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HIGHLIGHTS

Nepal Trek

**Membership
Meeting
March 7**

**Wasatch
Olympics?**

**Outdoor
Museum**



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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

BY EARL COOK

As you have probably noticed on your membership renewal forms, the annual WMC cues have increased. As with all services, things are costing more. More for the Lodge, land fee, more for the Rambler production, etc., etc. The WMC is becoming more supportive of conservation issues in Utah too. This support costs money. Many members will probably protest the 30% increase in dues. Fifteen dollars a year is really only a pittance for all but the most destitute. So what do you get for your \$15? Look and see. You get to support local conservation issues, such as, Utah wilderness, Burr Trail preservation, stopping a nuclear waste disposal near Canyonlands without any effort except paying your dues. You get to rent rafting equipment at a substantial discount from market rates, you get to participate on river trips for little less than transportation costs and these trips furnish you with experienced guides. You have the use of a mountain lodge at a ski area. You can enjoy guided hikes, backpacks, and ski tours without charge. You receive a monthly publication with a club event schedule, event write-ups so you know about events that you might enjoy, discussion of conservation issues. All this for about \$1.50 per month. A bargain, in my opinion.

These are the things that you would pay for separately if you didn't belong to the WMC. The Club also provides a place to socialize with a wide variety of outdoor "nuts", to let you experience your own ability in outdoor leadership and to belong to a group whose members enjoy the same things as you.

Earl Cook

Cover photo: Trudy Healey- Pa Perry Awardee
Chuck Reichmuth- Outspoken
Conservationist Awardee

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB BOARD REPORT

The following items were discussed at the February Board Meeting:

The Board voted to support the position taken by Pete Hovingh on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest Plan submitted to the National Forest Supervisor in the name of the WMC.

Karin Caldwell reported on the Feasibility Study for the Wasatch Winter Olympics of 1996. The Board voted to stand opposed to the 1996 Olympics in the Wasatch.

The Board voted that "all expenses of a boating trip be absorbed by the participants of the trip." This was in conjunction with a plea for reimbursement of expenses by Gary Harding for expenditures of a WMC boating trip.

The Lodge is very much in demand up through July from non-club organizations. The Lodge will still remain available for WMC members for 2 weekends per month.

The Marmalade Center Hall is finally being renovated and our socials will be moved elsewhere for awhile.

The Board approved 13 new members and 2 reinstatements.

The Board approved raising the charge for 2 Ramblers to prospective members to \$3.00 because of the increased mailing and publication costs.

A By-Law change was proposed by Norm Fish, requiring service activities for membership renewals beginning next membership year. The By-Law change will be discussed and voted on in the Election Meeting March 7, 1985.

A new insurance policy for the Lodge was approved for purchase.

A thank-you note was sent to Richard Middleton for the carved, wooden WMC logo for the office door.

photo by E. Cook

RAMBLER STAFF

This is the regular Rambler staff. These are the people who prepare the Rambler for you each month. Mary Gustafson and David Vickery have given much time and effort in making the Rambler support the WMC. They both deserve thanks from the Club. Others who have helped out have been Carl Cook, Ken Kraus and Sue Keeler. Special thanks to Teresa Carter who does the word processing.



WELCOME

The Rambler and W.M.C. want to welcome the following new club members:

Gwen Allen
Tod Ajax
Cathy Coleman
Larry Coulter
Beve Henry
Mary Anne Jerome

Lynn Jorde
Barbara Reid
John Reid
Steven Richtel
David Wallace

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

WMC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

WMC members Mike Budig, Janet Reade, and Katherine Muhlhausen had their photographs with associated stories in the SL Tribune recently. Mike and the WMC donation to S'PLORE were mentioned in regard to the ski program for S'PLORE.

Janet was featured discussing the LDS Hospital's Back School and tips on how to take care of your back. Janet is a physical therapist at LDS.

Katherine was featured in an article about her experiences of teaching of English as a second language. Katherine is currently employed at Utah Technical College (SLC).

Congratulations to them for their newsworthy accomplishments.

All members can contribute to this column. If you see articles mentioning WMC members please inform the Rambler so we can acknowledge them.

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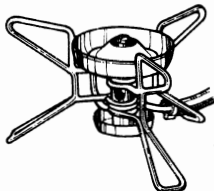
Famous professional ski instructor Jimmy Katz of Park City, who recently gave a slide show of skiing Longs Peak, will give nordic ski classes and donate the cost of the lesson to the WMC Conservation Fund and to the Sierra Club. Classes will be given at Park West. They are 2 hours and cost \$15 plus lift pass. Five or 6 people minimum per lesson and the times will be arranged. Phone Bob Wright at 1-649-4194 to sign up.

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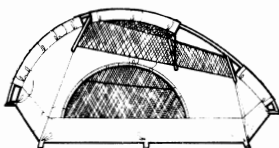
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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The Avalanche Information Number is 364-1581.

SKI TOURS

March				April	
2	Deso Lk (ntd)	17	Bench Cr (mod)	6	Catherine Ps (mod)
2	Lead Choice (mod)	17	Ben Loman (msd)	6	Mineral Fk (mod)
2	Maybird (msd)	23	Deso Lk (long ntd)	7	Mill D (mod)
3	Grizzly Gl (ntd)	23	White Pine (mod)	7	Blanch (msd)
3	Raymond (msd)	23	Kings Pk (msd)	13	Catherine Bl (mod)
9	Alta/Brighton (mod)	24	Lo Silver Fk (ntd)	14	Gourmet Tour
9	Dog Lake (ntd)	24	Red Pine (mod)		
10	Scotts Ps (ntd)	24	Days Fk (msd)		
10	Alpine Loop (mod+)	30	Up Greens Bs (mod)		
10	Maybird (ntd)	30	Scotts Ps (ntd)		
16	Midway (mod)	30	Deseret Pk (msd)		
16	Catherine Ps (ntd)	31	Brighton Lks (ntd)		
16	Lone Peak (msd)	31	Lead Choice (mod)		
17	Willow Lk (ntd)	31	Naomi Pk (msd)		

OUT-OF-AREA SKIING

March			
2-4	Cedar Breaks	9-10	Homestead (Heber)

SNOWSHOEING

March					
2	Scotts Ps	17	Neff's Can	31	Willow Lk
10	Broads Fk	24	Scotts Ps	Apr 6	Dog Lk

BACKPACKS

March				April	
16-24	Halls Cr/Escalante			19-21	Canyonlands NP

BICYCLING

March					
16	St Pats Day Ride	24	Show & Go	31	Show & Go

MEETINGS

March				April	
7	Gen Mbsh Meeting	21	Kayaking	10	Canoe Plan
11	Bicycle Planning				

SOCIALS

March		April	
3	Pot Luck/Show	7	Pot Luck/Show
17	Winter Social	14	Gourmet Ski Tour
		21	Winter Social

VOLLEYBALL

(Tuesdays at South High)

WMC WESTERN DANCE GROUP

(Thursday nights at the Westerner)

ALTA EAT & SKI

By Earl Cook
February 2, 1985

Despite the blizzard and cold at Alta on this Saturday, 20 WMCers showed up to partake of the hot buttered rum, hamburgers (with frozen tomato and lettuce) and frozen cookies. George and Keri had a nice lunch spread in spite of

the unruly weather. February is perhaps not the best time for outdoor socials because of the uncertainty of the weather, but all those who braved the storm enjoyed it. Look for another one of these later in the season when good weather is the rule?



A WORD ABOUT W.M.C. SKI TOURS.

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.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

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 - 9:30 p.m., Tuesday evenings in women's gym at South High (1700 South State, SLC). \$1.00 to cover costs. Call Tom, 467-5734 for info.

- Sat. Mar 2 SNOWSHOE TOUR TO SCOTT'S PASS. Follow Chris Moenich, 363-7053, on this ever popular tour. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the upper end of the big parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sat. Mar 2 DESOLATION LAKE. Ntd. Meet at the geology sign, mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Call Anna Cordes at 363-3390 if you have any questions.
- Sat. Mar 2 LEADERS CHOICE. Mod. Call Harold Geockeritz at 272-6205 for information on meeting time and place.
- Sat. Mar 2 MAYBIRD. Nsd. Pieps and shovels required. Meet Walt Haaz at the geology sign, mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 a.m. Call Walt at 534-1262 if you have any questions.
- Sat-Mon Mar 2-4 WEEKEND SKI TOUR - CEDAR BREAKS. Leave Friday Afternoon and drive to Medeau View Lodge at Duck Creek, east of Cedar City. There are numerous beautiful ski tours we can take from here, overlooking Zion Park and Cedar Breaks. The Lodge will cost approximately \$20.00 per day per person, which includes breakfast. Dinner is also available at the Lodge for \$7.50-\$8.50 per night. There is as much snow here as in the Wasatch, so be prepared for a great time. There is a limit of 12 people. Call leader - Denna Wright by February 10 to make reservations. Phone 1-649-4194.
- Sun. Mar 3 GRIZZLY GULCH. Ntd. Meet Chris Swanson at the geology sign, mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Call Chris at 359-3159 if you have questions.
- Sun. Mar 3 WOLVERINE CIRQUE. Mod. Hoping for powder? Meet Dave Morris at the geology sign, mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 a.m. Call him at 359-6274 if you have any questions.
- Sun. Mar 3 MOUNT RAYMOND. Msd. The summit ridge (exposure) is optional. Pieps and shovels required. Call Rolf Doebbeling at 467-6636 to register.

- Sun. Mar 3 WINTER SOCIAL. 6:00 p.m. at the Waterbury Clubhouse, 5600 South 1450 East. Look for the big building with the flag pole in front. This is a pot luck so bring a favorite dish. Drinks will be provided at cost. \$1.50 admission to cover cost of clubhouse and incidentals. Janet Friend will be showing slides of her trip to Nepal. For more information, call Marilyn Cavanaugh, 277-8264 or Penny at 277-1432.
- Thurs. Mar 7 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 7:30, Zions Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill. Your attendance is important as we will be discussing several vital issues. We will vote for new board members. Karin Caldwell will discuss the possible impact of the Winter Olympics in the Wasatch. A vote on an amendment to the By-Laws which will require a service activity at least once every two years as a condition for continuing membership. A slide show will take us climbing up the volcanoes of Mexico. (See proposed amendment published in this Rambler.)
- Sat. Mar 9 ALTA-TO-BRIGHTON. Mod. Mike Budig plans to use the UTA for transportation. Register with Mike by March 6 at 328-4512.
- Sat. Mar 9 DOG LAKE. Ntd. Meet at the geology sign, mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00. Call Mike Hendrickson at 942-1476 if you have questions.
- Sat-Sun Mar 9-10 HOMESTEAD. Ntd. Join Wick Miller for a weekend of skiing in the Uintah's and soaking in hot tubs in the evenings. Stay Friday and Saturday at the Homestead. Limited to 8 people, \$10.00 deposit required. Call Wick at 583-5160 by March 1 to register. You are not "in" until Wick receives your deposit. Snowshoers welcome.
- Sun. Mar 10 SNOWSHOE TOUR TO BROAD'S FORK. This tour takes off at the lower end of the "S" turn in Big Cottonwood and winds its way up to a spectacular basin. Meet Mark Jones, 943-7920, at 9:30 a.m. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.
- Sun. Mar 10 SCOTTS PASS. Ntd. This tour is ever popular. Meet Allen Olsen at the geology sign, mouth of Big Cottonwood at 10:00 a.m. Call Allen at 272-6305 if you have questions.
- Sun. Mar 10 ALPINE LOOP HIGHWAY. Long Mod. Bring your camera's for the view of "Timp". Meet George Westbrook at the shuttle parking lot at 7200 South and I-15 at 8:00 a.m. Call George at 942-6071 if you have questions.
- Sun. Mar 10 MAYBIRD. Msd. Pieps and shovels required. Call Peter Hansen at 359-2040 to register.
- Mon. Mar 11 BICYCLE PLANNING MEETING AND ELECTION. We will elect the new Bicycling Coordinator(s) for the 1985 season and discuss the long range plans for the year. Bring your own refreshments and any ideas for the upcoming season. The meeting will be at Richard Stone's home, 1169 Sunnyside Avenue at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, the phone no. is 583-2439.

- Sat. Mar 16 MIDWAY. Mod. Mike Budig (328-4512) or Ken Kelly (942-7730) register by Wednesday, March 13.
- Sat. Mar 16 CATHERINE PASS. Ntd. This tour will go up the Alta side. Lynn Chambers will lead this nice classic tour. Meet at the geology sign at 9:00 s.m., 521-3917.
- Sat. Mar 16 LONE PEAK. Msd. Meet George Swanson (466-3003) at Denny's off I-15 at 4500 South at 6:30 a.m. If you want to cross over to the _____, bring a harness and carabiners. If someone has an extra rope, please bring.
- Sat. Mar 16 BICYCLE RIDE. Saint Patrick's Day Ride. An easy season opener. We will cycle into town to view the St. Patrick's Day Parade. After the parade, we will slowly wend our way back to the starting point, stopping at various establishments with names reminiscent of the Emerald Isle to partake of the victuals and potables offered therein. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot at 4670 South 900 East at 9:00 a.m. Ride leader, John Peterson, 277-8817. Helmets required.
- Sat-Sun Mar 16-24 HALL'S CREEK - ESCALANTE AREA BACKPACK. This nine day trip will explore the area said to be most like the now drowned Glen Canyon. This will involve at least two separate backpacks where we return to the cars to resupply. We need four-wheel drive vehicles of any type to get us closer in. This trip may be postponed one or two weeks to meet the needs of the participants or due to weather. If you are interested, call Chuck Ranney at 583-1092.
- Sun. Mar 17 WILLOW LAKE. Ntd. Tom Silberstorff (467-5734) will meet you at the geology sign at 9:00 a.m.
- Sun. Mar 17 BENCH CREEK, UNTAS. Mod. Lyman Lewis (1-649-9632) will lead this one. Generic car pool at K-Mart at 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 at Park City golf course.
- Sun. Mar 17 BEN LOMAN. Msd. Bob Meyers (278-3214) register pieps and shovel required. There is a great view from the top.
- Sun. Mar 17 WINTER SOCIAL. 6:00 p.m. at Bill Zwiebel's. 3392 Crestwood Drive, 278-1208. Dinner \$3.00; drinks at cost.
- Sun. Mar 17 NEFF'S CANYON SNOWSHOE TOUR. John Flake, 484-1848, will show you the way to this fun tour. Meet at the south side of Bagle Nosh, Olympus Hill Shopping Plaza, at 9 a.m.
- Thurs. Mar 21 KAYAKERS GET TOGETHER (CANOEERS WELCOME)! Let's rehash boating stories and develop plans for boating '85. Margy Batson's 183 "L" Street, 521-7379. BYOB and I'll have munchies.
- Sat. Mar 23 DESOLATION LAKE. Long Ntd. Meet Bob Klimaj at the geology sign at 9:00 a.m. (272-6510).

- Sat. Mar 23 WHITE PINE. Mod. Meet Lauren Holland, 476-8645 at the geology sign at 8:30. Pieps and shovel required.
- Sat. Mar 23 KINGS PEAK. Msd. Steve Swanson (484-5805) register. This is a long day but don't have to go all the way. There is some great scenery, so bring your camera.
- Sun. Mar 24 SHOW AND GO BICYCLE RIDE. Weather permitting. Meet at the 15th East entrance to Sugarhouse Park at 10:00 a.m. Destination will be determined by the group. Helmets required.
- Sun. Mar 24 LOWER SILVER FORK. Ntd. Meet Chuck Reichmuth at the geology sign at 9:30. 483-1542.
- Sun. Mar 24 RED PINE PARK CITY. Mod. Our president will lead you through some great overlooks of Park West. Generic car pool 9:30 at K-Mart on 215 and Foothill then meet Bob Wright at the Park West parking lot at 10:00. 1-649-1228.
- Sun. Mar 24 DAYS FORK FROM ALTA. Msd. Terry Rollins (467-5088). Meet at the geology sign at 8:30. Anyone who can help with the car shuttle call Terry. Pieps and shovels and turning ability without using the face plant method a must.
- Sun. Mar 24 SCOTT'S PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. This will be a very scenic approach from the Guardsman Pass Road. Meet Shelly Hyde, 583-0974, at the geological sign at the big parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9 a.m.
- Sat. Mar 30 UPPER GREENS BASIN. Mod. Meet Jim Piani at the geology sign at 9:00. Pieps and shovels required, 943-8607.
- Sat. Mar 30 SCOTTS PASS. Ntd. Mill F. Meet Pete Hovingh at 9:30 at the geology sign, 359-4791.
- Sat. Mar 30 DESERET PEAK TO THE SADDLE. Msd. Jim Frese (1-882-5222). Generic car pool at Simpson Avenue and 1300 East across from Wendy's near the freeway entrance at 7:30, then meet Jim at 76 Truck Stop at the Tooele turn-off, I-80 at 8:00. Pieps and shovels required.
- Sun. Mar 31 BRIGHTON LAKES (Dog, Mary). Ntd. Meet Sandy Taylor, 583-2306 at the geology sign at 10:00 a.m.
- Sun. Mar 31 LEADERS CHOICE. Mod. Emily and Charles Hall (277-1555). Call for meeting place and time.
- Sun. Mar 31 NAOMI PEAK. Msd. Art Griffin (363-1996). Call to register, a long day.
- Sun. Mar 31 WILLOW LAKE SNOWSHOE TOUR. A pleasant ramble that has always been popular. Joy Ray, 263-3944, will meet you at the upper end of the Big Cottonwood parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

- Sun. Mar 31 SHOW AND GO BICYCLE RIDE. Weather permitting. Meet at the 15th East entrance to Sugarhouse Park at 10:00 a.m. Destination will be determined by the group. Helmets required.
- Sat. Apr 6 DOG LAKE MILL D' NORTH SNOWSHOE TOUR. The grand snowshoe finale with Irene Schilling, 483-1542. Meet her at the upper end of the Big Cottonwood parking lot at 9:30 a.m.
- Sat. Apr 6 CATHERINE PASS FROM BRIGHTON. Mod. Pieps and shovels suggested. Meet Hank Wienawer at 9:15 at the geology sign (277-1997).
- Sat. Apr 6 MINERAL FORK VIA CARDIFF. Kipp Green. Pieps and shovel required. Meet at the geology sign at 8:00, 266-3083.
- Sun. Apr 7 VARIATIONS ON MILL D NORTH. Mod. Meet Allan Gavere at the geology sign, 9:00 (486-1476).
- Wed. Apr 10 There will be a CANOEING PLANNING MEETING at Richard Stone's house. For more details see the April Rambler or call Richard at 583-2439 or Allan Gavere at 486-1476.
- Sat. Apr 13 CATHERINE BOWL. Mod. Meet Steve Summers at the geology sign at 9:00, 484-9022.
- Sun. Apr 14 GOURMET TOUR - FORMAL!! Best bib and tucker. Meet at the geology sign at 9:30. Snowshoers welcome, bring goodies for 5. Gail Dick, 359-5764.
- Fri-Sun Apr 19-21 CANYONLANDS. Three mile backpack to a spring. Day hike from there to scenic wonders of our choice. Druids Arch, Joint Trail, Chesler Park, Colorado Overlook, etc. Easy hiking, but up to 18 miles round trips. Call Leo Fontaine for details. Home 566-2532, Office 250-5911 x 22571.
- Sat-Sun May 11-12 ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CAR CAMP AT ARCHES NATIONAL PARK. Kids welcome.
- Thursdays Meet at the Westerner Club for some dancing with the WMC Swingers. Dance instruction by Jim Wood at 7:30. Band starts at 8:30. For more information, call Penny at 277-1432.

COMMERCIAL TRIPS

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April 20-25	Salmon River Float
May 5-10	Grand Gulch Backpack
Aug 20-Sept 2	Alaska

White Mesa Institute, call (303)564-5757

May 24-27	WMC Special
May 5-10	Grand Gulch Backpack (rock art documentation)
June 16-21	Archaeoastronomy



FROM THE

PRESIDENT

BY BOB WRIGHT

A new year is starting for the Mountain Club. The nomination dinner is over, and a gala occasion it was, with many distinguished guests, such as Ted Wilson, Art Carrol, and a number of representatives from S'PLORE, among them, Susan Barnhill, Mary Driver, and Molly Moore.

Some new people will be serving on the Board, and some people have decided to try another year, and will be serving again.

I would like to extend appreciation on behalf of the entire Mountain Club, and myself, to those who have served so well during the past year, and now are going to take a rest. They are Steve Carr, Jeanne Pratt, and Jim Hood, the Mountain Club would be in sad shape if there were not dedicated and untiring individuals such as these, to help make it all happen. A gold star for each of you.

Thanks to those who are going to be on the Board again. They are Joan Proctor, Mike Budig, Alexis Kelner, John Veranth, Penny Archibald, George Westbrook, Earl Cook, and Bob Wright.

And also a hearty welcome to the new Board Members. They are Sandra Taylor, Ray Daurelle, Wick and Joanne Miller, Chris Swanson, and Gary Tomlinson.

Thanks also to the nominating committee who spent a lot of time and energy filling out the slate of nominees. They are Pete Hovingh, Trudy Bach, and Oscar Robison.

While the election has not yet been held, there were no other nominees, and so it would appear that the new Board will be those nominated. Of course, nominations were closed before it was announced that the first meetings of the Board will be at the Wasatch Front.

The new year has many challenges to be met, and I am sure the new Board will rise to meet them. One of the foremost is the establishment of the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation, which will allow individuals and organizations to make tax deductible gifts and grants, to promote our goals in the field of conservation, improvement of trails, education, and sensitive appreciation of our natural environment. Details will be forthcoming in the Rambler in the near future.

Due to increased cost of postage and printing, the price of two Ramblers mailed to non-members is now \$3.00

DUES NOTICE

WMC annual dues are now due. All members should have received dues notices by 1st class mail. These membership renewal forms must be used to renew your membership and completely filled out. Members not renewing before April 15 will be taken off the Rambler mailing list.

PROPOSED BY - LAW ADDITION

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE REQUIREMENT

We need to spread the work of running the club out to the club members instead of overworking a central group.

Each member will be required to perform a club service activity once every two years as part of the membership renewal. The requirement information would be on the renewal form in the following manner:

SERVICE ACTIVITY..... DATE..... LEADER.....

Each year a renewing member would enter the information. If no activity was performed or the date was older than 2 years, then the renewal would be denied as for no payment or other incomplete information. Reviewing forms would be a service activity.

Service activities would be as follows:

- leading a hike/tour/backpack
- working on a committee
- working on the lodge
 - wood cutting
 - trail clearing
 - hosting a social
- helping a director/coordinator
- Thurs nite cooking, beverage
- any work party
- others as defined by a director or the Board

Exemptions would be:

- anyone who has been a director
- lives outside of UTAH
- 10 years continuous membership
- anyone exempted by the Board for outstanding service

This proposal had unanimous approval by the membership at the general meeting on Feb 84. It was approved by the Board in Feb 85 and will be brought up for a vote at the general meeting in the fall of 85.

The change to the Bylaws will read;

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Requirements for Regular Membership

A. Prospective members shall....

B. Renewing members shall be required to perform a club service activity once every two years. The service requirement information will be included on the renewal form. The Board will determine qualifying service activities and exemptions. These activities will be in the form of; leading a hike/tour/backpack, participating on a work party or committee, etc.



CONSERVATION NOTES

BY MICHAEL BUDIG

Conservationists React to Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan

Comments on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement were due on February 8. The Wasatch Mountain Club submitted comments which primarily addressed the impacts of proposed expansions of developed ski areas.

The following are excerpts from comments submitted on behalf of the Wasatch Mountain Club:

"The Wasatch Mountain Club opposes the expansion of Park West Ski Area for the following reasons:

1. Another lift terminal on the major ridgeline is another summertime visual intrusion in on one of the least urbanized canyons.
2. Already lift terminals occur on the ridgeline at Snake Creek Pass, Point Supreme ridgeline, Albion Basin ridgeline, Gad Valley ridgeline, Honeycomb Cliffs ridgeline, and with Scotts Pass accessibly to the downhill skiers. As each of these ski lifts to the ridgeline, the habitat of the cross-country skiers was drastically eliminated or altered. The habitat that was lost was the habitat required for beginning and intermediate cross-country skiers.
3. Park West Ski area presently does not have any lift lies even on weekends and hence does not need to expand at this time.
4. This is the last section of the high ridgeline which divides two major water drainages which the Forest Service presently has complete

jurisdiction and which does not have a ski lift terminal. This particular ridgeline contains an artistic and scientific resource of the limber pine ecosystem which is no longer too plentiful in the central Wasatch Mountains (see photograph taken west of Red Pine Lake (Weber Drainage) looking south).

5. Upper Mill Creek and Desolation Lake regions offers some of the last habitat for beginning cross-country skiing and lifts to the ridgeline will be the beginning of enroachment to this activity."

"The Wasatch Mountain Club opposed the expansion of Snowbird ski lift operations which include the White Pine Ski lift (from Gad Valley to White Pine ridgeline), TRAM II to the top of American Fork Twins and the restaurant on top of American Fork Twins. We understand that the top of American Fork Twins is land administered by the U.S. Forest Service. We do not support the commercialization of the highest peak in the Central Wasatch Mountains or the commercialization of any peak. As Snowbird's masterplan admits, this TRAM II and restaurant has little to do with skiing but with advertisement and show business. We approve of the conditions which the Forest Service placed on Snowbird in the proposed expansion to Scotties Bowl (no ski lifts, no bladed trails, no support buildings, no mechanized snow packing, etc.). We are somewhat concerned with the reasoning to allow this expansion — that Snowbird skiers are already utilizing the area. We understand that Snowbird skiers are not utilizing White Pine Canyon. We oppose the expansion of Snowbird into White Pine Canyon with its accompanied 3 lifts and parking at the bottom for 500 automobiles. Consequently we oppose the expansion into Scotties Bowl (and the expansion of Park West to the ridgeline)

for the reason that this may set precedence for White Pine Canyon (and Mill Creek) expansion by the Developed ski areas."

Cross-Country Ski Opportunities. For many of us who have skied cross-country for over 20 years in the Wasatch Mountains, there have been many changes in the use of the terrain. Albion Basin, Peruvian Gulch, Gad Valley, Katherine Pass, Honeycomb Cliffs, and more recently Snake Creek Pass have all been altered such that cross-country skiing, if still possible, is no longer a high quality experience for the participants in these areas. There is a big shift of skiers to Scotts Pass which is all on private property and which overlooks a developed ski area. There is a big shift of skiers to Willow Lake which has limited parking access and which included trespass through private property. Two aspects have occurred to cross-country skiing over the years: (1) the areas have been greatly reduced while downhill skiing has expanded; and (2) the parking at the trail heads has become very limiting.

"The Wasatch Mountain Club, if necessary and providing the development does not conflict with its goals, would like to encourage the Forest Service to use the piggy-backing when the developers propose changes in the Wasatch. For instance, in exchange for expanding the Snowbird ski area into Scotties Bowl (with all its reservations), Snowbird should be required to plow out the White Pine trail head for use of cross-country skiers, to permanently withdraw its proposal to convert Little Cottonwood Creek to a system of reservoirs of hydroelectric developments and perhaps purchase for Forest Service management the lands west of the ridgeline and north of Scotts Pass for dispersed recreation."

"Helicopter Skiing. The conflicts will increase during the next ten years as more and more people take up cross-country skiing. One possible resolution of this conflict is to limit the helicopter skiing to Monday through Thursday and prohibit helicopter skiing on Friday through Sunday and holidays."

Comments for the Mountain Club were written by Peter Hovingh, who followed through on his years of experience gained while he served as President and Conservation Director of the club. I want to thank Peter for his dedication and the commendable efforts he has made on behalf of the club.

While comments on behalf of the Mountain Club stressed local impacts of the plan, comments by other conservation-minded organizations emphasized other concerns. Charles F. Reichmuth, a WMC member, wrote on behalf of the Utah Trails Council, of which he is president. He emphasized that different users of the forest should be paying their own way, including grazing, timber developers, and water users. Also, he indicated that, if feasible, "fees should be charged for passes and permits for recreational opportunities to cover the costs of development, maintenance, services, etc., and, where necessary, to limit use to a carrying capacity which will provide "sustained yield" in the esthetic sense as well as the physical."

He also commented, "In some cases, there should be more than just an "opportunity" to develop X-C ski centers. For example, part of the approval for the expanded Snow Basin ski area included an obligation on the part of the Snow Basin management, to provide X-C ski opportunities for those which the expansion will eliminate."

Comments submitted by Dick Carter and the Utah Wilderness Association pointed out technical problems in the Forest Service proposal. For instance, it was noted:

"The EIS fails to disclose harvesting lodgepole pine on the forest produces a negative impact present net worth almost exclusively. This leads to a question the EIS fails to disclose -- how do you lose worthless timber to the pine beetle? The lodgepole pine has no real economic value."

Nuclear Waste Dump Hearing Set

The Department of Energy will be conducting three hearing statewide to

consider testimony in reaction to DOE preliminary nuclear dump site recommendations. You can submit your comments if you do it before March 20. Send them to Comments-EA, U.S. Doe, Attn: Comments - EA 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington D.C. 20585.

Although Utah was not among the top three sites recommended in DOE's preliminary decision, the fact is that both of the Utah sites (adjacent to Canyonlands National Park) were found to be suitable for a nuclear dump and could still be selected at some future time.

It should also be noted that these recommendations are preliminary and could change between now and the time the final EIS is scheduled to be released this summer. New data could prod DOE to recommend Utah as a site without allowing any public comment on this change. So, in essence, Utah could be selected without having the chance to react to its own selection.

DOE says new data will be made public as it becomes known, but this certainly has not been the case in the past. DOE has, in fact, been very uncooperative in sharing information and responding to questions and input by the state. This, in large measure was responsible for Governor Bangerter's dramatic shift from a rather non-committal viewpoint to strong opposition of DOE's selection of either of the Utah sites.

Also DOE officials expressed confidence at a January 22 public briefing session that the recommendations would not change. The officials maintained that the decision was based on solid data and that the differences between the top three sites and the next two (including Davis Canyon) are clear and well-documented.

But in light of the fact that all three states which have been selected have since filed suit, little comfort should be taken in DOE's assurances. Even if DOE is sincere, the courts or Congress may put Utah back into the targeted areas.

Utahns must assume that because both Utah sites have been found suitable for

the dumpsite, Utah inevitably will be selected as a dumpsite. Utahns must react now with this sense of rage and demand that both Utah sites be found unsuitable for the dump. For this will be the only way we can guarantee that Utah will not be selected as a site for the dump in the future. Otherwise the future guarantees only that we will have no further hearings or control over whatever DOE determines to be best for Utah and the nuclear power industry.

Clean Air Hearings Set

The Utah Bureau of Air Quality has scheduled hearings to be held throughout Utah during the month of March. The hearings will consider public comments on Utah's proposed state implementation plan for visibility protection.

The program is far behind schedule due to lingering affects of the Watt-Gorsuch era. During that time, the EPA neglected to develop the visibility protection standards mandated by the clean air act. The states felt that they too would be allowed to overlook requirements of the Clean Air Act. So both the states and EPA ignored the requirements until they were forced to act by a court order in response to a lawsuit brought on by several environmental organizations.

Of particular interest to Utah outdoor enthusiasts should be the visibility standards and proposals for integral vistas which should ultimately include several sites within Utah's national parks. Wasatch Mountain Club members are encouraged to speak out at the scheduled hearings. Those interested in more information should call me at 328-4512.

NOTE: The article in the last (February 1985) issue of the Rambler entitled "Big Cottonwood's Wastewater Collection System" did not have a by line. Although it was placed under my Conservation Notes column, credit should have been given to the story's author, Ann Wechsler.

NOMINATION BANQUET REPORT

BY PENNY ARCHIBALD

The Nominations Banquet was held at the Organ Loft this year and it proved to be a delightful evening. We had some special guests with us this year. Mayor Ted Wilson joined us. In his remarks, he discussed the land exchange issue. He also said he would like to reinstate his membership. Art Carrol, head of the Wasatch Forest Service, and his wife were with us, too. He discussed his long-term plans for the Wasatch National Forest and expressed his appreciation at being invited. Our guests also included 5 members of S'PLORE. If you will remember, we donated \$600 to their organization so that they could purchase cross country ski sleds for the handicapped.

After the nominations were made, several awards and recognitions were given out. Dale Green was given recognition for his outstanding leadership in conducting the Sniffing and Wagging Activities, otherwise known as the Thursday Night madhouse, I mean hike. Lori Webb was

given special recognition for proving that a stout bicycle was no match for a stout snow plow. Steve Carr was given special recognition for managing to go through an entire year of Board Meetings without once making a speech about the Libertarian Party. Alexis Kelner presented Chuck Reichmuth with a Spade is a Spade Award. Chuck received a brand new spade for launching Jake Garn a year ahead of time. On a more serious note, the Club took their occasion to honor Trudy Healey with the Pa Perry Activity Award by outstanding contributions to the WMC. Thank you Trudy for all you've done for us.

After the business part was over the organ player returned with the drummer and the dancing started and conversation continued. Everyone seemed to agree that it was an outstanding evening and many expressed the sentiment that they are looking forward to next year's banquet.



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1996 WASATCH OLYMPICS?

by Karin Caldwell

Utah Winter Games Feasibility Committee

The issue of a Utah Winter Olympics has a tendency to surface in the public debate with some regularity, and once again we are riding a tidal wave of olympic fever. At present, one of the compelling reasons for desiring this international extravaganza is to celebrate the centennial of Utah's statehood in 1996.

Planning for this event had undoubtedly been going on for some time among the various ski resorts in the Salt Lake area, but encouraged by Governor Matheson, these planning efforts were formalized some time last spring through the creation of a Winter Games task force. This body was to catalogue the pros and cons of holding the games here, and eventually to decide whether or not to place a bid with the U.S. Olympics Committee. Of great concern was to avoid a repeat of the Denver fiasco, where public resentment aborted advanced plans for the 1976 Winter Games. Keenly aware of all the criticism about "smoke-filled room" decisions which had been voiced against the Denver planning group, the Utah task force decided to incorporate among its members representatives of groups such as WMC and the Sierra Club, which could be expected to have strong feelings about the project.

One of the first tasks before this committee was to decide how to conduct a reputable feasibility study, and how to pay for such a project. A target sum of \$100,000 was agreed upon, and this cost was to be borne equally by the public and private sectors. By mid-August the State issued a Request for Proposal which asked for an identification of potential sites for the various olympic events, as well as an assessment of the economic and environmental impacts which would result from the games. Ten firms responded by the set deadline and their bids ranged from just under the proposed \$100,000 to

\$240,000. In the drawn-out and emotionally quite draining selection process, the majority of the task force voted for the item with the highest price tag. (We have yet to figure out how to pay for this choice.)

The selected team consisted, first of all, of the Canadian firm of Underwood McLellan Ltd., who had successfully prepared the Calgary bid for 1988. A number of tasks, such as studies of urban infrastructure - notably canyon mass transit and environmental impacts, are subcontracted to the local engineering firm of Eckhoff, Watson and Preator, whose principal Dr. Eckhoff has been a strong spokesman for the installation of sewers (the gateways to increased development) in both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons; economic aspects of the study are handled by Economics Research Associates of Los Angeles.

The process of identifying potential sites started in December, and went along smoothly until the turn came to look at areas for the Nordic events. 5850 feet is the maximal altitude at which such events can take place, and the International Olympics Committee (IOC) requires a forested, undulating piece of land whose minimal dimensions should be 1 mile by 6 miles. Here, Utah has a clear problem, and although the site identification was to have been concluded by early January, the task force has yet -- in mid-February -- to see a final product. At the January 18 meeting, however, an interim report was presented, which listed the hills west of Utah Lake among possible sites for the Nordic events. Their tree-less appearance would have to be changed by a massive planting of about a million fast-growing seedlings, supported by irrigation, of course, but as we all know, even out of little acorns giant oaks grow -- if you are lucky.

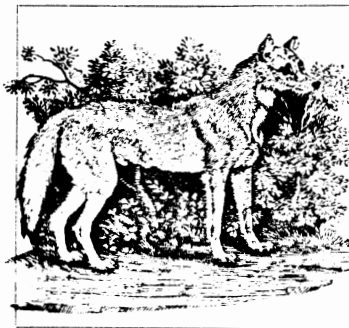
The scenarios for the Alpine events were virtually complete. Although all downhill and slalom events could be held on the east side of the Wasatch range, with minimal impact on the watershed, this was deemed a less attractive solution than to let e.g. Snowbird host the downhills and split the slaloms among Solitude and Park City. Before considering such site combinations, one must examine the transportation requirements set up by the IOC. In order to safely transport VIP's, athletes, functionaries, reporters, and a host of other classified groups of people, there need to be nine different categories of transportation systems in place. Little Cottonwood Canyon has but one road, and although helicopter transportation might be thought possible, it is heavily dependent on the weather, and as such unrealistic. To increase access into Little Cottonwood, the study team proposes a tunnel, possibly in Silver Fork, which would connect the two Cottonwood canyons and provide ample escape should a natural disaster, e.g. and avalanche, close either of the roads. In order to conveniently transport athletes and others from the west to the east side of the Wasatch, one must either keep the Guardsman's Pass road open, or tunnel through the mountain to provide access to Park City. It is also deemed desirable, although not necessary, to provide overland transportation by means of some gondola lift system, so that the athletes might easily move between resorts during their training.

How about the general public? Whether realistic or not, estimates of about 50,000 spectators per major event are frequently quoted. Such numbers cannot be moved by bus, and it is proposed that some type of monorail system be built in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Once installed, such a system could be a "major tourist attraction for the area" according to the study team's Mr. Connolly. Anyway, it must be borne in mind that once such a system is in place, it will be used to some substantial fraction of its full capacity of 6,000 to 10,000 passengers per hour, thus continuing to bring large numbers of visitors into one of Salt Lake City's major watersheds long after the Games are over.

As the study approaches its completion, which is scheduled for the middle of April, we will get a fuller picture of this Olympian impact on our lands.

At that time, a massive effort is planned to disseminate the findings of this study to the public. Televised meetings will be held, where those interested can express their opinion. Comments could also be submitted in writing to Dale B. Carpenter who is the chairman of the task force, or as it is now called the "Utah Winter Games Feasibility Committee", 6290 State Office Building, SLC, Utah 84114. Remember, it is important that those who have suggestions or general statements to make let their voices be heard prior to the moment of decision.

Once the hearing process is finished, the task force is to terminate its existence by voting whether TO BID OR NOT TO BID, and thereby decide whether to "suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of trouble."



SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

SUNDAY MARCH 3

Intermediate ski tour to Willow Heights. This area in Big Cottonwood Canyon usually provides safe enjoyable skiing with relatively moderate access problems. Register with leader Frank Prescott at 363-6145.

SUNDAY MARCH 10

Beginner ski tour in the Uintas. Call leader Dick Dougherty at 583-3421 after 6 PM.

SAT.-SUN. APRIL 6-7

Exploratory backpack in Capitol Reef National Park. This will be a moderately strenuous trip to attempt to explore the upper end of Five Mile Canyon. It will be necessary to carry water and do rock scrambling with packs on. Limited to 15 participants. Register with leader Noel de Nevers by March 31 at 328-9376.

SAT.-SUN. APRIL 13-14

Overnight trip to the Sid's Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the San Rafael Swell. Register with leader Doug Clark by April 7 at home, 562-1706, or at work, 486-7481.



NOTICE TO KAYAKERS BY MARGY BATSON

Let's get together and develop plans for boating '85, find out our success on permits, and rehash river tales (canoers welcome). March 21, 7 p.m. at Margy Batson's 183 "L" Street, 521-7379. BYOB and I'll provide munchies.

Pool Practices

Wasatch Touring - open pool YMCA \$2.50 till April 17. Sunday - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Monday - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Beginning classes available, \$60 Charlie Butler, 359-9361. Timberline - open pool YMCA with maximum 5 people, total 4 hours with \$30. Beginning classes \$60, call 486-2100 U of U continuing education - beginning, intermediate and intermediate/advance classes. Great work out! \$48.

New boaters - are you out there? Feel free to contact me for questions/suggestions on getting started. See you March 21.



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THE OUTDOOR MUSEUM

by Fred Blackburn, White Mesa Institute

Imagine crawling through a narrow doorway into the murky interior of an ancient Pueblo building hidden away in a remote canyon of Southeast Utah. As your Eyes adjust to the gloom and your heartbeat finds a moderate pace after the strenuous and tricky climb up to the ruin, you realize that, except for the pack rat nests, the interior looks in nearly the same condition as the Anasazi, the ancestors of the historic Pueblo Indians, must have left it when they packed up and walked away six centuries ago. While scanning the interior you discover among the desiccated corncobs and pack rat droppings on the floor a finely constructed and painted Indian pot. Your heart races again as you reach out and pick up the delicate object. "This hasn't been touched in six centuries! I am the first non-Indian ever to see it." Yet the thrill fades as you realize that your exciting find also presents you with a terrible dilemma. The inner dialogue begins.

What should you do with it? Federal and State law say you must leave everything in place. But, you realize, if you can find this hidden ruin and climb up to it, so can others and they might not be as honest. "Why not take the bowl to a museum?", you argue. Somehow, though, you cannot imagine just locking this beautifully made clay artifact in a sterile, temperature controlled display case, or worse yet, putting it in a museum drawer or vault, never to be viewed, except perhaps by some student of the ancient Pueblo past. Besides, both the immediate setting in the room and the wider local environment contribute to understanding the bowl and the individual who made it. Suddenly, a radical idea emerges,

one you heard about somewhere. "It's just worth the chance," you muse. "Others have tried writing notes. I hope it works." Taking a piece of paper out of your daypack, you write a short note:

TO THE FINDER OF THIS BOWL---

This lovely Anasazi bowl was left here at least 600 years ago. I hope you agree with me that it belongs in this setting rather than in a museum case or in a private collection. Much of the meaning of this bowl and the mystery of its maker is connected to its setting. I urge you to add your thoughts to this note and to replace it in the same setting in which you found it. I realize that in leaving this beautiful hand-made bowl I'm taking a risk that someone else will find it impossible to avoid taking it, but I think the risk is worth it. As far as I know, I am the first non-Indian ever to enter this small room.

The above scenario presents a radical and somewhat Utopian approach to how we as an American society should view all cultural and natural history in the "Outdoor Museum".

Our current values place too much emphasis on collection and ownership of things, with little understanding attached to the feeling for the past owners.

Critics of the "Outdoor Museum" argue with some validity.

1. They should be placed in the museums.
2. They should be available for research.
3. If I don't take it someone else will.
4. The elements will destroy it.

A simple answer is available for all these arguments. Make a clearly marked replica of the original and return it to the location of the actual discovery with a note inside explaining the whereabouts of the original and what was learned by leaving the artifact in place. The artifact is now a wonderful teaching tool which has lost its value as a collectible piece, and now has become a direct representative of the culture giving a personal glimpse at those people.

Great numbers need not be replicated. Classic pieces ripped out of the canyon could be returned. Imagine Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde with replicas of cultural materials in its rooms rather than the recent broom marks which keep the place sterile of feeling for past cultures.

A culture with the technology to send 300 million dollar space shuttles into orbit surely has the technology to fire a pot, to duplicate a sandal, bow, atlatl, arrowhead, or basket, and to return them to the canyons of Southeastern Utah for years of enjoyment and teaching about ancient people.

MULE CANYON ITINERARY

MAY 24 2:00pm Meet at Edge of Cedars State Historical Museum, Blanding, where an introduction to the outdoor museum and current state of archaeology will be presented. From here, we drive to Mule Canyon Towers and hike to a ritual astronomical site for the first night.

MAY 25 Drive to north fork of Mule Canyon, leaving one car at south fork. Backpack up north fork to explore astronomical sites and archaeology. The hike is beautiful, with Cedar Mesa sandstone contrasting with ponderosa pine,

GUIDED ARCHAEOASTRONOMY TRIP

by Mary Gustafson

Several WMC members have participated in White Mesa Institute programs and found them to be enjoyable and educational. Like commercial raft trips, White Mesa generally provides all meals, transportation, etc., as well as faculty and guides, for about \$350 per person for four days. I would like to make the experience accessible to more WMC members and have proposed a "no frills" version for WMC members. We would combine the usual on-your-own backpacking with a faculty member from White Mesa along as guide and teacher.

Below is a proposed itinerary for a trip to Mule Canyon to be led by Fred Blackburn, Director of Interpretive Programs for White Mesa Institute. (Fred presented a slide show on archaeoastronomy at a WMC membership meeting this year.) Fred will take us to several interesting sites and promises some of his "outdoor museum" surprises along the way. He has extensive knowledge of the cultural archaeology of the area and is skilled at pointing out the obscure sites and rock art people usually miss.

The consulting fee of \$300 for the four day trip will be split between the trip participants, with a minimum of 8, maximum of 15 people. A deposit of \$20 will be required. The deposit cannot be returned after May 10. Checks may be made out to Fred Blackburn and sent to Mary Gustafson, 529 10th Ave., S L C, UT 84103.

MAY 26 A strenuous climb through brush and high traverses across slick rock will challenge the day. At mesa top, we will review early basketmaker surface sites. Tremendous view of the Grand Gulch Plateau. We may spend the night on top or fill our canteens for a late afternoon descent into the south fork of Mule Canyon.

May 27 A fairly long hike awaits us to the road. Along the way we will view more archaeological sites, rock art and scenery. We will summarize the trip and then return to Edge of Cedars Museum in Blanding.

WINTER SOLSTICE IN DAVIS CANYON

by Mary Gustafson and Chris Billoft

Winter solstice was a time of ritual for Anazazi Indians in the four corners area from the early basket maker period until their disappearance during the 13th century. Archaeoastronomers, using transits, clinometers and other basic surveying instruments, are able to measure the orientation of the ruins with respect to solar and stellar events. For example, in Chaco Canyon and Hovenweep, buildings were constructed with windows or small ports through which wall niches were illuminated at the time of the solstice.

This winter, White Mesa Institute (WMI) conducted an exploratory trip to Davis Canyon, an area rich in ancient Indian sites and one of the proposed locations for a nuclear waste dump. Our task was to take measurements necessary to determine if the sites were aligned with sun during the winter solstice, and therefore of greater cultural significance than originally stated in DOE's impact statement. We were guided in the process by Fred Blackburn, WMI Interpretive Director and WMI faculty member, Ray Williamson who has recently published a book Living the Sky: the Cosmos of the American Indian (Houghton Mifflin Co., 1984).

During our four day stay we surveyed several sites which seemed to be associated with the solstice including a long row of room blocks on a mesa ridge high above the canyon floor, a circular structure in the canyon shadowed by the east Six Shooter Peak, and two strange rocks shaped like 15 foot high mushrooms. In spite of their obvious inaccessibility, both mushroom rocks had the remains of multi-room structures on their flat tops.

All of us on the trip felt that, by documenting the importance of these sites, we were making a contribution to the preservation of this unique and threatened area. As a bonus, there were some exceptional people on the trip whose wealth of experiences enriched us all. In particular, we enjoyed Mary and Frank Folsom, who wrote their first book together in the early forties, and have since published many books on travel, Indian history, and archaeology.

We all gained an appreciation of Fred's use of the area as an "outdoor museum." He guided us to various locations and stood back while we found and tried to interpret artifacts he had previously discovered and left in place. The remains of a Ute cradle board were particularly interesting. We puzzled long and hard over how it was constructed and speculated on its use. People from past WMI trips had left messages in a film can near the artifact expressing their appreciation for the opportunity of seeing the cradle board in its original location and advising others to look and leave it alone for others.

A darker aspect of the trip was the discovery that the looting of burial sites has recently accelerated. To make matters worse, an out-of-state team of park personnel surveyed the area in an attempt to assess the cultural value. In the process, they speared some previously undisturbed burial sites with day-glo orange plastic site markers. Even novice pot hunters will be spared the inconvenience of trial and error digging.

Pot hunting has been an accepted part of the economy in Southern Utah since the 1920's. Extensive networks for the illegal sale of artifacts are in place, often involving several generations of family members.

Therefore, the spotty enforcement of the antiquities law by Federal officials simply causes resentment and further alienation of those who feel that it is their right to dig. Some authorities familiar with the problem feel that the only workable solution is to disrupt the illegal trade network through an amnesty and proveniencing plan.

The diggers would be granted amnesty for artifacts already removed in exchange for information on these artifacts and their sites of origin. Responsible diggers would then be able to apply for permission to excavate sites so long as they adhere to sound archaeological principles and record their findings. While this plan may seem like a choice between two evils, it would return a vast amount of knowledge to the public domain and prevent the total loss of both artifact and site information that presently occurs.

The plan also recommends that the donation to museums of unrecorded artifacts no longer be granted tax deduction status.

The next two months are critical to the establishment of a workable archeological site management plan for Southern Utah. A Governor's task force for law enforcement at the sites has been established, and has recommended a plan for proveniencing artifacts. However, the reality is that no funds have been allocated to continue the task force or implement its recommendations. Those who wish to express their concerns on this issue should write to Bret D. Ward, with copies to the Governor and to Senator Hatch. Brent D. Ward, U.S. Attorney, District of Utah, P.O. Box 2750, 350 So. Main, S.L.C., UT 84110.



TRIP · TALK

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Mill Creek Canyon
By Chuck Reichmuth
February 3, 1985

The weather forecasters/entertainers had been talking for over a week about how cold it had been, how cold it was, and how cold it was going to be. They admitted that February 3rd was going to be a bit warmer than the five days preceding or following it, but they succeeded in keeping most of the early folk indoors. Consequently, only a handful of hardy souls turned up at the Bagel Nosh for both the Mill Creek and the Mill D to Dog Lake to Mill Creek tours. And although cloudy, it didn't seem so cold after all. The two tour groups went their separate ways, both, I think, wondering why there weren't more people out on such a nice day.

Five chose the NTD Mill Creek run, and we were shortly (9:40) on our way up the Canyon. Now what can one say about Mill Creek? There are no difficult obstacles to overcome; no avalanche hazards; no biting winds; in fact, it gets used too heavily with skiers and dogs, snowshoers and dogs, and hikers and dogs, but normally later in the day. They usually leave a trail behind that is packed and unsightly, but only up to the Elbow Fork area where most of them turn around.

But on the third of February, a fresh coating of two to four inches of powder had erased the wear of the days before and given the Canyon a Christmasy flocked touch, the crowds were yet to come, and it seemed even warmer than back at the Nosh. Well before Elbow Fork, some of us were removing our hats and gloves to stay cool. Not much later, the sun came out for awhile and we were in heaven. One can't say much about Mill Creek Canyon, except it has to be one of the prettiest places along the Wasatch Front; and a ski tour there is easy enough to let the skier take in the scenery, in fact, soak it in! There isn't much more to

tell. The two "beginners", Chris and Jim, took a commanding lead. The veteran powder skiers, Genevieve and Chuck, brought up the rear. And that little ole wine-tasting "leader" ME, followed in the middle, just barely keeping ahead of the vets. We reached the end of the road in good time. The sun came out again for our early lunch and social, keeping us comfortable, and we enjoyed!

During lunch we witnessed a group of skiers emerge from Upper Big Water who had come via Dog Lake, after an 0830 departure from Cottonwood Canyon. They pronounced the snow as "powder all the way" and it "couldn't be better". Shortly thereafter, Chris and Jim started down the trail; the vets tried telemarking in the powder, finding it a bit too dense and deep for good control; and the leader applauded. We three then had a good run down the Canyon "catching" the beginners just before they pulled away in their car. And the mob had only started to arrive, it being and early 1:15. The fearless five: Genevieve Atwood, Chuck Avery, Jim Elder, Chris Moenich and yours truly.



Nepal Trek

Trekking in Nepal "Around Annapurna"
by Cassie Badowsky
October 27-November 25, 1984

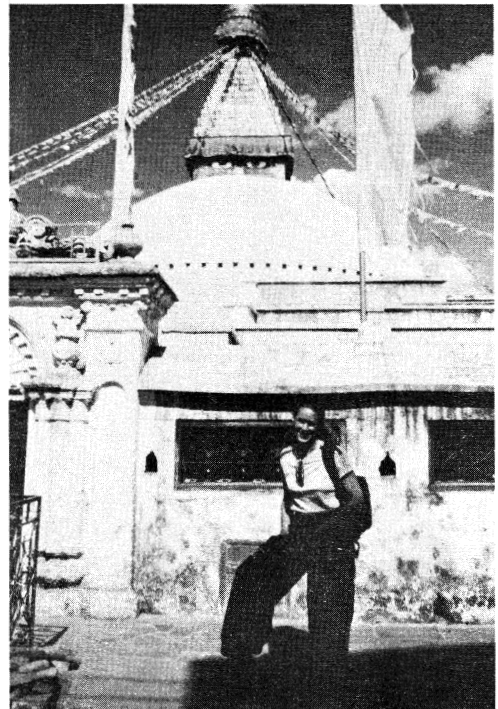
Our group left Seattle on a Thai International Airways 747 on October 27, and were soon treated to beautiful views of the Aleutian Islands en route to Tokyo and Bangkok. After a whirlwind night tour of Bangkok, and 19 flight hours later, our eager group reached their destination — Kathmandu Nepal. The 11 trekkers were Cassie Badowsky, Kathy Dagleish, Joel Dangerfield, Janet Friend, Sylvia Gray, Elizabeth Morris, Steve Negler, Kevin Plettenberg, Chuck Ranney, Elissa Stevens, and Dr. Mike Symond, 8 of whom are WMC members.

Before beginning our trek, we had a couple of days to immerse ourselves in the medieval wonders of Kathmandu, Nepal's major city founded 1200 years ago on an ancient trade route between India

and China, near the place where Buddha is believed to have been born. Kathmandu was closed to Westerners until just 30 years ago. Bazaars lining the ancient streets sell everything to captivate the Western mind — Kashmir and Tibetan rugs, prayer wheels, Kukri knives, yak scarves, paper mache masks of Ganesh — the Hindu elephant god, Yak cigarettes, Everest toothpaste! The narrow streets are jammed with sacred cows, rickshaws, bicycles, battered cars, and all forms of humanity. Hindu and Buddhist shrines are everywhere. We saw Bodnath, the Buddhist shrine at the edge of Kathmandu, whose all-seeing, all-knowing eyes constantly survey all its surroundings. We wondered at Pashupatinath Temple on the banks of the Baghmati River — a Hindu temple, one of the holiest shrines where pilgrims come from afar to pray. As we looked on, preparations for a cremation were being made.



Photo by C. Badowsky



CASSIE BADOWSKY AT TEMPLE

Intrigued as we were with Kathmandu, we could hardly wait to begin our trek. The 22 day circuit "Around Annapurna" is considered to be a classic trek in Nepal because it encompasses many different kinds of Nepal's spectacular scenery, and because the trails go through numerous Nepalese and Tibetan villages, introducing the trekker to much of Nepal's rich culture. We began our trek with an entourage of 11 sherpas and 37 porters. The trail starts in the lush green valley of the Marsyandi River (open to foreigners only since 1977), between the Annapurnas to the west and the Manslu/Himalchuli peaks to the east. We passed through the native villages of Udipur, Simulchaur, Bhulbule, Bahundanda. Everywhere the Nepalese children would come running up to us, friendly and open, wanting to practice their English with us, look through our cameras, check out our watches, show us their school books. The Nepalese are an extremely friendly, happy, gracious people.

Gradually the trail turned west into the Manang Valley; the peoples are now Tibetan in origin. Their villages like Pisang, Braga, Manang are medieval stone dwellings, often set on high plateaus or in cliffs. The scenery has changed from the lush green terraces of the Marsyandi to the rocky, arid and stark scenery of this Tibetan environ. As we hiked through this country, we would pass chortens (Buddhist shrines), and prayer flags, sending the prayer Om Mani Padme Hum "Blessed be the Jewel of the Lotus" (Buddha) to the heavens.

A constant delight all along the trail were the tea houses, where Nepalese people have opened up their homes to provide "lodging and fooding" to trekkers. We enjoyed countless stops at these delightful places, where those of us who never drink tea at home suddenly developed an addiction to milk tea, lemon tea and Nepalese biscuits.

We have slowly been gaining elevation all along, starting at about 2600' and are now

at 14,700' at Phedi, the last camp before heading over the 17,700' Thorong La pass. Up early in the morning at 3:30 a.m., we push to make the final ascent. The first 1000' is very steep, and the last 2000' might as well be, because by this time, the elevation is having its effect. We all make the pass in fine form and are exhilarated — it is a moment of celebration. But we don't linger there too long — one of the Australian girls we met said her temperature gauge registered 20 below on the pass.

A descent of 5000' to Muktinath, and we are now in the Kali Gandaki Gorge, the deepest gorge in the known universe — 22,000' from the summit of Dhaulagiri to the river bed. The scenery is arid, panoramic, starkly beautiful. Along the route towards Pokhara, there are spectacular views of Dhaulagiri, the Nilgiris, Annapurna South, Annapurna 1, Hiunchuli, Glacier Dome and Machhapuchhare.

All too soon we are at the end of the trek in Pokhara. The sherpas throw a wonderful farewell party for us, serving up fresh roast chicken, succote made from buffalo meat, a splendid 10" tall fruit cake baked over the campfire, bounteous amounts of rakshi, and Kukri rum. And if that wasn't more than enough, they afterwards serenaded us with Sherpa songs and dance. As we were waiting at the Kathmandu Airport to board our flights home, our head sirdar presented each of us with a beautiful silk scarf -- this was a Sherpa custom when parting. We all choked with emotion, and a sense of the tremendous appreciation for the rich experience we had had in this enchanting country high in the Himalayas. We reluctantly boarded our flights, some of us heading home, contemplating how life would be hiking in the Wasatch range without porters, tea houses, chortens, or yak burgers. While the rest of us headed on to India to see the Taj Mahal — but that's another story.

This trip was arranged by Cassie Badowsky of Terra Travel and Kevin Plettenberg of Hohula Mountaineering.



SYLVIA GREY TEACHES ENGLISH



STEVE NEGLER SHOWS OFF CAMERA

Photo by C. Badowsky

Snowshoe to Twin Peaks
by Chris Moenich
February 10, 1985

Slip and slide with Shelley Hyde, one of the Wasatch's funniest snowshoe guides.

Five people were wishing they had stayed home, read the newspaper and eaten omelettes during at least part of the snowshoe hike led by Shelley Hyde on Sunday, February 10.

It wasn't that the scenery was bad or the company worse, but since the Rambler had advertised it as a "not strenuous" hike why were we bushwacking and clinging onto the branches for support during a good part of the uphill climb? Good humor prevailed, however, and even John Flake, who is wearing a leg cast from a recent ski accident, got through the scrub and to the top of twin peaks.

Not to confuse, the twin peaks we climbed are north of the city, overlooking the university and Federal Heights. The elevations of the peaks are 6,600 and 6,500 ft., so we shared a wonderful view of the valley (smog was at a minimum) and the Great Salt Lake.

The crew started out from Shriner's Hospital, off Virginia Avenue. We drove about a mile, parked, put on the shoes and started almost immediately on an uphill hike. We spotted at least 18 deer on the way up. The consensus was that they left the area after hearing one too many of Shelley Hyde's infamous jokes.

The fun really began — especially for Flake — when we started traversing along one of the foothills. The snow cover was slick from the cold, so when we weren't sliding down sideways, we were plowing through woody scrub. Two of us shared one set of poles during a steep ascent of a gully.

We got to the top in about an hour and a half, heard a few more jokes, laughed, and looked at bobcat tracks (honestly) before descending. Hyde managed to execute a splendid faceplant on the way down from the peak, much to our enjoyment.

The trip ended with all of us the happier for going on this Rambler advertised "nice quiet" trek: if not for the good workout, at least for the good jokes we learned.

Those accompanying Shelley were Flake, Joan Proctor, Dave Cahoon, and Chris Moenich.

Mill D North
November 24
by Bob Wilson

That's right, 10:00 a.m. What a great time to start Ice Capades '84!

Mary Gustafson, Don Firestone, Tony Torri, Audrey Stevens, Fred Zoerner, Jeff Barrell, Chris Biltoft, Kevin Oakes and Bob Wilson headed in the general direction of Desolation Lake via Mill D North.

With the later, and more comfortable starting time, the group reached the "first meadow" east of the Y at 12:30 p.m. There was no argument about breaking for lunch.

Pushing on the group voted to ascend the south side ridge at the end of "first meadow". The brave tried the wind blown and crusted snow and succeeding in getting telemark grades from zero (me) to a commendable 8.5, 8.4, 8.6.

The trip back was rough over the two week old snow. We do not recommend the "grove" from the "knob" to the Y — it is about 20 feet deep and 4 feet wide. Even with lots of powder the options are head plants or an Aspen branch in the mouth.

WMC GYMNASTS

Pyramid Bluff Diary
by Hank Winawer

Real Destination: Greens Basin

Date: January 20, 1985

Snow Conditions: White, cold, semi-crusty

Chronological Order of Activities: Ski to Greens Basin; have relaxing lunch in meadow; try to ski hill above basin; crusty snow turns our attention to other forms of entertainment; the WMC gym team is born (survival is questionable).

Pyramid Builders: Hank Winawer, Bruce Hopkins (trip leader) and Maryanne Jerome

Photographer: Vicki Jones Evans

Cheering Team: Bev Henry, Chuck Reichmuth, Jim Frese, Susan Allen, Genevieve Atwood, Dan Jarcho, Jim Nicol, Jim Piani.



Photo by V. Jones Evans

AUDRY'S MOUNTAINS

WINTER SOCIAL REPORT
(AUDRY'S MOUNTAINS)
BY EARL COOK

Because of the delay in getting the Rambler out last month, the membership did not receive the notice of this social in a timely manner. Still, about 30 members attended the pot-luck dinner at the Marmalade Center on Sunday, February 3. Audry Stevens presented a marvelously organized and entertaining slide show of her experience with different mountains throughout the world. The show was organized under the following topics: Mountain Types and Gorges, Undermountains-Approaches, Preparation Helpers, Climbing - After Climb - Summits, Tetons - Daubenhorn - Mt. Kenya, Mt. Kilimanjare, Annapurna.

I am sorry the rest of you members didn't get to see the show. Audry did a splendid job and it is much appreciated.



Photo by E. Cook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMC

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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**ZIONS LUTHERAN CHURCH
1070 FOOTHILL**

7:30 pm

SLIDE SHOW: Volcanos of Mexico

WINTER SOCIAL POT LUCK

6:00 pm Admission \$1.50

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Call Peter Cartwright, 583-1208

Wasatch Mountain Club

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/REINSTATEMENT and RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION QUALIFICATION FORM

1
PLEASE
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PLAINLY

NAME: _____ PARTNER'S NAME _____
(Only if he/she desires membership)
STREET ADDRESS: _____ APT.#: _____ TEL: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
(no ZIP, No Rambler)
OCCUPATION: (Optional) _____

The Wasatch Mountain Club's membership year is March 1 to February 28. Those joining in January and February are granted a leeway to join for the next membership year beginning in March. Those joining from Sept. to Dec., join for 1/2 year.
REINSTATEMENTS (for former members): A \$5.00 reinstatement fee must be paid instead of the entrance fee. The dues listed below apply.

2

CHECK ONE

☐ I hereby apply for ☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP
☐ REINSTATEMENT in the Wasatch Mountain Club.

INSERT YEAR

☐ For the membership year _____ (insert year), enclosed are my dues as follows:
(Checks ONLY: cash NOT accepted. Your cancelled check is your receipt.)

3

If joining from January to August, inclusive (full year's dues):

- ☐ Single Membership: \$20.00, of which \$12.00 is for a year's subscription to the Rambler and \$5.00 is the entrance/reinstatement fee.
☐ Couple Membership: \$25.00, of which \$12.00 is for a year's subscription to the Rambler, \$5.00 is partner dues (non-subscribing), and \$5.00 is the entrance/reinstatement fee.

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If joining from September to December, inclusive, (half year's dues):

- ☐ Single Membership: \$12.50, of which \$6.00 is for a half-year subscription to the Rambler and \$5.00 is the entrance/reinstatement fee.
☐ Couple Membership: \$15.00, of which \$6.00 is for a half-year subscription to the Rambler, \$2.50 is partner dues (non-subscribing), and \$5.00 is the entrance/reinstatement fee.

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☐ DO
☐ DO NOT wish to receive the Rambler. Subscriptions are not deductible from the dues. I am 18 years of age or older.

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(Valid for 1 year) Signature of

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Recommending

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2. _____ DATE: _____ LEADER: _____

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I agree to abide by the Wasatch Mountain Club rules and regulations as specified in the Constitution and Bylaws and as determined by the Governing Board.

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I am willing to serve the Wasatch Mountain Club in the following areas:

_____ Organizing social activities(6); _____ Trail Clearing(7); _____ Lodge Work(8);

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