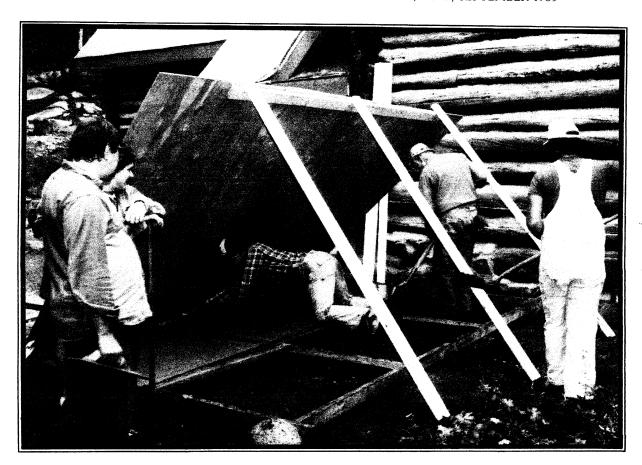
### **SEPTEMBER**

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB





### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Western Party Sept 21 Trail Clean Up Sept 7 Chamber Music Sept 14 CUP Primer

Salmon River Burns

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### WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB BOARD

REPORT

### **EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

#### BY EARL COOK

Bob Wright's call for a WMC Board Retreat at our Lodge was an excellent idea. It was time to take a critical look at our Club regarding how it is operating and in which direction to aim it. Many of the issues discussed had been discussed before and some were new. The previously discussed issues took on a new light in view of the expanded size of the Club. Issues that were not so critical in a small club look different in a large club.

I encourage each member to read the article in this Rambler which lists some of the issues discussed at the retreat. This is the time to make your opinions known to the Board on these issues. The Board represents all members and will take actions affecting all members in the way they see as best for the membership. You can make your desires or ideas count only by letting the Board know them.

I ask each of you to take the time to contact a Board member and let them know what you want in the WMC before the Board takes actions which may not suit you. Now is the time to get involved. Many changes in WMC policies and practices are about to happen soon.

Earl Cook

Cover Photo: Lodge Patio in the Making

Photo by E. Cook

## The following items were included in the August 7 WMC Board Meeting.

- o The Boating Director noted that there has been increased attendance on recent boating trips. Purchase of replacement boats will be decided at the September Board Meeting.
- Hamburgers at the Thursday night Storm Mountain gathering will now be sold for 75¢.
- o The Board approved travel expenses for Penny Archibald to attend the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs meeting in Seattle to represent WMC.
- o The Lodge Director reported that the "strong backs" that support the Lodge roof rafters need to be replaced.
- A resolution making Edith Green, a past WMC president, a life member, was passed by the Board.
- o The Membership Directors are putting together a brochure for new members that describe the activities of the WMC and the expectations for new members.
- The Board approved the purchase and issuance of WMC membership cards.
- o The possibility of creating a new Board position of Public Information Director was discussed and will be on the fall General Membership Meeting Agenda.
- o The Board approved 12 new members.



Catherine Pass Music

photo by E. Cook

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(Non) Musical Hike July 13, 1985

Music in the Wasatch apparently was not of interest this year to WMCers. The Musical Hike on July 13 was not very well attended. What happened? Two guitars, a flute, kazoo and harmonica and a few "hummers" does not a musical "al fresco" extravaganza make. The weather was wonderful, the bugs were absent as were the participants.

Plan on attending next year and we can entertain the rocks and peaks.

### WELCOME

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

Paul Barron Bridge DeNevai Michael Drews Gary Francisco Jay Jones Carol Kuntzelman Dan Kartchner Joe Lamb P. Sharon Morris Larry Stewart Jennie Turner Monty Young

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.

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# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

		<b>a</b>		BACKPACKS				
	- 0	September		October				
	7-8	Uintas		So. Utah				
	14-17	Yellowstone	18-21	Grand Canyon BICYCLING				
		Wed	nesdav	s in Mill Creek 6:30 p.	m.			
September								
	2	Hooper 100	14	Snowbird Hill	23	City Cr.		
	5	Gr. Can Meeting	15	Heber Valley	27-29			
	7	Lt. Cottonwood Can.	16	Emigration Can.	30	Parley's Can.		
	9	Parley's Can.	20-29	Gr. Canyon	Oct 5-6	Homestead		
	•	•		BOATING				
		Septembe <del>r</del>		October				
		Westwater Can	19	Social	19	Work Party		
			C	CAR CAMPING				
		September				October		
	21-22		28-29	Nevada	5-6	Zion		
	21-22	La Sal Mts			19-20	Orderville Can		
				CLIMBING				
			sday Ev	enings at Storm Moun	tain			
		September						
	28-Oc	t 6 Stillwater Can						
				HIKING				
		September		Deces 1	_	October		
	1	Maybird Lk	14	Pfifferhorn	5	Gobblers Kn		
	1	Mt. Raymond	14	Twin Lks	5	Greens Bsn		
	2	Grandeur Pk	15	Lone Pk	6	Lk Mary		
	2	Gobblers Kn	21	Kessler Pk	6	Dog Lovers		
	2	Box Elder Pk	21	Mailbox	12	Mt. Aire		
	7	Clean up Hike	21	Grandeur Pk	12	Beartrap		
	7	Park City Hist	22	Lk Blanche	13	Birch Hollow		
	7	Thaynes Pk	22	Big Water Gl	13	Wolverine Pk		
	7	Circle All Pk	22	Greens Bsn	19	Notch Pk (NV)		
	8	Greens Bsn	28	Alexander Bsn				
	8	Timp Cave	28	Honeycomb				
	8	Mt Aire	28	Deso Lk				
	8	Ogden Can	29	Twin Pks				
	14	Kessler Pk	29	N. Willow Lk				
				SOCIALS				
		September				October		
	8	BBQ	21	Western Party	6	BBQ		
	14	Chamber Music			19	River Rats		

VOLLEYBALL
(Tuesday evenings, South High School, 7:00 p.m.)
WMC WESTERN DANCE GROUP

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

### SEASON OUT-OF-TOWN ACTIVITIES

November 9 - 12 Archaeosatronomy in Davis Canyon Professional Guided Tour Call Mary Gustafson for info 364-9252

#### GLOSSARY OF HIKING TERMS

EXPOSURE: Some people define exposure where there is little danger of falling, but if you do, you're dead. Others define it as a place in which the most spectacular view is between your toes. Some people don't like this. (Exposure does not mean places where you should be sure you have your sun cream on.)

ROCK SCRAMBLING: Steep enough so you must hike on all fours, but not stee p enough to warrent roping up. Some people don't like this.

BUSH WACKING: Hiking without the aid of a trail, so that you have to wack the bushes to one side. Long pants and long sleves should be worn. So me people don't like this.

### A WORD ABOUT W.M.C. HIKES.

The May 1985 Rambler explained the rating system used for hikes, and also gave a list of some of the most common A rating of 1-4 is easy; 5-8 intermediate; 9 and above difficult. A low rating, however, is sometimes misleading. Watch for the terms exposure, rock scrambling, and bush whacking. (If you don't know what they mean, refer to the glossary published in the June 1985 Rambler.) The rating figure will also not tell you if the trail is steep. If you are just getting into hiking,

you may find that a hike's description does not tell you everything you may want to know; if so, don't feel shy about calling the leader ahead of time, to check to see if your abilities are a match for the hike.

Please come to the hike with proper equipment: adequate clothing, foot wear, food, water, and any special equipment required for that hike. You are expected to stay with the group once you have signed the release form. Do not jackrabbit ahead of the group, or pretend that you are "Tigger".

### **SEPTEMBER**

### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC Director can be listed in the Club Activities section of 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.

WESTWATER CANYON RAFT/KAYAK TRIP (Advanced). Pietsch has offered his 25-person permit for Sunday, September 8 for a WMC trip; and Paul Siegel has likewise offered his 25-person permit for Sunday, September 15. BUT we need a permit for a preceding Saturday to make this trip worthwhile with the traditional double run. Call Rafting Coordinator Chuck Reichmuth, 483-1542, if you have the needed permit. A trip leader will be determined later. Tentative Work Party date will be the Tuesday before the selected launch date, at 5:30 p.m. at the Boat Storage Facility. Departure will be ASAP after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the launch date (IF a double run) or Saturday morning if there is sufficient interest to warrant a trip for a Sunday-only permit. Interested participants should also contact Chuck and indicate desires for a double run only, or a single run, trip, as well as their date availability, and provide home and work telephone numbers. Chuck will attempt to return all calls, announcing date(s) selected, and other necessary information.

Fri-Mon Aug 30-Sept 2 SHOSHONE LAKE <u>CANOE</u> TRIP. Yellowstone N.P. Depart SLC Thursday p.m.; canoe Lewis Lake, Lewis River and Shoshone Friday; visit Shoshone Geyser Basin Saturday for hiking and skinny dipping; itinerary thereafter is flexible. Limit 10. Register with Chuck Reichmuth, 483-1542.

Sat-Mon Aug 31-Sept 2 EXPLORATORY BACKPACK TO PARUNAWEAP CANYON IN ZION. A 16 mile loop, with water falls and stream. Leave Friday night. Limit 12. Register with leader Mike Hendirckson (942-1476).

Sat-Mon Aug 31-Sept 2 WINDRIVER <u>BACKPACK</u>. Introductory loop of 23 miles, that includes Circe of the Towers, Lizzard Head Pass, Washakie Lake, fishing and more. Register with leader Mike Roundy (278-9752).

Sat-Mon Aug 31-Sept 2 ISLAND LAKE <u>BACKPACK</u> EASTERN UINTAS. Nine miles to base camp for hiking and fishing. Register with leaders Allan and Ilka Allers Olsen (272-6305).

Sat-Mon Aug 31-Sept 2 WINDRIVER MOUNTAINS HIGH <u>CAMP</u>. Trip size may be limited. Register early. Leader Ray Daurelle, 521-2021.

Sat-Tue Aug 31-WINDRIVER BACKPACK TO STOUGH CREEK BASIN. Eight miles Sept 3 to base camp. Leisurely weekend with excellent fishing and mushrooming. Limit 12. Register with leaders Ken Kelly (947-3370) or Mike Budig (328-4512). Sun. Sept 1 GRIZZLY GULCH TO TWIN LAKES PASS HIKE. Rating 3.5. Meet Karen Roberts (538-0273) at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m. Leader needs ride, so someone give her a call, to make sure that there is in fact a leader. Sun. Sept 1 MAYBIRD LAKE HIKE. Rating 5.5. Located in Little Cottonwood Canyon, off the Red Pine Lake Trail. Leader is David Harrison (484-4885). Meet at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Sun. Sept 1 MOUNT RAYMOND HIKE. Rating 6.5. Bob Holley (583-7374) will do this via the Butler Fork approach. 9:00 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Mon. Sept 2 GRANDEUR PEAK HIKE. Rating 4.5. Ton Netelbeek (582-1381) will be the guide for this Mill Creek Old Time Favorite. Meet him at 8:30 a.m. in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot. Mon. Sept 2 GOBBLERS KNOB HIKE. Rating 6.5. Beat the heat and view the scenery between Big Cottonwood and Mill Creek Canyons with Karen Perkins (272-2225). Meet at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m. Mon. Sept 2 BOX ELDER PEAK HIKE. Rating 9.0. For the most labourous hike of the day, meet Tom Walsh (969-5842) at Denny's (off 45th South and I-15) at 8:00 a.m. Box Elder is between Lone Peak and Timp. Mon. Sept 2 HOOPER HORIZONTAL 100 AND TOMATO DAYS FESTIVAL. Meet at the Utah Dept. of Agriculture Building parking lot, 350 North Redwood Road at 7:30 a.m. for this flat (the steepest grade is a freeway overpass) 100 mile ride. The destination is the small town of Hooper for their annual Tomato Days Festival. After lunch and a stroll through the festival, we will return to SLC. Leader, John Peterson, 277-8817. Helmets required. VOLLEYBALL. 7:00 p.m. South High School Women's Gym. Call Tues. Sept 3 Tom at 467-5734 for info. Wed. Sept 4 MILLCREEK BIKE RIDE. Meet Jim Piani at the Wsatch Blvd. Bagel Nosh at 6:30. Thurs. Sept 5 GRAND CANYON BIKE RIDE PLANNING MEETING. Jim Piani has changed the dates and agenda for this scenic bike ride. Call Jim or meet at his place at 7:00 for details, 943-8607.

- Thurs. Sept 5 THURSDAY EVENING PARTY. Big Cottonwood Canyon. See
  "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on page 4 for meeting place.
  Since this is the last gasp of the Thursday sessions for the year, we'll
  have a farewell party. Bring some goodies to share and beverage of
  choice. Note that this is not a qualifying event for membership.
- Thurs. Sept 5 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.
- Sat. Sept 7 CLEAN UP LEISURE HIKE TO LAKE FLORENCE. One of the most scenic spots in the Wasatch. Bring a large plastic garbage bag to fill up on the way down. Marilyn Tueller-Treshow (467-8814) is the sanitation engineer. 9:00 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- Sat. Sept 7

  SECOND ANNUAL PARK CITY HISTORICAL HIKE. Rating:
  Leisure. A repeat of this popular affair with Lyman Lewis
  (1-649-9632). Ride and hike to numerous old mines, shafts, tunnels,
  dumps, mills and the Red Light District of Park City's mining
  heydey. Two separate hikes rated about 2.0 each. Stay for drinks
  and dinner at the Grubsteak Restaurant. Generic car pool at KMart parking lot at Foothill and 21st South, then on to the Park City
  Golf Course at 9:00 a.m.
- Sat. Sept 7 SUNDIAL EXPERIENCE CLIMB. This is a 5.7 climb in a beautiful alpine cirque. There is a 2 hour hiking approach. Helmets are required on this one, and are available. Leader Ray Daurelle 521-2021.
- Sat. Sept 7 THAYNES PEAK HIKE. Rating 6.0. Meet Aaron Jones (262-2547) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m.
- Sat. Sept 7

  CIRCLE ALL PEAK HIKE. Rating: Easy. Bet you've never heard of it, even tho you've probably almost been there. Up Butler Fork, and when you first view Mt. Raymond (Porter??), it's on your back side. Sherie Pater (278-6661) will lead the expedition, leaving at 9:30 a.m. from the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- Sat. Sept 7

  LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON <u>BIKE</u> RIDE. Leader Barb Carmody wants to get in a little practice for next Saturday's Snowbird Hill Climb. Meet Barb at 9:00 a.m. at the Smith's on 9400 South and 2039 East for a leisurely ride up to Snowbird for a midmorning snack. Call her at 487-3473 for details.
- Sat-Sun Sept 7-8

  UINTAS <u>BACKPACK</u> TO NATURALISTS BASIN. Car camp Friday night at the trail head or meet the group at the trail head early Saturday morning. Very scenic basin with several lakes. Limit 12. Register with leader Charlie Clapp (262-6422).
- Sun. Sept 8

  BBQ SOCIAL. 6:00 p.m. at John Proctor's, 582-8440, 1310 South Shannon (turn south off of 1300 South onto 1615 East Shannon).

  First house west side. Bring meat to BBQ and a side dish. Drinks available at cost.

- Sun. Sept 8 RED PINE LAKE HIKE. Leader struck by lightening; hike cancelled.
- Sun. Sept 8 GREENS BASIN <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 3.0. Thru the aspen to a hollow above the Silver Fork Lodge. Alan Hillard (485-1008) will be at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.
- Sun. Sept 8 TIMPANOGOS CAVES HIKE. Rating: Easy and leisure. Jane Maddock (277-9738). Meet at Denny's at 45th South off I-15 at 8:00 a.m. A short hike, followed by a tour of the caves. Bring warm clothing because it's cool inside the caves.
- Sun. Sept 8 MOUNT AIRE <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 4.0. Hopefully the Mill Creek road will be repaired and open by September. If not, figure another half hour or so on the road. Meet Joseph Gates (943-0957) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m.
- Sun. Sept 8 SKYLINE TRAIL FROM OGDEN CANYON TO NORTH OGDEN CANYON HIKE. 6.5 miles long, with beautiful vistas most the way. Car spotting, so an early start. 7:00 a.m. at the Park and Ride Lot, off the Pleasant View Exit (North Ogden) off I-15. Leader: Peter Lakomski (1-782-5010).
- Mon. Sept 9 PARLEYS CANYON BIKE RIDE. Join Torrie Taylor for a ride to George Washington Park. Meet at 6:30 at the Bagel Nosh on Wasatch Blvd.
- Tues. Sept 10 VOLLEYBALL. See September 3 for details.
- Wed. Sept 11 MILLCREEK BIKE RIDE. Leader Susan Allen.
- Thurs. Sept 12 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.
- Sat. Sept 14 MAJOR LODGE WORK PARTY. An attempt will be made to complete the concrete work around the barbecue and to pour the foundation along the north wall of the building. A goodly number of individuals will be needed to mix, haul, pour, and finish the concrete. The work will conclude (hopefully) in time for everyone to enjoy the Chamber Concert in the evening. The Lodge will be open Friday evening for those willing to start very early Saturday. Breakfast and lunch materials will be furnished workers. Call Alexis Kelner if you plan to attend. 359-5387.
- Sat. Sept 14 CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT. Rating Allegro con brio. WMC musicians and friends return to the Lodge at 8:00 p.m. for another gala performance. As usual, the admission (\$3.00) is waived for performers; however, groups requiring a piano are encouraged to make a donation to help defray the cost of the piano rental. Musicians it's not too late to call Martha Veranth at 278-5826 to let her know what you plan to play.
- Sat. Sept 14 KESSLER PEAK <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 6.0. Meet "Mac" Macpherson (272-3844) at 8:30 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Sat. Sept 14

PFIEFFERHORN HIKE. Rating 10.0. Up Red Pine Canyon, then some scrambling on scree above the lake, followed by some EXPOSURE. Led by Angela Tan (582-2322). Meet her at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 a.m.

Sat. Sept 14

TWIN LAKES <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 2.0. An easy hike in the Brighton area. Meet Jack Earnhart (255-3825) at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.

Sat. Sept 14

SNOWBIRD HILL CLIMB. Join Barb Carmody in this annual test of canyon biking ability. Call Barb for details, 487-3473.

Sat-Tue Sept 14-17

YELLOWSTONE <u>BACKPACK</u>. For information or to register, call leader Mike Budig (328-4512).

Mid-Late Sept.

CITY OF THE ROCKS CLIMBER'S <u>CAR</u> <u>CAMP</u> WEEKEND. Many short climbs are available near the car. Leader Tom Bonacci, 583-3449.

Sun. Sept 15

LONE PEAK FOR SLOW FOLK ALL DAY <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 9.0 (to the cirque) or 11.5 (to the peak, with exposure). Members only; register by Wednesday with Wick Miller (583-5160). This is <u>not</u> for those just getting into shape, but rather for those that are slow but steady hikers who always wanted to go to Lone Peak, but knew they could not keep up the usual pace. We will be on the trail with first light, and may come down in darkness, so bring a flashlight, and warm clothing. Leader (Wick Miller 583-5160) will be out of town until just before the hike, so if you can't reach him, register with Mike or Marilyn Treshow at 467-8814.

Sun. Sept 15

FLAGSTAFF FROM ALTA HIKE. Rating 4.5. Only a mile and a half up, but there is no trail. Alan Palumbos (487-6491) will meet you at 9:30 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Sun. Sept 15

WHITE PINE LAKE <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 5.5. Three miles to a lake in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Meet Thomas Foster (521-7110) at 9:00 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Sun. Sept 15

NORTH FACE OF OLYMPUS <u>HIKE</u>. Rating about 9.0 or 10. Oscar Robinson (943-8500) knows a route for which you do not have to rope up, and for which there is only a <u>little EXPOSURE</u>. Meet in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

Sun. Sept 15

CATHERINE LAKE TO SUNSET PEAK LEISURE HIKE. Rating 5.0. The route is to Catherine Pass, then left to the peak that dominates Catherine Bowl. It is a long hike for a leisure hike, but the pace will be slow. Sondra Pistone (1-621-2564) will set the pace. The east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.

Sun. Sept 15

HEBER VALLEY <u>BIKE</u> RIDE. Jim Youngbauer wants to try a ride from the Homestead to the Kamas area this time. Ride will be approximately 50 miles of rolling terrain and will return to the Homestead for swimming and hot tubing. Meet at 9:30 at the Homestead, 355-1579.

Mon. Sept 16 EMIGRATION CANYON BIKE RIDE. Meet Pat Fairbanks at the east end of the Hogel Zoo parking lot at 6:15.

Tues. Sept 17 <u>VOLLEYBALL</u>. See September 3 for details.

Wed. Sept 18 MILLCREEK BIKE RIDE. Jim Piani leader.

Thurs. Sept 19 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.

Fri-Sun Sept 20-29 GRAND CANYON BIKE RIDE. The dates and details of this ride have been changed so that riders can do the Bryce Canyon/Duck Creek Lodge bike ride on the last weekend. The first part of the week will be day rides in the North Rim area. The middle of the week is optionally with some participants riding and others doing day hikes in Southern Utah with everyone regrouping for the fall foilage ride. Sounds great. Call leaders Jim Piani or Susan Allen for more particulars.

Sat. Sept 21 MAJOR LODGE WORK PARTY. We will try to conclude our summer's projects on this work party. Probably much concrete work. And a considerable amount of "manual landscaping". Light refreshments will be available. Call Alexis Kelner for details.

Sat. Sept 21 LODGE SOCIAL. 7:30 p.m. Annual Western Party. Come kick up your heels with "Randy Hatfield and the Real McCoy's". Western attire optional, a potluck dish and \$5.00 admission required. Drinks available at cost. Don't miss this popular event.

Sat. Sept 21 KESSLER PEAK <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 6.0. Charles Keller (467-3960) will follow the trail, both ways. Meet him at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.

Sat. Sept 21

MAILBOX PLACEMENT HIKE. Join Norm Fish in placing a mailbox on either Lone Peak or the Pfiefferhorn. Many of the popular peaks already have mailboxes and these two peaks may have had one once. These mailboxes are not for regular delivery to the ladybugs and butterflies, but rather to protect the ledger that hikers use to comment on their climb, weather, or other information they feel is noteworthy. We need people to carry small amounts of concrete and water; moral support also needed. Register with Norm (964-6155).

Sat. Sept 21

GRANDUER PEAK HIKE. Rating 4.4. Between Mill Creek and Parley's Canyon, featuring a panoramic view of the SL Valley. Herta Dennett (272-6906) is leading. Meet her in the NW corner of

the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

Sat-Sun Sept 21-22 LA SALS <u>CAR</u> <u>CAMP</u>. Camp at Warner Lake Campground. Dayhike on Saturday to Mt. Peale, 12,000+', and on Sunday a loop hike on the upper Millcreek drainage. Enjoy the fall colors in this alpine setting with views of Arches and Canyonlands. Register with Ann Cheves, home, 355-0304 or work, 533-5094, ext. 21.

Sat-Sun Sept 21-22 ZION <u>CAR CAMP</u>. Both the right and left fork of the Great West Canyon will be explored. Ability to rappel and rock scramble are required. Register with Peter Hansen (359-2040).

Sun. Sept 22 LAKE BLANCHE HIKE. Rating 5.5. Offering one of the primo views in the Wasatch, including Sundial the Official WMC emblem. Tom and Beverly Berg (272-4743), at 8:00 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Sun. Sept 22

BIG WATER GULCH TO THE TERRACES HIKE. Rating unknown but moderate. Join Leo Fontaine (566-2532) for his annual hike and barbecue. Bring meat and beverage of your choice; charcoal is provided. Meeting Leo in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

Sun. Sept 22 GREENS BASIN HIKE. Join Joyce Sohler (487-6536) at 9:00 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, for an easy hike between Silver Fork and Solitude.

Mon. Sept 23 CITY CREEK BIKE. Join Sam Kingston in Memory Grove for a ride up City Creek. Meet at 6:15, leave at 6:30.

Tues. Sept 24 <u>VOLLEYBALL</u>. See September 3 for details.

Wed. Sept 25 MILLCREEK BIKE RIDE. Leader Sue Allen

Thurs. Sept 26 EVENING <u>CLIMBING</u> AT STORM MOUNTAIN.

Fri-Sun Sept 27-29

BRYCE CANYON/PANGUITCH/DUCK CREEK BIKE RIDE. A repeat of last year's excellent ride. Friday will be a day ride in the Bryce Canyon area and a camp near Bryce. Group will meet in Panguitch Saturday morning for a ride to the Duck Creek Lodge via Cedar Breaks. The Duck Creek Lodge is reserved for the Club Saturday night, 26 people. Sunday we will return to Panguitch. Possible Sunday morning yoga session. Leaders Barb Carmody and Doyle Dow will need reservations and a \$15.00 deposit by 9/13.

Sat. Sept 28

ALEXANDER BASIN TO BOWMAN HIKE. Rating unknown but probably about 5.0. Irene Schilling (483-1542) is leading, through the quakies and aspens that should have on their fall colors. Meet her at 9:00 a.m. in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot.

Sat. Sept 28

HONEYCOMB CANYON HIKE. Rating probably about 6.5. The leaves should be at their brightest. Come prepared for some scrambling over mild exposure and fantastic views. Clint Lewis (295-8645) intends to hike up the canyon, past Honeycomb Cliffs, and down the ridge between Honeycomb and Silver Fork, by way of an abandoned mine which still has an intact boiler. Meet at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.

Sat. Sept 28

DESOLATION LAKE <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 5.0. Meet George Swanson (466-3003) at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.

Sat-Sun Sept 28-29

EAST HUMBOLD RANGE (NEVADA) <u>CAR CAMP</u>. This range is the northern extention of the Ruby Mountains, with several peaks over 11,000 feet. There may be good backpacking possibilities but the range is not well known by the WMC. For this reconnaissance trip we will hike to Hole-in-the-Wall Peak (11,306 feet, rated  $\pm$  9.0) on Saturday and try to visit the "Hole". Sunday will be spent above Angle Lake. Register by Wednesday evening September 25 with Dale Green (277-6417).

Sat-Sun Sept 28-Oct 6 QUIETWATER <u>CANOE</u> TRIP through the spectacular STILLWATER CANYON of the GREEN RIVER. The trip will begin at Mineral Bottom on the Green River and end at Spanish Bottom on the Colorado River. We will then travel up the Colorado River to Moab (about 70 miles) by jet boat at a cost of \$125.00 per person. At least three full days wil be devoted to hiking in seldom-visited side canyons and on the table land aboe Spanish Bottom. Limit 8 persons. Contact Bill Zwiebel, 3392 Crestwood Drive, SLC, phone 278-1208.

Sun. Sept 29

TWIN PEAKS VIA LITTLE WILLOW CANYON HIKE. Rating approaching 15.0. Register with Karin and Dennis Caldwell at 942-6065.

Sun. Sept 29

NORTH WILLOW LAKE HIKE. Located in the Stansbury's in the new wilderness area, in an area only occasionally visited by the Club. If the approach road is still not replaced, rating will be about 8.5. Meet Elliot Matt (969-3976) at the north end of the parking lot of Valley Fair Mall (2700 W 3500 S) at 8:30 a.m.

Mon. Sept 30

PARLEYS <u>BIKE</u> RIDE. See September 9 for details. Meet at 6:15 please note time change.

Thurs. Oct 3

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.

Sat. Oct 5

GOBBLERS KNOB VIA BOWMAN FORM HIKE. Rating about 5.0 or 6.0? Meet Angela Harding (582-2322) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Sat. Oct 5

GREENS BASIN GOURMET HIKE. Help celebrate the end of the hiking season by bringing your yummiest goodies and best drinks. Ann Cheves (355-0304) will lead the charge to Greens Basin, for what we think is the second and a half annual gourmet hike. She will be at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.

Sat-Sun Oct 5-6

ZION <u>CAR</u> <u>CAMP</u>. Leisurely day hiking and pleasant fall temperatures. Register with Sherie Pater (278-6661).

Sat-Sun Oct 5-6

HOMESTEAD OVERNIGHT <u>BIKE</u> RIDE. Join John and Eleanor Peterson at the Bagel Nosh at 9:30 a.m. Saturday for a ride up Parleys, through Park City and onto the Homestead. Hot tub, swimming and lots of fun Saturday night before returning Sunday via either Provo Canyon or Parleys. About 55 miles a day and there <u>will be</u> a sag wagon. John and Eleanor are planning on dinner and breakfast at the Homestead and lodging is \$42.35 per person double occupancy. They need reservations and money by September 10. Call John or Eleanor at 277-8817 for more details.

Sun. Oct 6

BBQ SOCIAL. 6:00 p.m. at Vince Dessimone's 1-649-6805. Take I-80 then 248 towards Park City, turn left at Ridgeburn sign, take 1st left unpaved road to top of ridge, turn right at T. House sits behind a beautiful blue pond. Depending on weather, bring your swimsuit or iceskates. Also bring meat to BBQ and a side dish. Drinks available at cost. We'll eat inside if winter comes early.

Sun. Oct 6

LAKE MARY TO TWIN LAKES LEISURE HIKE. Rating about 3.0 or so, we think. Joy Ray (272-6116), at 9:30 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Sun. Oct 6

DOG LOVERS HIKE IN MILL CREEK. This is the first (and who knows, maybe the last) annual affair, led by Fido's Best Friend, Anne Walthall (521-2538). You <u>must</u> have a lead with you, and be prepared to have your dog under control at all times, but especially when going through picnic areas. If anyone asks, the group is Snowmobilers Anonymous. Where is Anne going? Dog Lake? Don't know. Meet her at the Terraces Picnic Area in Millcreek Canyon at 10:00 a.m.

Thurs. Oct 10

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.

Sat. Oct 12

LAYTON <u>BIKE</u> RIDE. Join John Peterson for an easy paced ride to Layton where we will have lunch at the European Deli. This will be a flat 64 mile (100 kilometers, a metric century) round trip, much of it over quiet back roads. Meet at the 15th East entrance of Sugarhouse Park at 10:00 a.m. 277-8817.

Sat. Oct 12

MOUNT AIRE <u>HIKE</u>. Rating 4.0. The fall colors should still be out. Meet Clayton Benton (277-2144) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

### CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT INFORMATION

### THE CUP: A PRIMER BY MICHAEL BUDIG

CUP: Expensive H20

#### 1. Background

It now appears that Utahns will finally have a voice in determining the fate of the Central Utah Project (CUP). Voter approval will be required for the higher taxes which will be necessary to allow the project to continue. It appears likely that the issue will be put before voters on Tuesday, November 5, 1985.

While the date of the election may be easy to understand, unfortunately the same cannot be said of the CUP itself. The CUP is one of the most confusing plots imaginable. The CUP may have began as early as 1903 when a former Utah State Engineer, A.F. Doremous prepared a map illustrating potential sources for diversions of water from the south slope of the Uintas to the Wasatch Front.

The project was authorized by Congress and signed into law by President Eisenhower in 1956 as a participating project under the Colorado River Storage Project Act. The CUP was divided into two phases. The first phase involves construction of the Jensen, Vernal, Upalco and Bonneville Units. The second phase consists of the Ute Indian and Uintah units.

In a research paper on the Bonneville Unit, University of Utah Economics Professor Jon Miller states, "Of the four units in the initial phase, the Bonneville Unit is by far the largest in terms of costs, area, and alteration of natural stream flows and aquatic and riparian habitats. Four high quality trout streams, Rock Creek, Current Creek, the West Fork of the Duchesne River, and the Strawberry River will suffer 50-75% reductions in their historical trout habitat. At least six smaller streams will be totally dewatered part of the year."

In 1965, the cost of the entire Bonneville Unit was estimated at \$324 million. However, by 1983 the Bureau of Reclamation estimated that costs at completion in 1992 would be over \$2 billion, in 1983 dollars. It is this immense escalation in costs which now requires additional funding for the project, which in turn requires voter approval.

If the ballot proposition is approved, water users along the Wasatch Front will pay disproportionally high rate for the water they will receive. The water pricing/allocation scheme seems to indicate that a main goal is to provide subsidized water for agriculture in order to encourage farming of lands which would not be otherwise economically feasible.

There is evidence that the referendum could and should have been held much sooner. The same evidence suggests that delaying the election has been just part of a pattern of tacit collusion by agencies determined to hide the true ultimate costs of CUP water from water users who will ultimately have to pay for it while trying to convince the public that there is no feasible alternative to the CUP. Their strategy seems to be to confuse the public and delay fiscal reckoning so the investment already made can be used to justify further expenditures.

Congressman George Miller (D-CA) sent a letter to Interior Secretary Donald Hodel on April 29, 1985 asking many questions of the CUP funding. He recently complained before Congress that his questions still had not be answered.

In his letter, Congressman Miller wrote, "The draft contract states that the Contractor's repayment obligation in the 1965 contract is 'not now' adequate to cover the anticipated reimbursable costs of building the project."

He then asked, "At what point in the development history of the project did this fact become known to the Department (of Interior)?"

which The agencies have heavily promoted the CUP are the Bureau of Reclamation (the dam-builders) and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (the water brokers), the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District (the water wholesaler and retailer outside Salt Lake City) and the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City (the water supplier to Salt Lake City). Not coincidentally, all these agencies have much to gain by the completion of the project. Besides trying to disguise the ultimate costs of the CUP water from its ultimate users, there has been a noteable effort to ignore and discourage consideration ofany alternatives to the CUP.

Curiously, the Metropolitan Water District of Provo (MWDP) is seriously considering withdrawing from the CUP. Officials of the MWDP are concerned because the CUP seems to be a threat to Provo's historical control over water in the Provo River.

#### 2. Available Alternatives

The biggest hoax posed by the CUP's proponents is their contention that the CUP is the only possible source of future water for Utah. The CUP is expected to bring an additional 70,000 acre-feet into Salt Lake County. Yet this is a fraction of the water which could be readily available from other souces, at much lower costs in most cases. A paper titled "Water Supply Options and Opportunities For Salt Lake County in Addition to the CUP" (put out by MWDP) outlines many of these alternatives. For example, it notes that studies by the United States Geological Survey: (USGS) show that the Salt Lake County groundwater basin has a tremendous groundwater reservoir capacity. USGS found that the present average annual recharge rate of the groundwater basin is 367,000 acre-feet, only 126,000 acre-feet withdrawn annually, leaving a potential supply of 241,000 acre-feet per year or 3.44 times the amount of water to be brought in by the CUP. And the water

supply could be developed at a fraction of the costs of the CUP.

found that water study also withdrawals for irrigation use has remained constant although irrigated cropland has declined substantially in Salt Lake County. Irrigated cropland has declined due largely to conversion from farmland to residential areas. Although the residential areas include a much greater population in a given area, water consumption is dramatically less than when the same land is used for agriculture.

However, the water remains exclusively allocated for agriculture and unavailable for any other use. Much of this water ends up flowing through irrigation canals directly into the Great Salt Lake. The MWDP study concluded that conversion of unused water allocated for agriculture could make another 245,000 acre-feet of water available to Salt Lake County per year. This again represents 3.5 times the amount of water to be brought into the Salt Lake Basin by the CUP at a much lower price.

The MWDP paper also noted that Kennecott Copper Corporation has domain over 165,000 acre-feet of water per year in Utah Lake and the Jordan River which is not being utilized. Although it would be expensive to treat this water, the water could nevertheless be exchanged for agricultural water which is being treated throughout the state since agricultural water does not need to meet the same standards as culinary water supplies.

Use of such creative water manipulation could make Kennecott water available at much less expense than CUP water. And the available water from Kennecott could conceivably amount to 165,000 acre-feet per year or 2.35 times the 70,000 acre-feet assigned to Salt Lake County from CUP sources.

Those of us who hike the mountain canyons adjacent to Salt Lake City cannot help but to notice the numerous small reservoirs (such as Lake Blanche) which have fallen into disrepair over the years, partly due perhaps to the water district's goal of developing CUP water without letting alternatives get in the way. The MWDP paper found that development of water from canyon sources could provide another 90,000 acre-feet or more of water to the valley per year.

The study also found that nother 120,000 acre-feet of water could be available by making treated sewer water available for reuse. Although this water would probably not be useable for culinary supplies, it could be utilized for agriculture and some industrial uses which would allow the high quality water normally be used for these purposes to become available for other uses.

Another potential source for water in the Salt Lake Valley could be diversion from the Weber and/or Bear Rivers, which could provide anywhere from 50,000 to 280,000 acre-feet of water per year.

However, the Bureau of Reclamation has its sights set on the Bear River for other purposes. To alleviate the problem of the rising Salt Lake (which the CUP will ultimately add to), the Bureau proposes to REMOVE water from the Wasatch Front by shipping Bear River water north into the Snake River drainage in Idaho. Rather than recognize the inherent conflicts between the goals of the CUP and the Bear River diversion, the Bureau simply sees two separate opportunities for budget-milking projects.

The MWDP study concluded that other sources of water could supply from 15 to 19 times the amount of water promised to Salt Lake County by the CUP. What this shows is that rather than the CUP being the only available alternative, it is a rather miniscule (though very expensive) possibility among many feasible choices.

However, the study barely touched on the alternative of water supplies which could be made available within the valley by more foresight in our water use practices. There are many rather painless options for conserving water such as relying more on native vegetation than Kentucky Bluegrass for our lawns. Efforts to encourage conservation by the public could meet with some success if this was the intention of our water district. But it never has been their goal.

As Economist Jon Miller commented recently, "The only Problem with reducing water use is that it hurtswater sales."

An active water conservation program in the City of Tuscon, Arizona has succeeded in reducing average per capita water use to .179 acre-feet per year.

This compares to an average of .271 acrefeet per year in Salt Lake City. Given the civic pride which is evident in Utah, a water conservation campaign could meet with similar success here.

Another reasonable water conservation tool is the use of dual water systems, so it definately is a feasible alternative. Dual watering systems is merely the use of two water delivery pipes — one for water for household use and the second for lawns, gardening, agriculture and some industry.

There are many more available sources of poor quality of water than of drinking-quality sources. Since most water is actually used for non-household uses which does not require the good quality of drinking water, a dual watering system could greatly reduce the demand for high quality water and the expense of treating it.

Although developing a dual water system could be a rather expensive proposition in the short run, it would be very reasonable to at least require dual systems in new subdivisions. Some counties outside the Central Utah water conservancy District boundaries already require the consideration of dual systems in any new subdivision.

However, the water districts have tacitly opposed these possible alternatives by

simply choosing to ignore their existence since less demand for high quality drinking water is in conflict with the long-term goal of CUP completion. The water districts have a lot to gain financially by selling the more expensive CUP water to their members. However, the water districts seem to be blind to the fact that the higher prices which result will by themselves encourage and even force conservation practices by water uses which may ultimately hurt the water seller.

#### 3. Tacit Collusion

If Utahns had known in 1965 what time since then has revealed about the ultimate costs of the CUP, they would have been much less likely to approve the proposal. However, unaware of the true costs, they voted in favor of the CUP. The Bureau of Reclamation is hoping that in 1985 history will repeat itself.

The Bureau seems to hope that by hiding, diverting and delaying expense accounting, they can make the costs of the CUP palatable to today's voters. The best example of this is the Bureau's attempt to use money from potential power sales from the proposed Diamond Fork Power Plant.

It was hoped that \$300 million could be subtracted from the costs of the CUP due to power revenues. The problems are that the projections for power revenues were unrealistically generous in light of the current and projected long-term power glut in the west.

And, it is highly doubtful that the CUP had the legal authority to sell the power to begin with. All other revenue from power sales in the Colorado River Storage Project has been shared by all the states involved in the Colorado Project. It seems likely that Congressional approval would have been necessary for Utah to keep these revenues.

Yet Congressional approval was never sought. Congressman George Miller

complained, "In fact, I am not aware that any attempt has even been made to advise Congress of these proposals."

It appears that voter approval was going to be sought before the legality of this hidden subsidy was determined. Then if the power subsidy was found to be illigitimate, Utahns would be indebted by \$300 million beyond what they had approved in the referendum. However. recently the power sales agreement apparently fell through, which means this \$300 million expense should be included in this year's ballot proposal. Meanwhile it is possible that the Central Utah Water Conservancy District may consider suing the Bureau of Reclamation for expenses which the CUWCD contends unnecessarily incurred by the Bureau.

The Bureau had indicated previously that if this power revenue fell through, it might seek to have federal loans to the CUP financed at an interest rate of 2.67% instead of the on-going 3.22%. Economist Jon Miller has noted that even the 3.22% interest rate represents a 55% federal subsidy to CUP water suscribers.

Another example of hidden costs remaining in the CUP ballot proposal will be the Jordanelle Dam. Projected costs for the Jordanelle Dam are unrealistic in light of the additional modifications which will be required to overcome serious geological hazards. Conceivable, the costs of this dam could increase from the budgeted \$350 million to over \$1 billion.

These are just a few examples of the attempts to hide the true costs of the CUP from voters.

Unfortunately, if the CUP proposal is aproved, we will have to pay the real costs.

We want to thank Jon Miller and the Intermountain Water Alliance for the information they provided which made this report possible. Those interested in more information on this issue or in contributing time or financial help should contact:

The Intermountain Water Alliance

Sat. Oct 12

BEARTRAP TO MILL D LOOP HIKE. Rating about 5.0 or 6.0? Leader is Chris Moenich (363-7053). She will be at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00.

Sat-Sun Oct 12-13

SOUTHERN UTAH <u>BACKPACK</u> up the San Rafael River drainage. Red sandstone cliffs, stream, nice side canyons. About 15 miles round trip. Leave SLC Friday night. Register with LeRoy and Bargbara Kuehl (582-6890).

Sun. Oct 13

BIRCH HOLLOW HIKE. Rating 3.6. Allen and Ilka Olsen (272-6305) are searching for fall colors; meet 'em in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

Sun. Oct 13

WOLVERINE PEAK HIKE. Rating 6.0. Meet Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 a.m.

Thurs, Oct 17

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN.

Fri-Mon Oct 18-21

GRAND CANYON <u>BACKPACK</u>. Hike the north Bass Trail, which is not the tourist nor donkey trail, from the North Rim to the Colorado River and back; 28 miles round trip. Leave Thursday night. Limit 10. Register with Russell Patterson 973-6427.

Sat. Oct 19

FALL BOATING WORK PARTY will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the WMC Boat Storage Facility, Unit #48 on Anderson (5500 South), 500 feet east of 320 West. Bring your grubbies and exchange your labor for free beer and camaraderie. Especially desire expertise in cleaning/repairing/"hypaloning" patches and new D-rings; and sleuths for locating elusive leaks. The more people, the merrier; and the shorter the work day. In any event, there will be plenty of time to get ready for the River Runners Bash at the Lodge that evening.

Sat. Oct 19

END OF YEAR RIVER RUNNERS BASH SOCIAL/PARTY. All boaters welcom, and are encouraged to attend the end of the year party at the WMC Lodge in Brighton. Kickoff time for this gala event is 5:00 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be a pot luck barbeque. Bring something to barbeque and a side dish of your desire. We will use the Lodge barbeque grills, so there is no need to bring your own. Bring your best slides and stories for a good time. Beer, pop and wine will be provided by the Club at no expense to attendees. The Lodge will be available for those who wish to spend the night. A \$1.00 Lodge use fee will be required from all attendees. Note: We will discuss this year's season and take comments on what members would like changed and/or implemented for next season.

Sat. Oct 19

NOTCH PEAK HIKE. Rating 6.0. Bristlecone forest, and a drop off that will take your breath away. In the House Range near Delta, so we need an early start. Meet Wick Miller (583-5160) at 6:00 at Denny's, on 45th South off I-15. We should be on the trail before 11:00, and searching for the gourmet spot in Delta by sun down. A safe spot for deer season.



# PRESIDENT

#### BY BOB WRIGHT

The Board of Directors and other interested people recently attended the first annual Retreat at the WMC Lodge. The purpose of this weekend activity was to get better acquainted with each other, and do some thinking and planning about what our purpose is, how we can improve the club, and what are our strengths and weaknesses.

I think it was very successful. During our regular monthly board meetings there just is not enough time to deal with the more abstract problems of an organization such as ours, and set some long range goals and priorities.

We started out on Friday evening with a happy hour, and some personal observations about what the WMC means to each of us, and what were some of our best and worst experiences with the club. My own best and worst experience happened on Glen Canyon.

The best was on a river trip, hiking up to the jewel of the canyon called Music Temple, seeing the names of several of John Wesley Powell's expedition inscribed on the wall, and singing "Tell Me Why" to the tiny waterfall, pool, and marvelously eroded darkness of this beautiful grotto.

My worst experience was when they finally closed the gates on Glen Canyon Dam, and the waters of Lake Powell rose and drowned Music Temple forever. Yesterday's expedience is certainly today's tragedy for the incomparable area of Glen Canyon.

The most universal thing that those present at the retreat felt was that the WMC is like a second family to them.

Many enduring friendships have grown from club activities, (and not a few marriages). Experiencing ourselves and with our friends, our great gifts of mountains, forests, and rivers, and trying to do something to preserve them, is very rewarding.

Saturday, we got down to the nitty gritty in a wide ranging discussion of the WMC. We discussed guidelines for trip leaders responsibilities (too regemented or too informal), environmental education (training the boy scouts to pick up their litter), increasing term of board membership to provide more continuity, growth vs. no growth, and getting users to be doers among the club members (too many freeloaders) with respect to the Lodge and organizing and running of the club

The format and content of the Rambler was discussed at length. The feeling among those present is that the content is great but something needs to be done to cut the cost (now \$1.00 per issue).

Club finances, and possible fund raising methods were discussed. Charges for Lodge rental need to be reviewed, and plans for continued improvement to the Lodge were reviewed.

The WMC is becoming an important and visible force in conservation activities, and we concluded that the main thrust of our energy in this respect should be directed toward local environmental issues, while still supporting other conservation organizations on a national level.

Creating an additional board position of "Education Director" to further our goals along these lines is another possibility, which will be brought up at the next general membership meeting.

I think the retreat was very worthwhile and those present agreed that it should be an annual or semi-annual event.

#### BOARD RETREAT

#### WMC BOARD MEETS AT LODGE BY EARL COOK

On the weekend of July 19, members of the WMC Board of Directors gathered at the Lodge for Friday evening and Saturday sessions to discuss the current WMC status, future status and how to get there.

Following is a list of major subjects and concerns discussed at the retreat. In general, formal actions were not taken on the subjects during the retreat.

Outing leaders responsibility (and duties) should the leaders be trained and responsible for group behavior or should the "leadership" be informal? Are WMC activities to be considered formal Club functions or just a group of friends getting together to do something?

- o Changing the fisal year from March to January.
- o Make Board Directors a 2-year term for continuity and alternate election of Directors so that there is always at least half the Board carried over from the last year.
- Limit all WMC activities to members and their guests.
- Issue WMC membership cards for member identification at activities.
- o Publicize the WMC more in the community, especially in regard to public service activities the Club performs. Prepare a brochure about the Club for new and prospective members. Make the Public Relations job a Directorship.

- The need for more participation in Club work activities by members.
   Need to encourage commitment to serve the Club.
- o Purpose, cost, content and format of Rambler. How to cut cost, but maintain a quality publication?
- o The possible republishing of the Wasatch Trails, change of format, update trail description. Publish other books or guides of the outdoors.
- o The Lodge rental only covers maintenance costs and does not contribute to improvements. Should we raise use fees?
- o Should we contribute conservation funds to other conservation organizations or use the money ourselves for our conservation projects?
- o Fund raising projects. Should we sell WMC t-shirts, bumber stickers, etc? Fund raiser activities?
- o How should we participate in responsible outdoor educational activities? Should we diversify our activities further by including new sports?

The meeting was judged an overwhelming success by all who attended (all but 2 directors). Further discussion and actions on the subjects discussed will take place at future regular Board meetings.



### **CONSERVATION NOTES**

#### BY MICHAEL BUDIG

#### Winter Olympics Recap

Well, everyone knows by now that Salt Lake City will definately not host the 1992 Winter Olympics. The Anchorage bid apparently was a very solid first choice of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Supporters of the Salt Lake bid say they are discouraged, but have now learned - the hard way - the way the game is played. And some have indicated they will seek to have Salt Lake pursue the winter games again for 1996. If this is the case, the Wasatch Mountain Club will continue to oppose whatever threat the games may pose for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

But for now, I am a well-rested Conservation Co-Director, thanks largely to the selection of Anchorage by the USOC. And, in reflection, we may have actually gained something in the bid for the Winter Olympics.

Then-Mayor Ted Wilson was quick to point out after Salt Lake lost in its bid that even though the City and State had spend \$500,000, a lot of favorable publicity was gained for Utah's skiing industry. And, he also noted that the Olympic discussion focused attention on the value and vulnerability of our City's mountain canyons.

The attention focused on these canyons may pay off in the long run by providing an impetus for protection of the canyon's natural resources. Indeed, future battles are probably not far off. The Forest Service is about to release their plan for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. And

Snowbird's master plan, which aims to Disneyize the Wasatch Mountains, always looms as a threat. The Snowbird master plan specifically calls for two more trams, a rotating restaurant on top of Hidden Peak and intrusion by ski lifts into White Pine and American Fork Canyons.

In the aftermath of the Olympic debate, the Salt Lake City and County Commissioners have discovered that plans already exist which protect much of the canyons. It was discovered that master planning on Little Cottonwood Canyon is already complete and that plans for Big Cottonwood and Emigration Canyons are nearing completion. Plans for Parley's, Millcreek, City Creek and Red Butte Canyons have not yet been prepared.

The existing plans apparently would have prohibited the construction of the proposed tunnel between Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. And only about 2 or 3% of the land in the canyons have the potential for development according to County Planning Director, Clayne Ricks.

So, some of the protection necessary for the canyons is already in place. The problems are that no one seemed to be aware of these plans and they will need further publicizing and enforcement. The Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors will work toward these goals.

#### Sheep in Our Watershed

I was recently notified by some concerned WMC members that sheep (of domestic breed) had been obseved grazing in Bear Trap Canyon. They wondered whether this was legal or not since Beartrap is in our watershed. I told them I knew some grazing was permitted around Dog and Desolation Lakes, but I was not sure about Beartrap.

So I checked with the Forest Service. I was told that while sheep are permitted in Beartrap Canyon, their permit does NOT allow the sheep to graze in Beartrap this year. I reported furthermore that the sheepherder was seen in Beartrap Canyon with the sheep, so it was not possibly a case of a few stray sheep wandering off. I was told that these observations will be noted and that the sheepherders are already walking a fine line on their permit.

But it is interesting that sheep grazing is permitted in our watershed when horses and dogs are not.

Later, I personally observed clear evidence that the sheep had grazed in and around the creek in Mill D Canyon. This should not be allowed.

It will be interesting to see what the upcoming Forest Service Plan says about the future of sheep grazing in the Wasatch.

#### Trail Access

I also recently had some reports of problems with trail access in the Bell's Canyon area. The Forest Service reported that they are attempting to guarantee access into Bell's by acquiring a public right-of-way which will be to the north of the traditional entrance into Bell's Canyon.

We must be ever vigilant of our trail accesses or we may lose much of the heritage of the Wasatch Mountains. The County Planning Commission has indicated a willingness to cooperate and require protection of pre-existing trail accessways in new subdivisions. The Forest Service has also indicated a willingness to be cooperative.

The problem is both agencies are often unaware of the existence of the unpublicized trail accesses. It is up to us to alert them when we see a potential problem.

#### TRAIL HEAD ACCESS

Access to the Forest Service lands on the city side of the Wasatch front between Bells Canyon and City Creek Canyon has been shrinking due to the housing construction and development on the benches. We need to define right-of-way access to all of these areas and work with the Forest Service and towns to preserve those trail heads still in use and to find new trail heads where the old are blocked by development.

I would like to start a small committee to study the problem and to set up the procedures necessary to assure continued access to these areas. The committee efforts will be in the following areas:

- Define access routes in immediate danger of being blocked.
- Define access routes already blocked and forest areas not readily accessable because of construction.
- Define access routes not in danger of blockage.
- 4. Locate possible new routes to Forest Service lands around blocked access.
- Research old records for the defined right-of-way to Forest Service lands.
- Publicize the existing right-of-ways and work with the cities to keep them open.
- Publish in the <u>Rambler</u> the new and old trails and <u>proper</u> access to the lands behind development areas.
- 8. Become continually involved with development decisions and solutions to potential closure of existing right-of-ways along the Wasatch Front.

Please contact Norm Fish, 964-6155 if you wish to help on this project.

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### MOUNTAINEERING

### FROM THE MOUNTAINEERING DIRECTOR BY RAY DAURELLE

The climbing/mountaineering season got off to a busy start this year. Many people were introduced to climbing and another new person has started at a Thursday Nite most weeks throughout the summer. People made new climbing contacts and I've compiled a list of climbers who would like to keep their season active. Be sure to call me to reference the list or ask to see it at a Thursday Nite. Leaders and followers of all levels are ready to climb. Also, impromptu climbs can be arranged when there is nothing already scheduled, or when the scheduled event is in conflict with your schedule.

To the many people who went through the Beginner's Climbing Course in May, I encourage you to come practice bouldering. This is the way to train yourself in the scrambling technique you would need when you run into an unexpected rock band on a hike. Thursday Nite is a relaxing opportunity to make yourself safer at scrambling on rock.



### SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

Salt Lake Sierra Club Group Outings

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8
Devil's Castle Slowly. Intermediate hike with rock scrambling and exposure. Pace of hike will be leisurely. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8 AM. If you have any questions call leader Marlene Egger at 277-2894.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21-22 Buckskin Gulch-Paria advanced backpack. You must be an experienced backpacker and in excellent physical condition. In case of flash flood danger the trip will be rerouted or canceled. Register with leader Walt Haas by September 15 at home, 534-1262, or at work, 581-5617.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY OCTOBER 4-6
Bryce Canyon National Park
wilderness exploration. Car camp
with day hikes. Meet with the Park
Service on Friday, hike on Saturday
and Sunday. Register before
September 27 with leader Jim Catlin
at home, 531-7552, or at work,
582-5847.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12 Intermediate hike up Mount Raymond via Butler Fork. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30. If you have any questions call leader Frank Prescott at 363-6145.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY OCTOBER 26-27 Backpack to Little Wild Horse Canyon near Goblin Valley. Register by October 20 with leader Doug Clark at home, 562-1706, or at work, 486-7481.

### LODGE DIRECTOR

#### BY ALEXIS KELNER, LODGE DIRECTOR

maintenance and Summer lodge construction activities are coming to an end in early October. The schedule of work parties has been fairly intense this season and much has been accomplished. The "major" work parties have attracted a fair number of participants; the "minor" work parties, as planned, attracted fewer participants. This season's work around the social area in back has been nearly completed. The rotting logs along the north wall of the Lodge have been removed and all that remains for this autumn is to pour the concrete that will replace them.

The August 17th Work Party had the following participants: Pate Albright, Bruce Nibley, Wick Miller, Mary Bogue, Larry Swanson, Dan Grice, and Russ Taylor; several individuals came to work for a while, but did not leave me their names. Gary Burg, Bob Myers, and Bridge DeNevai participated in a number of work parties throughout summer. My (and the Club's) appreciation to everyone who has helped this summer.

Two more "Major" work parties will be scheduled in mid-September to complete this summer's projects. Both will require an above average number of participants. We'd like to finish the patio paving, and the foundation for the north wall of the Lodge will need to be poured before snows and frost.

"Major Work Party", Sat. Sept. 14, 1985
"Major Work Party" Sat. Sept. 21, 1985
(See Schedule for details)

It has been brought to the Club's attention that some extensive reinforcement needs to be done in and among the rafters and roof supports. The Board of Directors has determined that as much volunteer labor as possible be utilized in such reconstruction work. We are therefore looking for a few carpenters who would like to help this project along.

Now that the Club has an official headquarters we will also need volunteers to work on the interior of the office this winter. We need someone with small carpentry equipment to build about a dozen oak picture frames for the office. Call the Lodge Director if you would like to take on this project.

#### FROM THE

## BOATING DIRECTOR

#### BY GARY TOMLINSON

The boating season is nearing its end for this year. We have had some good trips A planning/permit season. meeting/party will be held in November for next season. This activity will be listed in the October Rambler. If we work as a organized group we can secure permits on most any river we choose, so all boaters should plan to attend this meeting to insure a successful 1986 boating season. In the meantime, don't forget to plan for the Fall Boating Work Party and the End-of-the-Year River Runners Bash on October 19th.



#### AWARD WINNER ARTICLE

#### SOLITUDE AND THE CASE FOR DESERT CANYON HIKING BY WILLIAM W. PORTER

I have only lived in Utah for five years, but in that time I have found something unique to the state which will keep me here for many years to come. Before I arrived I had hiked up mountains in Germany, Spain, Canada, New England, and Yosemite and I had thought the promise of a view from a hard won peak to be the only worthwhile goal for the hiker. But whether it was the Sugspitze Mt. Jefferson in the in Bavaria. Presidentials, or Dana Peak near Tioga Pass, no matter how lovely the view to which, as the British poet wrote, "'Tis distance lends enchantment," I always knew there might be something more important, more fundamental, scenery, something which I found in Utah.

Other states have desert just as other states have canyons, but no state has desert canyons like Utah. In the spring or fall when they are not too hot or too crowded they answer the need for true solitude better than any terrain I know of in the world. Perhaps an apostle of what Nabokov calls "the Viennese delegation" would claim for a hopelessly twisted symbology that canyon hiking represents some arcane desire for the solitude seeker. Not at all. It has to do with being in touch with oneself.

The poets, Frost and Yeats in particular, have not been generally kind to the desert, not yet. But for centuries they were not kind to the Alps. Perhaps it will be the middle of the next century, after people and what passes for civilization have overrun everywhere else, before the certain quality that wilderness desert exhileration contains becomes evident to the poets, the press, and finally to the general public. People may then travel to the desert to experience that quality

knowing that somehow it will remain beyond the pale of hucksterism, PR hype, and resort development. That it will be the only place of its kind left by then. And people will choose to live in the desert, rejecting the by then numbing technology, crowding, and intrusion. They will embrace the hardships of that life and look to the Anasazi the way we look to Edison and Henry Ford. Like the twelfth century Cistercians, the new desert dwellers will establish abbeys of kindred spirits and a secular movement will develop on a broad scale knowing the final evil of the Industrial Revolution.

Perhaps not. Perhaps not at all and unlikely at best. But we lucky few in Utah already know the beauty and exhilaration of hiking the desert and the quality of that solitude is at its height in the desert canyons of southern Utah.

Among the several I know are Spring Canyon in Capitol Reef, Upheaval Canyon in Canyonlands, and the main canyons in Natural Bridges, NW. Many more await my discovery. I like to hike them alone and would choose only a shrewd and pleasant companion to go along with me. My Vibram-soled boots are as sturdy as they are comfortable. I always pack rain gear, a change of clothes, and plenty of water. I also pack a compass, a knife, and a snakebite kit, though I have never had to use them.

One descends to the former or present creek bed that once, in less arid millenia, carved the canyon. There are lush vegetation, wildflowers. deciduous trees. If the creek is running it accompanies the hiker with a pleasant barely audible sound. It is shallow and there are stones to negotiate occasional and necessary crossing. If no creek runs then the way is often too sandy for comfort and the hiker must seek higher ground to enjoy his hike. canyon walls are as majestically silent as they are rimose with the eons of time.

Often a desert raven wheels in the air, cawing, perhaps swooping for prey. The canyon walls are scores, perhaps hundreds, of millions of years old.

One is not at all weary in the desert canvon. The walls banish concern, banish the nine to five world and the twentieth century, commanding the hiker's attention to canyon time, to the ancient and natural workings of the elements, to a relaxing exhileration. Lizards dart beneath rocks and toads freeze comically in one's path. Deer scamper away at one's approach and at night the covote howls suddenly in the distance. Often abandoned Anasazi settlements can be seen set back in a wall. There may be snakes and there may be quicksand, but there is always a way around past them.

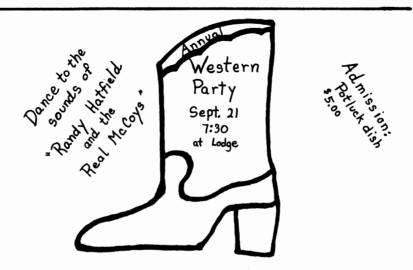
After a couple of hours the canyon becomes one's reality. The day-old tracks in the sand seem friendlier. One tries to imagine a time span of a hundred million years, but it may not be easy. From time to time small songbirds can be heard. If the creek is running the trees may be cottonwoods or willows. If it is not most likely they are of the pinyon-juniper variety. The relaxation leads to a certain peace and then to the near wonder of true solitude. There is nothing to hear but a

perfect timeless silence. The senses are sharpening. One has put miles behind him, but he is growing less and less tired. If one shouts the canyon walls will acknowledge the sound, bouncing it briefly back and forth until the resolute silence returns.

Occasionally, one stops to rest. The Anasazi don't seem so long ago nor so primitive. One is reluctant to leave. The eyes see further and in great detail. The ears detect nothgin but the blood beating in the brain.

The canyon leads on, narrowing, broadening, curving. Occasionally the canyon forks. One is a fraud and one leads home. If there is no creek, study the creek bed, climb to high ground and look for the canyon that narrows least in the distance.

Soon one's map relates that the hike is nearly over. One has found a lode of exhilaration and enjoyment and, climbing out of the canyon, civilization seems impossibly friendly once again. One's car looks quite humble after the majesty of the canyon's solitude. One drives away with a certain intensified appreciation for the desert wilderness. He knows he will return.



# TRIP · TADK talk talk talk

Honeycomb Cliffs via Circuitous... July 27, 1985 by Karen Perkins

It might have actually rained instead of just threatened, or we could have become irretrievably lost instead of But our hike billed temporarily. "Honeycomb Cliffs" was relatively peaceful -- except, of course, for this year's abundance of ravenous BUGS.

"Circuitous" is a route frequently taken by WMCers. This particular one began in Silver Fork and ascended to the mine. Once here, however, we realized our destination was further away than the 4 rating if we were to keep going up Silver Fork. We doubled back in search of the Honeycomb Fork trail which had cleverly eluded us thus far. We found it at last, not far from the handy Silver Fork outhouse. Under cover of a grassy meadow, it crosses the stream east into Honeycomb drainage.

Following this old jeep trail, we came to a bowl that brought visions of telemark practice on gently sloping hills -- to some, at least. From here, the drainage narrows considerably; the trail closely resembles a winding stone staircase. We surmised those were some jeeps back when! The canyon broadens again and soon the shiny white and golden cliffs come into full view. We noticed on both sides of the trail stacks of cut wood and speculated -a tidy beaver, a rugged survivalist, a diehard miner? A mine there is, with two very large dumps and many toppled buildings. It was here we stopped for lunch and learned that the Honeycombs were formed 20 million years or so before there were dinosaurs and that the mine was called "Woodlawn." (It bears no resemblence to the cemetery.)

With a bit of Wasatch trivia and a picnic under our belts, we descended to the Solitude parking lot just as the clouds closed in. Hikers to Woodlawn were Margaret Stuckland, Paul Barron, Joanne 30 Miller, David Darelle, Helen Stanhope, Bill Arvin, and Karen Perkins. Farr and Joy Ray participated in our "prehike". Richard Zeamer, who ultimately outwitted that elusive Honeycomb road, was our able leader.

#### DESO LAKE

Desolation Lake Hike July 24, 1985 by Lew Choules

This was billed as a good hike for beginners, but the crew that showed up looked like they were headed for the Olympics -- all six in fine shape. I was in less than fine shape and I looked at them with some trepidation since it was clear that their leader would be bringing up the rear.

Somebody had told me that the trail started from the spruces. Fortunately I had checked that out and could tell the hikers to look for the Mill D sign on the left side of the road instead of the spruces which are on the right. I also explained that the leader would be looking after the last man and that the rest could go on ahead as the trail was well marked.

We actually started climbing about 10:00 and it was a wonderfully fresh morning so we made the 4 mile climb to Desolation Lake in less than 2 hours. After lunching by the lake, Pat Fairbanks, suggested that we explore the ridge above the lake. That sounded reasonable, so we started out leaving only one man to guard the gear left behind. Pat set a killing pace and I as usual, looked after the last man on the hike.

It soon looked clear that she would seemingly never stop climbing the ridge as it went up and up, so I deputized her as leader and took a short cut back to the edge of the lake. When I got back, it appeared that our equipment guard had been napping. The rest of the crew appeared in about 20 more minutes.

We returned to the trail head, pretty much all together because that was the only way for everyone to hear the jokes.

We went to the Canyon Inn to continue the festivities and all swore to do it again.

Present on the hike were Brian Woodridge, Matt Elliot, Gary Page, Lyle Page, Randy Westwood, Pat Fairbanks and Lew Choules.

#### RED/WHITE PINE

Red Pine/White Pine Hike August 3, 1985 by Chris Moenich

Don Hamilton's skill at good leadership provided for a wonderful day trip up White Pine Lake Trail over to Red Pine Lake on Saturday, August 3.

The group started at around 9 a.m. in the Red Pine rest area, about one mile above Tanner Flat Campground in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Before hitting the trail, however, Don used a pocket map to show hikers the path they would be following that day. Hikers also agreed, at that time, to regroup at the Red Pine/White Pine Trailhead so that no one would be left behind.

The approximately 5 mile White Pine Trail fords Little Cottonwood Creek almost to White Pine Lake. The trail passes through stands of aspen and conifer and during August the area bordering the path was alive with a colorful bouquet of summer flowers. Closer to the lake is a boulder field skirting the trail which makes the hike a little more adventurous for those willing to try it.

Per Don's instructions, the hikers regrouped at White Pine Lake prior to the boulder-hopping hike across the ridge to Red Pine Lake. The stay was brief since everyone agreed to lunch in a notch cut in the ridge between the Red and White Pines Lakes. The hop across the boulder field to the ridge was fairly easy and provided a welcome diversion from following a trail.

Beer, cornuts and other refreshments were shared over lunch while the ten hikers discussed a reworking of the Wasatch Mountain Club rating system. Some thought the ratings, such as the 6.5 for the Red Pine/White Pine Hike, were based on the number of hours it would take the average hiker to complete. Former hiking director Peter Hansen explained that is was based on mileage and that is was based on mileage and elevation gain. Most agreed that factors like exposure should be accounted for in the final elevation.

The group descended down the ridge toward Lower Red Pine Lake. The last one to reach Don's prescribed meeting point also turned out to be the fittest since she -- Laurie Jess -- was wearing an ankle cast resulting from a traffic accident two weeks earlier. Laurie will have the cast into September, although it doesn't look like it will be home where she'll be recuperating.

For two, the trip ended at the base of the ridge. Others turned toward home upon reaching the lower lake. Don led only three of the original group up to the higher Red Pine Lake.

It was truly a great trip under clear, blue skies with company equal to that of the leader's guiding efforts.

Others on the hike were Cindy Barney, Bryan Waldridge, Jack Bernhart, Trudy Healy, Dan Grice, Bruce Nibley and Chris Moenich.



#### CECRET LAKE

Cecret Lake Hike August 4, 1985 by R. Bruce Robertson

Janet Friend led a most friendly hike to secretive Cecret Lake high up in the Albion Basin at about 9,850 feet. The weather was fine, and the wildflowers were almost at their height. Although the hike was rated only 1.0, there was a somewhat steep stretch, which seemed more than just the 350 feet up that it was, and if steepness of the trip were taken more into consideration when assigning ratings, this hike might have been a 2 or a 3. However, it's not too steep not to bring the kids along, and just a little more challenging than you might expect. Actually the hardest part of the whole hike was the two-mile, bumpy drive up the deteriorating dirt access road past Alta, but at least someone was good enough to paint red the rocks to be avoided. Once up at Cecret Lake, among its delightful secrets is that there are many large rocks for sunbathing, and the swimming is tolerably cold but pleasant, as two of us discovered. There are magnificent views of the whole of Albion Basin, and such nearby peaks as Devil's Castle and Sunset. Martha Veranth, our resident botanizer, helped us identify various of the many wildflowers, such as penstemons, columbines, Indian paint brush, monkshood, and numerous examples DYC's (hard-to-identify yellow composites). All in all, Cecret Lake is a choice hike for wildflower enthusiasts, sunbathers, alpine swimmers, children and adults who want mild aerobic exercise amid glorious surroundings. Participants: Janet Friend (leader), Carol Anderson, Kathy and Rus Coover, the R.T. Minizst Mortensen, family, Nancy Robertson, Martha Veranth, and Sharla and Monty Young.



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#### SALMON RIVER

Main Salmon Raft/Kayak Trip July 21-25, 1985 by Mark McKenzie

Nineteen Wasatch Mountain Club members rafted and kayaked the main Salmon River in Idaho. The water level was quite low, but the river proved to be very runnable. The fire danger was high with several fires reported in the area.

As we finished the long drive from Salt Lake and approached the put in at Corn Creek, I was amazed to see a very large firecamp here. It was all very military looking.

After a restless night's sleep the crew got everything unloaded off the trailer and eventually into the rafts. This first day saw the only serious effect of the low water as the oar rig got stuck on some rocks. After much tugging and pushing we freed the boat and were on our way again.

The white water proved to be quite challenging to most of the trips participants as this river can be classified as an intermediate run. Salmon Falls and Big Mallard seemed to be the hardest rapids we ran. In fact, we suffered two

casualties in Big Mallard but due to the skillful intervention of the paddlers, these two water dogs were pulled out of the drink and saved.

The effects of the forest fires were clearly seen on the third, fourth and fifth days. The smoke got very intense and finally we went right by the fire itself. We could see that the flames were only burning the understory and dead snags without burning the older pondarosa pines. This was a very good example of how fire plays an important role in the ecology of these forests.

The camp on the third night proved to be a classic in that it was probably the hardest to get to. We paddled the rafts across the South Fork of the Salmon in very shallow water to reach the camp site.

Again, the paddling crews handled the situation with iron-willed determination as everyone longed to reach the far shore and dinner.

There were other adventures that could be told but better for you to run the Salmon and find out for yourself.



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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

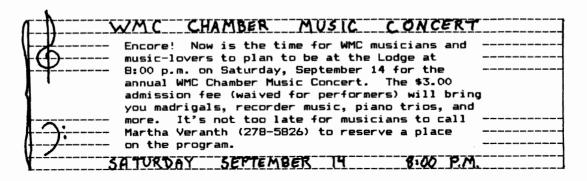
# PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT CLEAN UP HIKE

Each year the WMC performs several public service projects. The next one (September 7) is a trail and camp area clean up at Lake Florence and the Lake Blanche Trail. This area seems to be heavily used by messy, irresponsible people who leave a large amount of trash behind to mark their presence. Since this is the area below our club emblem (Sundial Peak) the WMC traditionally cleans up the area each fall.

Your support of this project is encouraged. You can have a good time, see great country and participate in helping the WMC in a community service effort.

#### 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 equivilent. Photos illustrating the articles are encouraged, but not mandatory. Writer - Photographer team entrys accepted.



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