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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

SAILING TRIP

SAIL, DIVE, EXPLORE BELEZE

You can still join those going on the Beleze sailing trip. Two Caribe 40 foot sailing yachts are chartered. Already, 11 people have sent in deposits. Your deposit of \$200 will reserve your space. A third yacht is on hold for a short time, if enough people commit. One sailboat will be outfitted for SCUBA divers and the others for snorkelers and sailors. All boats will have a professional skipper.

Our schedule has us in New Orleans October 25 for overnight. Then on to Beleze City on the 26th to sail, dive, snorkel and explore the reef and islands for 10 days. Four more days will be spent on a tour of the Mayan ruins, the Beleze National Park, waterfalls, jungles and rivers with our return to SLC on November 9th.

All of this is projected to cost \$1200 air fare included. For details contact Vince Desimone at 1-649-6805. But act quickly if you want to be included in this exciting trip.

WMC PATCHES AVAILABLE



Additional WMC Patches are available for a donation to the WMC Computer Fund.

One Patch will be awarded for a \$7.00 donation or 2 Patches for \$10.00 or more.

Send Donations To:

WMC Computer Fund
168 W., 500 N.
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Again this month members have additional opportunities to participate in club service and administrative activities. The tree planting conservation activity is important in order to show the Forest Service that the WMC has an interest in taking care of the outdoors that we use and enjoy. Your participation in this event is needed as is your attendance at the Membership Meeting. This is your chance to input the upcoming changes in the WMC Constitution, vote on approving a life member, and finding out where the club is headed.

It may seem to you that you are being encouraged to participate in club activities more and more in The Rambler from me and others. It's true. The Board has taken the position to elicit service help from volunteers and not require service activities for membership renewal. Can you guess what may happen if we are not successful?

Earl Cook

Cover Photo: Lodge Jack-O-Lanterns

Photo by E. Cook

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB BOARD

REPORT

The following items were included in the Board meeting on Sept. 3:

The Board passed a motion to accept a paid political advertisement in the October Rambler for Wayne Owens.

Approved the request of the Sierra Club to contact WMC members for a questionnaire.

Approved expenditure to replace the Lodge propane supply line at an approximate cost of \$600.

A contribution for legal fees to contest UP&L's plan to increase the size of electrical power lines in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Examined the proposed WMC promo booklet.

There were 17 new members approved by the Board.

WELCOME

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

James Bickley	Leon Holt
April Blair	Helen Hooper
Waren Brodhead	Peggy Johnson
Karla Christensen	Cynthia Maw
Heather Collins	Vlado Paryzek
Sharon Dalton	Roz Rockman
Sandy Dickinson	Tone Staten
Allan Edmunson	Donna Tomky
June Freeman	

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.

Three Layers Are Better Than One...

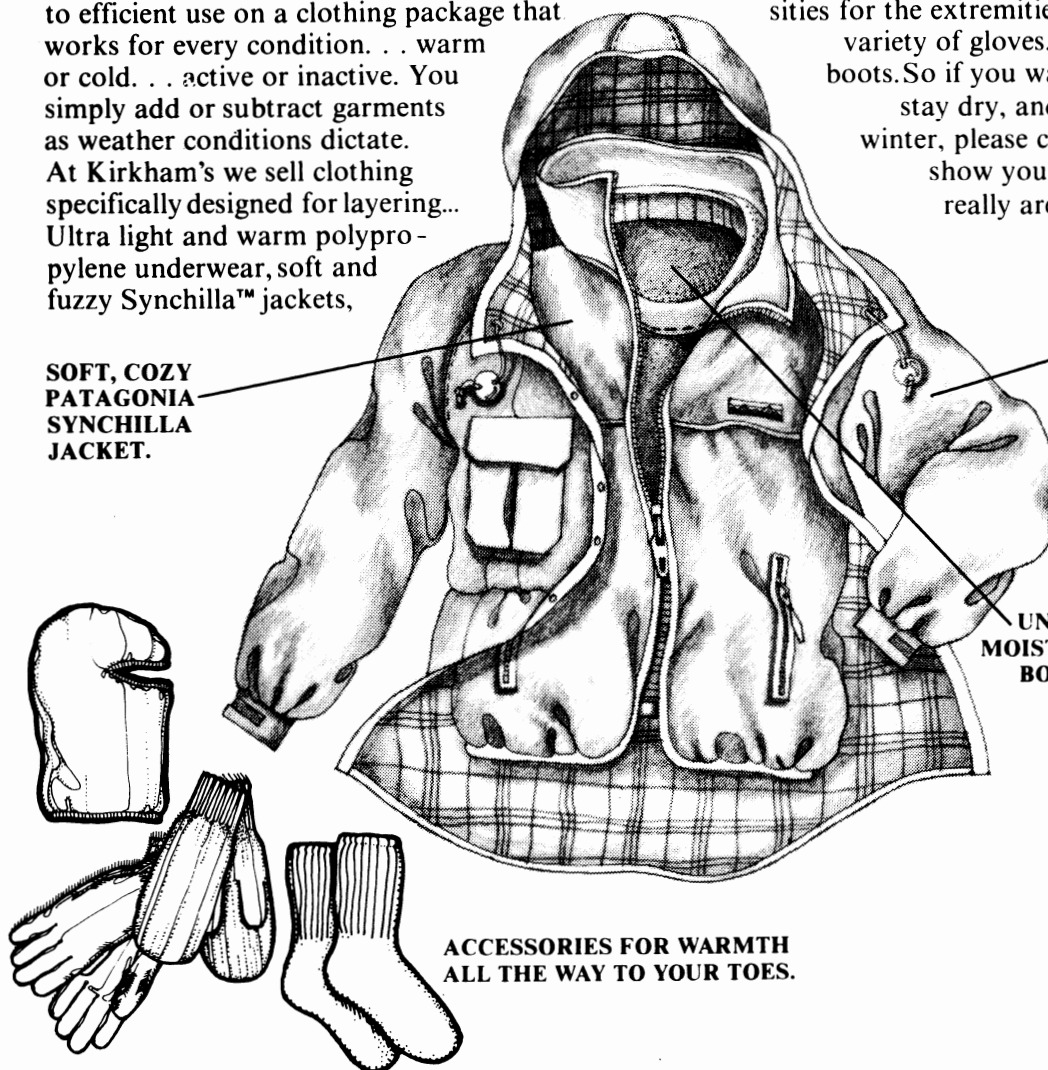
and a lot more versatile. At Kirkham's we make buying outdoor clothing fun and easy by showing you how the layering concept can work to your benefit. Layering is a simple, yet sensible way to put your dollars to efficient use on a clothing package that works for every condition. . . warm or cold. . . active or inactive. You simply add or subtract garments as weather conditions dictate. At Kirkham's we sell clothing specifically designed for layering... Ultra light and warm polypropylene underwear, soft and fuzzy Synchilla™ jackets,

and rain and wind-stopping Gore-tex outer shells. We especially enjoy selling clothing for layering because we actually use it, and are willing to take time to show you the very best in quality and value. If you need necessities for the extremities, we have a fine variety of gloves, hats, socks, and boots. So if you want to look good, stay dry, and keep warm this winter, please come in and let us show you why three layers really are better than one.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Oct
11 West Rim Zion

BACKPACKING

Oct
18 Fall Work Party

BOATING

Nov
8 Fall Boating Party
24 San Juan Work Party
27 San Juan Trip

Oct
4 Zion

CAR CAMPING

Oct
4 Lake Blanche
4 Alexander Basin
4 Gourmet
5 Birch Hollow

HIKING

5 Red Pine Lake
5 Slate Rock Peak
11 Honeycomb Cliffs
11 Grandeur Peak

11 Twin Peaks
11 Deseret Peak
12 Greens Basin
12 Wolverine Peak
18 Notch Peak

Oct
4 Lodge Work Party
11 Reforestation Party

SOCIALS

11 Lodge Work Party
25 Freakers Ball

Nov
8 Fall Boating Party

VOLLEYBALL

(Tuesday Evenings at Westminister College, 7:00 pm)

WMC WESTERN DANCE GROUP

(Tuesday Evenings at Westerner Club, 7:00 pm)



A NEW FACE FOR THE WASATCH--INTERCONNECT

SEE LETTER ON PAGE 33

Photo by Norm Fish

Sierra Club Outings

Salt Lake Sierra Club Group Outings

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11

Easy hike up the Desolation Trail in Millcreek Canyon. With luck there should be a good show of fall colors visible from the trail. Meet leader Geof Silcox at 9 AM in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center parking lot, just south of the (now defunct) Bagel Nosh. If you have questions call the leader at 531-6665.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY OCTOBER 18-19

Backpack in Upper Muley Twist Canyon in Capitol Reef National Park. This is a beautiful long canyon in the Waterpocket Fold. We will do about 18 miles in two days. This is a carry water trip. Register with leader Walt Haas at home, 534-1262, or at work, 581-5617, by October 12.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY OCTOBER 25-26

Car camp with easy day hikes in Horseshoe Canyon in Canyonlands National Park. This area is noted for the most spectacular pictographs in the state, if not the world. Register with leader Tracy Harris at home, 485-8644, or at work, 581-2291, by October 20.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2

Easy day hike in the west desert. Register with leaders Dick and Nina Dougherty at 583-3421 after 6 PM.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27-30

Backpack to Grand Gulch. This BLM Primitive Area in the southeastern part of the state is famous for its many, well preserved Anasazi ruins. We will do 40 miles in four days, so the pace will be fairly brisk. Register with leader Walt Haas at home, 534-1262, or at work, 581-5617, by November 23.

Classified Ads

The Rambler is now accepting classified ads from members. A \$5.00 donation to the WMC will get you up to 20 words with \$.20 per word over 20. Words of 2 letters or less will not count as a word. Send your ad with a check enclosed, before the 13th of the month to Sue de Vall, 11730 South 700 West, Sandy, UT 84070 or call Sue at 572-3294 for information.

WORD PROCESSING: IBM/Wordstar. Diversified; Transcription, letters, reports. Business & student rates; St. Marks Hospital area. Weekends by appt. Brenda Phillips 268-6375

TUNE UP FOR WINTER SPORTS: Hatha Yoga is a system of exercise that develops strength, balance, flexibility, and endurance as you relieve tension and increase energy. Classes 6:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., Monday evenings, Unitarian Church, and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday and 6:00 p.m., Thursday, Westminster College Payne Gym, Dance Room. For more information, call Jay Jones 363-3696.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

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. Oct. 4

LAKE BLANCHE HIKE. Rating 5.7. One of the prettiest lakes in the Wasatch. Meet Herta Dennett (272-6906) at 7:00 am, so as to catch the early light, at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

ALEXANDER BASIN HIKE. Rating 3.3. Leader is David Harrison (484-4885). He will be in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am.

GOURMET HIKE. Chief Taster is Anne Cheves (355-0304). Meet at 10:30 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

MAJOR LODGE WORK PARTY. This is the last of two work parties at the Lodge. We Need You. The main tasks are the restoration of the ceiling in the east dormitory, some manual landscaping in the parking lot, and coal furnace repairs. Call Lodge Director Alexis Kelner (359-5387) for details and tool requirements. The Greek/International party will follow in the evening. The Lodge will remain open until Sunday early afternoon.

Oct. 4-5
Sat.-Sun.

ZION CAR CAMP. Great West Canyon. Come and enjoy this spectacular slickrock canyon during the autumn change of colors. Waterfalls and pools abound throughout its twisting course. Its rugged beauty does require good scrambling and rappelling skills. Contact Peter Hansen (359-2040) for details.

Sun. Oct. 5

BIRCH HOLLOW TO RIDGE HIKE. Rating 4.6. Enjoy the fall colors with Ilka and Allan Olsen (272-6305). Meet them at 10:00 am in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot.

RED PINE LAKE HIKE. Rating 5.3. Some of the best fall colors in the Wasatch. Doug Stark (277-8538) is recovering from a torn ligament, so the pace will be leisurely. Meet him at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

SLATE ROCK PEAK HIKE. Rating about 7.5. New to the Club, this hike in the Stansbury (west of Tooele) offers a lot of diversity. The route follows game trails and ridge tops, then through forests so dark you'll be taking your dark glasses off, and then through grove after grove of aspen. A wee bit of bush whacking. Elliot Mott (969-3976) expects the fall colors to be stupendous. Meet him at 13th East and Simpson Avenue (Sugarhouse, across from Wendy's) at 8:00 am.

Sat. Oct. 11

REFORESTATION PARTY. The WMC is assisting the Forest Service plant seedling trees in the Neff's Canyon area. Another service project for you to participate in. Meet at the Bagel Nosh in Olympus Cove at 9:00 am. Bring work gloves and a good spirit.

HONEYCOMB CLIFFS HIKE. Rating 4.6. There is no trail and varying degrees of EXPOSURE. Leader Clint Lewis (292-8645) will adapt to the group. Meet at 9:30 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

GRANDEUR VIA AQUEDUCT TRAIL FROM 33RD SOUTH HIKE. About seven or eight miles. Meet leader Charlie Keller (467-3960) at 8:00 am at the Eastwood School at 33rd and Wasatch.

DESERET PEAK HIKE. Rating about 9.0. Elliot Mott (969-3976) promises a new route to this favorite in the Stansbury Mountains (west of Tooele) from the north, but following trails, so no bush whacking. This hike has special vistas and a chance of seeing wild horses. Meet Elliot at 13th East and Simpson Avenue (Sugarhouse, across from Wendy's) at 8:00 am.

MAJOR LODGE WORK PARTY. It's the last work party of the season!!! Come help prepare the Lodge for winter and to complete any left-over projects. We'll try to end the work party season with a small barbecue. You'll need to bring your own stuff to barbecue (if the Governing Board permits the Club may furnish the salad, etc.). The Lodge will be open through Sunday for those who wish to spend the night.

Oct. 11-13
Sat.-Mon.

WEST RIM (ZION) BACKPACK. For those of you who get Columbus Day (or Yom Kippur) off. We will leave Friday night so that we have a long weekend to enjoy this beautiful area as it starts sporting its fall colors. We will go from top to bottom, so it will not be a strenuous trip. Contact Ray Wenger at 254-2410 for further details. Limit 10.

Sun. Oct. 12

TWIN PEAKS VIA WILLOW CANYON HIKE. Rating about 12.0, with 6,000 vertical feet of rugged terrain. The decision to go will be subject to snow conditions. Register with Karin and/or Dennis Caldwell (942-6065).

GREENS BASIN LEISURE HIKE. Rating 2.5. Meet Shelly Hyde (583-0974) at 9:30 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

WOLVERINE PEAK HIKE. Rating 5.7. Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) is leading. Meet him at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am.

- Wed. Oct. 15 FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING : The fall WMC membership meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Dr. SLC. (basement, west side). Tom Whorton will speak on the British view of conservation and how to plan overseas outdoor trips. Topics on the agenda include constitution changes, increasing the dues, direction the club should head. Your attendance is important.
- Sat. Oct. 18 ANNUAL FALL BOATING WORK PARTY. We have had a great boating season. But it has taken its toll on our gear. Any boaters or prospective boaters wishing to help out are more than welcomed. Meet at the Boat Storage House, 5585 South, 320 West, #49 at 10:30 am. For any additional information call Gary Tomlinson at 571-5555. Soft Drinks will be provided (Can't give beer away anymore!!!).
- NOTCH PEAK HIKE. Rating 7.6. A Bristlecone forest, a drop off ("the notch") that is unbelievable, clear and sunny but cool, a view of the west desert for as far as the eye can reach, and the perfect place to be during hunting season since there are no deer there. It is in the House Range near Delta, so we queue up at 6:00 at Denny's, 45th South off I-15. We should be on the trail before 11:00, and searching for Delta's gourmet spot and Soup de Jure by sundown. Wick Miller, 583-5160.
- Sat. Oct. 25 THE FREAKERS BALL! A costume party held at the WMC Lodge. There will be a potluck dinner and social hour and a half from 7 pm until 8:30, and then dancing to live music from 8:30 until approximately 12:30. Admission will be \$5.00 and soft drinks will be available at cost. Let's get into the Halloween spirit and celebrate.

UTAH GREEN VOTE FUNDRAISER

Come to the Coles', 1357 Third Avenue, Salt Lake City, Monday evening, 7:00-on, October 6, 1986, to meet the candidates and to contribute to the election of;

Frances Farley	State Senate District 1
Richard Carling	State Senate District 3
Rod Romboy	State Senate District 3
Frank Pignanelli	State House District 23
Vince Shepherd	State House District 24
Joanne Milner	State House District 25
Blaze Wharton	State House District 26
Gene Davis	State House District 30

Suggested donation: \$15 per person. Door prize. Auction. Munchies. Music by Amnesia. All proceeds will be divided among the candidates. RSVP preferred--call Marianna at 359-7857.

Paid for by individual WMC Members

Sat. Nov. 8

FALL BOATING SOCIAL EXTRAVAGANZA (PARTY). Once again this crazy, outrageous ending to our season will be at the Club Lodge in Brighton. Come, tell some tall tales, show some slides, and generally enjoy yourself at this fitting end to another great season. Bring something to share in the potluck, and something to grill on the barbecue along with any slides you deem worthy. Soft Drinks will be available at cost, while you will have to BYOB (new Club rules). There is a \$2.00 lodge fee per person to get in. Kickoff time this year is 4:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, and slides at approx. 7:30 pm. The Lodge will be open all night for those who party a little too hardy. For additional information call Gary Tomlinson at 571-5555.

Mon. Nov. 24

SAN JUAN TRIP WORK PARTY. All participants for the Boating Trip must meet at the WMC boat storage center at 5:30 pm (5585 S., 320 W., # 49).

Nov. 27-30
Thu.-Sun.

SAN JUAN FAMILY BOATING TRIP. (Weather permitting). This trip should cost about \$50.00/person. Send \$25.00 deposit to Carl Cook (403 Kensington Ave, SLC, UT 84115). Call Carl at 485-4586 for more information. At least one of the adults must have done a previous river trip or have attended the Boating Orientation Meeting.



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LODGE DIRECTOR

Alexis Kelner

I hate to say it over and over and over again, but We need your help at the Lodge. Not only that, but we also need your financial assistance. Here's why:

A couple of weeks ago one of our members arrived at the Lodge to find a red tag on our propane regulator at the side of the building. It stated simply that the gas had been shut off because the line going into the Lodge was leaking. Sometime during last winter an insurance inspector arrived to inspect the Lodge and made several recommendations, among them that we get our gas in order. He also noticed a small leak in one of the 1,000 gallon tanks. I met with a Cal-Gas engineer a few days after the red tag to determine where to go next.

We decided a complete overhaul of the tanks (which we lease from Cal-Gas) and our line to the Lodge was in order. It was too late to advertise in the Rambler for a work party. All the work had to be contracted out. A 3 ft. deep, 40 ft. long trench had to be dug through the boulder field between the Lodge and the tanks. At the rate of work party attendance it would have taken Club members 13 years to complete it. A backhoe did it in 3 hours with another hour or so to backfill.

The bill? Approximately \$300 for transportation of the equipment; about another \$300 for operator and machine time. Plumbers don't come cheaply either; their contribution was another \$400 to the total.

While the machine and operator were there I had them add another three hours of digging in and around the parking lot. As a result we now have room for 4 or 5 additional cars in

the lot and the refuse/clinker/ash dump has been covered. The apron by the entrance of the Lodge has also been smoothed.

A heck of a lot of work for about \$1200! We need your financial contributions to the Lodge Fund to cover some of these unexpected expenses. Please send us a check today.

We still need your help at two more work parties on Oct. 4 and 11. We are still trying to organize a Lodge Committee to help plan future rehabilitation and to formulate policies for use of the building. If you are concerned for the Lodge, please join the Committee. No experience is necessary. The Lodge Committee will meet only twice a year—I promise! Sometime late in October and sometime in the spring.

I am also preparing the Lodge schedule for December, January and February. If you would like to host an "Open Weekend", please call me. Your responsibilities as a host will be to open the Lodge for use and to coordinate—not to prepare—meals, etc. It can actually be a lot of fun, especially on a cold and wintry evening while sipping a hot, buttered rum in front of the fire.



WAYNE OWENS FOR CONGRESS FUND RAISER & EVEREST/MANASLU SLIDE SHOW

October 18, 1986 at 6:00 p.m.

The Terraces at Mount Olympus

4748 South Ichabod Street

(2920 East) Holladay

Meet the author of the Lone Peak Wilderness Bill, and view a slide show of the Manaslu Himal in Central Nepal. Dress casual.

Democratic Congressional Candidate Wayne Owens has been endorsed by the **League of Conservation Voters**, a nonpartisan political group whose members include, the **National Wildlife Federation**, **The Audubon Society** and the **Isaac Walton League**. The local chapter of the **Sierra Club** has also endorsed Mr. Owens. The current Utah congressional delegation has received only a 19% approval rating from the League of Conservation Voters. Mr. Owens, while in Congress received a rating in the high 70's. He is the only candidate to call for setting aside as much as 8-10% of Utah public lands as wilderness.

Everest/Manaslu

Manaslu, one of the 9 highest peaks in the world at over 8,000 meters has only rarely been visited by Westerners. In April, Bob spent 30 days with a Sierra Club group circling the peak and visiting the Ganesh Sanctuary near the Tibetan border.

\$25.00 Donation

R.S.V.P. Bob Weatherbee 278-2829

Authorized by the Owens For Congress Committee
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CONSERVATION NOTES

INTERCONNECT UPDATE

As you know from reading last month's Rambler, and elsewhere, the Interconnect is a proposal to connect most Wasatch Front ski areas via a series of three new lifts. A recent State funded feasibility study reports that interconnect will attract out of state skiers to the tune of 486,800 "skier days." A public information evening was held recently to answer some of the many questions raised by Interconnect. The evening's format prohibited any statement that did not end in a question mark. In addition, most of the audience questions were answered by Bob Bailey, glib apologist for Utah Ski Association and "lead consultant" to the Governor's Committee. The generic answer to most questions was "Wait for the completion of the Wasatch Front Canyons Master Plan by Salt Lake County."

Below are some of the questions raised by Nordic skiers and the answers given:

Will there be limits on Nordic skiing?

Yes. Boundary expansion for ski areas amounts to "ski area imperialism" and will permanently close such areas as Grizzly Gulch. Skiing outside the boundaries may result in heavy fines. Solution: Set up a "Check Point Charlie" where Nordic skiers must go to sign liability waivers before skiing.

Will the Forest Service follow their plan to promote dispersed recreation and provide compensating areas for ski terrain lost to Nordic skiing? Where?

"Well, we really hadn't thought of it. We welcome any ideas."

Regarding the S L Co. master plan - what is the funding level, committee composition and provision for community input ? So far, only about twice the amount of the Feasibility Study is available to fund the entire planning process. It is clear that we Nordic skiers must make our needs known very soon and very clearly, or we will face severe access restrictions. Further information is available from **Tom Noll, Utah Nordic Ski Association**, 1451 Moray Court, Park City, UT 84060, or **Mike Budig, Save Our Canyons**, 339 E 600S, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, ph. 328-4512.

Trashing Snake Creek

Been up to Snake Creek Pass lately? This once popular hike destination is a jumble of downed trees and eroding topsoil. The Brighton developers who expanded downhill skiing into Snake Creek have not bothered to clean up or perform needed erosion control. The Conservation Committee will confront the Forest Service on this matter. Brighton residents may also be the unwilling recipients of a new power line, courtesy of UP&L. Canyon conservation groups, the Wilderness Association, and Club members are trying to have the power (if needed) routed through a more appropriate utility corridor.

Box Death Hollow EIS

The Forest Service, in conjunction with the BLM will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the Box Death Hollow carbon dioxide development proposal. Development is proposed for Antone Ridge, in the middle of the Box Death Hollow Wilderness. EIS preparation is a long process and Club members will have opportunities to comment on this issue.

WASATCH FRONT CANYON ISSUES

Meeting with County Commissioner
Candidates
Wed. 29 October 7 pm
South SLC Auditorium
Come and air your concerns on Interconnect
and other Canyon issues!

China Bike Tour

CHINA GREAT WALL BICYCLE TOUR

Spend two exciting weeks this spring with your Wasatch Mountain Club friends exploring the northeastern region of the Great Wall of China. See rural China as few travelers are able to see.

Our tour begins by spending three days touring (including by bicycle) the most important historical sights in Beijing, the political and cultural center of China. After Beijing we take an early morning bus ride 140 kilometers northeast of the city where we tour a rarely visited site of Qing Dynasty tombs dating from the 1700's. From here we set out on a five-day cycling excursion through the Hebei countryside, a region largely untouched by western influences, criss-crossing the Great Wall until we reach Beidaihe, the favorite summer beach resort of Chinese diplomats. Two days in Beidaihe before returning by train to Beijing. A flight to Hong Kong with 2

days to visit this fascinating city (this stop can be extended or shortened) before continuing on to San Francisco.

Dates of the trip are APRIL 17 (Fri.) through MAY 2 (Sat.). Total cost of \$2500 includes round-trip airfare from San Francisco, all lodging, transportation and 3 meals a day while in China. New all-terrain bikes can be rented for an additional \$85 or you can bring your own.

Because the trip is being organized and led by club member Mary Jo Kimbrough, she is able to pass on to you a savings of \$200 under the normally advertised price of the trip. An additional discount of \$100 is available (\$2400 cost) to those who make full payment by Dec. 15, 1986.

Come see slides of the trip at the SUNDAY SOCIAL, NOVEMBER 9. Bring interested friends and if you have any questions before then, call Susan Allen at 466-1705. Mary Jo will be out-of-town during October but will look forward to seeing you at the slide show. This is a special trip at a special price! The group will be kept small so places will be limited. See you Nov. 9!

Sky Calendar for October

by Benjamin Everitt

October is a great month for planets, especially for you folks who don't like to get up early on frosty mornings. All 8 planets (even Pluto) are in the evening sky. Venus was highest in the western sky after sunset (greatest elongation east) on August 27, and becomes its brightest on October 1. As it accelerates its plunge toward the sun, Venus will pass Mercury near the top of its arc on October 18, at which time the two planets will be within 4 degrees of each other. Mercury will be the planet to the north of and less brilliant than Venus. Toward the end of October, Venus will be lost in the glare of the sun.

Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Mars, and Jupiter, in that order, are strung out from west to east after sunset, although Saturn will be lost in the glare of the sun by the end of November. Uranus and Neptune are visible only with telescope. If you know where to look, Uranus is in the constellation Ophiuchus, and Neptune is in Sagittarius.

The new crescent moon should appear about October 4. The moon is full on October 17, and is new again on November 2. On the evening of November 8 the moon will pass within a few lunar diameters of Mars, which should provide as good a show as "Easy Street".

The programs described above are all rated "G" except for the conjunction of Venus and Mercury on October 18, which is rated "PG".

Assistance Needed

The WMC and its programs need members to assist in the following instances:

PIANO STORAGE BOX CONSTRUCTION: Members need to help construct a winterized storage box for the club piano at the lodge. Call John Veranth to help 278-5826.

CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHER: The Rambler is in need of another staff photographer to provide creative and interesting "people" photographs for publication in the Rambler. Call Earl Cook 524-5082 days.

CREATIVE WRITER: The Rambler needs another staff writer to do assigned stories and articles. Call Earl Cook 524-5082 days.

REFORESTATION HELPERS: Members to help plant trees in the Wasatch. This club project is scheduled for Saturday October 11. Meet at the Bagle Nosh in Olympus Cove at 9:00am. Bring your own gloves and lunch.

OFFICE MAINTAINANCE MANAGER: Member to be in charge of maintaining the WMC office. Call Ann Cheves 355-0304.

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Wednesday, October 15th at 7:30 pm
Zion Lutheran Church
1070 Foothill Drive**

**This is the time to discuss and vote on constitutional
amendments such as a dues increase.**

Guest Program

**Tom Wharton, Salt Lake Tribune Outdoor Editor will
be the featured speaker. He will present slides of his
recent trip to England. He will also discuss the British
approach to conservation, their 150,000 miles of hiking
trails, their right-of-way approach to trail access and
their concept regarding National Parks. Highlights will
include hiking and fishing in England and suggestions on
planning an overseas outdoor trip.**

See you there!!



ENTERTAINMENT

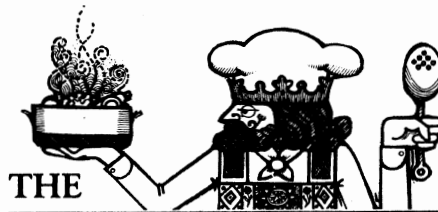
Cassie Badowski & John Colaizzi

Another summer's gone, and the Sunday BBQ's are over for the season. We'd like to thank all those who gave of their time and homes to make them the fun times they were.

Heading into fall and winter we'll be planning pot luck and slide show Sunday Socials. If you would like to host one of these Socials, or volunteer your apartment or condo clubhouse as the location, or if you have interesting slides that you would like to share please contact Cassie (278-5153) or John (571-5555).

If you've been to a Social in the last month you'll have noticed a major change. As mentioned in the September WMC Board Report alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) are no longer available at WMC functions. This split decision was made by the board after lengthy debate over the potential liability problems. You are welcome to BYOB, and we will continue to provide soft drinks at cost.

If you have any entertainment suggestions, comments, or constructive criticism, feel free to contact us.



GRUBBY GOURMET

Roseann Woodward

Today Grubby presents two recipes that make camping or hiking a gourmet exercise.

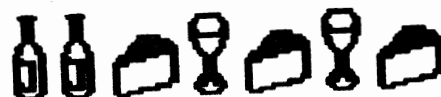
Before you hit the trail, core a whole apple and stuff it with a mixture of peanut butter and raisins. When you need that extra bit of energy, eat it whole or slice it into peanut butter stuffed apple rounds.

BLEU CHEESEBURGERS

2 lbs ground beef
1 onion, chopped
1 tablespoon steak sauce
1/4 lb. bleu cheese

Mix meat with onion and steak sauce. Mold into 12 very thin patties. Divide bleu cheese into 6 portions, place each on six of the patties, cover with the other 6 patties and press edges together. Freeze in individual plastic bags ready to take camping.

Want to share your gourmet or quick but tasty culinary delight with other WMC members? Send your recipe to Grubby Gourmet, Wasatch Mountain Club, 168 W., 500 N., SLC, UT 84103.





FROM THE

SKI TOURING DIRECTOR

by Dan Grice

Ski season is almost upon us. If you volunteered to lead a ski trip this season when you renewed your membership, you will be contacted this winter to lead a tour. If you have a special trip you want to lead, call me at 561-2458 and I will schedule your tour.

Many more most-difficult ski tours will be scheduled as leader's or group's choice rather than naming a specific destination. I believe this added flexibility is needed to take into account the snow conditions on the day of the tour (i.e. to avoid particularly dangerous aspects or terrain features, and to take advantage of better snow in certain areas).

The fierst tours of the season will be scheduled for the second weekend of November, so watch for your November Rambler. Also, a statement about leaders' and followers' responsibilities on ski tours will be published in the November Rambler so please read them.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the club's ski tours write to me c/o the WMC or give me a call.

FROM THE

BOATING DIRECTOR

by Gary Tomlinson

The river running season is coming to a close now, with the exception of one Thanksgiving day trip on the old San Juan by that crazy Carl Cook. He said he wanted to open and close this season, and with the March 15 Virgin and November 27 San Juan he will do so (9 months of river running ??, we must be going mad). This has been a very good year for us, with more trips and user days than in any previous year. We have put a lot of wear and tear on our equipment, and thus it is in need of some repair. The annual fall work party will be on Saturday October 18 (listed in activities section). Any boaters or prospective boaters who can come and help out are enthusiastically welcomed. Our end of the year party will once again be at our magnificent lodge on Brighton on Saturday night November 8 (listed in activities section). All boaters and prospective boaters are encouraged to attend this normally fun-meter-breaking experience. There will also be a river permit planning meeting in late November to get next years season preliminary planning out of the way, and applications off to those great rivers we all know and love. This activity will be scheduled in the November Rambler. One last comment, to the Belize Sailing Trip, enjoy yourselves, we all wish we could come along on this one.

EQUIPMENT NOTES

Hang Tags & Hardgoods
by Jim Youngbauer

Hello again from South State Street. This month we'll take a look at what's new in fall & winter clothing. I'll keep it fairly general and try to give you an idea of what to expect on the racks for the next six months or so. We'll look at the different areas from the layering point of view.

Starting with outer wear, we'll probably see the most changes in this area. Most of the major clothing lines will have shells, parkas, jackets etc. that show more Alpine style than we saw last year. These same manufacturers still maintain their top-of-the-line technical clothing at about the same price as last year. Some of the features have changed and more mountaineering wear is available from more manufacturers.

Two layer Gortex with a lining of either nylon or polypropylene will be most prevalent with little or no three-layer Gortex on the market. Comfort, fit & durability is the reason for the switch. The three-layer material has been used less & less the last few years. This year is no exception. The linings used in this clothing is usually made from the same or similar material.

Each manufacturer will use their own name for the lining material, the major difference being the manufacturing method and/or chemical treatments to the finished material. The hang tags will give the specifics—if not ask the sales person.

Patagonia will be using material with applied coatings on their outerwear again this year. They obviously find this is the way to go.

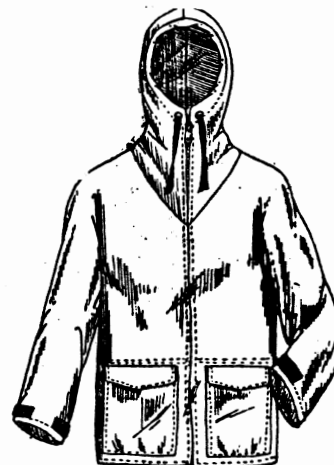
The underwear available this year looks a lot like the lining materials. We'll see lots of different names with most if not all of the materials being polypro. Each brand may have characteristic differences and all should work really well. You'll be able to get polypro this year that you can wash and dry. Some of it will retain a lot less odor. As would be expected, prices will be up.

In that middle layer, the synthetic insulators will be much more colorful this year and the styles will look great, even as casual wear. Great color, great style, great fit for about a 5-10% price increase.

More down is available this year than last with the higher fill-power pieces priced about the same as last year. Still the best insulator for weight when kept dry.

Next month. I'd like to talk about the new ski equipment for the coming year. Call me with any questions you may have so I'll know what you would like to know about.

Until next time, take care and have a good trip.





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PERSONALITIES

Don Hamilton

by Carol Anderson

From Perkins Peak ridge, Don could see his fellow hikers struggling up the last steep slope towards their destination. Taking a bite from his apple, he still managed a greeting for the first one to join him on the summit. "Well, I see you made it."

"How long have you been here?" His companion was panting, short of breath.

"OH, about half an apple." Don chuckled and then bit off another chunk of the crisp fruit, savoring its sweet juice.

Hamilton the Hopper or Don Hamilton, as he is known to most, has bitten off a large slice of life to savor. Musician, instrument builder, entrepreneur, teacher, writer, hiking guide, pilot, technician, father of five—he has combined diverse interests and talents into a rich flavor of experience.

A native San Diegan, Don attended college in southern California before serving four years in the Air Force. Then enrolling at BYU, he graduated from that institution with a minor in the field of his academic strength: chemistry and a major in the field of his greatest interest: recreation. "I was the recreational program director at UTC for a period of time; I helped with mountaineering activities. And for a while, I worked at Hercules as a laboratory technician."

But according to the perverse logic life often follows, Don has earned his living for many years as a musician. At the U of U and BYU, he has taught classes in both classical and folk guitar, having studied the guitar

privately since he was in his teens.

And now he's extending his musical interests with a project he has in mind. He's considering building and marketing an instrument known as a psaltery, a word which sounds like "sawing a tree," and a musical device mentioned in the Old Testament. "It's like a board zither or an auto harp. I'll be interested to see what the public thinks of it. I just may end up selling pencils on Second East and Second South as selling psalteries at ZCMI. Who knows? But it's worth a try."

With dedication similar to that for his music, Don sets a physical regimen for himself: 5 miles walking per day; 150 to 200 miles walking per month; 20,000 vertical feet per month, and as much backpacking as possible, anytime, "especially in the Wind Rivers or the Canadian Rockies. The Wasatch will do nicely, too, since they're right here in our backyard."

His hiking experiences also include being a climbing guide for the Sierra Club in the eastern Sierra Nevadas. Besides teaching mountaineering in San Diego in the late 50's and early 60's, he helped write a book entitled Basic Mountaineering, published in 1961 by the San Diego Sierra Club. Don was a tender 22 at the time. "But the technical climbing mountaineers do today, we didn't even think of 25 years ago. Our highest-rated climbs were 5; now climbs rated 5.10 to 5.12 aren't uncommon."

More recently, Don helped the Inyo County, California, Search and Rescue Team. And presently, he is on the Club Hiking Committee and leader for many Club outings. One memorable outing he recalls was with a fellow Club member. He laughs as the incident comes back to him. "We were in the Wind Rivers. At three in the morning, my tent-mate wailed that he wanted to go home, go back to Salt Lake. He and his

girlfriend had been quarreling until that early hour. Well, I told him to settle down, get in the tent, and shut up, forget that his 'relationship wasn't going well,' as he said, and remember he was on a hiking trip, not a honeymoon."

Don remembers other adventures, of a very different sort: flying sail planes. "After World War II, in the late 40's and early 50's, there was a glut of ex-military material and personnel in southern California. You could get expert instruction in flying various aircraft. And for \$2.50, you could rent a sail plane for a full day of flying, with only \$0.15 for a winch tow to get you going."

With the rental costs of such planes astronomical today, Don confines himself to landroving rather than skyroving. "The high places on the mountains are fine enough. In fact, I love to watch lightning storms when I'm in the mountains. I find a fairly protected area, somewhere unexposed, maybe by a ravine, and watch those bolts zap around me. What a show: Now some people would think I'm insane for doing that, but it's a craziness I love."

Yes, a taste for the unusual, a distinct taste certainly, reflecting the unique flavor, the sweet apple of Don's own life.



When walking in hilly or mountainous terrain, allow an extra hour's travel time for each 1,500 feet of climbing.

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MAYBIRD LAKES

Thursday, July 24, 1986

by Randy Long

What a way to celebrate the Pioneer Day holiday! The first part of the activity was to meet at 9:30 at the White Pine trail head in Little Cottonwood Canyon, and hike to the ponds of Maybird Gulch. It was a fairly long hike (about 8-1/2 miles round trip), steep in places, but--even though half of us decided to come down early due to the threat of rain--it was still enjoyed by all. The others weren't very much later. I even managed to keep up with the fast group, which is somewhat strange for me.

We could tell that this was Cindy's first time as a hike leader, but she was great. This was also my first time up Maybird Gulch, but it won't be the last.

After all, hiking is being like a Pioneer in a way, only you're using backpacks rather than covered wagons, and you don't usually travel quite as far as they did.

After the hike was over, we drove on to Cindy's nice condominium at Snowbird for a fun and very refreshing swim and whirlpool hot tub, followed by a very delicious potluck dinner, and relaxation. I even suggested to Cindy that she do this again sometime.

To sum it all up: The hike was rated 6 (intermediate), but a lot of fun, and unsurpassed scenery. The swimming could have been rated fantastic and refreshing, and the meal could have been rated delicious and filling.

There were 24 participants. Those names that were legible included: Charlie Clapp, Jon Flakowski, Kristie

Green, Bob Grice, Ralph Hathaway, Erica Heffelfinger, Keith Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Julie Jones, Clint Lewis, (C.K.), Randy Long, Karen Marshall, Christine McCullough, Wick Miller, Joanne Miller, Mike Monteith, Helen Stanhope, Elissa Stevens, Joan Stevens, Stu Turkanis, Gary Wowllard, and leader Cindy Cromer.

Dog Lake

Dog Lake Hike
by Martin McGregor

With a generous turnout of 28 people and good weather we went to Dog Lake using the new trail. Someone has gone to a lot of work constructing this trail because someone else talked them into it. That would be fine but two shorter routes to the same place already exist. Otherwise the new trail is quite nice and provides more shade and less ups and downs than we expected. The usual flora was observed and also some unusual fauna - the salamanders of Dog Lake. Everyone was too modest to go swimming, a few went on to the top of Reynolds Peak. Several prospective members were along and several forms were signed. As far as I can tell, the participants were: Martin McGregor, Eileen Csontos, Kristie Green, Sharon Dalton, Debora Threedy, G. Kristiansen, Alice White, Cherry Wong, Leigh Cowley, Doris Jenson, Russell Eastes, N. Lynch, Michelle Perkins, Nancy Kanes, Mike Gasebler, Jeff Eastes, F. Bacon, Ann Bacon, D. Dorneich, U. Hegeweld, Linda Landers, Mary Ann L., Beth S., George and Trudy Healy, Sandy Dickinson, Angela Harding, and Chuch Ranney.

WESTERN PARTY at the Lodge with



PHOTO BY E. COOK

White Pine Lake

White Pine Lake Hike
by Ray Duda

A dozen hikers joined the leader for a moderate walk up into White Pine Canyon. Who knows how much longer we will be able to enjoy this alpine area with Snowbirds' "Master Plan" on the drawing board. After the customary wait for a late comer or two, car pooling to the White Pine trail head, and a last minute check of our water supply and lunches we were headed up the path by 9 am.

The weather was sunny, clear, and not too hot, a perfect way to start the day. Within a few minutes the faster hikers got a glimpse of a mule deer doe browsing along the trail. Plenty of flora too, especially the white columbines and little purple elephant heads. It was easy walking up the old jeep trail with only occasional detours needed to miss the muddy sections caused by the still flowing snow runoff. At the top of the jeep road the troop broke into three groups, with some climbing the rocks to reach White Pine Lake at the dam, others choosing to continue up the trail and approach the lake from the southeast, while several hikers elected to stop and lunch in the meadow.

I do not know how difficult it was to climb the rocks to the dam, but the trail to the south soon turned into snow. Traversing the snowfield, halfway up the bowl, required a slow, sure footed, pace otherwise you risked a quick, damp, ride down the steep slope. Minutes after the last of our group passed the midway point, a large boulder, about 3 tons, broke free from the 10,500' ridge line above the trail. It scattered loose gravel and rock and tumbled down the bowl, bouncing through the snow, until it finally slowed and came to rest on the only flat spot in

the area - the trail we just crossed!

Eventually we reached our destination, the tree covered ridge overlooking the east side of the lake. Full summer still had not reached this lofty area as the deep turquoise water was more than half covered with thick floats of ice. The group that climbed the dam face still had plenty of energy and decided to cross the ridge over to Red Pine Lake and return down the Red Pine trail. Our group figured a long lunch, a few photographs, and a discussion solving some of the Worlds' more serious problems would be more to our liking. After an hour or so we began our descent, via another route, down the dam. A quiet return trip with frequent stops to talk with other people camping and hiking this area, more picture taking, and a cold but most refreshing foot dip in Big Cottonwood Creek.



Old Timers Gather

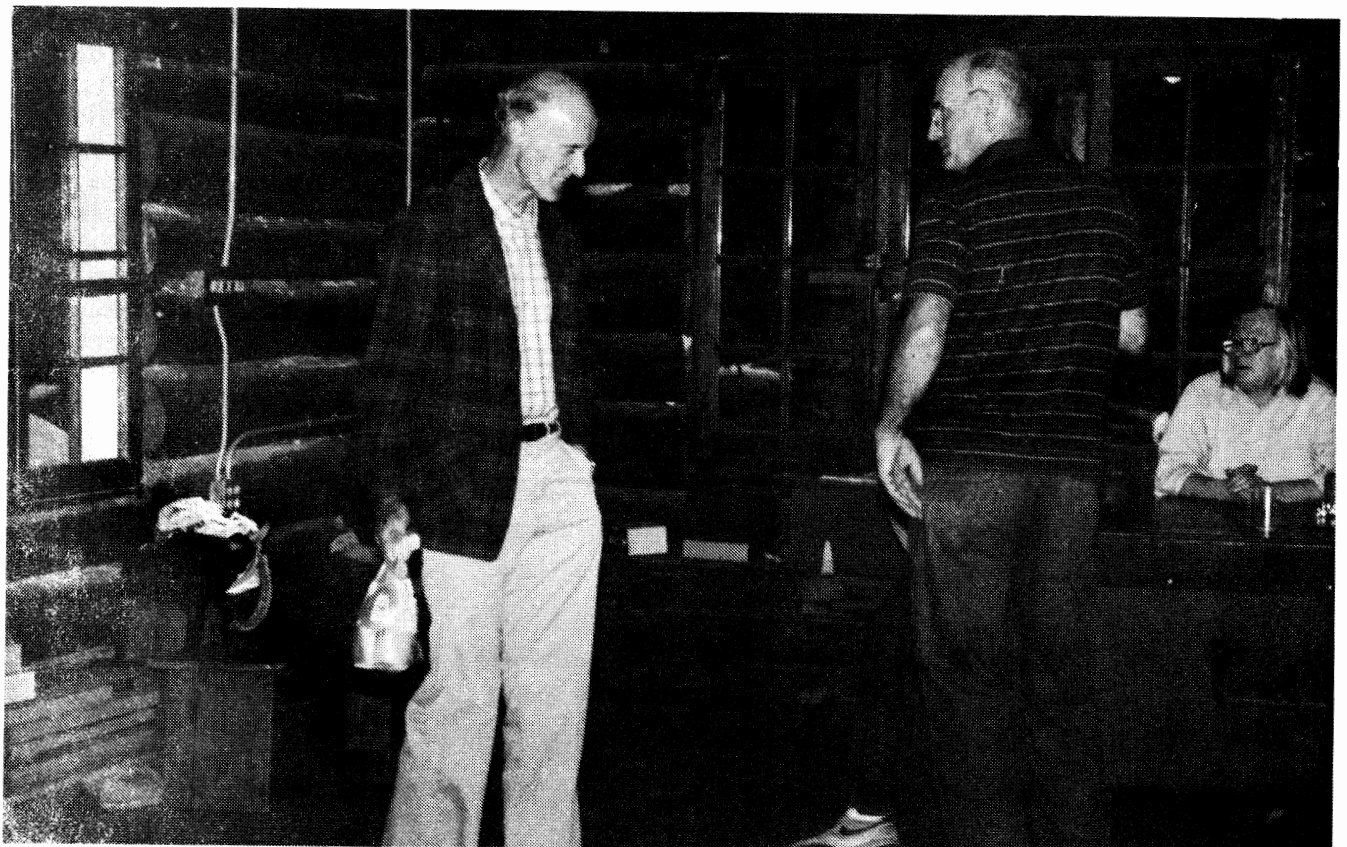
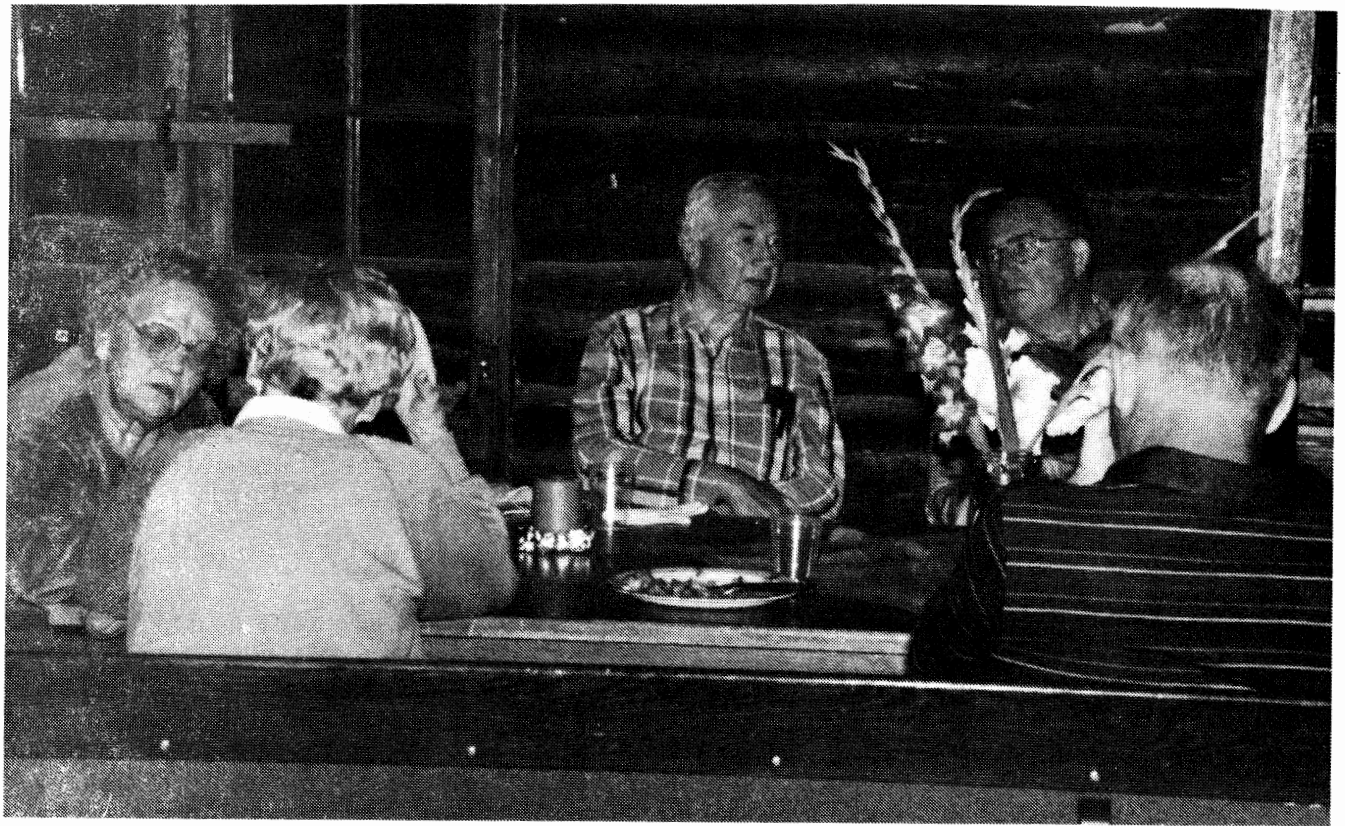


Photo by Linda Leigh



By: Hank Winawer

I emerge from the underground transport tube and am at the trailhead, ready to meet the mountain. Mt. Olympus stands at just over 30,000 feet. Back in '56, that's 2056, the Wasatch fault quaked violently. Eclipsing Everest, Olympus now draws adventurers from far and wide. The best time to beat the crowds is between 2:00 and 6:00 am on Wednesdays. Ever since I reached my 132nd birthday, my mind seems to skip a beat once in a while. Where was I? OH yes, I am now on the trail. The fluorescent markers are used at turns on the path. On the straightaway, pulsating lasers guide me along. Once I got too close to the beam and it fused my right earlobe to the side of my cheek. Now at the 23,406 foot level I check into a coin-operated booth to recount what the wilderness experience was like in 1986. "It's Thursday night", says the video. Back in the "old days" a bearded chap would instruct a small group of 80-100 hikers on trail etiquette, proper gear, etc. The records were lost many ears ago, but some old-timers think his name might have been Doil or Deal or Dahle.

I'm back on the trail, feeling nostalgic. Finally, at the summit of Mt. Olympus I recharge my atomic pulse transfixer, whistle for a copter and am back home in a jiffy.

The wilderness experience leaves a lot to be desired these days. Back in '86, that's 1986, I should have tried to save it, but I was a kid then....and kids never listen. Have a good day, today!!!

Sometimes I let my mind wander. It's great therapy. The everyday pressures of work, routine chores, etc., etc. Need to be relieved. Physical activities like hiking, skiing and other diversionary interests help revitalize my spirits and outlook too. In these instances, my thoughts reach into the short and medium range future. But on occasion I prognosticate well into the years ahead.

The date is September 7, 2086 and since there's no mandatory retirement age (and I have to pay \$412.06 for a loaf of bread), I must stay employed. To escape the work-a-day world, I go to the mountains, although at 146 years of age I'm not as spry as I was as a kid of 46. Besides, the artificial heart, lung, kidney and bladder bag slow me down just a little. I spray polyurethane epoxy salicylic alkaphemerol on my bare feet, for you see my (old) Vasque boots were not really that comfortable. Since I lost one boot, they were half Vasque anyway. I filled my pack with "health foods of the day"; fat-coated lard, dehydrated ice cream with 63% cholesterol, high sugar content malt balls, concentrated sodium chloride vials, and a thermos of heavy cream. Back in 2017 research proved conclusively that granola, low sugar, low fat and low salt foods were extremely unhealthy.

The day was beautiful, 163 degrees F in the shade (pollution amplified the Green House effect). However, with my air conditioned hiking outfit, I was comfortably cool. The manufacturer claims that the nuclear power pack is good until the year 4386. But I'm really upset because I know damn well it'll only last for 2000 years; and I always like to get my moneys worth.



Wasatch Mountain Club

Reforestation Party

**The WMC is supporting the Forest Service
replanting of trees in the Wasatch Mountains.
The Forest Service will supply the trees and tools,
while the WMC will supply the planters.**

**This is an important conservation project that needs
your participation.**

**Saturday, October 11th at 9:00 am
Meet at the Bagle Nosh in Olympus Cove**

Bring your own gloves and lunch.

Please do your part for our Wasatch Mountains!



Sawtooth Backpack

by Karen Perkins

It rained only once, and briefly. And the haze and smoke from lightning fires--visible even before Twin Falls--did not signal fire anywhere we planned to go. There were nine of us: the Group of 5 with Bonnie Baty, Mary Jo Sweeney, Phil Giles, Helen Stanhope, and Mike Budig as leader; and the Group of 4 with Kennita Berger, Joan Proctor, Noel deNevers, and Karen Perkins as co-leader.

We all left sometime Friday, August 8, and met the following Saturday morning at Tin Cup Camper Transfer on Pettit Lake. From here the Group of 5 piled themselves and their gear into Noel's station wagon and drove toward the Grand Jean trailhead, some 2 hours away. Our Group of 4 started immediately for Farley Lake (lunch) and Toxaway Lake (camp). Within two hours we had witnessed as gorgeous splendors as Mother Nature can provide anywhere--gurgling waterfalls, shimmering green-blue lakes, and those craggy, toothy peaks. The meadows full of mariposa in the vicinity of Farley's Lake would make Trudy Healy smile and made us wonder why the sego lily is Utah's state flower!

Once at Toxaway Lake, we pitched our tents on a grassy beachfront with a panoramic view of its magnificent granite cirque rimmed with more toothy peaks. Not even an estimated 5 billion mosquitoes could mar the scene. I awoke the next morning to the

sight of a flock of ducks silently skimming over a mirror of water.

After a pleasant morning exploring the far east end of Toxaway, our Group of 4 trekked off in leisurely form toward Ardeth Lake to there rendezvous with the Group of 5. But first we took a leisurely lunch on a hill overlooking Edna Lake, and a leisurely wade in the warm, shallow water and squishy mud of Summit Lake. Just over a small divide from there, we descended toward Ardeth Lake where the first order of business was making camp pronto as rain was threatening. A courteous and patient storm it was, and waited for all to be accomplished: the arrival and setting up camp by the Group of 5, and also Happy Hour--always an event on any Mike Budig trip. Not a drop of rain fell until we had consumed vast quantities of smoked sea creatures, cheese, crackers, nuts, chocolate, booze, etc., and topped it off with dinner and tales of bears on the trail toward Grand Jean.

The next day, Monday, was devoted to day hiking to the Spangle Lakes and Lake Ingeborg. The Spangles do dazzle and also provide a typically toothy vista toward the south. We all thought the smaller one would make a particularly nice camp site. Some of us even chased a Great Blue Heron around the larger one. Although our day had begun cool and cloudy, it became warm and sunny, luring many of us to the water for a wade, dip or quick plunge. We returned to Ardeth to celebrate another perfect day with

another happy hour, dinner, and tall tales. After we had consumed generally incompatible and inedible concoctions, the stories got better and better.

Tuesday, the groups took leave of each other with our group (4) heading for Noel's car and the others (5) for Toxaway, Farley and Pettit Lakes. Our route followed the South Payette drainage that flows gently down past Elk Lake and through miles of thimble berries, the habitat of one berry-loving bear. Since we had covered the distance to Grand Jean in one day instead of two, the hot springs there were particularly enticing. Two literary gems of our pathfinder, pack-lifter, and friend, Noel deNevers, eloquently describe the main events of our last day:

There's a bear on the way to
Grand Jean,
From the trail he's easily seen.
He took away Joan's breath
and Scared her half to death.
Both quickly departed the scene.

And; . . .

We found the hotsprings at
Grand Jean,*
Which are one of life's
wonderful things.
When your body's all beaten,
From mosquitoes half eaten,
Hot water gives all your pains
wings!

*About a mile below the RV
park, beside the South Payette
River.

BC Bike Trip

Vancouver-British Columbia Bicycle Trip
by Bob Wright

The Wasatch Mountain Club semi-annual epic bicycle trip this year took in EXPO, the fjord-like west coast of British Columbia, numerous ferry rides, the east coast of Vancouver Island, sailing on a 26 foot sailboat in Bellingham, and climbing a mountain near Mount Baker.

Fourteen cyclists and one sag wagon made for an easy and relaxing trip. The weather cooperated fully, with sunny days, little fog, and cold water for swimming. No mechanical problems other than minor ones developed, and traffic, although heavy in some areas, was not too inhibiting. The Canadian Provincial Parks are really nice, with large camp sites, and sometimes hot water.

High Points—Omni Max and the scream machine at the fair, a Japanese square rigger tall sailing ship and talking to its' crew in sign language about seasickness, cycling past giant western red cedar trees covered with moss, the sag wagon covered with 10 bicycles and the look on the locals' faces when 15 people got out of it for breakfast at a bakery, the lighthouse and Indian village on Quadra Island, uphill grunts and downhill rushes, mountain lakes, campfires, and old and new friendships.

The lucky participants: George Toelcke, Tom Grubis, Rick Krikland, Bob Richey, Rich Gregerson, Laurie Jess, Wally Fort, Laurie Warner, Mark Bertelson, Ann Coates, Heather, Charmian, Denna, and Bob Wright.

Cephalopod Gulch

Cephalopod Gulch Hike
by Chris Baierschmidt

Local hiking books don't list it. Hardly anyone talks about it and even fewer probably realize the place is so close to the city.

Yet, for almost a dozen people on Saturday, June 14, an early morning trek up Cephalopod Gulch behind the University of Utah Medical Center will be one worth repeating for both scenic enjoyment and convenience.

The hike started at 7:40 am from the upper tier of the Medical Center parking lot with more women than men and a Siberian Husky puppy no one minded come along. A short uphill climb at the start claimed a rest stop to catch our breaths but time was made up during the relatively steady course along the ridges of the Wasatch foothills.

Our journey followed a well-worn footpath through fields of summer flowers and grasses. Some stopped to admire and identify the foliage while others drank water or patted the Siberian which made going uphill look as easy as the downhill portions.

At 10 am, a few from the group opted to call it a day when we reached a short stretch of bushwhacking. They assured the rest it was fine to go on, so we continued along a slightly overgrown trail to a ridge of rocks for sun-worshipping and lunch.

The tail-end group got down by 11 am, following the same path down as up. Those along for the hike were leader Chris Baierschmidt and hikers Gene Baierschmidt, Karen Marshall, Gwen Allen, Aaron Jones, Annie Holt Lewis, Ted York, Bob Weirick, Cherry Wong, Trudie Teibmirre, Jeanne Ree, Gloria

Taylor, Peggy Carries, Joan Stevens, Ulris Hegewald and the puppy named Nanook.

Cephalopod gulch is easy to find. The trail starts in the foothills behind the medical center and you'll know you're on the right track when once you see a cephalopod shell.

Gobblers Knob

Gobblers Knob Hike
by David Harrison

The weather was exquisite for this hike. There had been recent rains which kept it cool and nice even though it was clear and sunny. Butler Fork is a pretty little canyon and the foliage on the forest floor had grown up to shoulder height in a celebration of the abundant precipitation this season. The wildflowers were exuberant (Yea!) and so were the insects (Boo!).

The company was warm and friendly and we seemed to make easy work of it, hiking directly to the tip of gobbler's without needing to stop. Lunch was pleasant and chatty (the main theme seemed to be music) and we were back down before 2:00 pm. It was a lovely hike. We were fortunate.

Trip participants were Herta Dennett, Le Hancey, Mary Ann Losee, Karen Miller, Barb Pollyea, John Riley, and David Harrison, leader.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

An alternative to the ski-interconnect proposal became apparent at a meeting on the subject June 23.

Busing skiers between areas is low-cost, comfortable, and a quick alternative to lifts and will have no impact on the water supply, backcountry skiing/hiking or avalanche control. In addition, buses operate independent of lift hours and mostly independent of weather conditions.

The attraction for the interconnect idea is that skiers who would normally not come to Utah for a ski vacation will do so because of the interconnect. They will enjoy spending three hours on lifts and novice trails (six hours round trip) traveling between Snowbird and Park City and will appreciate being able to spend an additional \$25 beyond the area lift ticket for this privilege. Being exposed to the elements during the trip will add to the excitement, as

will starting the long trek back shortly after lunch so as not to be caught half-way by 4 pm.

Assuming most people will be tired at the end of the ski day and would elect to ride the bus back to their accommodations, an additional \$7 to \$10 will be added to the daily tab. If free busing is included in the interconnect price, then busing costs would have to be subtracted from lift profits.

Although some questions are still unanswered, compare the lift idea to 100 percent busing operating at one-third ticket cost, one-third travel time and 100 percent comfort. It seems busing has all the advantages without any of the risks inherent with the lift system.

Norm Fish



Photo by Norm Fish

Willow Lake

Willow Lake Hike
by Diane Goldsmith

Fourteen hikers, ranging in age from roughly 6-60, skipped the parade downtown in favor of an incredible parade of wildflowers and an impressive old beaver dam. The dominant flower of the day seemed to me to be Indian Paintbrush, in a spectrum of colors from magenta through red, orange and even white.

We departed hiking on the road right behind the Big Cottonwood General Store at 9:30 am. A short distance up there is a conspicuous "No Vehicles" sign. The only downer of the hike was that our descent from the lake included two 3-wheelers who apparently didn't know or care about the vehicle prohibition. Judging by the looks of the 'trail' this is a popular 3-wheeler area.

As we got near the lake, the vegetation was so tall it wasn't easy to see the lake itself. We had to explore a bit to find a path to the lakeside and to the beaver dam, which was the largest I've ever seen. We saw no beaver or recent signs of beaver. We also checked out a nearby small stone, log & chicken wire shelter with a fallen roof. There was a rusty pan & torn plastic near the entrance. Everyone speculated about who built it & how long ago they had actually stayed there.

This hike is delightful and short so we got back to our cars by 11:30 am. It was led by Diane Goldsmith. Participants included Bob Johnston, Linda Williams, Arvello Haislip, Cherry Long, Doris Jenson, Shelley Hyde, Gayle Stockslager, Gert Kristiansen, Elliot Mott, Donna Parkinson, Evan Case and his son & daughter.

Mt. Evergreen

Mount Evergreen leisure Hike
by Doris Jenson

On Sunday, August 17, twelve hikers led by Gerry Powelson went on the Mt. Evergreen hike via Lake Solitude. Soon after leaving Lake Solitude, several hikers spotted a deer along the trail. It was a buck that still had the velvet on its antlers. he was amused by the hikers as he watched us for a time.

The flowers were still abundant and beautiful. Our leader was very knowledgeable about the flora, fauna and geology of the area. Since it was a leisurely hike, he stopped and pointed out many of the slide and avalanche areas and other geological points of interest.

We also explored the mines. Several of us went inside the Alta Mine. We saw some relics of the abandoned mine.

On reaching the peak we were greeted by many hikers already there. The view was spectacular. We came back a different way making a loop. It was a wonderful hike enjoyed by all.



Wasatch Mountain Club

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/REINSTATEMENT and RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION QUALIFICATION FORM

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PLEASE
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The Wasatch Mountain Club's membership-year is March 1 to February 28. Those joining in January and February are granted a leeway to join for the next membership year beginning in March.

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CHECK ONE ☐ I hereby apply for ☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP
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NOTICE:

Membership List

The new WMC membership list will be published in the November Rambler.

The keeper of the list has informed me that there are many members who do not have a phone number listed.

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or had an incorrect phone number in the last list, tell the Membership Director your present phone number if you want it included in the new listing. This must be done before October 10th.

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