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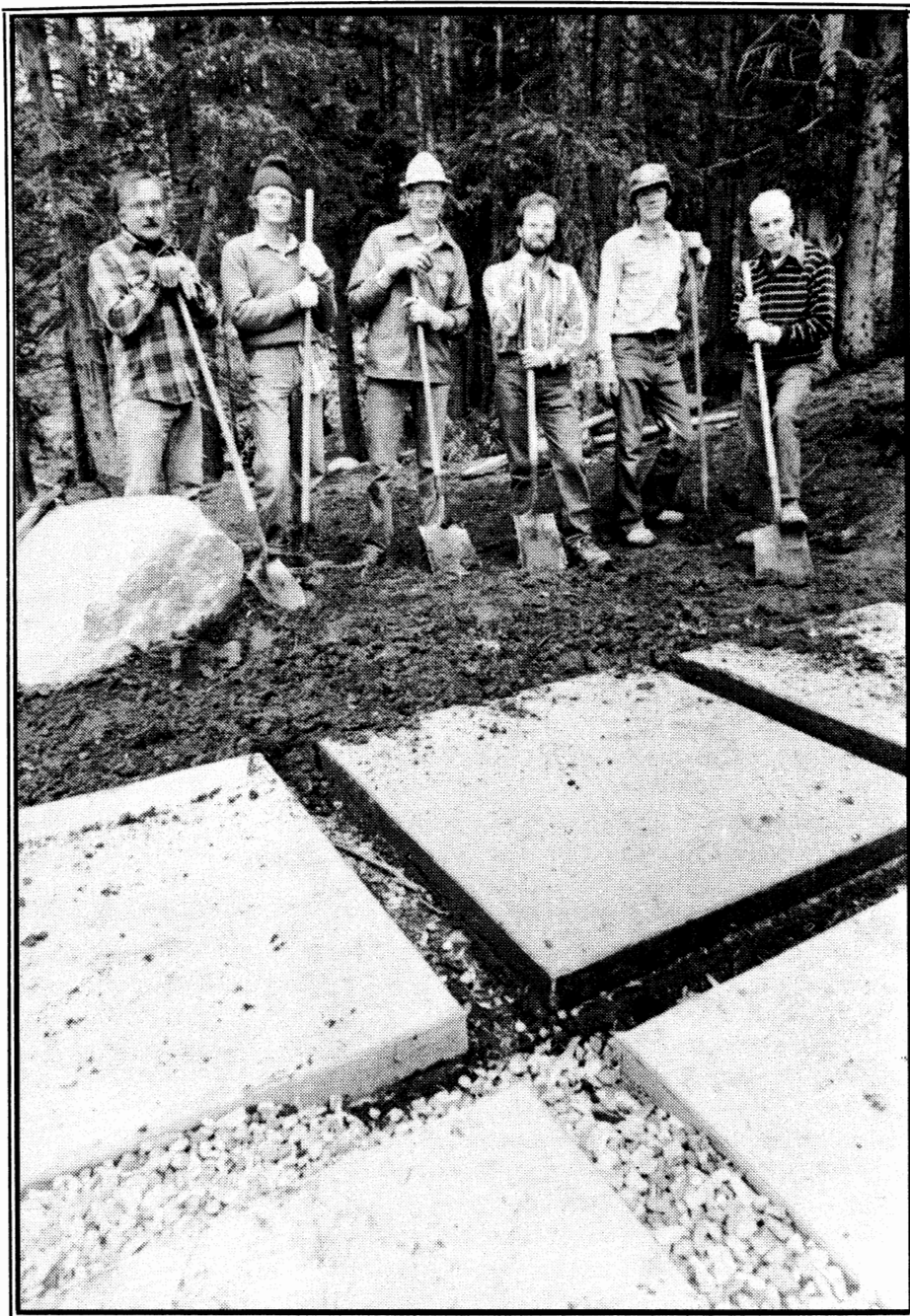
HIGHLIGHTS

**WILDERNESS MEDICINE
QUIZ**

**SALMON RIVER
GRAND GULCH**

**SKI TOUR
RATEINGS**

**FIRST AID/CPR
COURSES**



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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

BY EARL COOK

Here it is the end of another exciting summer season. Again, I must compliment the Activity Directors for providing us with a large number and wide variety of activities. I feel they all have done a magnificent job. Thanks also goes to the individual club members who lead, assisted, helped or otherwise contributed to the Club in some manner.

I believe we had a record number of trip leaders this year. Sometimes the work parties were not attended in as large a number as the Director had hoped but the job did get done. Alexis had provided a feature articles in this issue on Lodge Work Parties.

With this many members participating in service activities, I don't believe that a Member Renewal Service Activity Required is necessary to force members to do something for the Club. I look for more participation by all members in the coming year.

Earl Cook

WELCOME

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

Connie Beth Anderson	Doreen Maher
Jan Baker	Richard Livingston
Lara Christian	Toni Marotz
Keith Clem	Susan Merchant
Russell Eastes	David Minix
Lynda Everett	Anne Minix
John Hand	John Peterson
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Katherine Purcupile	

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.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB BOARD REPORT

The following items were included in the October WMC Board Meeting:

- o CPR and First-Aid Courses will be set up for WMC members by the Ski Director.
- o The Boating Director was unable to get bids for the new boats for this meeting.
- o The Nominations Banquet will be on February 21, 1986 at the Organ Loft.
- o Membership Handbooks are now available to be sent to new members. This booklet describes the WMC history, activities and responsibility of members.
- o Membership cards have been ordered.
- o The Lodge projects have been completed for this year. The foundation has been repaired, the landscaping completed, the patio poured and new benches purchased.
- o Establishment of the non-profit WMC Foundation is progressing.

Cover photo; Admireing the new
by A. Kelner patio at the Lodge

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

CLUB ACTIVITIES BY CATEGORY (See the chronological listing for details)

CLIMBING

(Thursday evenings at Pete's Rock)

INSTRUCTION

November
16 First Aid Course

23 CPR Course

SKIING

November
7 Snake Cr
9 White Pine
10 Scotts Ps
16 Willow Ridge
16 Lower Days Fk
17 Albion Bsn
17 Powder Park
17 Gad Valley
23 Lava Hot Sps

23 Silver Fk
23 Grizzly Gl
24 White Pine
24 Catherine Ps
24 White Pine (PC)
28 Cardiff Fk
30 Greens Bsn
30 Powder Park

December
1 Alta-Brighton
1 Silver Fk
7 Reynolds Pk
7 Scotts Ps
8 L White Pine
8 Wolverine
8 Leaders Ch

SNOWSHOEING

November
23 Dog Lk

December
1 White Fur Ps

7 Greens Bsn

SOCIALS

November
2 Potluck
14 River Permit

16 After Ski

16 Climbers Party

VOLLEYBALL

(Tuesday evenings, South High School, 7:00 p.m.)

WMC WESTERN DANCE GROUP

(Tuesday Evenings at the Westerner Club, 7:00 p.m.)

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

Rating 1.0-5.0: Ski tours no more than 6 miles round trip the terrain is mostly gentle. Participants have to be familiar with their equipment, know herringbone and side step, snowplow and kickturn.

Rating 5.5-8.0: Tours are up to about 10 miles round trip. Participants have to know the tricks of getting uphill and be proficient coming down intermediate slopes and trails.

Rating 8.5 and up: Some of the tours may be very long. Slopes and trails may be narrow and steep. These tours are for advanced skiers. Pins or alpine equipment may be used.

Any tours on the program may be more difficult than their rating, if snow conditions are poor. If "Pieps and Shovel" are required you are expected to know how to search with a Pieps.

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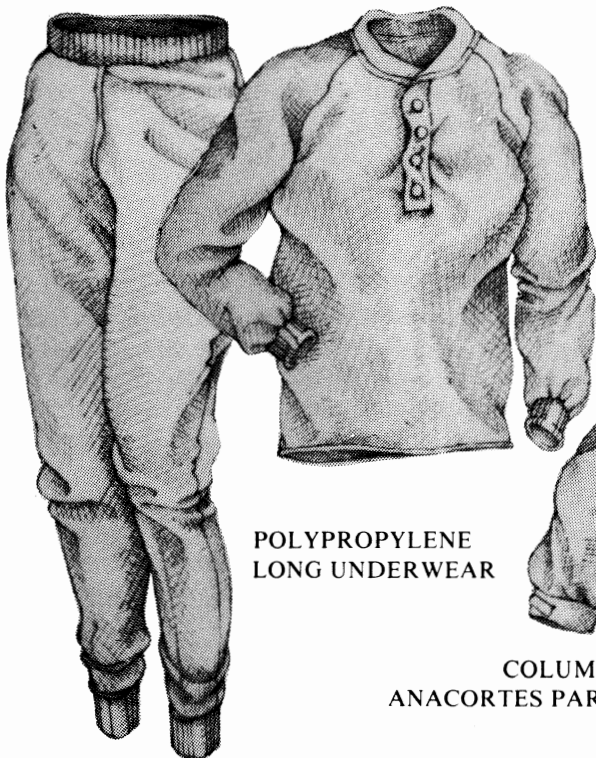
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CLUB ACTIVITIES

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.

- Sat. Nov 2 SNAKE CREEK SKI TOUR/HIKE. Meet Lori Webb at the geology sign at 9:00, 566-0868. This will be a chance to beat the downhillers to the powder slopes.
- Sun. Nov 3 FALL SOCIAL. 6:00 at the Marmalade Center. Potluck. Slide presentation.
- Sun. Nov 3 CATHERINE PASS 2-2. Doug Stark snowshoes and skiers are welcome. Meet at 9:00 at the geology sign, 277-8538.
- Tues. Nov 5 VOLLEYBALL. 7:00 p.m. at South High School Women's Gym. \$1.00 to cover costs. Call Tom at 467-5734 for info.
- Tues. Nov 5 WESTERN DANCE at the Westerner Club on south Redwood Road. Dance instructions by Jim Wood at 7:30 p.m. Band starts at 8:30 p.m. For more information call Penny at 583-2439.
- Thurs. Nov 7 EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. About 5500 South on Wasatch Blvd. immediately beside the road is Pete's Rock with the white numbers painted across its base. This is approximately 1.4 miles south of 4500 South. Bring a harness or bring nothing. Climbs will already be set up. Climb, or just boulder across the base. At dark we'll head indoors somewhere nearby for burgers, etc.
- Sat. Nov 9 WHITE PINE SKI TOUR. Meet George Westbrook at the geology sign at 9:00, 942-6071.
- Sun. Nov 10 OSCAR ROBINSON SCOTTS PASS SKI TOUR. Meet at 9:00 at the geology sign, 943-8500.
- Tues. Nov 12 VOLLEYBALL. See November 5 for details.
- Tues. Nov 12 WESTERN DANCE. See November 5 for details.
- Thurs. Nov 14 EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See November 7 for details.
- Thurs. Nov 14 RIVER RUNNERS PLANNING PERMIT MEETING/SOCIAL. All members who wish to run restricted rivers next season should plan

on attending. With an organized permit request program, we can get trips on most rivers of our choice. This meeting is being hosted by Peter Pecora, 2010 Highland View Circle (2790 South), SLC, Utah. BYOB, the Club will supply the snacks. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

- Sat. Nov 16 CLIMBER'S END-OF-THE-SEASON SLIDE SHOW. Bob McCaig & Camille Pierce will host this annual event this year at 2911 Oakview Circle. Call them at 942-2960 for directions. Bring your own refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Also bring slides of your season's excursions (under 100 please).
- Sat. Nov 16 FIRST-AID. This is a course given by the Red Cross and is 8 hours and will certify you for 3 years. It will be held at 555 Foothill Drive next door to the Boy Scout Building. There is a \$15 cost per person and you should register with me a week in advance. George Westbrook 942-6071.
- Sat. Nov 16 WILLOW RIDGE 4.5. This short trip involves a section of steep narrow trail with usually poor snow. Trudy Healy will meet you at the geology sign at Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 to show the way, 943-2290.
- Sat. Nov 16 LOWER DAYS FORK 5.0. Karen Perkins will meet you at Big Cottonwood Canyon geology sign at 9:00, 272-2225.
- Sun. Nov 17 ALBION BASIN 2.0. Pat Fairbanks will meet you at 10:00 at the Big Cottonwood Canyon geology sign, 532-6467. This is a beautiful area and the road is very gentle.
- Sun. Nov 17 POWDER PARK 7.0. Tom Silberstorff will meet you at Big Cottonwood Canyon geology sign at 9:30, 467-5734. On the right day this can have some fantastic slopes for teleturns.
- Sun. Nov 17 GAD VALLEY 9.0. With any luck we can beat snowbirds opening and have some great snow and slopes to get a bite of powder. Meet Dan Grice at Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00. Pieps and shovels are required. 583-5734.
- Tues. Nov 19 VOLLEYBALL. See November 5 for details.
- Tues. Nov 19 WESTERN DANCE. See November 5 for details.
- Thurs. Nov 21 EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK. See November 7 for details.
- Sat. Nov 23 CPR. This is a course given by the Red Cross. Its an eight hour course and will certify you for one year. It will be held at 555 Foothill Drive next door to the Boy Scout building. I strongly suggest this course for any of you who plan on doing any intermediate and advanced ski tours. There is a \$15 cost per person and a limit of 40 persons so register with George Westbrook, 942-6071 at least one week in advance.

- Sat. Nov 23 SILVER FORK 3.5. If we can't park at Lower Solitude, we will start from Silver Fork Lodge, which makes the tour more interesting. Meet Trudy Healy at Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:30, 943-2290.
- Sat. Nov 23 GRIZZLY GULCH 6.0. This trip is just a little bit longer than the standard grizzly gulch, but Allen Gavere has promised some good slopes somewhere between Michigan City and the ridge for teleturns. Meet Allen at Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00, 943-1476.
- Sat. Nov 23 DOG LAKE SNOWSHOE TOUR. Three miles to the lake from the Spruces, a little hard, quite steep. Meet Joy Ray, 272-6116, at the east end of the Big Cottonwood parking lot at 9:30 a.m.
- Sat-Sun Nov 23-24 LAVA HOT SPRINGS. This is a nice ski area 140 miles north of SLC with some great hot pools to soak in after the ski. Leader needed check with George Westbrook 942-6071.
- Sun. Nov 24 WHITE PINE - L COTTONWOOD 8.0. This canyon Snowbird wants for expanding their ski area. You have my permission to not be responsible for your actions if you come across a bunch of downhillers. Meet Sam Allen at 9:00 at the parking lot on Wasatch Blvd. just before you get to the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, 942-3149.
- Sun. Nov 24 WHITE PINE PARK WEST 5.0. This is a fairly gentle trail and has some great views of Parkwest and area. Meet Mark Ibsen at the Regency Theater parking lot at 8:30, 582-7307.
- Sun. Nov 24 CATHERINE PASS VIA ALTA 4.5. Expect to see the friendliest and fattest Chickadees at the pass. Meet George Swanson at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00 466-3003.
- Tues. Nov 26 VOLLEYBALL. See November 5 for details.
- Tues. Nov 26 WESTERN DANCE. See November 5 for details.
- Thurs. Nov 28 EVENING CLIMBING AT PETE ROCK'S. See November 7 for details.
- Thurs. Nov 28 CARDIFF FORK 11.0. Meet Kim Barr at Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00, 486-4260.
- Sat. Nov 30 GREENS BASIN 3.0. Meet Mark Ibsen at 8:30 at the Big Cottonwood geology sign or at 9:00 at the Silver Fork Lodge 582-7307.
- Sat. Nov 30 POWDER PARK 7.0. Meet Ellie Ienatsch at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:30, 272-2426.
- Sun. Dec 1 ALTA-BRIGHTON-ALTA 10. Group at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 8:30 and carpool to the Snowpine Lodge where Bob Myers will meet you inside the Lodge at 9:30, 534-1428.

- Sun. Dec 1 WHITE FIR PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR. This is about the best snowshoe tour in Mill Creek. Meet Irene Schilling, 278-6661 at the south side of Bagle Nosh at Olympus Hill Shopping Plaza at 9:30 a.m.
- Sat. Dec 7 REYNOLDS PEAK 8.5. This peak has got some great views to the north and of Kessler Peak. Meet Anna Cordes at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00, 363-3390.
- Sat. Dec 7 SCOTTS PASS 4.0. This trail is gentle and has a great view of Jupiter Bowl ski area. Meet Allen and Ilka Olsen at the Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:30, 272-6305.
- Sat. Dec 7 GREENS BASIN SNOWSHOE TOUR. This is the place of past gourmet's delight. Sherie Pater, 278-6661, will show you the way. Be at the east end of the Big Cottonwood parking lot at 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Dec 8 LOWER WHITE PINE 8.0. Meet Terry Rollins at Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00, 467-5088.
- Sun. Dec 8 MT. WOLVERINE 10.0. Pieps and shovels are required. Meet Dan Grice at Big Cottonwood geology sign at 9:00, 583-8280.
- Sun. Dec 8 LEADERS CHOICE 6.0-11.0. Emily and Chauncy Hall will decide where the best snow is and show you a great time. Call them 277-1555.
- December WINTER IN YELLOWSTONE. Ski through the buffalo and hot pots, stay in the cabins, eat at the Lodge, snow coach in and out. Three trip dates are available to us. For information and registration, call George Westbrook ASAP.
- First trip from December 23, 1985 to January 1, 1986.
Second trip from January 22, 1986 to January 29, 1986.
Third trip from February 14, 1986 to February 24, 1986.
- These trips can be possibly shortened, it depends on the requests of the majority of the group.

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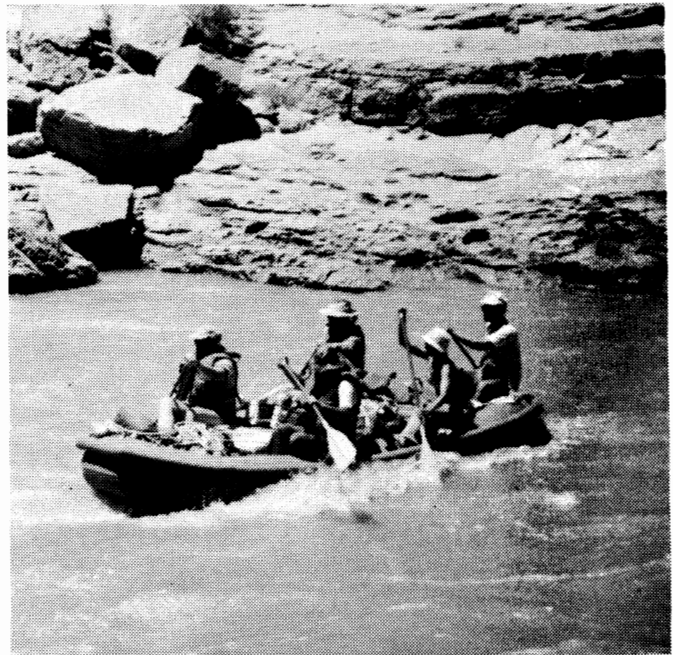
RIVER PERMIT MEETING AND SOCIAL



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NOVEMBER 14**

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May 17-June 1

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June 20-July 8

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Club wants to obtain a piano for the Lodge. A security box for it will be constructed to provide security and a controlled environment for it. If anyone has a piano to donate to the Club, please call Alexis Kelner at 359-5387.

RAMBLER WRITERS DO YOUR THING

Now you have another opportunity to win recognition and prizes. Write a prize winning article for publication in the Rambler. Two categories -- personal outdoor experiences and WMC activities write-ups. Enter both categories! Limit 2 single, typewritten pages or equivalent. Photos illustrating the articles are encouraged, but not mandatory. Writer - Photographer team entrys accepted.

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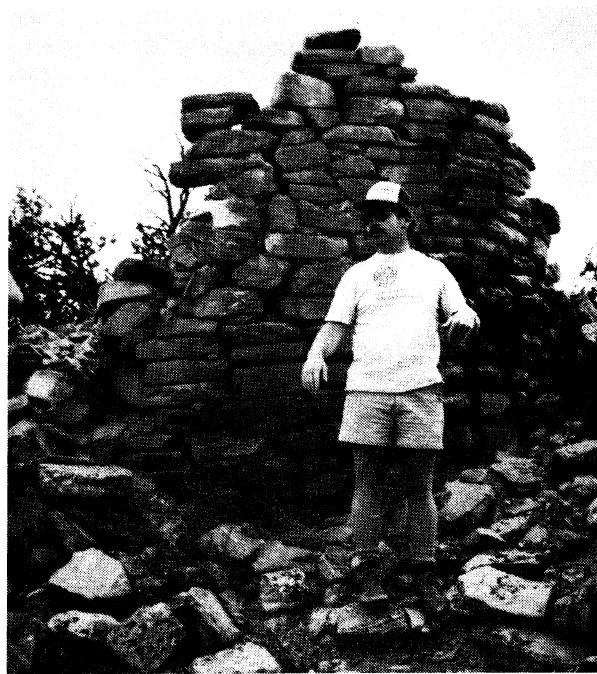
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ARCHAEOSTRONOMY TRIP IN NOVEMBER

Once again WMC members will have an opportunity to participate in a guided interpretive study of Southern Utah's "Outdoor Museum". Fred Blackburn, Interpretive Director for White Mesa Institute, has designed another tour specifically for the Wasatch Mtn. Club. Those who participated in Fred's Mule Canyon trip (see Rambler, August 1985) found it to be a rewarding and memorable experience. Fred's technique of on-site individual discovery has helped trip participants to achieve an awareness of a rapidly disappearing cultural heritage. His fire side stories and bad puns are thrown in at no additional cost.

Below is the schedule for Fred's four day fall trip to Davis Canyon rock art and archaeoastronomy sites. This is a car camp. (As on any WMC trip, you are responsible for your own food, cooking, camping gear, etc.) Bring 5 gallons of water for the first camp and some way of purifying water at the second site. Fred predicts Indian Summer days and cool nights. It may be necessary to shuttle people arriving in vehicles with low clearance.

Fred's fee is \$40 per person for the four days, with a limit of ten participants. Contact Mary Gustafson (364-9252 or 539-5645) to reserve space and mail checks to Mary at 529 10th Avenue, SLC, Utah 84103. Make check payable to the White Mesa Institute (Fred said the check is a donation to the Institute and is therefore tax deductible). Trip space will be available only for the **first ten participants**, with others put on a waiting list. For cancellations, notify Mary prior to November 4 to receive a full refund. After November 4, \$20 is non-refundable.



Fred Blackburn

photo by E. Cook

Trip Schedule

November 9 - Meet at Newspaper Rock at 9:00 a.m. Drive to first car camp site.

November 9 and 10 - Review of potential archaeoastronomy at mouth of Davis Canyon and hikes up the base of Six Shooters for rock art. The Six Shooters are believed to be used in the depiction of "twins imagery" associated with the sun's path across the sky.

November 10 - Move camp further up Davis Canyon. Day hikes will be made from here reviewing the reasoning for inhabitation in late Pueblo III (fringe area of late Mesa Verde outliers used to maintain trade tours), and archaeoastronomy.

November 11 and 12 - Day hikes to Salt Creek faces and other rock art. Return to cars by mid-afternoon November 12.

CPR COURSE

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CONSERVATION NOTES

BY MICHAEL BUDIG

Utah Nuclear Waste Dump Threat Grows

The Department of Energy recently announced that it will change the criteria by which it will select the sites for the national nuclear waste dump. The changes threaten to move the Utah sites up in DOE's rankings. Depending on the extent of the changes, Utah may well become one of the preferred sites.

The previous ranking method had given a lot of emphasis to environmental and transportation data, characteristics in which Utah fared poorly. However, the revised ranking will place stronger emphasis on geological considerations in which Utah scored high. Thus Utah's selection becomes a good possibility.

The Wasatch Mountain Club has previously gone on record as strongly opposing a nuclear waste dump near Canyonlands National Park. Our position remains clear. We will take an active position to fight this proposal in the future.

CUP Referendum Date Nears

The \$335 million referendum for the Central Utah Water Project is scheduled for November 19, 1985. (See the CUP Primer insert in the September, 1985 Rambler for further details).

In a related story, Senator Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) recently charged that the Bureau of Reclamation has illegally deferred certain CUP repayment obligation to enable it to continue

construction on the project. He indicated that the action could cost the U.S. Treasury as much as \$100 million in interest charges over the next ten years.

Since the turnout for the referendum is expected to be rather low, every vote in this election will be very important. Members of the Wasatch Mountain Club are encouraged to vote on November 19.

Forest Service Plan

I recently joined representatives of the Sierra Club and the Wasatch Nordic Skiers Association in meeting with U.S. Forest Service representatives to discuss the Wasatch Forest Plan.

Specifically, we met to discuss our concerns over potential expansion of developed ski areas and the Forest Service objective of completing the Wasatch Crest Trail (WCT) by the year 2000.

The Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan defers decisions and requires environmental analysis of the proposed Ski Interconnect and on Snowbird's expansion into White Pine Canyon and Solitude's expansion into Silver Fork Canyon. We feared that the ski areas might later say that the forest plan gives approval to these proposed expansions with the environmental analysis to be a mere formality rather than a decision-making process. (Just because we're paranoid doesn't mean somebody isn't out to get us.)

We were assured and later received a letter in writing from Wasatch-Cache National Forest Supervisor Arthur J. Carroll stating:

"The Wasatch-Cache National Forest has not made decisions about the use of White Pine, Silver Fork, or the Ski Interconnect for downhill skiing. These downhill skiing decisions will be made sometime in the future using the environmental analysis process as described in Forest Service National direction. Scoping and public participation will be a part of this analysis process."

Our concern over the WCT stems from the fact that the same plan which states that the WCT will be completed by the year 2000 fails to define what the WCT will be. And, as originally conceived, the WCT was to be a motorcycle trail from Mt. Nebo to the Wellsvilles.

However, this route now includes several wilderness areas and other areas which are closed to motorized vehicles. The Forest Service pledged that the WCT would not violate management practices in these areas.

Forest Supervisor Arthur J. Carroll signed a letter to the Wasatch Mountain Club dated October 4, 1985 which stated:

"The Wasatch-Cache National Forest is willing to conduct a site specific analysis and prepare an environmental document for the full length of the Wasatch Crest Trail on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest prior to construction of any non-existent portions of this trail. We will invite the Uinta National Forest to participate in this analysis for the portion of the Wasatch Crest Trail which traverses the Uinta National Forest.

The environmental document will include but will not be limited to the following information:

A map showing the location of the existing and non-existing trails and trailheads.

Miles of existing trail and non-existing trail.

Miles of trail on National Forest, other government and private lands.

Estimated cost of constructing non-existing segments of the trail.

Types of use allowed on each trail segment.

As discussed, if the analysis of a particular segment of the trail determines that it will not meet the requirements of the Forest Plan, that segment will be relocated to a suitable route or dropped from the proposal.

We appreciate your interest in and concern about management of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. We hope that a closer working relationship will result from this recent discussion. We look forward to your participation in the site specific analysis during the next several years."



FROM THE

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The Membership Director will be out of town during December and January. Someone is needed to mail out Ramblers to prospective members and attend the January Board Meeting. Please call Sandra Taylor at 583-2306 to help out for this period.

**ENVIRONMENTAL NOTES
(PUBLIC CONCERNS AND
PUBLIC RESPONSE)
BY PETER HOVINGH**

Forest Service Management Plans. List #1: Bart Barker (Salt Lake County Commissioner), M. Stewart (Salt Lake County Commissioner), Fred Ball (Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce), O. Hatch (U.S. Senator), D. Monson (U.S. Congressman), and P. Richter (Sheraton Hotels). List #2: N. Bangerter (Governor), D. Georgulas (Mariott Hotels), J. Hansen (U.S. Congressman), and T. Robison (Bureau of Economic and Business Research, U. Utah).

List #1 all wrote very short and simple letters for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest Management Plans in support of Snowbird's proposals for ski lift expansion -- after reading Snowbird's letter to the Forest Service. List #2 all wrote very short and simple letters for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest Management Plans in support of Utah Ski Association proposals for ski lift expansion -- after reading Utah Ski Associations letter to the Forest Service. I doubt if any of the above read the draft plan! This is in response to Dick Bass, Texan developer and someone who recreates outside of Utah.

Central Utah Project. Recently the General Accounting Office released a severe critique of the Central Utah Project and the illegal aspects of the contract. Senator J. Garn, of course, and several other elected officials had sharp words for the bearer of the message but no words about the contents of the reports. "Those Eastern big-spending Liberals"... Tell me, what about those Western big-spending Conservatives?

Unfortunately, elected officials do listen to outsiders when it comes to developing our National Forest but not to critics from the outside that are concerned with where our tax dollars are going.

Mineral Resource Development. Whenever wilderness areas are proposed, the boundaries are twisted to exclude unknown deposits of mineral or oil resources. After the passage of the act, all interest is lost in the resource. There is some concern by the Park City mining district (with known resources) about the flooding of its properties by the Central Utah Project Jordanelle Dam and reservoir. So far, none of the elected officials have expressed any concerns. Nor has the American Mining Congress. Nor has the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, U. Utah. Of course, this can be explained by the simple fact that only economic benefits are examined -- not the economic costs.

Road Construction. The Burr Trail road controversy lingers on. There is a proposal for the road development in Browns Park (northeast Utah). Recently many residents of Vernal wrote letters protesting the proposed road construction in Browns Park to the elected officials in Washington. Senator Hatch sent them all the "canned" letter about the Burr Trail. Either Senator Hatch does not know where Browns Park is (although he supports the road construction there), or all roads are created equally.

I wonder what our elected officials are doing with our time and money! They continue to ignore our letters and concerns.

1984 WMC Treasurer's Report
by Stephen Carr

The following report summarizes the financial activity of the WMC for calendar year 1984.

BALANCE SHEET

Account	Balance 12/31/83	Revenue	Transfers	Disbursements	Balance 12/31/84
General Fund	11566.55	13734.16	(916.59)	(15331.67)	9052.45
Lodge	0.00	4479.53	0.00	(4738.43)	(258.90)
Boating	5878.60	2209.56	(128.06)	(2357.50)	5422.60
Mountain-eering	344.33	110.00	0.00	(167.86)	286.47
Entertain-ment	0.00	2482.24	0.00	(2535.83)	(53.59)
Conserva-tion	0.00	2387.70	1044.65	(3328.44)	103.91
Ski Touring	803.47	0.00	0.00	(602.69)	200.78
Hiking	34.74	194.00	0.00	(551.00)	(322.26)
Kayaking	31.68	0.00	0.00	(29.25)	2.43
Misc. Don-ated Funds	3998.09	200.00	45.90	(1044.25)	3199.74
Wasatch Trails	18164.46	3675.50	(45.90)	0.00	21794.06
TOTAL	40821.92	29472.69	0.00	(30866.92)	39427.69
Checking	1334.76				3991.07
Savings/ Investment	39487.16				35436.62

Miscellaneous funds include \$133.26 in John Gottman Memorial Fund

Savings/Investments include:

- A) Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Fund Y/E Balance = \$8,870.99
1984 interest earned = \$1,153.91
- B) Lockhart Company Money Market Certificate = \$10,000.00 bond 1984
interest earned = \$991.70
- C) The Corporate Bond Fund: Cost + Accumulated reinvestment = \$16,565.63.
Market Value = \$8,263.80. Taxable 1984 interest = \$795.45.



MOUNTAINEERING

BY RAY DAURELLE

With the end of daylight savings, the climbers move Thursday Nite down to Pete's Rock on Wasatch Blvd. (about 5500 South) starting November 7. We'll try to show up soon after work to get some climbing in before darkness forces us to adjourn to a nearby local establishment for burgers, etc. Beginners and hikers: Pete's Rock is an excellent place to learn and/or practice scrambling on rock. This technique must be practiced before you can be "safer" at negotiating an unexpected rock band during a hike. Hikers and beginners should attend. This type of practice is done within 2 feet of the ground. You won't leave the ground. Activities at Pete's Rock (including climbing) are mostly controlled from the ground. This keeps the group at a central location, making it convenient to practice scrambling or climbing or just spectate.

Some time during the winter, David Djorkman will want to do some back country skiing in the northern Wind River Mountains or Tetons. He did Gannet Peak last winter in 5-6 days. Call him at 298-8845.

For next summer Bob Wall (546-2251) wants a partner for climbing Mt. McKinley.

This year's climber's end-of-the-season slide show will be held on Saturday, November 16. Bring your mountain slides of the season. Details are in November's Activities schedule.



FROM THE

SKI-TOURING DIRECTOR

BY GEORGE WESTBROOK

WMC CROSS COUNTRY SKI RATINGS

The Ski Touring Committee would like to try a new rating system, similar to the one used for hiking.

Rating 1.0-5.0: Ski tours no more than 6 miles round trip the terrain is mostly gentle. Participants have to be familiar with their equipment, know herringbone and side step, snowplow and kickturn.

Rating 5.5-8.0: Tours are up to about 10 miles round trip. Participants have to know the tricks of getting uphill and be proficient coming down intermediate slopes and trails.

Rating 8.5 and up: Some of the tours may be very long. Slopes and trails may be narrow and steep. These tours are for advanced skiers. Pins or alpine equipment may be used.

Any tours on the program may be more difficult than their rating, if snow conditions are poor. If "Pieps and Shovel" are required you are expected to know how to search with a Pieps.

By mid-winter let us know what you think of the new system; also suggestions how we could improve the program would be welcome. Don't be shy about offering to lead some of your favorite tours.

The avalanche phone number is 364-1581 for people going on tours. I have found this service very accurate and helpful.

GUIDE TO WMC SKI TOURS



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One last important point: **STAY WITH THE GROUP.** Even the easiest tour under the best of conditions contains some risks, so that it is imperative to stick together, for your safety as well as for the safety of the others. A turned ankle, for example, might need the help of others. Someone else's turned ankle might need your help. Sometimes it makes sense to divide a group into two groups, but a certain critical mass should always be maintained, and someone should always be in charge of each group. Do not get too far ahead. The rule of staying together not only applies to novices, but also to old timers who should know better than going off by themselves. If there is some question about alternative routes, the leader's decision is final (and I assume that leaders will not be autocratic in making their decisions). You should know that should you leave the group, this can be grounds for you being thrown out of the Club.

XC SKI TOURING RATING 1.0 - 5.0

Rating	Tour	Ascent		Descent	
		Dist. Miles	Vert.	Dist. Miles	Vert.
2.0	Lake Mary	1.5	910	1.5	910
2.0	Albion Basin Road	1.5	600	1.5	600
2.5	Willow Lake	1.5	800	1.5	800
3.0	Green's Basin (from Spruces)	2.0	1000	2.0	1000
3.5	Lower Silver Fork (from Silver Fork Lodge)	2.5	1280	2.5	1280
4.0	Catherine Lake	2.2	1200	2.2	1200
4.0	Scott's Pass	2.5	1500	2.5	1500
4.5	Lower White Pine	2.5	1400	2.5	1400
4.5	Catherine Pass from Alta	2.5	1500	2.5	1500
4.5	Dog Lake	3.0	1400	3.0	1400
5.0	Lower Mineral Fork	2.0	1000	2.0	1000
2.0-5.0	Mill Creek Road Elbow Fork or Big Water	2.5	680- 1500	2.5	680- 1500
3.5-5.0	White Pine nr. Park West	2.5	1000- 1600	2-5	1000- 1600
5.0	Days Fork to Meadow	3.0	1600	3.0	1600



XC SKI TOURING RATING 5.5 - 8.0

Rating	Tour	Ascent		Descent	
		Dist. Miles	Vert.	Dist. Miles	Vert.
5.5	Catherine Pass from Brighton	2.5	1500	2.5	1500
5.5	Lake Desolation	4.0	1900	4.0	1900
5.5	Red Pine	3.0	2000	3.0	2000
6.0	Brighton to Twin Lake Pass	2.0	1300	2.0	1300
6.0	Big Water via Dog Lake	3.2	1400	7.5	2600
6.0	Butler Fork to Overlook	1.5	1500	1.5	1500
6.5	Upper Red Pine	3.5	2400	3.5	2400
7.0	Powder Park	3.5	2040	3.5	2040
7.5	Green's Basin Peak	3.0	2380	3.0	2380
7.5	Bear Trap to Lookout	3.5	2400	3.5	2400
8.0	Alta-Brighton-Alta	4.5	2800	4.0	2800
8.0	Days Fork to Upper Cirque	4.0	2000	4.0	2000
8.0	Little Water via Dog Lake	3.7	2100	7.5	3300
8.0	White Pine	4.5	2400	4.5	2400



XC SKI TOURING RATING 8.5 and UP

Rating	Tour	Ascent		Descent	
		Dist. Miles	Vert.	Dist. Miles	Vert.
8.5	Reynolds	3.5	210	3.5	2100
9.0	Solidier Fork	4.0	1600	7.5	2700
10.0	Tuscarora-Wolverine	4.0	2100	3.0	2100
10.0	Maybird	3.5	2440	2.0	3175
10.5	Wilson Fork	4.7	2600	6.0	4000
10.5	Silver Fork from Brighton (Twin Lks)	3.0	1460	2.8	2460
12.0	Days Fork from Alta	1.5	1890	3.5	3140
11.0	Gobbler's Knob or Raymond via Butler Fork	3.5	3140	3.5	3140
13.0	Deseret Pk	9.0	5000	9.0	5000
11.0	Cardiff Fk	1.0	1360	5.9	2750
12.0	Mary Ellen	4.6	1820	10.6	4450
12.0	Major Evans	4.6	2700	7.4	4770
10.0	White Pine from Alta	5.4	2700	4.0	3100
10.5	Alexander Basin from Butler to Log Haven	3.6	3145	5.4	4140
11.0	Mineral Fork from Alta	2.3	2180	3.1	4160
14.0	Lk. Blanche from Alta	1.9	2060	4.3	4500
18.0	Kings Peak	18.4	6800	18.4	6800

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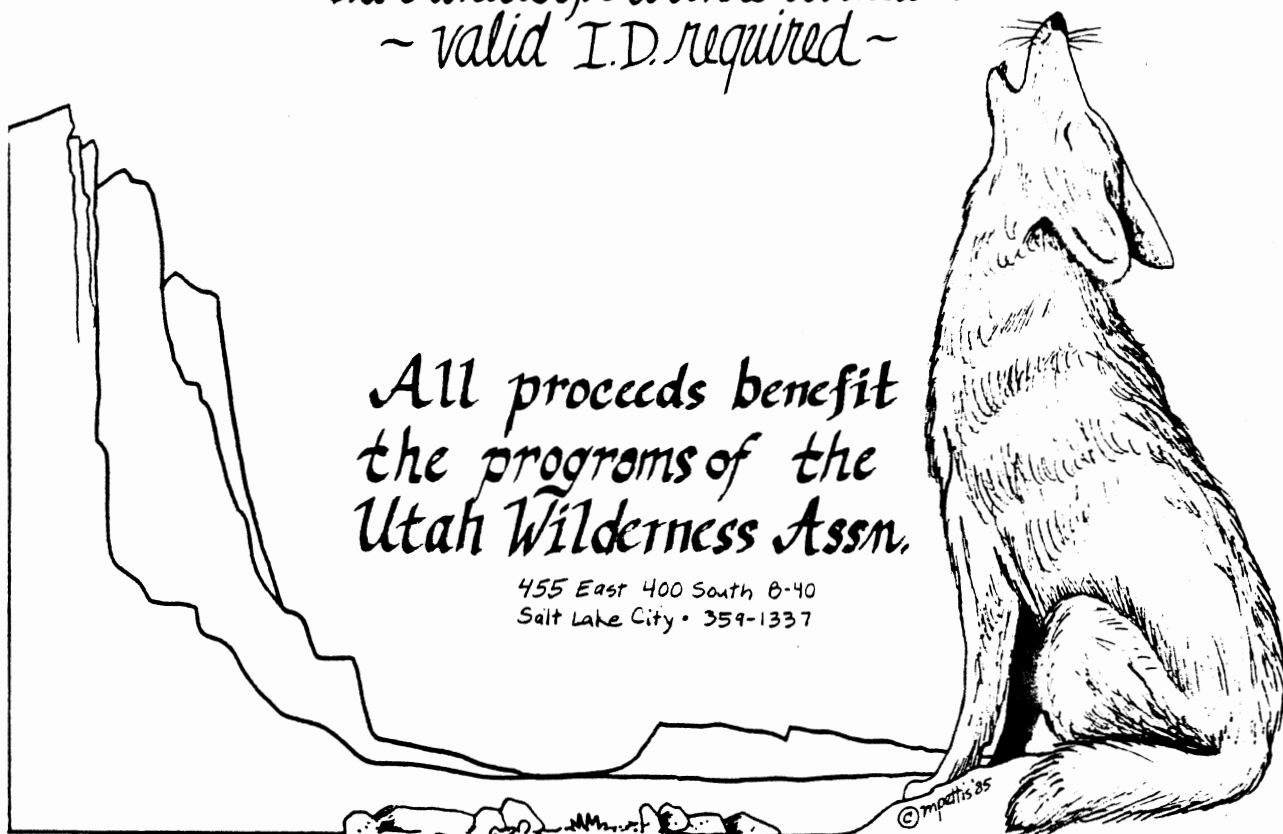
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CAN YOU PASS THIS TEST??

Wilderness Medicine Quiz I

by Carl Cook

- Q1. The most important treatment in most animal bites is:
- Heat and elevation.
 - Thorough irrigation.
 - Antibiotics.
 - Suturing the wound closed.
 - Leave the wound open to drain.
- A1. It is very important to clean any animal bite as soon as possible. This includes irrigating the wound with clean water to remove as many bacteria as possible. This will reduce the possibility of infection and speed healing. Suturing the wound closed is a bad idea if you are in the wilderness and are bitten by an animal due to the possibility of infection from the bite. Leave the wound open, but bandage it and change the bandage several times per day.
- Q2. What are the best indicators of heat stroke?
- Mild shock symptoms.
 - Viral illness symptoms.
 - Skin that is red, hot, and dry.
 - Change in the level of consciousness and rectal temperature of 105.
 - None of these are reliable symptoms.
- A2. 3-4 years ago it was realized that the classic description of heat stroke (hot, dry, skin) may not occur, and heat stroke patients can be cool, moist, and pale (the same symptoms as heat exhaustion). This occurs most often in young, athletic people. The diagnosis of heat stroke is based on changes of the level of consciousness and a rectal temperature of 105 degrees or higher.
- Q3. What is the best indicator that a traveler has been taking enough fluids?
- Thirst is satisfied.
 - Abdomen feels full.
 - 1 quart per hour has been consumed.
 - Blood pressure is elevated.
 - Urine is clear.
- A3. Unfortunately, by the time you get thirsty you are already mildly dehydrated. The other methods listed as answers aren't indicators of adequate hydration.
- Q4. The most important step in preventing an asthma attack in the wilderness is:
- Avoiding pollen.
 - Avoiding dust.
 - Taking antihistamines.
 - Taking Aminophyllin.
 - Adequate hydration.
- A4. Pollen and dust are not the only triggers to asthma attacks, emotional disturbances also trigger them. One of the causes of asthma is increased mucus secretions. Antihistamines increase the thickness of mucus, so they can make asthma worse. Aminophyllin can help, but is not likely to be available on a backpack or a river trip. Even if it is available, adequate hydration is a better cure and also is a preventative.
- Q5. What is the most effective method of preventing a sunburn of the body?
- Stay below 2,000 feet elevation.
 - Wear tight-weave cotton long sleeved shirts and long pants.
 - Stay beneath 20 feet of water.
 - Stay under an umbrella on the beach.
 - Wear a sunscreen with an SPF of 15.

A5. You can still get sunburned on very sunny days (a) and from reflected light (d). A sunscreen with a high sunscreen protection factor (SPF) will still allow sun through, so you can get sunburned if you are out long enough or let it get washed off. Tight-weave cotton long sleeved shirts and long pants are the best protection. Also UV light will go through 20 feet of clear water. This last one is impractical anyway.

Q6. Can you get rabies from an animal without being bitten?

a. Yes.

b. No.

A6. Rabies infects all mammals through their saliva. You can inhale the viruses from the vapor of rabid animals. That is why people who go climbing around in caves wear masks over their faces.

Q7. How many cases of rabies are there in the U.S. every year? How many worldwide?

a. 10-20 and 5000.

b. 3-5 and 10,000.

c. 100-200 and 50,000.

d. 5-10 and 1000.

Q7. b is the correct answer.

Q8. Suppose you're out hiking miles from the nearest road on a cold and rainy day and come across a person who is lying unconscious beside the trail. This person is cold and wet and you decide he is hypothermic. You have had enough foresight to have taken CPR and after "A Quick Check", find no breathing and no pulse. What do you do?

a. Hike back to the road and get an ambulance.

b. Start CPR.

c. Check their pulse for a full minute before you start CPR.

d. Give them warm liquids.

A8. If you leave a person who has no pulse to hike back for help, they will be dead before you get back. If a person has hypothermia, the pulse and breathing rate may be slowed greatly so it is important to check the pulse and breathing rates for a full minute. Also, it is important never to give an unconscious person liquids. This is a very complicated question which deserves more discussion. I intend to write an article about hypothermia in a few months.

If you did not do well taking this quiz, perhaps you might be interested in taking either the First Aid Course or the CPR course given by the American Red Cross. The courses are listed in this month's Rambler.

FIRST AID COURSE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 1985 ALL DAY

**FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR
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NOTICE:

The Membership Director will be out of town during December and January. Someone is needed to mail out Ramblers to prospective members and attend the January Board Meeting. Please call Sandra Taylor at 583-2306 to help out for this period.

The Club wants to obtain a piano for the Lodge. A security box for it will be constructed to provide security and a controlled environment for it. If anyone has a piano to donate to the Club, please call Alexis Kelner at 359-5387.



Activities at the Lodge, 1985

by Alexis Kelner

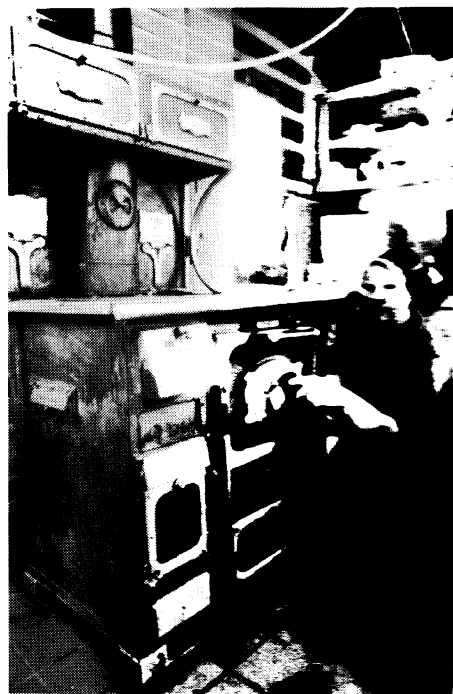
Once again, my thanks--and the Club's thanks--for all of you, members and prospective members alike, who cared enough for our old Lodge to come and offer your services at numerous work parties this summer. We hope you enjoy seeing your picture in the following section of the Rambler. If your likeness isn't depicted it's because we didn't have room to put in all the photographs we took this summer.

Commencing with the First of January, 1986, we intend to open the lodge for member use every other weekend. We will need hosts for the occasions. A host's duty is to open the lodge, to oversee its proper usage, possibly to coordinate--coordinate, not prepare--meals, and to close the building at conclusion of the weekend. A schedule of open weekends will be published in the December Rambler. Please, call me soon if you would like to host a specific weekend.

There will be a work party at the Club's headquarters every other Friday evening commencing Nov. 8th. But again, call if you plan to attend; there may be reason to cancel a work party and we wouldn't want you to arrive ready for work with no one there.

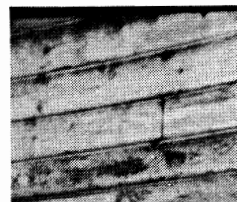
We are planning to decorate the office walls with photos and newspaper clippings depicting the Club's diverse and fascinating history. We need a volunteer or two to cut, prepare and paint masonite panels onto which the photos and clippings will be mounted.

Since publication of the last issue of the Rambler, no one has volunteered to prepare some frames for our headquarters. If no one volunteers, we may have to spend club funds for these. Frankly, I'd rather spend our resources on Wasatch Front conservation issues, such as preservation of White Pine and Silver Fork canyons. PLEASE, call me if you'd like to try your hand with the frames.



Activities at the Lodge

PHOTOS BY A. KELNER



SEARCH AND RESCUE

BY LT. MIKE WILKINSON
SL COUNTY SHERIFF'S
SEARCH & RESCUE PATROL

Due to the extreme and large number of fatality and serious injury accidents that have occurred in the backcountry areas of Utah in the last two years, the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Patrol will publish a number of backcountry articles to help familiarize persons with safety procedures that can and should be taken in the backcountry areas.

In the state of Utah, sheriff's offices traditionally have been responsible for mountain search and rescue as well as general search and rescue duties throughout their counties. This has come about due to the fact that most rescue type situations occur within the unincorporated areas of a particular county. Sheriff's offices therefore developed the expertise and manpower required to facilitate this type of operation.

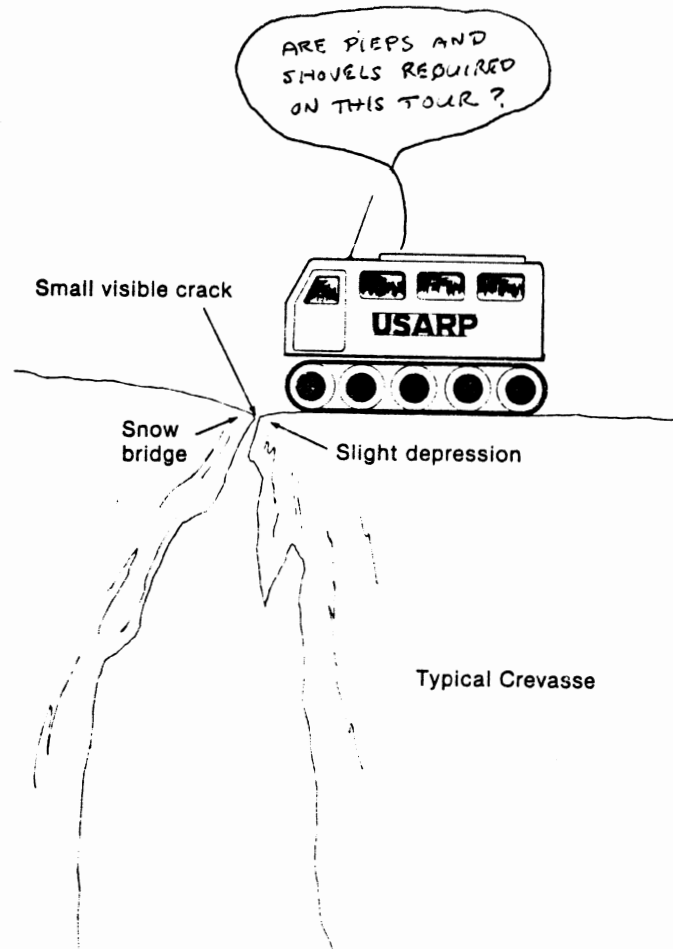
Because of the expertise involved, the time, training, and the mere numbers required to conduct a search and rescue operation, sheriffs generally have turned to volunteer groups to assist them in the performance of these duties. In the state of Utah, as well as most of the western states, these groups have been formalized and placed within the organizational structure of the sheriff's offices. Some smaller offices in the state have a complement of search and rescue personnel many times the size of their own department.

Each county area is unique in the type of rescue operations that may be required to be performed by that sheriff's office. Weber County area contains large bodies of water with heavy recreational use and therefore they have developed their expertise in the area of rescue diving. Salt Lake County has a large number of mountain recreation areas considered technical climbing, hiking, backcountry,

cross-country skiing and alpine areas. Again, the expertise required to function within this type of environment has been developed over a many year period. Sheriff's offices have units consisting of horse posses, jeep posses, mountain rescue teams, water rescue teams, general search teams, and have affiliated several groups that have search dogs and avalanche dogs. Other groups that have allied with the sheriff in this responsibility are a number of the area's ski patrols, National Forest and Parks' Services employees, Civil Air Patrol, and the Utah State Parks and Recreation.

These groups of volunteers and employees allow almost any given sheriff to double or triple the complement of manpower that he would have for a given situation. In the state of Utah the Utah Jeep Search and Rescue Association functions primarily to coordinate these various sheriff's groups. Cross training is done approximately four times a year in different areas of the state and with several national organizations. The Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office is affiliated with the Mountain Rescue Association which allows Salt Lake County to draw upon climbing and search and rescue expertise from throughout the United States while also giving the same commitment; climbers from the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team are on-call internationally for mountain rescue functions. The Mountain Rescue Association also provides training and insures that each group accepted into the Association uses techniques that are compatible with one another in a given rescue situation. A rescue team from Salt Lake can operate with any other Mountain Rescue Association Team and any given command or any given piece of climbing equipment will be immediately understood and the groups can co-mingle and cooperate in getting the job done.

AUDRY'S OFF AGAIN



Audry Stevens is taking off again, this time to Antarctica for six months helping to run Palmer Station on the Peninsula. After her assignment ends (April 30), she

will spend two or three months wandering through Chile, Peru and Ecuador on her way home. Though mail will come by icebreaker infrequently, she'd love to hear from WMCers. Her address is:

Audrey Stevens
Palmer Station, Antarctica
c/o COMAPA
Independencia 830
Casilla 337
Punta Arenas, Chile
ATTN: Sr. Patricio Calderon

Mt. Aire Hike
September 8, 1985
by Hank Winawer

Under the leadership of Joe Gates, eighteen enthusiastic hikers convened at the trailhead in Millcreek Canyon. The weather was ideal, with a hint of fall in the air; some wild flowers still lingering and leaves starting to turn golden, crimson, orange.

Mt. Aire is a relatively short hike, but steep. The men sweated. The women perspired. Our four-legged mascot panted. (Generic description: small white dog. Scientific classification: gluttonous voracious). He ate everything from humongous biscuits to cheese and crackers.

The group was fast-paced, which explains why we consumed lunch at 10:40 a.m. However, in order to hold to WMC tradition we ate until almost noon. The weather, the scenery and the congeniality made it difficult to leave our perch atop Mt. Aire. Once agreed upon however, our descent was rapid. At the cars, John dispersed "Flakes Frothy Foam" from his portable green tank. (It may be dented and have a missing window, but coasts like hell downhill; and its paid for).

This late summer, early fall hike was enjoyed by: Aaron Jones, Jean Binyon, Karen Camp, Harold Goodro, Monty Young, John Flake, Sandy Rose, Stu Turkanis, Rosine Weber, David Weber, Chuck Reichmuth, Margaret Strickland, Randy Westwood, Betty Schoeffler, Bryan Wooldridge, Bonnie Reynolds, leader Joe Gates and scribe Hank Winawer.

YELLOWSTONE

Yellowstone Backpack
by Michael Budig

Five Wasatch Mountain Club members ventured into the Pebble Creek-Slough Creek area of Yellowstone National Park despite warnings of dire weather and ferocious grizzly bears.

The weather turned out to be rather cooperative and the bears rather scarce as we made our way through the wilderness during the most inviting time of the year, with fall-like weather. At night we listened to coyotes and elk competing to be heard. And we were fortunate enough to see elk, moose, coyote and bison. And we were probably just as fortunate to see no bears.

The hike was a rather pleasant stroll through some of Yellowstone's spectacular backcountry, crossing aptly named Bliss Pass (which Vicki Paerson thought should be renamed "Bitch Pass").

We also did a day hike to a spectacular backcountry resort, the Silvertip Lodge. The Lodge is a rather rustic building which was built around 1924. A year earlier, the rancher who homesteaded the area had been killed by a silvertip (grizzly bear) after he shot the bear which had been caught in a trap. Apparently, the bear became infuriated and overcame the trap and the hunter in its rage.

We learned of the heritage of this area and were fortunate to meet the rancher's grandson, who was visiting the area for the first time in 23 years. He invited us to feel free in looking around and we did just that. It was one of the highlights of the trip.

The rest of the trek was fun, but rather uneventful. We were well prepared as evidenced by the fact that we did not once have to resort to cannibalism.

Participants were Vicki Pearson, Marianna Young, Nancy Hudson, Ron Hudson and leader Michael Budig.

LONE PEAK FOR SLOW FOLKS

Lone Peak for Slow Folks
by W. Miller

Judging from the response, the first annual Lone Peak Hike Slow Folks is an idea whose time has come. Most of the hikers had not been to Lone Peak before because they were afraid they could not keep up with the jack rabbits. A dozen of us met at the Draper crossroads Sunday, September 15, at first light, and got back to our cars as the sun was disappearing behind the Oquirrh Mountains. We agreed we must do this again next year, and perhaps schedule a few other long hikes in this fashion. The crew consisted of: Don Hamilton, Henry Whiteside, Aaron Jones, Marlene Egger, Cindy Cramer, Clint Lewis, Janet Friend, Mike Treshow, Mike Treshow, Jr., Joan Proctor, Al Wickham, and Wick Miller.



PIE IN THE SKY

Sawtooth - Pie in the Sky
by Janet Friend

It was mid-August when seven of us left the state to follow a central Idaho road that led to many tall white jagged mountain peaks. North of Sun Valley - Ketchum, the Galena Pass ushers you to some of the most spectacular scenery in the west. The Salmon River begins here as a little stream. After a car shuttle of 26 miles, we began, with heavy back packs, to edge up and up thru beautiful timberland to lakes. As the trees became shorter, the many rocks became whiter and small lakes more abundant. You keep your head up, because as you climb higher, these mountain peaks look like white pieces of pie standing with points up, side by side. Our highest point was going over Cramer Pass - fantastic views. Snow fell on us one night for three inches, but the rest of the weather was grand. After four days the trail ended at the uninhabited end of Red Fish Lake. We rented boats to drive us the five miles across that scenic lake to the Red Fish Lodge. As we flew through the water in the speed boats, mist spraying packs and people, we looked back again at that beautiful "pie in the sky"!

Leader: Mike Budig, Bob Richey, Marian Young, Bryon Fortier, Vicky Pearson, Mark Hartstein, Janet Friend.

SALMON RIVER

August 9-19

by Audrey Stevens

"When the bottom is in the air and quivers, that's when the bounce counts." Three paddle boats, one oar rig, two kayaks, one inflatable kayak and three canoes bounced down the lively and beautiful waterway which parts verdant green hillsides -- a change from the Red Rock sheer walls. Six days did they quiver through relatively low water, often bashing and even settling down to hatch on the rocks thus exposed. A layover day at Painter Bar brought its own little anxieties when Bear Facts were revealed, such as two cubs scampering across early morning joggers' paths and a mother bear lowering.

Relaxation was inevitable however; being a Viavant trip, all sorts of bottoming out in the warm sun occurred after the first two drizzly days. When could there be a more welcome hot springs, even though camp had to be dragged up muddy Moqui-type footsteps to the wooded plateau above? "I thought we wouldn't prune up on this trip, but here we are," observed Judy in hot water. A passerby might have observed, "What tough and sociable people! Fearing nothing, they brave these rocks and rapids to exhaustion, yet look how they instantly converge for Happy Hour! Now some of them are patching a boat -- very cooperative. Wait -- they have turned themselves upside down as well. Legs are waving in the air and the boat is rapidly leaving -- oh help!"

The School of Hard Rocks taught many lessons. For instance, there was the Lesson in Identification: false Gunbarrel Rapid and true Gunbarrel Rapid, with the pack bridge not there any more as a topographic handle. Lesson in Unwarranted Fear: Salmon Falls which the canoes fairly greased through after scouting a whole hour. Lesson in Water Power: where the South Fork of the Salmon comes in on the left, the current

sweep can make a paddle boat crawl straight up a precipitous rock on the right. Bodies churned to the top of the rock, the boat flipped off and, upside down, sacrificed miraculously only one tennis shoe to Odin. Lesson in Unexpected Serendipity when Bill offered plausible choices but subliminal urging to run Vinegar Creek rapid before takeout. Downstream, there is now a first-class ramp and road across from the Wind River campground which nobody knew about, so of course all things worked out perfectly.

Our interested observer would have disbelieved his eyes during the "Dress-up Night" at Wind River. Grand Guignol, High Punk and many other modes were fully represented. Here are Phoebe and Nick, gummy false gopher-teeth protruding from bilious green faces. Mary bedecked in haute couture K-Mart's best see-through-off-the-shoulder black confection, rhinestones dripping. Her appearance was quite fitting as she had drawn the "You are the murderer" slip from the hat during the four-day slaughter of the game Killer Wink. Phil the red-and-gold Centurion escorted Clara of dowdy hat and dusty rose long gown. Doctor Andy, mirror stuck in headband and red water bottle on his belt, syringe ready at hand. There was the South American god Alan in impossible headdress and corduroy ocelot, all exposed body parts covered with painted canoes, flowers, etc. Heard from his ocelot-draped mate: "Are you cracking yet?" One cannot begin to give just credit to the imaginative creations on view. Yes, Bill, another river-running success. You bring out the spark in us all!

Amazing canoers: Lori Warner, Wally Fort, Karen Brandon, Carl Cook, Allan Gavere ("So what were you in your previous life, Allan? A canoe? Or a float bag maybe?" "Yes - like a tubular worm.")

Agile Kayakers: Nancy Orr, Phoebe and Nick Hershe.

The Rest of Us: Having gone through a giant trash bag of box wines and hefty sea anchors of beer legs ("Why just sit here idle?"): Leader Bill Viavant; Captains

Chuck Reichmuth, Phil "Captain Queasy" Giles and Gary Larson; and Paddlers Lynn Chambers, Eric and Susan Reichmuth, Judy Weatherbee, Sue DeVall, Froggy Larson, Andy Childs, Mary Mitchell, Clara Elwell, Leslie Zenz, Audrey Stevens, Kaye and Alan Jackson.



Photos by Audry Stevens

RINCONS AND WRITINGS

Lower Grand Gulch by Earl Cook

Three WMC members (Chuck Ranney, John Veranth and Earl Cook) began our hike from Collin's Spring Trailhead on Saturday, October 5. We had camped at the trailhead the night before, with 2 other hikers (from Wisconsin). One of the Wisconsin hikers had hiked the Lower Gulch several times before and had good knowledge of the area as we were to discover.

I had hiked the rest of Grand Gulch's main canyons except the stretch from Collins Canyon Junction to a mile or so above the river. I had recently been told there were no Indian rock art or ruins below the junction, which was contrary to my other information. Well, we would see who was right.

The ranger had told Chuck that the Indians had chosen "rincons" as favorite spots for their graffiti. A "rincon", for those of you who don't know, is a bow knot of a stream that the stream has abandoned by "eating" through the curve, so the stream has straightened out.

We had reached the junction of the Main Gulch and hiked a half mile when we reached "the narrows". This is where the stream had made a rincon. As we explored it we spotted a south-facing wall with some Indian writing and evidence of some kind of stone structures. Well, so far the ranger was correct.

We hiked several more miles without seeing any significant Indian artifacts. Then we came upon Red Man Panel. Thirty feet above a rock shelf was a 20 foot long panel containing many pictographs dominated by the 18" high Red Man. There were also green, white and yellow figures.

Further down canyon, while fighting our way through a bushy section we noticed another panel fairly high on the upstream facing wall of a bend and just downstream of a spring. The spring has caused a real thicket of willow, tamarisk and cottonwood. It was getting late and we wanted to get as far as possible before setting up camp so we thought we would investigate this one on the way out.

So we pressed on passing water canyon on the left (which we would also hope to investigate on the return). Several more stream bends and we reached Red Man Canyon. Here we dropped our packs and investigated the pictograph panel at the mouth of the canyon. Here again the panel is dominated by a Red Man. Downstream from this side canyon the Gulch ran straight for about a mile and we decided to find a camp spot in this section since it had running water and was somewhat flat.

I chose a ledge 20 feet above the stream just to the north of Rope Canyon. It turned out the Indians had also chosen this spot to camp. We found several dwelling foundations, many holes dug by archaeologists (pot hunters?), a nice high overhang for protection and indications of previous campers. One artifact of special interest was a well constructed rock-walled square hole against the overhang wall. A grave? A storeroom? What?

While I pumped water and relaxed, Chuck and John went to investigate a possible way to the top of the Grand Flat mesa. They returned in about an hour with the news that this was a route up Rope Canyon to the top. One place had a fixed rope (actually several strands of telephone wire, secured to a tree) for aid up (or down) a narrow pour off. They had reached a jeep trail which led back to Collins Spring Trailhead. This route would save us several hours of hiking the quicksand of the stream bottom on the way out.

We camped here for the night, watched the stars come out and went to bed. It was a warm night and I was bedded down against the overhang wall. It was difficult for me to get to sleep wondering if I was lying on someone's grave.

The sand was soft, the night warm and the stars bright. The moon came up about midnight, waned to half but still very bright until the overhang shut out its light. On the morrow we planned to hike downstream past the arch and possibly onto the river, a distance of about nine miles. On the way back to camp we would investigate a way out to the mesa top via a marked trail from the arch.

Nothing disturbed my sleep, though, no ghosts or spirits of Indians angry at intruders who may have come to rob them or desecrate their graves.

Continued next month.



Alexander Basin to Bowman Hike
September 28, 1985
by Hank Winawer

It was an archtypical day. From this prototype comes the standard frame of reference for autumn: cool, crisp, dry, clear, leaves mimicking the reds and yellows of the rainbow; Currier and Ives without snow. Although I've witnessed New England colors, to me this (western) setting has it beat. The rugged mountains exhibit impressive shadows that give the depth of color another dimension.

The congeniality of the hikers and their full appreciation of this picture postcard setting was a chunk of utopia, at least for five or six hours.

Winding our way up Alexander Basin was somewhat comparable in steepness to Butler Fork...but more so; hearts, muscles and mouths were at full throttle.

Tracy Aviary has some beautiful caged specimens, but seeing a Golden Eagle soaring, eight or nine Grouse with feathers whipped into a frenzy of flight and observing a Hawk window shopping for a meal is something else altogether; all of which we observed.

To top it all off, we ate lunch at a spectacular rock outcropping, with a panoramic view of the Wasatch. I could have weeded my garden, pruned my shrubs, painted my garage, etc., etc., but I wouldn't have traded the day at AB/B for anything.

Sharers in this experience were: Dale Green, Fern Hailey, Phil Berger, Peter Verchm, Julie Stoney, Doug Stark, Joan Miller, Don Hamilton, Chuck Reichmuth, Joan Proctor, Chuck Ranney, leader Irene Schilling, and scribe Hank Winawer.

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