodge floor did not get refinished as planned and will be done next year.

The annual avalanche course is planned for January 5 and will be open to the general public.

Recorded music will be used in place of the expense of live bands in the majority of future club parties.

Five additional lanterns will be purchased for lighting the approach route to the Lodge, and a new coffee pot will replace the one recently "lost".

Winter socials will begin in January and will be held on alternate weekends. This year they will not all be held in member's homes, but some will be held in the Marmelade Hill Center. The first will be a pot-luck dinner and slide show on January 6 at the Center.

The annual Nomination Banquet will be held on February 9 this year.

There were 14 new members approved this month.

There have been 160 new members in the last 8 months.

The Board of Directors passed the By-laws change as published in the September Rambler regarding the deletion of the Kayak Director and placing Kayak, Raft and Canoe Coordinators under a Boating Director. This will go into effect in the 1985-86 fiscal year.

The Rambler and WMC want to welcome the following new club members:

Jay Abramowitz	Raymond Daurelle	Rose Novak
Elaine Abramowitz	Mark Holt	Dan Navarro
Charlene Crompton	Bill Kingsley	Jan Rawson
Michael Potter	Rebecca Widerhouse	Molly Molberg

We hope you will enjoy our club activities and we will look forward to meeting you. Please feel free to volunteer to help where you can.

WESTERN PARTY

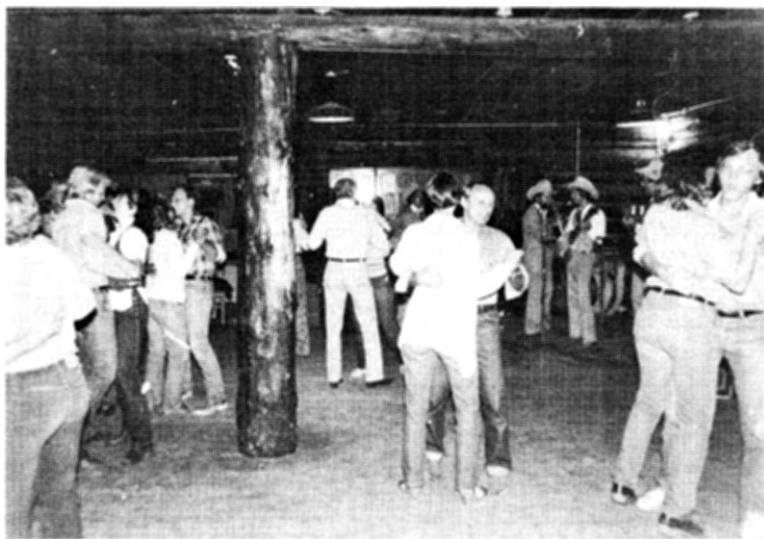
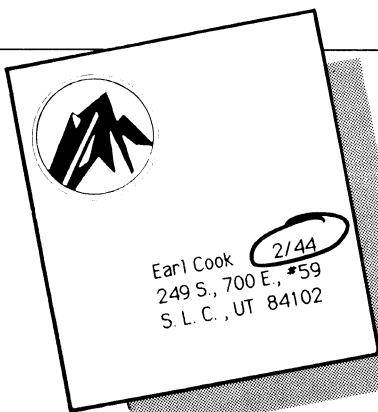


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CLUB ACTIVITIES BY CATEGORY FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY
(See the chronological listing for details)

SKI TOURS

December			January		
1	Greens Basin (ntd)	16	Lead. Choice (mod/msd)	1	Lead. Choice (ntd)
1	Upper Red Pine (mod)	16	Silver Fork (ntd)	5	Maj Evans Gl (msd)
2	Alta-Brigh.-Alta (mod)	22	Red Pine (mod)	5	Willow Lake (ntd)
2	Lowe Silver Fk (ntd)	22	Cardiff (ntd)	5	Wolver. Bowl (mod)
8	Mill "F" Flat (ntd)	23	Maybird Lakes (msd)	6	Clayton Pk (mod)
8	Reynolds Peak (mod)	23	Dog Lake (ntd)	6	Mineral Fk (ntd)
9	Little Water (mod)	25	Beartrap (mod)	6	Willow Pk (msd)
9	Tuscarora-Wolv. (msd)	29	Desolation Lk (mod)	6	Catherine Ps (mod)
9	Lower White Pine (ntd)	29	Deseret Peak (msd)	13	Box Elder (msd)
15	Upper Greens Bas (mod)	30	Lower Days Fk (ntd)	13	Scotts Pass (ntd)
15	Silver Fork (msd)	30	Park City (mod)		
16	Mt. Raymond (msd)				

OVERNIGHTS

December
13-17 Yellowstone National Park

SNOWSHOEING

December			January		
1	White Fur Pass	22	Lower White Pine	1	Little Beacon
9	Greens Basin	29	Dog Lake	5	Broads Fork
16	Little Water Peak	30	Bear Trap	6	Snake Creek

SOCIALS

December		January		February	
15	Yule Lodge Party	6	Winter Social	9	Nomination Banq.
21-30	Open Lodge	20	Winter Social		

AVALANCHE COURSE (January 12)

VOLLEYBALL (Tuesdays)

December 4 and 11 only; January 8, 15, 22, 29

SKI TOURING

For the Ski Tours NTD (not too difficult) is basically a beginner trip, but you should be able to get into your own equipment and out. Also, you should be able to do a kick turn. MOD (more difficult) are intermediate in distance and elevation. But you should check with the leader for terrain and skiing ability that will be required. MSD (most difficult) will be the longest and the most elevation gain. They will also include many different snow conditions and requiring you to be able to handle all of these conditions. If you are not sure of your ability or terrain, check with the leader, keep in mind he or she has the responsibility to look out for the safety of the group and refuse anyone to go if he or she feels you are not qualified.

CLUB ACTIVITIES DECEMBER

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC Director can be listed in the Club Activities section of the Rambler. Send your proposed activity, for approval, to the hiking, rafting, skiing, etc. director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Those activities sent directly to the Rambler, without approval, will not be published.

NOTICE: VOLLEYBALL. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the women's gym at South High School (1700 South State). \$1.00 to cover costs. This month on December 4 and 11 only. Call Tom Silberstorf, 467-5734 for info.

- Sat. Dec 1 GREEN'S BASIN SKI TOUR. Ntd. This tour has become a great favorite at any time of year. Mike Hendrickson, 942-1476, will meet you at 9 o'clock at the geological sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sat. Dec 1 UPPER RED PINE SKI TOUR. Mod. There are some beautiful slopes around and down from Upper Red Pine lakes. Pieps and shovel recommended. Just follow Peter Hansen, 359-2040, and you'll have a great time. At 9 o'clock at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sat. Dec 1 WHITE FIR PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. This is one of the few snowshoe tours possible in Mill Creek Canyon, and leads through beautiful forest. Shelly Hyde, 583-0974, will swing his ice axe at you at Bagle Nosh, Olympus Hill Plaza, at 9 a.m.
- Sun. Dec 2 LOWER SILVER FORK SKI TOUR. Ntd. Good trails and pretty meadows make this a fun trip. Norm Fish, 964-6155 will meet you at 9 at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sun. Dec 2 ALTA-BRIGHTON-ALTA SKI TOUR. Mod. If two trips in one are your dish, this trip is for you. Pieps and shovel wouldn't hurt. Follow Bob Myers, 278-3214, up and down and up and down. Meeting place, mouth of Big Cottonwood. Time, 8:30 a.m.
- Sat. Dec 8 TRAILS AND SLOPES NORTH OF MILL F FLAT SKI TOUR. Ntd. As a snowshoe tour (Nov. 17) the same trip is called "East of Willow Heights". Variety is the spice of life, or "What's in a name?" Beware! Part of the trail is steep and narrow. Meet Trudy Healy, 943-2290, at 9:30 at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sat. Dec 8 REYNOLDS PEAK SKI TOUR. Mod. Hit the powder on the north of Reynolds. Super! You'll find Oscar Robison, 943-8500 at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9 o'clock.

- Sun. Dec 9 LOWER WHITE PINE SKI TOUR. Ntd. This trip will go to one of those scenic avalanche meadows. The road has been widened and graded for work at the dam, so it should be a bit easier to ski than in the past. Your HAM connection, Dick Leining, 583-1616, will meet you at 8:30 at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sun. Dec 9 LITTLE WATER SKI TOUR. Mod. This beautiful tour goes from Mill D North over Little Water Peak into Mill Creek. There are some fun slopes and bit of bush too. Meet the Ski Touring Director, George Westbrook, 942-6071, at Bagle Nosh at Olympus Hill plaza at 8:30.
- Sun. Dec 9 TUSCARORA-WOLVERINE SKI TOUR. Msd. An excellent and interesting mountain tour with a steep descent to Lake Martha. Pieps and shovel required. Meet Gale Dick, 359-5764, at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. Dec 9 GREEN'S BASIN SNOWSHOE TOUR. Scene of past gourmet tours and hikes, this is a great favorite. Sherie Pater, 278-6661, will host this one. You'll see her at 9:30 at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Thurs-Mon
Dec 13-17 YELLOWSTONE. This will be a chance to see the geyser basins around the Old Faithful area and to do some fantastic ski touring in the area. As a general rule, there are more animals out in the winter than summer, the tourists are the most abundant animal in the summer, so bring a camera. Call George Westbrook for details 942-6071.
- Sat. Dec 15 UPPER GREENS BASIN TOUR. MOD. Tour will go to Greens Basin and beyond depending on conditions and the group. Greens Basin is located East of the Spruces and behind the town of Silver Fork. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Jim Piani, 943-8607. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.
- Sat. Dec 15 SCOTTS PASS TOUR. Ntd. An easy tour to the lakes above the Brighton Ski Area. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Tom Silberstorf, 467-5734.
- Sat. Dec 15 BRIGHTON TO SILVER FORK OR DAYS FORK TOUR. Msd. This tour will go up the Brighton Ski Area and across the ridge to either Silver Fork or if conditions permit, Days Fork. Peeps and shovels suggested. REGISTER with the John Mason, 943-6535.
- Sat. Dec 15 YULE PARTY at the Lodge. Pot luck dinner and dancing to recorded music. Bring your best effort at a home made Christmas Tree Ornament. Prizes for those judged best. The \$2.00 door charge includes the \$1.00 per person Lodge use fee.
- Sun. Dec 16 LITTLE WATER PEAK SNOWSHOE TOUR. This peak with its scenic view lies between Big Cottonwood and Mill Creek, and is reached via Dog Lake. The total ascent is 2,200 feet. John Veranth, 278-5826, will meet you at 9 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.

- Sun. Dec 16 MT. RAYMOND VIA BUTLER FORK DOWN PORTER FORK TOUR. Msd. Tour will go up Butler Fork in Big Cottonwood and return by Porter Fork into Millcreek Canyon. Register with the Caldwells, 942-6065.
- Sun. Dec 16 LEADERS CHOICE TOUR. Mod/Msd. Register with Milt Hollander, 277-1416.
- Sun. Dec 16 SILVER FORK TO MINE TOUR. Ntd. Trail starts at the Solitude Ski Area, heading west along a road, past summer cabins, then up into the canyon about 1/2 mile to a mine. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Chris Swanson, 359-3159.
- Fri-Sun Dec 21-30 OPEN LODGE - will be open for use by members during the Christmas holidays. Call host Ron Healey for details, 942-0572.
- Sat. Dec 22 RED PINE TOUR. Mod. Red Pine Lake is located in Little Cottonwood a little west of the Snowbird Ski Area. Tour will start at the White Pine parking lot. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Harold Goecheritz, 272-6205.
- Sat. Dec 22 CARDIFF TOUR. Ntd. Beat the snowmobilers to an excellent basin area. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Leader is Roger Foltz, 487-0945.
- Sat. Dec 22 LOWER WHITE PINE SNOWSHOE TOUR. We follow the road up to a spectacular basin. An easy tour. Be at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:30 a.m. Trudy Healy, 943-2290.
- Sun. Dec 23 MAYBIRD LAKES TOUR. Msd. Maybird is located in one of the side canyons below and west of Snowbird. Peeps and shovels required. Leader, Larry Larkin, 521-0416. Register.
- Sun. Dec 23 DOG LAKE TOUR. Lake is located in Big Cottonwood north of The Spruces Campground. Trail starts a little down canyon from The Spruces. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Auther Griffin, 363-1996.
- Tues. Dec 25 BEARTRAP TOUR. Mod. Leader needed. Call Norm Fish 964-6155 or George Westbrook 942-6071 if you wish to go on this tour and/or lead it.
- Sat. Dec 29 DESOLATION LAKE TOUR. Mod. Tour starts down canyon from The Spruces Campground in Big Cottonwood and goes north near Dog Lake, then heads east along somewhat flat terrain to the lake. Leader is Jim Byrne, 582-5631. Register.
- Sat. Dec 29 DESERET PEAK TOUR. Msd. Register with George Westbrook, 942-6071.

- Sat. Dec 29 DOG LAKE SNOWSHOE TOUR. This old favorite will be led by the old favorite, Art Whitehead, 484-7460, who will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9 a.m.
- Sun. Dec 30 BEAR TRAP FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR. This is one of our longer tours, but well worth the effort. Meet Leader Joyce Sohler, 487-6536, at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9 a.m.
- Sun. Dec 30 LOWER DAYS FORK TOUR. Ntd. Trail starts in The Spruces Campground and will go up the side canyon as far as the group wishes. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Peter Hansen, 359-2040.
- Sun. Dec 30 LEADERS CHOICE TOUR. Msd. Peeps and shovels required. Register with Ken Kelley, 942-7730.
- Sun. Dec 30 PARK CITY TOUR. Mod. Tour will go to the saddle above Bonanza Flats. Meet at Bob's house 222 Holiday Curve, Park City at 10:00. Phone 649-1228. Leader Bob Wright.
- Tues. Jan 1 LITTLE BEACON SNOWSHOE TOUR. This Beacon is the short one, about one hour up. Start the New Year right, and meet Shelly Hyde, 583-0974, at the east end of the Hogle Zoo parking lot at a convenient 10:30 a.m.
- Tues. Jan 1 HANG-OVER TOUR. dtn. Meet Wick Miller at the crack of noon to follow his nose somewhere in the Wasatch. Skis, boots, poles and aspirin required. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 12:00 p.m. Leader is Wick Miller, 583-5160.
- Sat. Jan 5 MAJOR EVANS GULCH TOUR. Msd. Up and over the top and down into the American Fork side. Peeps and shovels required. Register with Gale Dick.
- Sat. Jan 5 BROADS FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR. This tour leads to an overwhelming vista. Doug Stark, 277-8538, will meet you at 9 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sat. Jan 5 WILLOW LAKE TOUR. Ntd. Trail starts at the town of Silver Fork and goes north to a small lake between Dog Lake and Desolation Lake. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Oscar Robison, 943-8500.
- Sat. Jan 5 WOLVERINE BOWL TOUR. Mod. Tour will go up near the Brighton Ski area to the bowl at Wolverine. Peeps and shovels required. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Lauren Holland, 467-8645.
- Sun. Jan 6 CLAYTON PEAK RIDGE TOUR. Mod. Tour to scenic ridge between Guardsman Pass and Brighton. Meet near the geology sign

- at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leaders are Charles and Emily Hall, 277-1555.
- Sun. Jan 6 MINERAL FORK TO MINE TOUR. Ntd. Tour starts in Big Cottonwood and goes south up into a picturesque basin. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Norm Fish, 964-6155.
- Sun. Jan 6 WILLOW PEAK TOUR. Msd. Register with Dave Morris and Theresa Overfield, 583-4508.
- Sun. Jan 6 MOONLITE TOUR. Mod. Albion basin to Catherine Pass. Leaves at 7:00 p.m. Register with George Westbrook, 942-6071.
- Sun. Jan 6 SNAKE CREEK PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. Watch the downhillers whiz by in the newly developed Snake Creek lift area. Help leader Leo Fontaine, 566-2532, find the prettiest bunnies. Meet at 9 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sun. Jan 6 FIRST WINTER SOCIAL - Marmalade Hill Center. Pot luck dinner and slide show, 6 p.m.
- Sat. Jan 12 AVALANCHE COURSE, 8:30 a.m. Open to members and the general public. Zions Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Drive. Nominal donation for attendees. Bring a lunch and outdoor clothing for the afternoon field practice up the canyons.
- Sun. Jan 13 SNOWSHOE TOUR. Leader's choice. Depending on conditions, a possibility is Days Fork. Register with Sue Gardner-Berg, 533-8185.
- Sun. Jan 13 BOX ELDER TOUR. Msd. Peeps and shovels required. Register with Rolf Doebbling, 467-6636.
- Sun. Jan 13 SCOTTS PASS TOUR. Ntd. Tour starts north side of road from the Solitude Ski Area. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Kerry Faigle, 484-4437.
- Sun. Jan 13 GRIZZLEY GULCH TO TWIN LAKES PASS TOUR. Mod. Starts at Alta and goes up the old mine road to the pass above Twin Lakes and Brighton. Meet near the geology sign at the upper end of the parking lot in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader is Mike Hendrickson, 942-1476.
- Sat. Feb 9 NOMINATION BANQUET (See January Rambler for location and details).

NOTICE TO WMC PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Rambler has openings for staff photographers to supply photographs for publication in the Rambler. These photographers will be provided with film and assigned to take photographs of various WMC events such as meetings, socials, and other activities. The photographers must supply their own camera, flash, and other photographic accessories, be creative, have photographic experience of taking photos under various conditions and a willingness to attend WMC events. Credit for photos published in the Rambler will be given to the photographers, giving them a place to display their photographic skills and ability. The photos for publication will be selected by the Rambler staff from the previously published photo guide lines.

If you are interested in being a staff photographer, please call the Rambler editor. A meeting will be scheduled in December to discuss assignments and requirements for these positions. This is an opportunity for all you photo bugs to show off what you can do and help provide a better publication.



NOTICE TO TRIP TALK ARTICLE WRITERS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have contributed to the WMC by writing articles for the Rambler. As readers of the Rambler have seen, these articles have varied in length, detail and style. The writers have taken an opportunity to show their writing skill and creativity as well as just reporting the basics of the trips.

There are events other than trips that the Rambler would like to have reports and comments on, i.e., socials, meetings, club policies, etc. The Rambler is a convenient place for members to express their views concerning WMC activities and policies; outdoor events and happenings; and conservation concerns. There have been very few of these type of articles submitted to the Rambler in the last year and opportunities have been lost on several issues for people to express their views and feelings. The Rambler is published for the use of WMC members as a forum and information media.

Articles submitted will not necessarily be published as submitted, but will be subjected to editorial review.

The Rambler is looking for staff writers who are willing to be assigned or volunteer to report the various WMC activities other than trip reports. Also, members who are interested in writing periodically on specific topics such as outdoor equipment, new or different outdoor activities, or other topics which will be of interest to WMC members are needed.



From the President

Presidents Page
by Bob Wright

Already, the new year is upon us, and the election is over. Since we are going to have 4 more years of "conservative" government, and since we know that conservative governments do not conserve our natural resources as much as we think reasonable and proper, I think we all should take a more active and vocal role in protecting our forests and canyons, by becoming aware of and involved in the political processes concerned with conservation. Check with the conservation director to see what you can do to help.

How efficient is your life? My definition of life efficiency is how much time you spend doing what you want to do divided by how much time you spend doing things you don't want to do but that are necessary in order that you can do the things you want to do. Thus, if you spend one day a week skiing for 8 hours, and work 40 hours per week, do chores another 24, and cook and eat for 16 hours, you life is 10% efficient. Depressing, isn't it. 10% of anything is not very much. Therefore, you should do something about it for the new year. What you should do is get the most you can out of the Mountain Cub, by getting out on more trips, ski tours, parties, or whatever you enjoy doing the most. Both your physical and mental condition will definitely improve.



THE WMC NEEDS RIVER PERMITS FOR 1985

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN GET THEM FOR THE CLUB

Now is the time to send for applications for River Permits for the 1985 season. Listed below are several rivers that the club would like to receive permits for in 1985. Following the name of the river is the first, second, and third choices for a preferred launch date.

If you apply and receive a permit you do not have to lead the trip. In many cases you do not even have to go on the trip as the permit is transferable. The club received very few permits last year, so please apply even though you may already know you won't be able to go on the trip you are applying for. The club needs your support in order to continue the river sports activities.

The basic procedure for obtaining a permit is to first write to the responsible agency shown below requesting a permit application. After you receive the application, you must then fill it out in detail according to the specific directions supplied with the application. While the permit lottery system is similar for all rivers, each agency has its own permit application procedure and forms. Do not list anyone's name on a permit application as alternate leader or trip participant without first obtaining their permission. On applications requiring a preliminary trip list, it is better to list friends and relatives than to list known river runners who may already be on another list. Conflicts of this sort can result in the cancellation of a permit, and trip lists can be updated later. Most applications request a quantity of people and boats. The preferred quantity is the maximum allowed on the permit with a boat listing similar to "3 paddle boats, 2 oar rigs, 6 kayaks." Upon completion of the application, you must return it to the responsible agency within the time period stated in the application instructions. This is important and may be different for each permit application you submit. If you are lucky enough to draw a permit, you will be notified in the spring. Permits requiring a river use fee are the coming thing. An advance for the permit use fee may be obtained from the boating director when you receive your notification that you have drawn a permit. Now is the time to send for the permit applications to make sure you make the entry deadline. **DO IT TODAY!** Good luck and see you on the river.

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WESTWATER CANYON; 9/7, 9/14, 9/21
River Ranger, BLM
P.O. Box M
Moab, UT 84532

YAMPA; 7/4, 7/5, 7/11
(same as LODORE)

CATARACT CANYON; 8/31, 8/30, 9/6
Canyonlands National Park
446 South Main
Moab, UT 84532



MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT THE WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST: A NEW FOREST PLAN

1012 December 1984. 7:00 pm. Salt Lake Ranger District Office
6944 South 3000 East

A meeting with interested members of Wasatch Mountain Club
to discuss the plans for the next 10 to 50 years of the
Wasatch-Cache National Forest

A summary document and the "long form" document are available
at the Salt Lake Ranger District and Federal Building Offices.

The Forest Plan consists of numerous goals of the Forest Service
in the management of the lands from Lone Peak to Idaho and the
north slope of the Uinta Mountains. As a multiple-use agency,
the Forest Service must plan for mineral development, timber
harvest, watershed, fish and wildlife habitat, ski expansion,
and disperse recreation and other uses. Then the Forest Service
must obtain the necessary funding to achieve the plan's goals.

At this time it is very important for members of the Wasatch
Mountain Club to become involved and to understand the proposals
and to express their concerns.



**CONSERVATION NOTES
BY MICHAEL BUDIG**

Burr Trail Saved...For Now

Congress has defeated efforts by Utah legislators to provide federal funding for paving the Burr Trail (see related article in September 1984 issue of the Rambler). The funding was deleted in reaction to a massive letter writing campaign by Utah Conservationists, spearheaded by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. Over 400 letters opposing the project were received by Congressman Sidney Yates (D-Ill), an avowed opponent of waste of public funds. In response, Representative Yates firmly committed himself to deleting any "rider" to a House bill which would have provided the funding.

So, once again letter writing efforts have paid off. However, the issue is not dead. It can be expected to arise again in the next session of Congress.

And, although the paving proposal was deleted, \$200,000 of funding was approved for an Environmental Assessment to study impacts of a highway project. The money must come from within the 1985 Park Service budget and has a congressional deadline of July 31, 1985.

Nuclear Waste

At the October 16 Wasatch Mountain Club General Membership Meeting the topic of the nuclear waste repository siting process was discussed. We would like to thank Bill Lockhart from the University of Utah Law School for his presentation.

On behalf of the Wasatch Mountain Club a letter was sent to Congressman Morris Udall (D-AR) on October 20, 1984. The following is an excerpt from that letter:

"We believe the DOE, in spite of its past guarantees, has postponed virtually all significant geologic and environmental impact investigation until the site characterization stage. This will mean that the DOE will base its decision on selection of sites for characterization on inadequate information, in violation of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

The DOE has made inadequate study of many aspects of the Canyonlands siting proposal, including effects on air quality, effects of storage and disposal of the salt pile, disposal of sanitary wastewater, effects on recreation within Canyonlands National Park and effects on endangered species. In addition, the DOE's draft Environmental Assessment contains maps which are inadequate and is actually missing some maps entirely. In much of the EA, the DOE has failed to make any distinction between Lavender and Davis Canyons.

We fear that by relying on this inadequate data, the DOE will select one or both of the Canyonlands sites for exploratory shaft construction. If this is the case, we feel certain that Canyonlands Park will ultimately be subjected to unacceptable degradation and that test drilling within the park boundaries will be unavoidable, even though this has not even been discussed as a possibility in the EA.

We urge you to require that the Department of Energy follow the guidelines set forth in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and collect adequate data before selecting the sites for exploratory shaft construction."

In a letter to Secretary of Energy, Donald Hodel, dated September 12, 1984, Governor Matheson commented, "In fact, DOE will not have sufficient information even to apply many of its own proposed Guidelines until after site characterization, even though that information could and should be obtained at this stage."

He also noted, "...Much of the required, but to date uncollected data could have been collected without surface disturbing activity. ... With respect to field activities necessary for the collection of the remaining data, DOE has not even sought the necessary state permits or approvals for such activities. ...The state of Utah has never denied a permit to the DOE for surface disturbing data collection activities."

In another letter sent to Representative Morris Udall on October 12, 1984, Gov. Matheson noted, "It is the State's conclusion that the manner in which the Department of Energy has implemented the site selection process has denied the state meaningful participation and input into site selection decision. ...Reviewing the statutorily established framework for site selection decisions, it has now become apparent that the only opportunity which the state of Utah will have to review a fact-based Department of Energy analysis of the proposed Utah sites will occur only after the Department of Energy has collected data on those sites through site characterization and is preparing environmental impact statements in order to recommend a final repository site. If the first meaningful state assessment of the Department of Energy's conclusions regarding the Utah sites occurs only immediately prior to the recommendation for the repository site, such review will almost certainly occur too late for the state's concerns to be effectively resolved. Therefore, revision of the site selection program to allow the state a meaningful role in that program is essential at this time."

Governor Matheson has done an excellent job in reviewing the DOE's site selection process. He oppose drilling in the Canyonlands area until other less destructive research methods have been adequately utilized and have still failed to eliminate the Utah sites. However, this has not been done to date and the DOE is scheduled to release its recommendations for three site characterization study sites by early 1985.

Two of these three sites will be subject to massive exploration efforts. So, if Utah is among the final three sites, the odds will be at least two out of three that the Canyonlands area will be subject to massive impacts of the testing program. The test drilling itself would have a devastating effect on Canyonlands National Park. Some of these effects would include:

- o Major drilling rigs in constant operation for 4-7 years, working on at least 47 deep boreholes (2500-8000 feet deep) at key points just outside the park boundaries.
- o Constant blasting operations for construction of at least one huge shaft (30 feet wide at the top, 20 feet at the bottom, 3000 feet deep) less than a mile from the park boundary.
- o Drilling of 740 shallow boreholes (5-50 feet deep) in the repository area near the park and along the anticipate railroad and truck-haul routes.
- o Constant mining of salt to accommodate construction of huge underground chambers at the bottom of the shafts. The extracted salt in turn would require surface storage in huge piles and construction of a sealed bed and dikes to prevent leaching or runoff from the salt pile.

- o A major seismic testing program with both blast tests and truck-mounted "thumpers".

Although selection of the sites for the waste dump is supposed to be based purely on scientific evaluation, the mediocrity of the data-gathering to date suggests that this is unlikely. The fact is that political considerations will play a major role in the site selection process. Louisiana already has a presidential promise that it will not be selected if it goes along with the process. And Texas, has been assured by DOE Secretary Hodel that it stands little chance of being selected because of local resistance and the political clout of Texans in Congress.

Meanwhile, DOE has released a related report which shows that an accident at a nuclear waste dump in Utah would expose fewer people to radiation than other sites being considered for the waste dump. The report is entitled "Preclosure Radiological Calculations to Support Salt Site Evaluations."

Utah faces an uphill battle in opposing the drilling. Unless a lot of noise is heard soon opposing the Utah sites, we're likely to hear alot of noise near Canyonlands National Park before too long.

Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan

A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been released for the proposed Forest Land Management Plan (FLMP) for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest (WCNF). The EIS covers the north and western slopes of the Uinta Mountains, the Wasatch Mountains from Lone Peak north to the Idaho border (including the Wellsville and Bear River Ranges) and the Stansbury Range.

The EIS discusses eight alternatives, including one which is preferred by the Forest Service. The preferred alternative would, among other things, permit expansion by the following ski resorts:

- o Snow Basin
- o Beaver Mountain
- o Parkwest (expansion of 250 acres in lands east of the Wasatch Crest)
- o Solitude (expansion to north of Twin Peaks to connect to Brighton)
- o Snowbird (expansion into the area of Scotties Bowl)

The Preferred Alternative would deny, at least temporarily, a proposed expansion by the Nordic Valley Ski Resort. And it would put Snowbird's requested expansion into White Pine Canyon into a further study category, in effect putting it on hold for now, but not killing it. Likewise, the Interconnect Proposal is acknowledged, but put on hold contingent upon joint approval by affected local, State and Federal government agencies and private land owners.

Comments are due on The EIS by February 8, 1985. The Rambler will have a more extensive discussion of the contents and implications of the proposal in the January, 1985 issue. Former WMC President and Conservation Director Peter Hovingh will write it. In the meantime, those interested in these issues can request copies of the Summary EIS or copies of the actual Draft EIS and proposed Forest Plan from the following address: Arthur Carroll, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 8226 Federal Building, 125 South State, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138.

THE RIGHT TO ACCESS TO THE BACKCOUNTRY BY THE DISABLED BY MICHAEL BUDIG

When the Utah Congressional Delegation first introduced the Utah Forest Wilderness Bill in 1983, I was personally confounded by provisions pertaining to disabled individuals. Specifically, the legislation stated that pavement could intrude into the back country in order to provide unlimited access to the back country for the disabled.

This presented a dilemma of sorts for conservationists in Utah. While we could not support any intrusion by pavement in a designated wilderness area, we also felt reluctant to oppose the right of the disabled to enjoy these areas. But ultimately we recognized the provision for what it really was -- merely a smokescreen.

The fact is that Utah congressmen have historically shown more disdain for wilderness than concern for the disabled. The provision allowing paving the back country was merely a ploy to make conservationists look bad by pitting them against the interests of disabled people. But the ploy failed for one very obvious reason: the provision was not supported by disabled individuals.

Indeed, disabled individuals seemed offended by the notion that wilderness qualities would have to be destroyed in order for them to get into the back country. One wheelchair confined friend of mine contends that the Utah delegation was trying to make the disabled into a "scapegoat" to allow destruction of wilderness qualities.

He points out that some have proposed to put in an elevator shaft to the bottom of the Grand Canyon to allow access for the disabled. However, these proposals are not legitimately made out of concern for the disabled. Indeed, those promoting such schemes do not advocate restricting the use of these wilderness intrusions to the disabled. Handicapped access is merely an excuse for promoting these frivolous schemes.

But it is in the interests of conservationists to have disabled people enjoy the back country just like everyone else. Indeed, wilderness represents freedom. Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy this freedom. The opportunity to enjoy wilderness ideally should be limited only by our own defined limitations.

There is a Salt Lake City-based organization which provides outdoor education and recreation for special needs groups and individuals. The group, Special Population Learning Outdoor Recreation & Education (S'PLORE) now provides opportunities for river running, climbing, and cross-country skiing in the Utah area. S'PLORE currently serves groups which include the physically disabled, mentally retarded, behavior and emotional disorders, blind, deaf and diabetics as well as juvenile offenders. S'PLORE was founded in 1980 by Martha Ham, a licensed recreational therapist, who contends "disabled people have a right to the same kind of enjoyment in the wilderness that everyone else does."

Although Martha recently stepped down from her position as Executive Director of S'PLORE this year, she can take pride in the positive growth and refinement which S'PLORE has experienced with each successive year.

S'PLORE's current Executive Director, Patti Mulihill personally faced the prospect of losing function in both of her legs when she broke her back in a car accident in 1980.

During her long recuperation, she developed a special interest in the needs of the handicapped. A student at the University of Utah, she went on to change her major to recreational therapy.

Ms. Mulvihill is the only full-time paid S'PLORE staff member. The organization relies on a seasonal staff and an army of volunteers to succeed in its mission. Despite its reliance on volunteers, S'PLORE must charge its disabled participants. However, S'PLORE may soon begin to offer reduced rates for some disabled participants who cannot afford to pay. A scholarship fund is being established with this in mind.

I have personally gone on two rafting trips as a S'PLORE volunteer. I found the trips were exceptionally well organized and aimed at meeting the special needs of each trip's disabled participants. For instance, each trip has at least one registered nurse and some also include an MD.

The volunteers are amazingly energetic and enthusiastic, insuring that the trip is an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. When the typical river days began at 6:00 a.m., I was just astonished at how peppy, fresh and happy everyone else was at such an indecently early hour. But the trips do succeed.

A testimonial to the program's success is the number of disabled participants who return year after year as well as the continued momentum of growth enjoyed by the program.

The trips are enjoyable not only for the disabled, but for the volunteers as well. In fact, the group of volunteers has generally enjoyed the same rate of return members and new growth as has the disabled participants. This is not due just to the generosity of the volunteers. In fact, volunteers will admit that they receive much more inspiration and reward from the clients than can ever be given to the clients. Many of the clients seem to be able to transcend their disabilities and focus on their abilities instead.

Indeed, one of the purposes of S'PLORE defined by Ms. Mulvihill is to enhance disabled people's confidence in their own abilities. "But," she added, "it's also important for the public to know what the handicapped can do in the wilderness."

This is the area in which conservationists should eagerly provide assistance. For we can ally with disabled people toward a goal which will serve both communities. If we can get disabled people into the back country, it might become more easy politically to obtain protective management, such as wilderness designation for these areas.

The access of disabled people into wilderness areas will destroy the contention of wilderness adversaries that only the rich, elite and able-bodied can utilize wilderness. It will prove conclusively that a person's access to wilderness is generally restricted only by his/her own self-defined restrictions and limited imagination. It will destroy the contention of the Utah congressional delegation that disabled individuals required pavement to get into wilderness and want wilderness desecrated in their name.

While conservationists goals can be well served by handicapped individuals, conversely, we can provide a great service to the handicapped. Indeed, I contend that we have a responsibility to see to it that all individuals should be guaranteed access to wilderness areas, accepting the premise that destruction of wilderness values is neither a necessary or tolerable condition of this statement.

Furthermore, I maintain that we should assume a responsibility for aiding the disabled in their efforts to go into the back country. By serving the handicapped in this way, we will be able to promote the idea of wilderness and the need for protection of more wildlands.

With this goal in mind, the WMC Board of Directors authorized a disbursement of \$600 to S'PLORE at the November 7, 1984 meeting. S'PLORE will be using these funds to build three snowsleds. The sleds will open the way for paraplegic and other physically disabled individuals to enjoy winter recreation. The rafting fund provided \$200 of this while the other \$400 came from the WMC conservation budget (from money donated by the check off donations during membership renewal). Needless to say it is a very worthy expenditure.

As a non-profit organization, S'PLORE is always seeking tax-deductible donations. Much of its funding comes from very generous support by the rock band, The Disgusting Brothers.

S'PLORE is also in need of more volunteers for its winter skiing program and WMC members are encouraged to contribute however they can. Those wishing to volunteer for the winter program should contact S'PLORE before the end of this month. S'PLORE can be contacted at: S'PLORE, 255 East 400 South #107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 363-7130





NOTES FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Mountain Club Lodge provides a delightfully rustic and cozy atmosphere for our socials. From the many comments received, it is obvious that it is the preferred location for our gatherings despite the inconveniences and occasional difficult in getting there.

And now a look behind the scenes. Do you know how many times it takes one person going up and down the hill to stamp out a passable trail so that those coming later don't have to sink hip deep in snow or fall into hidden crevasses? Do you know how many bowls of snow it takes to make 1 cup of hot water so we'll be able to clean up despite the lack of running water? Do you know how many trips it takes to get all the stereo equipment, drinks, etc. up to the Lodge? Have you ever wondered where all the left over food disappeared to, or how all the garbage got down the hill, or who picked up all the empty cans, and paper plates and swept the floor and washed dishes and mopped the table tops and floors? It takes 3 people an hour and half to do all this. It takes a dozen people 15 minutes. We extend our thanks to those who have volunteered to make an extra trip down the hill and/or who have stayed an extra 15 minutes to help clean up.

To insure a wide range of danceable music that appeals to a variety of tastes, several cassettes are being prepared that will be kept with the club equipment and ready for use. Help is needed, however. This recorder has a limited stack of records. If you have music that you would like included, please call Penny at 277-1432.

You have probably noticed the lanterns placed along the trail to the Lodge? Though still dark at least, it gives one an idea of where to go. We have been given the funds to purchase an additional 5 lanterns which will help reduce the number of long, forbidding stretches of inky black darkness. A flashlight is still in order, however.

A word of caution seems to be in order. It's been observed that a number of people - usually new members who are probably unaware of our lodge's exact location - come dressed as if going to a city party, i.e., high heeled shoes, tennis shoes, no coat or flashlight. It is suggested that if you are aware of, or are inviting someone new, you prepare them for the trek up the hill.

Several people have expressed interest in getting club members together who like to dance. So we have started the Mountain Club Swingers. We meet every Thursday at the Westerner Club on Redwood Road. The band starts at 8:30. For those interested in dance instruction, Jim Wood has offered his services starting at 7:30. For more information, call Penny at 277-1432.





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PLACE: Fine Arts Auditorium

COST: \$2.50 per lecture (11) or \$25.00 for series ticket

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- Jan. 14 The Rise of the Colorado Plateau. William Lee Stokes
- Jan. 21 The Formation of the Colorado River. William Lee Stokes
- Jan. 28 A Naturalist's View of the Plateau. Stephen Trimble
- Feb. 4 Utah's Hanging Gardens. Kimball Harper
- Feb. 11 Native Fishes of the Colorado River. Don Archer
- Feb. 18 Archeology of the Colorado Plateau. Joel Janetski
- Feb. 25 Rock Art: Archeology in the Grand Gulch Area- Ceremonial
Expressions of the Anasazi. Sally Cole
- Mar. 4 Contemporary American Indian Tribes of the Colorado Plateau.
Floyd O'Neil
- Mar. 11 Life on the River: Tales from a Riverrunner. Ken Sleight and Tom Till
- Mar. 18 The Land, the Air, and the Water. Phillip Fradkin

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January 6, 1985

Winter social and slide show at Marmelaide Hill Center, 168 West 500 North, starting at 6:00 PM. The slide show will start at 7:30, and be presented by Jimmy Katz, well known nordic downhill skier. Included will be the first ski descent of the Notch Couloir on the East Face of Longs Peak, the ski descent of the Y Couloir on Ypsilon, and the descent of the North Face of Longs Peak, all done on Nordic equipment. It will be a very exciting show. For more information, call Bob Wright, 1-649-4194.

IMPORTANT NOTICE (Especially New Members)

Our membership year is from March 1st to February 28th, not the calendar year. About February 15th you will be mailed a membership renewal notice by First Class mail. DO NOT SEND IN YOUR DUES UNTIL THEN. A completely filled-in renewal notice must accompany your dues payment or your payment will be sent back. Please note that the REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION at the back of the Rambler is not the same as a RENEWAL notice and must not be used for renewals. (It will cost you an unnecessary \$5.00 extra if you do!!)

TRIP Talk talk talk



Timpanogos Hike September 23

by Chris Moenich

Four hikers from a party of seven braved high winds and cold temperatures to reach the summit of Mount Timpanogos during an approximately 7-hour hike on an overcast Sunday, September 23.

The three who stayed at the saddle of the summit watched the progress of the foursome until natural physical boundaries made it impossible.

Hike leader Milt Hollander, who also led the crew to the summit, later said that strong winds during the final ascent may have reached 30 mph, forcing him and the others to clutch the rock walls leading to the peak with their free hands to stabilize themselves against the winds.

The hikers started their trek from Timpooneke Campground, which has an engineered foot trail leading to the summit of Mount Timpanogos and connects with the shorter (about six mile) Aspen Grove trail. The sky was overcast and clouds covered the peak of their destination. Although no precipitation was visible, the betting was heavy on when the rain or snow would begin. The weather stayed dry.

The ascent to the saddle, about eight miles, took 3.5 hours, including a brief stop for lunch in a spot located near the two open ceiling outhouses in a basin below the summit. From here, the group could see the mountain's perpetual snowfield, as well as other features of the area's jumbled topography.

Putting on more clothing was the focal point of the luncheon stop. Winds combined with higher altitudes had driven temperatures well below a comfortable point for cotton pants and fannel shirts, forcing all to don several layers of clothing. Conversation dwindled as the party hiked up the stone trail leading to the saddle, breaking up into solo or two-person teams.

High winds at the saddle forced this writer to throw in the towel with a vow to return and hike to the summit during spring. The view of Provo and this portion of the Uinta National Forest was tremendous.

The descent brought slowly warming temperatures as the sun occasionally snuck from the dispersing clouds. Winds died and the extra layers of clothing were peeled off and stuffed back into the daypacks. The first group of three made it back to the trailhead at 2:50 p.m. The second group arrived at about 3:20 p.m.

For a little background, Ward J. Roylance writes in his book "Utah - A Guide to the State" that the trail passing through the 11,000-acre Mount Timpanogos scenic area is retained by Uinta National Forest in a "nearly pristine condition for the aesthetic and spiritual satisfaction of all of us, and of generations unborn." The elevation at the summit is 11,750 ft.

Those on the hike were Milt Hollander (who did not set a fast pace, for the sake of the hikers, as rumored in September's edition of "The Rambler"), Suzanne Lammle, Cassie Badowsky (who has helped organize the October trip to Nepal), Walt Shyluk, Paul Sheya, Bob Meyers and Chris Moenich.

Deseret Peak Hike

September 29

by R. Bruce Robertson

The weather was excellent -- cool, clear, sunny -- for the hike up Deseret Peak, the tallest peak in the Stansburys (11,031 ft), located about 35 miles west of Salt Lake City. Led by Bob Holey, we carpooled over, and a few miles past Grantsville we turned onto the gravel road to the trailhead, near the east side of the peak. Since the last mile or so of this access road was washed out, we had to walk in to the trailhead. The map shows two trails to the top -- one approaching in a circular

fashion from the south, the other from the north. We took the southern route. Although the total climb was almost 5,000 feet up, the trail was easy going, but not well marked, and we soon got sidetracked and had to blaze a steep shortcut route up the middle. When we finally spotted the main southern trail some distance up and away, we split into two groups -- the conservatives, who took a longer but safer approach to the trail, and the die hard adventurers, who insisted on taking a direct, "as the crow flies" route, but we were never far out of sight or hearing distance of each other. The die hards were soon stranded on a too steep slope, but just as the conservatives were congratulating themselves on their caution, the die hards scrambled out of their predicament and actually made it to the top first. The last stretch of the main southern trail afforded quite impressive views of Skull Valley to the west. When we finally reached the top after about a three-hour climb, we enjoyed a magnificent panorama of all of Great Salt Lake, as well as of Pilot's Peak in Nevada about 80 miles to the west. To the east we could see past Mounts Nebo and Timpanogos as far as the edge of the Uintas.

We rested, lunched (some of us dined), read the mail, to which we added our own, and met some other hikers before heading down in two groups -- most of us following what appeared on the map as the northern route. Since this trail was not well marked either, we sidetracked onto a shortcut, but we all made it down in relatively mellow fashion, pleased with our day in the Stansburys -- subtly different from the Wasatch (drier, less green, etc.), but just as beautiful, and almost as accessible from the city. Participants: Leslee Cornell, Denise Doebbeling, Mark Frankel, Scott Gillilan, Kipp Greene, Gary Harding, Bob Holley (leader), Elliott Mott, Michelle Perkins, Janet Reade, Bruce Robertson, Paul Siegel, Angella Tan, Mike Treshow, Jr., John Van Hook.

Heritage Mountain (Provo) **September 15**

The hike began on a jeep road leading through many switchbacks to the "Y" hanging high over Provo. The steepness of the face of the mountains provided shade from the morning sun. The viewpoint from the "Y" was already occupied by a group of students breakfasting and dangling their feet off the top retaining wall. Then the hiking trail led into the high opening of Slate Canyon and through to Buffalo Flats. Further on some trashed-out trailers marked the first signs of the projected new ski area at the base of Heritage Mountain. The distinctive summit of Heritage Mountain is a long ridge with several possible highest points. The group had a long lunch period in a spot with spectacular views of Provo Peak, Cascade Mountain, Corral Mountain and some of the erosion control ridges. On the way down some areas were explored to feed speculation about projected future construction. Upon returning to the "Y" there were periodic, interspersed stadium sounds from a football game in progress on the campus below. The concluding phase of the hike was a hasty dash down the dry, now sunny, switch backs to the cars in order to leave town before the post-game traffic crunch. Hikers: Ann Cheves, Denise Doebbeling, John Flake, John Riley, Lee Shea, Don Thorne, John Van Hook (leader).

Yellowstone

September 23
by Michael Budig

Traditionally, I return to my former home of Yellowstone National Park each September for a week-long backpack. This is generally the best time of the year for the weather, the bugs and the wildlife.

So, this year I prepared to lead a trip for the Wasatch Mountain Club into the Bechler River-Shoshone Lake area in the southwest corner of the park. Others on the trip were WMC clubbers Steve Negler, Jim Nichol, Bob Richey and Audrey

Stevens and free agent Mark Freitag from Southern California.

However, this year's start was hindered and delayed by bad weather. And as we appeared to be finally ready to start at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 23, we heard an updated long-range weather forecast which prophesized that we were in for four days of blizzards and other unperfect weather. Death might be a welcome alternative before the September sun would make an encore appearance, we were warned.

I sympathetically asked whether anyone else wanted out, as I looked for someone with some common sense. (I'm still looking.) I was quickly reminded of my promise that in 24 hours we'd be sitting in a natural "hot tub" in the Bechler back country, sipping Daquiries. So, on we went.

Twenty four hours later we sat in a hot tub enjoying happy hour, while the blizzard continued unbothered around us. I thought to myself, "Hey, life could be worse."

Despite some serious discussion of moving the tents into the hot tub, we eventually did return to the designated campsite for the night. We spent the next two days in Bechler Canyon, frolicking in the hotpot and enjoying various liquid elixurs. (Happy hours were frequent and well attended.)

On Thursday morning, Steve separated from our group to return to his vehicle at the start of the trail so he could go on a Grand Canyon backpack. He was worried about hiking out alone in bear country. But I firmly assured him, "Don't worry, you'll probably survive." And I think he probably did.

As Steve departed, the blizzard abruptly ended and the sun began to shine. And we began an 11-mile hike to a beautiful secluded campsite at Shoshone Lake. From here, we thoroughly explored the nearby geyser basin on the following day. The Shoshone Geyser Basin is the largest

back country geyser basin in the country, maybe the world. It is a fascinating and beautiful place and to be able to observe such a place in seclusion is a remarkable experience. We even found -- and made use of -- another natural hot tub.

The following day we finally departed from the back country, basking in sunshine and scenic vistas along the way. We went into Jackson for a dinner feast before the group split up.

Despite the weather -- which was trying at times -- the trip and the participants were pleasant and enjoyable. The weather reminded me of why I like to go winter camping at least once each century. But it also showed what can be easily accomplished by such a cooperative group.

The group had enjoyed seeing such wildlife as elk and moose in a natural setting. Bob also observed a black bear. Birds, especially sandhill cranes and Canadian geese, were abundant. And we enjoyed the calls of elk and coyotes at night.

And for me, Yellowstone is my special place. I enjoy sharing it with friends. Here, one can still find solitude, especially in the fall. Listening quietly at night, one will often hear the shrill bugle of the elk competing with the coyote's cry to pierce through the sharp cold air. Nights such as these are to be treasured and remembered. They have become a calling card for me to plan next year's September Yellowstone outing.

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**Houndstooth
October 7 - What a Trip !
by Ann Wechsler**

Houndstooth is a popular WMC early Spring hike to get your legs in condition for the summer hiking season. In the late Fall, it's guaranteed to get your quadriceps in shape for cross country skiing, that is, if you don't suffer cardiac arrest within the first hour.

Over twenty people must have had serious conditioning in mind because no one was dissuaded by Hank Winawer's cautionary remarks. He said if we wanted something steep, not steepest, we should try Butler Fork; he said if we wanted to trail, perhaps we should try the same day hike to Twin Peaks. Even locating the untrailhead in an expanding housing development proved a navigational feat.

Certainly the weather was on our side as we made a direct assault up the drainage. It was warm but high clouds protected us from early morning sun in our eyes. Those who were not protected by long pants, however, got enough scratches on their legs to pass them off as textured stockings.

So much for some minor grumblings. Once up on the ridge overlooking rugged Deaf Smith Canyon, this is a beautiful hike, especially with the Fall colors. There are a variety of routes to our destination - a ledge about a third of the way up Houndstooth, that canine-like granite outcropping, the upper part of which can be seen from Wasatch Blvd. It looks close but it is surprisingly easy to get side-tracked. Because Hank pointed out the preferred route, once assembled on the ridge, in typical Mountain Club fashion, the group chose another. It is a tribute to our leader's conscientiousness that 21 people arrived at the ledge, with the others remaining on the saddle below. All were accounted for by lunchtime, including the two who had pressed on, trying to mimic mountain goats.

There was just room enough for all of us on the ledge perhaps 2,000 vertical ft. above Wasatch Blvd. Who cares about accuracy. When there's a light aircraft flying so far below that you can't read the numbers on top, it's just plain exhilarating. The airplane provoked a discussion on the rating of this hike, which is a 5. The consensus was that it should be revised upward.

From our perch we imagined what Utah Lake would look like beneath the inevitable haze; the Kennecott open mine and the Jordan Valley Temple were not as nicely hidden. When we got tired of searching the heights for eagles that have been sighted previously, and keeping a wary eye out for elk-hunters, we made a hasty descent. There were whiplashings in the scrub oak thickets and cries of "rock out of control" to punctuate our orderly retreat. And once again, watch those drainages - pick the wrong one and you'll end up on someone's back porch, too late for Sunday brunch!

The lucky participants on this convivial trek were: John Flake, Aaron Jones, Paul Siegel, Gary Smith, Don Hamilton, Elissa Stevens, Jan Rawson, Shirley Davis, Scott Gillilean, Jerry Hatch, Linda Douglas, Dave Knebelsberger, Stu Turkanis, Jim Mallon, Chris Knebelsberger, Bob Richey, Dee Richey, Sue Keller, Larissa Pavinsky, Jim Keller, Jim Wood, Ty Murphy, scribe Ann Wechsler, and leader Hank Winawer.

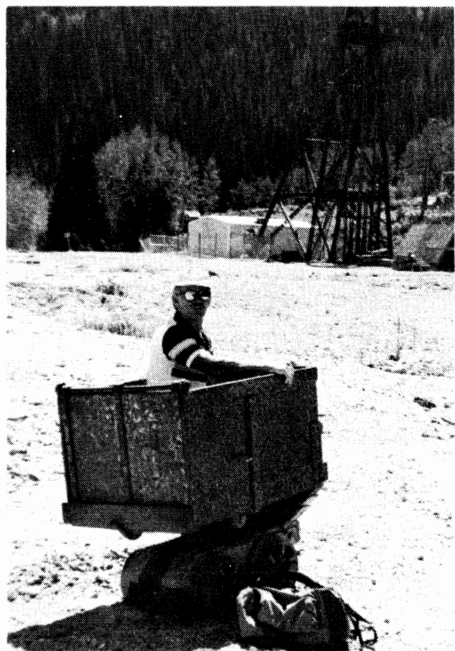
**Historical Tour-Hike Park City Mining
District September 9**

by Elissa Stevens

We started out with a driving tour of the area - Thaynes Canyon, Silver King Tram and Coalition Building site, Deer Valley red light row, Rossie Hill overlook, Ontario Mine, Ontario Mill site and work tunnel and Sprio tunnel. The hike was divided into two hikes, the first starting at the upper end of Main Street to the Daly-West mine, stopping enroute to see the Judge Shaft sinkhole and the Alliance and Anchor tunnels. The second hike went to

the Silver King Mine and Mill. Straight up, yet!!! I'm told that when you hike with Lyman Lewis, you don't get to eat lunch — but Vilma was along this time, so we did!

A good time was had by all, topped off with dinner at the Grub Steak. Thanks to Lyman Lewis for an interesting and informative hike, plus the weather was beautiful. Participants were: Bob Grant, Earl Cook, Linda Leigh, Jerry Hatch, Jim Mallon, Jennie Mallon, Gayla Brashears, Leslie Woods, Pat Smith, Shelley Hyde, Leah Mancini, Gordon Bellows, Bob Wright, Don Mack, Lee Shea, Janet Wernuth, Nancy Wright, Linda Retallack, Janice Kurtz, Jeff Barrell, Elissa Stevens, Dena Wright, Vilma Lewis, Lyman Lewis.



The Presidential Car: Photo by E. Cook

WHITE PINE LAKE

White Pine and Beyond

August 18

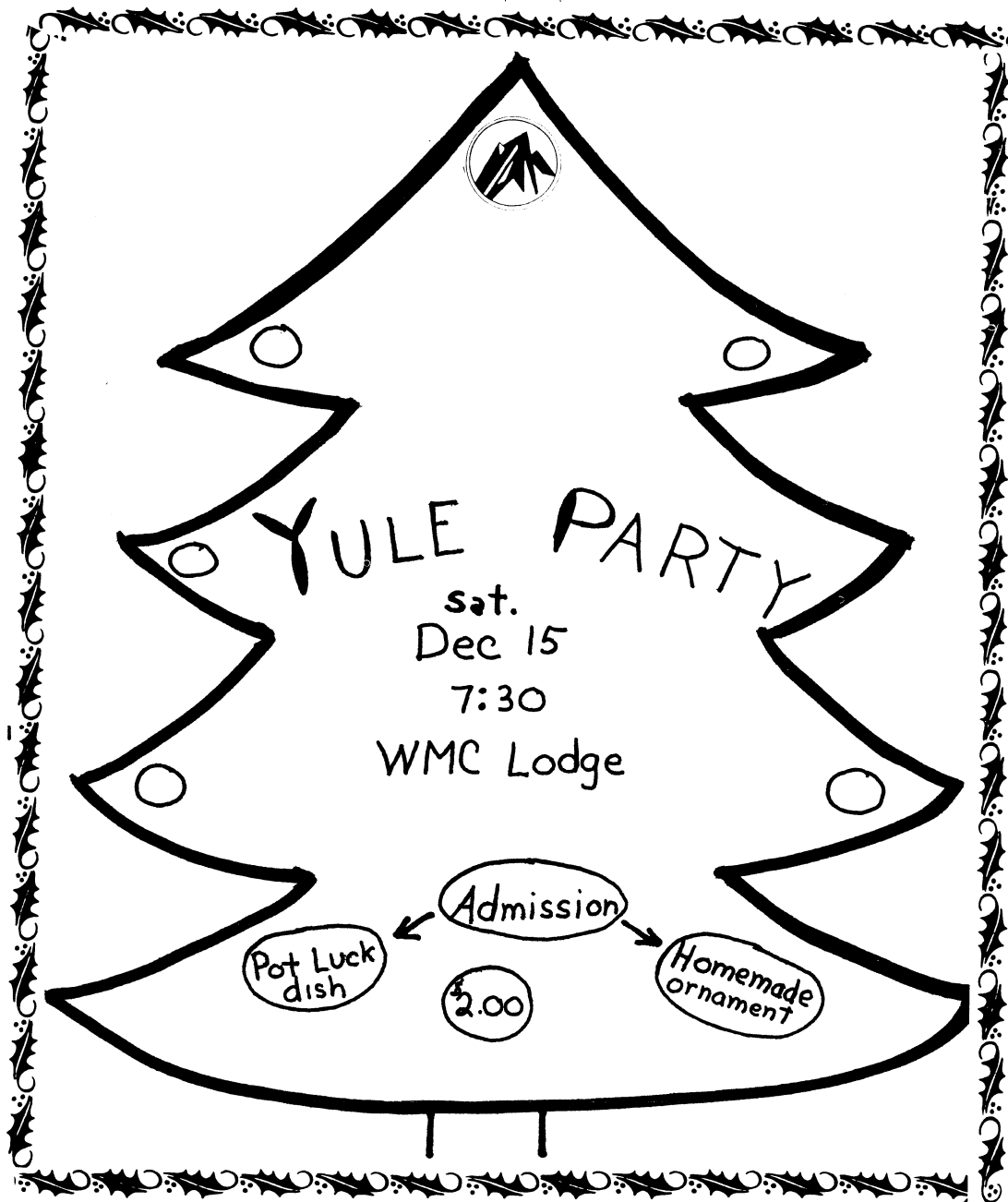
By Hank Winawer

On August 18, 1984 Bob Klimaj, whose true destination was anywhere but White Pine Lake, led (started with) 20 enthusiastic hikers at the trail head up Little Cottonwood Canyon. We passed many fields of beautiful wildflowers along the way.

Since the dam on the north end of the lake had been weakened by the heavy spring runoff, the Forest Service had drained about two thirds of the water. That didn't seem to dampen (excuse the pun) the spirits of a hearty fisherman who had carried an inflated rubber raft all the way up to the pond.

After eating an early lunch, our uninhibited (why not try anything) leader suggested hiking on to Red Pine, Maybird, and if time permitted, the Matterhorn. The group consensus was to give Red Pine a try. Bob assured us that it was just over the hill to the west. An hour and a half and 7,000,000 boulders later we emerged from "the hill" (about 500 feet above Lower Red Pine Lake.) Since there was no (defined) trail, the plan was to regroup at the lake. Somewhere between our precipitous perch and our rendezvous spot, all but seven of the crew joined the Red Pine trail and made it back to civilization, presumably at a reasonable hour. As for the "Spontaneous Seven", we managed to fight off our leader's ambitious pleas to go on to other destinations. Only because Hank Winawer had to be back two days later to take out the trash did Bob reconcile himself to the fact that the 5:00 P.M. return time was acceptable.

Although we kidded Bob, I must admit that the somewhat unpredictable journey to Red Pine via White Pine Lake was another fun-packed W.M.C. trip.



Wasatch Mountain Club

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