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Honors

At the "young" age of seventy, Club member Harold Goodro was recently elected to membership in the American Professional Mountain Guides Association to become the Wasatch Mountain Club's first fully certified professional guide. Harold has been an active member of the Club for over forty years including six years as Club President, Trips and Outings Director for five years, and one year terms as Lodge Director and Publicity Director. Harold's long list of accomplishments since age fifty have resulted in an appearance on NBC's "Today" show and recognition in Newsweek and Modern Maturity magazines. His newest goal; to keep super active 'till age ninety, then "taper off" a bit.

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.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

by Earl Cook

I wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all. I hope this year will bring us all new experiences that will enhance our lives. Enjoying the outdoors is important to all of us and we need to remember to help preserve it. This year the WMC will begin to make our organization more available to more people. Some may think of this as recruiting and get upset because they want a small cozy gathering of outdoor oriented friends. Unfortunately such an organization cannot function as the WMC needs to. Efficient provision of activity programs cannot happen on a small scale without high costs to the participants. We now have one of the finest outdoor clubs in the Western US. In order to fulfill our charter to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities and to encourage preservation of our natural areas-

we must by necessity involve more people with the club.

In making more people aware of our purpose and allowing them an arena to play in we can better promote the preservation of our natural areas.

So...make your non-WMC friends and invitation to join with and participate in the WMC.

Earl Cook

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by Bob Meyers

BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of members for consideration to be elected to the WMC Board of Governors for the 1987 membership year:

President	Hank Winawer
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Ski Touring	*Dan Grice
Information	Chris Baierschmidt
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* indicates incumbent

Other members may be nominated for election at the Nominations Banquet on February 7th.

WELCOME

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

Sue Anderson	Chuck Harwood
Dennis Berry	Jeannine A. Husted
Russ Coover	Kira Kilmer
Kathy Coover	Nancy Kranes
Raini Cunningham	Sheila Lee
Vernon L. Fieldstad	Tom Miller
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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

(See the Chronological Listing for Details)

Jan

BOATING

Feb

- 9 San Juan Work Party
- 14 San Juan Trip

Jan

SKI TOURS

Feb

- 1 Crack of Noon
- 3 Clinic
- 3 Uinta
- 3 Mineral Basin
- 4 Norway Flats
- 4 Powder Park
- 4 Maybird
- 9 Yellowstone
- 10 Special
- 10 Brighton-Midway
- 10 Deseret Peak
- 10 Avalanche Class
- 11 Dog Lake
- 11 Telemark Clinic
- 11 American Fork
- 17 Leader's Choice

- 17 Lower Silver Fork
- 17 Grizzly Gulch
- 18 Mt. Wolverine
- 18 Dog Lake
- 18 White Pine
- 24 Leader's Choice
- 24 Desolation Lake
- 24 Montreal Hill
- 25 Round Valley
- 25 Brighton-Alta
- 25 Leader's Choice
- 25 Daniels Canyon
- 31 Powder Park
- 31 Maybird
- 31 Deseret Peak

- 1 Snake Creek Pass
- 1 Days Fork
- 7 Leader's Choice
- 7 Leader's Choice
- 7 Greens Basin
- 8 Catherines Pass
- 8 Empire Canyon
- 14 Gobblers Knob
- 14 Leader's Choice

Jan

SNOWSHOE TOURS

Feb

- 11 Broad's Fork

- 24 Leader's Choice

- 1 Silver Fork
- 22 Neff's Canyon

Jan

SOCIALS

Feb

- 6 Theatre Reading

- 25 Sunday Social

VOLLEYBALL

(Tuesday Evenings at South High Women's Gym, 7:00 pm)

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

NTD (Not Too Difficult): Terrain is mostly gentle. Participants should be able to do a kick turn, snowplow, and descend a slope by traversing. Usually no avalanche danger.

MOD (Moderately Difficult): Proficiency climbing and descending intermediate slopes is required. Pieps and shovels may sometimes be suggested or required. If a Pieps is carried, this implies knowledge of how to search for a buried companion.

MSD (Most Difficult): Strenuous. Usually involve long ascents, steep or narrow descents. Pieps and shovel always required.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

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.

Thu. Jan. 1

CRACK OF NOON SKI TOUR. Wick and Joanne Miller have once again consented to lead this tour leaving at high noon from the at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The tour will go to Lake Mary and possibly beyond to Catherines Pass. Wick stresses that, although this tour has a relaxed atmosphere, it is not for rank beginners (see January 3). Should you have questions, the Millers' number is 583-5160.

Sat. Jan. 3

BASIC SKI CLINIC FOR BEGINNING SKIERS. This is a first for the Wasatch Mountain Club! Audrey Stevens, who was taught to ski by members of the U.S. Cross-Country Ski Team, will be the instructor. Any member of the Club (or will-be member) who wants to learn to ski should be at the Regency Theater Parking Lot on Parley's Way at 9:00 AM. Back-country skis, poles, and boots can be rented Friday afternoon or early Saturday from a local ski store. Someone will be at the meeting place to direct the group to Audrey's beautiful home at Timberline near Park City. This will be a wonderfully supportive, "home-hearth-hot toddy" ski beginning. Fond memories of a magic day are a certainty. If this clinic is a success, Audrey has offered to schedule more of them. Audrey's number is 649-9884.

UINTA SKI TOUR (MOD) - Marilyn Earle will lead this tour into the Bench Creek or Woodland area. Come and explore these gently rolling hills so conducive to ideal cross-country skiing. A generic car pool will leave from the Regency Theater Lot on Parley's Way at 8:30. Marilyn will meet everyone at 9:00 at the Alpha Beta in Park City. If you have any questions, call Marilyn at 649-1339.

MINERAL BASIN SKI TOUR (MOD+) - The tour will take off from Alta and go into Mineral Basin via Alta's Germania Pass. The beautiful feature of this tour is the 9.9 mile/4,100 feet descent to Tibble Fork! Karen Perkins, the leader, asks that you call her at 272-2225 to register and arrange for the long car shuttle. Dinner at a nearby restaurant at the end of this tour might be a relaxing way to come back to reality.

Sun. Jan. 4

NORWAY FLATS SKI TOUR (NTD) - Katherine Muhlhausen will lead this tour in the Uintas. As the resorts continue to gobble up our nearby canyons, X-country skiers like Katherine are turning more and more to the beauty, peace, and solitude of the Uintas! Meet Katherine (466-7749) at 9:00 at the Regency Theater Parking Lot on Parley's Way.

Sun. Jan. 4 POWDER PARK SKI TOUR (MOD) - Will it be #1, #2, or #3? For the answer, meet Ilka and Allen Olsen at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00. No matter what the number, the powder will be superb! If you have any questions, call Ilka or Allen at 272-6305.

MAYBIRD SKI TOUR (MSD) - If the snow at this destination is not ideal, leader Peter Hansen will choose a different tour. No need to register. Meet Peter at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00. Pieps and shovels are required. Peter's number, should you have any questions, is 359-2040.

Tue. Jan. 6 VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 pm at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00. (17th South and State St.) Two courts allow for both recreational and competitive play. Instructions for beginners during the 1st half hour.

READER'S THEATRE READING OF SHAKESPEARE'S TWELFTH NIGHT on its traditional performance day -- the Twelfth Day of Christmas (Tuesday, January 6th, 7:00 PM) at Marlene Egger's home. Potluck desserts. RSVP 277-2894 to get a part to read. Bring your own copy of the play or reserve a copy with Marlene. Her address is 4831 South Wren Circle, No. 1. Take Holladay Blvd (2300 East) to 4850 South; turn east and go 1/2 block to 2565 East, which is the Wren Circle complex. Marlene's home is in the fourth building on the right.

Jan. 9-13
Fri.-Tue. YELLOWSTONE SKI TRIP. The Club will again travel to Yellowstone for 3 1/2 days of skiing through its geological and wildlife highlights. The group will car pool to West Yellowstone Thursday evening and return by 9:00 pm Tuesday evening. See notice elsewhere in this RAMBLER or phone Dan Grice (561-2458) for more information.

Sat. Jan. 10 A SPECIAL SKI TOUR (NTD) - Audrey Stevens has offered to lead this tour up Toll Canyon. Here endeth the description of an everyday tour. The rest is enchantment. In Audrey's words: "I will meet you at the Sinclair Station at Parley's Summit Exit off I-80 at 9:30. We will go to my house for a coffee-croissant send-off. Then we will ski off my back porch for a trip up Toll Canyon. The tour will take 4 or 5 hours. We will finish the day by the fire with an end-of-the-day something or other." Meet for car pooling at the Regency Theater Parking Lot on Parley's Way at 9:00. Audrey's number is 649-9884.

AVALANCHE CLASS - The Wasatch Mountain Club's annual avalanche class will be held on Saturday, January 10 at Zion Lutheran Church at 8 AM (1070 Foothill Drive) with an afternoon practice session on the snow. See Full-page announcement in this RAMBLER.

KEN KELLEY'S FAMOUS BRIGHTON TO MIDWAY SKI TOUR (MOD) - Ken

has consented to do an early version of his spring tour, snow and weather permitting. Call by January 3 to arrange the car shuttle and make reservations for dinner. The group will ski down to the Homestead to soak in the hot tub and then have dinner in Midway at a popular Mexican restaurant. Remember to call Ken by January 3rd at 942-7730.

Sat. Jan. 10

DESERET PEAK SKI TOUR (MSD) - Register with George Westbrook for this great tour in the Stansbury Range. The start will be very early (6:00) and peeps and shovels are required. Call George at 942-6071.

Sun. Jan. 11

BROAD'S FORK SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD) - Doug Stark (277-8538) will lead this snowshoe tour. Meet him at 9:00 at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

DOG LAKE SKI TOUR (NTD) - Mike Hendrickson will lead this traditional favorite up Mill D North to the base of Reynolds Peak. Meet Mike at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00. Mike's number is 942-1476.

TELEMARK CLINIC FOR INTERMEDIATE SKIERS (MOD) - Milt Hollander will once again be in charge of this clinic, and will find the snow and the instructors for this super day of skiing. Meet Milt (277-1416) at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30.

AMERICAN FORK TWINS SKI TOUR (MSD) - Karen and Denis Caldwell ask that you call them at 942-6065 to register. If conditions are favorable, the group will take the Sugar Loaf Lift at Alta, ski into Mineral Basin, then to Mary Ellen, and on up the Twins. If the avalanche danger is high, another destination will be planned.

Tue. Jan. 13

VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 pm at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00. (17th South and State St.) Two courts allow for both recreational and competitive play. Instructions for beginners during the 1st half hour.

Sat. Jan. 17

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MSD) - Bob Myers (466-1705) will lead this challenging tour to a place where the sun is bright, the snow is deep, and the avalanches are few. Meeting time is 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Peeps and shovels required.

LOWER SILVER FORK SKI TOUR (NTD) - This beautiful tour through the trees of Lower Silver Fork will be lead by Gerrald Hatch (467-7186). This will be a good ski-skin-less tour, so bring your wax. Meeting time is 9:00 AM at the geology sign.

GRIZZLY GULCH (TWIN LAKES PASS?) SKI TOUR (MOD) - Meeting time is 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Don Hamilton (225-6678) is the leader for this grizzly tour.

Sun. Jan. 18

MT. WOLVERINE SKI TOUR (MOD+) - One of the best places to spend a Sunday is Mt. Wolverine. Expect to ski the upper bowl

several times, especially if the snow is good. Ski skins are suggested for this tour; Pieps and shovel required. John Veranth (278-5826) will meet at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.

Sun. Jan. 18

DOG LAKE SKI TOUR (NTD) - An oldy but a goody. Martin Gregory will be your guide on this easy-paced tour. Meet him at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. His phone number is 582-2403.

WHITE PINE SKI TOUR (MOD) - Hank Winawer (277-1997) was defeated by the miserable early-season snow conditions on his Red Pine tour, but this time he will ascend White Pine even if he has to walk. Meet him at 9:00 AM, geology sign. Pieps and shovel required.

Tue. Jan. 20

VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 pm at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00. (17th South and State St.) Two courts allow for both recreational and competitive play. Instructions for beginners during the 1st half hour.

Sat. Jan. 24

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD) - George Swanson will be heading for the Uinta Mountains. Meeting time is 8:00 AM, Parley's K-Mart parking lot near the Regency Theater. Call George for more info at 466-3003 and ask if he wants Pieps and shovels.

DESOLATION LAKE SKI TOUR (NTD+) - This Deso expedition led by Arthur Griffin (363-1996) will meet at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.

MONTREAL HILL VIA POLE LINE PASS SKI TOUR (MSD) - This is Kipp Green's most interesting tour. Kipp plans to ascend from Alta, cross over Pole Line Pass, traverse to Montreal Hill, and either descend Cardiff Fork or cross over into Mineral Fork. Call Kipp at 583-0167 to register. Pieps and shovel required.

LEADER'S CHOICE SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD) - Leah Mancini (487-3561) will consult the snowshoe group about the destination at 9:30 AM at the geology sign.

Sun. Jan. 25

SUNDAY SOCIAL at Vince Desimone's home in Park City - The festivities today begin with cross-country skiing at 12:00 Noon in Park City -- see the ski listings for information. The social gets under way at Vince's from 4:00 PM on. Bring your ice skates too -- there will be skating on the pond in front of Vince's place. Vince is preparing a delicious spaghetti dinner for all of us. There will be hot drinks to warm your spirits after the skiing and skating. \$4.00. To get to Vince's, take the Park City exit from I-80. Turn left at first road past red double-decker bus at Ridgeview sign. Go to top of the hill and turn left on the dirt road. Go to the "T" and turn right. Look for U.S. and Park City flags.

ROUND VALLEY SKI TOUR (NTD) AND SUNDAY SOCIAL - Meet Bob

Wright (1-649-4194) at Vince Desimone's house in Park City at noon to car pool to the starting place for this delightful tour. See the Sunday social description for directions to Vince's house. After skiing, Vince promises a grand time at his social.

Sun. Jan. 25

BRIGHTON-ALTA-BRIGHTON SKI TOUR (MOD+) - This up-and-down and up-and-down ski tour will be lead by Leonard Haas (583-5200). It's like a Catherine's Pass and Twin Lakes Pass trip rolled into one. Meet Leonard at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Pieps and shovels suggested.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD) - Charles Hall (277-1555) will do the leading. Meet him at 9:00 AM at the geology sign with trip suggestions.

DANIELS CANYON SKI TOUR (MOD) - Lori Warner (534-0271) at the Parley's K-Mart parking lot at 9:00 AM. Expect a long tour.

Tue. Jan. 27

VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 pm at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00. (17th South and State St.) Two courts allow for both recreational and competitive play. Instructions for beginners during the 1st half hour.

Sat. Jan. 31

POWDER PARK SKI TOUR (MOD) - Patricia Burg (532-6467) will go powder hunting at Powder Park. Nine AM is the meeting time, the geology sign is the place.

MAYBIRD SKI TOUR (MSD) - Maybird Zen skiing is an experience. Meet Larry Larkin (521-0416) at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Pieps and shovels are required for this one.

DESERET PEAK SKI TOUR (MSD+) - Expect a long day. Larry Swanson is the person to lead this tour, and you can find him at 7:00 AM (That's seven in the morning) at the Parley's Way K-Mart parking lot (The one on 21st South) near the Regency Theater. Pieps, shovels, and guts required.

Sun. Feb. 1

SNAKE CREEK PASS SKI TOUR (NTD) - Even though the lift is there, Mark Swanson and Ilona Hruska (487-0917) still like to ski there. Meet them at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.

DAYS FORK SKI TOUR (MSD) - Steep at the top, and an adventure all the way down is what Allan Gavere (486-1476) likes about Days Fork. Allan is going to start at Alta and go over Flagstaff Peak to get to Days. Meet him at 9:00 AM at the geology sign, and bring Pieps and shovel.

SILVER FORK TO THE MINE SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD) - Joy Ray (272-6116) will lead this snow tour. Meet her at 9:30 AM at the geology sign.

Tue. Feb. 3

VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 pm at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00. (17th South and State St.) Two courts allow for both

recreational and competitive play. Instructions for beginners during the 1st half hour.

- Sat. Feb. 7 LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD) - Ellie Ienatsch will lead this ski tour somewhere in Big Cottonwood. Meet her at 9:00 AM at the geology sign. Pieps and shovels suggested.
- ANOTHER LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD+ TO MSD) - Register with Rolf Doebbling (467-6636) for this more difficult ski tour. Pieps and shovel will be required.
- GREENS BASIN SKI TOUR (NTD+) - Mike Treshow (467-8814) thinks Greens Basin is a beautiful ski tour. You will too after you meet him at 9:00 AM at the geology sign.
- Sun. Feb. 8 CATHERINES PASS AGAIN SKI TOUR (MOD) - Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) will lead the latest version of this old favorite. Meet him at the geology sign at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovel wouldn't hurt.
- EMPIRE CANYON SKI TOUR (NTD TO MOD) - Lyman Lewis will be your guide to this canyon near Park City. Meet at 8:30 at the Parley's Way K-Mart parking lot (near the Regency Theater) to carpool to Park City, then meet Lyman at 9:30 AM at the Park City Golf Course. Lyman's phone is (1-649-9632).
- Mon. Feb. 9 SAN JUAN RIVER 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).
- Tue. Feb. 10 VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 pm at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00. (17th South and State St.) Two courts allow for both recreational and competitive play. Instructions for beginners during the 1st half hour.
- Sat. Feb. 14 GOBBLERS KNOB VIA BOWMAN FORK SKI TOUR (MSD) - This "Classic" ski tour will be led by Karin and Dennis Caldwell. Register with them at 942-6065. Pieps and shovel required.
- LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD) - Sue Gardner (485-6778) will be taking on the leadership duties for this ski tour. Call her to register for this tour. Pieps and shovels suggested.
- Feb. 14-16 SAN JUAN BOATING TRIP. Send \$25.00 deposit to Carl Cook (403 Kensington Ave, SLC, UT 84115). Call Carl at 485-4586 for more information.
- Tue. Feb. 17 VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 pm at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00. (17th South and State St.) Two courts allow for both recreational and competitive play. Instructions for beginners during the 1st half hour.
- Sun. Feb. 22 NEFF'S CANYON SNOWSHOE TOUR - Irene Schilling (487-5343) will meet you at 9:00 AM at the defunct Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Plaza for this trek up Neff's.

Sky Calendar

by Benjamin Everitt

SKY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

This time of year is great for stargazing 'cause 2/3 of the day is nighttime (did that make sense?). Too bad it's so cold!

MOON

Jan 6	First Quarter
Jan 14	Full Moon
Jan 22	Last Quarter
Jan 30	New Moon

PLANETS

One by one the planets are passing behind the sun, and popping up in the morning sky. Saturn should become visible by mid-January. Only Mars and Jupiter are left in the evening sky, Mars now East of Jupiter. Venus is bright in the morning sky, and will be at its highest (greatest elongation west) on January 15th.

And don't forget to wear a little extra sunscreen on perihelion, January 4th.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

ALL QUIET ON THE WASATCH FRONT

by Chris Biltoft and Mary Fleming

Following a flurry of activity this past fall, the Ski Interconnect issue has receded from view as the Utah Ski Assn. submits its report to the Governor for endorsement. Once an application is filed with the Forest Service, a scoping document will be available for public comment. Expect skirmishing on this issue to resume in several months.

Rumblings from Washington include passage of Senate Bill 2266, "National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986," into law. The Act's purposes are to

- (a) *provide a unified and modern permitting process for nordic and alpine ski areas on national forest lands;*

- (b) *provide for ski area permits which more closely reflect the acreage and other physical requirements of modern ski area development; and*

- (c) *provide a permit system which will be more commensurate with the long-term construction, financing, and operation needs of ski areas on national forest lands.*

A major feature of the Act is extension of permit renewal periods from 1 to 40 years. Frank Grover of the Forest Service states that the act allows more latitude in permit system management. Concerned citizens are fearful that the Act encourages development. Full implications of the Act will remain unknown until the Sec. of Agriculture provides implementation rules. It is unlikely that Mr. Bosworth will make any major resort-related Forest Service decisions until this happens. Mr. Bosworth's decisions will also be tempered by the Canyon Master Plan, to be prepared by SL County Planner Clayne Ricks.

Dave Moore of CANYONS Coalition (359-1494) is gathering backcountry user input to the County Master Plan. He would appreciate support from concerned Club members. Another important avenue for input is through Salt Lake Area Community Councils (Hermonie Jex, 364-5326, or Clinton Mott, 466-2774). We can all help now by joining CANYONS Coalition and by voicing our

Meanwhile, conservation forces convened on 15 Dec. for an Alexis Kelner slide show featuring an historical perspective on Canyon development. Early Canyon abuses began with mining claims. Property rights extending from this period and discovery of "white gold" in Utah's snow lead to large scale resort development as exemplified by Snowbird's urban sprawl. Alexis would prefer to see condos and boutiques located (only 30 minutes away) in Salt Lake Valley. Equally disturbing is the density of Wasatch Front use, highest density use of any forest lands in the nation. The coliform bacteria count in our culinary water grows with this increased useage. Interconnect is billed as a public relations gimmick that would turn the Brighton Basin into a ski thoroughfare, creating further stress on the Canyon's carrying capacity. The meeting ended with Forest Service representatives attempting to address the problem of backcountry ski access.

John Hoagland, Acting District Forest Ranger, has responded to inquiries from the WMC concerning Snake Creek Pass. He assures us that erosion control is being performed, citing a check in fall of 1986 by county, state, and EPA officials. He admits that the downed timber in the lift line is "not visually pleasing" (devastation may be a more fit decription of theeffect), but says that removal of the timber would greatly disturb the area. Our position is that downing all trees on such a steep, unstable slope has already greatly disturbed the area. He agrees that more work is needed to remove debris. Hopefully this will be done within the next few years. The Forest Service has also promised to have trail crews work on Snake Creek Pass trail deficiencies. When conditions permit, we hope to join the Forest Service on an inspection of the area. We will continue working with the Forest Service on trail access/maintenance. We will also continue working on the Forest Service to prevent devastation for the sake of development from becoming an accepted land management policy.

BOATING DIRECTOR

Hello Boating contingent. We have an urgent need for your support regarding one of the best river stretches in the country. The Milner and Murtaugh sections of the Snake River in Idaho are in danger of being further impacted by "Dams". The Milner Dam is requesting permission to add hydro-electric power facilities and also expand the capacity of the North Side Canal. Both of these will reduce the water flows through the Milner and Murtaugh sections. In addition to this, there is a request to put a dam at Star Falls on the upper Murtaugh section. This dam would also divert water into yet another canal, thus further impacting the water flows through the Murtaugh section. For those who have run the mighty Murtaugh this would represent a reduced boating season which is already short due to the existing dams. We received a request from the Idaho Whitewater Association to help them by writing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding this issue. Support from areas outside of Idaho is needed to impress upon FERC the truly outstanding whitewater available in these stretches. I encourage all boaters who run the Murtaugh or who plan to run this fabulous stretch in the future to write to the following address by Jan. 21, 1987.

Kenneth F. Plumb
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
825 N. Capitol St. N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

In your comments please include the project numbers and names on the first page.

Milner FERC No. 2899-003
Murtaugh FERC No. 5797-001

Areas of interest which should be present in the comments are:

1. How many years have you been floating the Snake River.
2. What types of conditions do you like to float the Murtaugh and why?
 - A. Time of year.
 - B. What water flows.
 - C. Days of the week.
 - D. How far do you drive.
3. Compare the experience you have on the Murtaugh with other rivers in our area.

I have additional information on this subject, which I will forward to any of you who would like a copy. Please call me at 571-5555 regarding this additional information.



San Juan Silver Trip

Photo by Luther Giddings



By: Hank Winawer

A VERY PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND
INFORMATION SURVEY

- 1) I have led at least 3 hikes or ski tours for the WMC in the last 24 months. Yes___ No___
- 2) I have attended at least 3 socials in the last 12 months. Yes___ No___
- 3) I think getting up in time for an 8:00 am hike/ski tour is a drag.
Yes___ No___
- 4) I carry rain gear in my pack when hiking. Yes___ No___
- 5) I have had to use my first aid kit at least once in the last 12 months.
Yes___ No___
- 6) Hiking/Skiing is a social experience for me. Yes___ No___
- 7) I hike/ski because it is good exercise. Yes___ No___
- 8) I go hiking skiing because my husband or boyfriend or wife or girlfriend told me to take a hike (and get lost). Yes___ No___
- 9) I get more from the WMC than I put into it. Yes___ No___
- 10) I lied on number 9. Yes___ No___
- 11) I'm going to volunteer more time to the WMC. Yes___ No___
- 12) My hiking/ski boots never give me blisters. True___ False___
- 13) I'm going to take an active part in conservation issues. Yes___ No___
- 14) I'm still lying. Yes___ No___

Scoring and Analysis: Give yourself 1 point for every yes or true response.

8 or more - You're a good WMC supporter.

7-8 - You could improve.

6-7 - You're pushing it.

5-6 - You're freeloading.

4-5 - You're about to be recommended for membership in the downtown Los Angeles Walking Club.

3-4 - Turn in your hiking boots/skis.

Less than 3 - You're one notch above a lichen, have warts and would probably rather live in Keokuk, Iowa. (If you're from Keokuk, substitute Kalamazoo....but the other two characteristics probably still apply).

There is no Hangtags and Hardgoods article this month. Jim is busy researching for his article in the next Rambler.

If you have found his articles useful or even entertaining let him know. Also if you have questions concerning outdoor equipment or suggestions for future articles give him a call at 486-4161, and he will help you.

NOMINATIONS BANQUET

At The Grecian Gardens



SATURDAY,

FEBRUARY 7

The NOMINATIONS BANQUET will be held at the Grecian Gardens located at 4816 South State St. Meet the nominees for next year's Board of Directors and enjoy a really fun evening of Greek food and dancing. Dinner will be a delicious all-Greek combination dinner including dolmathes, moussaka, pastitso, arni psito, sauteed pork, Greek olives, feta cheese, and rice with lemon sauce. After dinner we'll be entertained by belly dancers.

Then Jimi Maroudas, owner of Grecian Gardens and a Greek through and through, is going to lead us in some spirited Greek dancing. Cocktail hour is from 7-8 PM, meeting is at 8-8:30 PM, dinner at 8:30 PM.

Dancing All Night!

Price is \$14.00 per person and includes dinner, set-ups all evening, all entertainment, all taxes and gratuities.

BYOB

Reservations must be made by January 20th. Make your checks payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club and send them to Cassie Badowsky, 2845 East 5495 South, SLC, UT 84117. Call Cassie at 278-5153 (weekends, evenings) if you have any questions.



FROM THE

SKI-TOURING DIRECTOR

Sawtooth Skiing

Now is the time to send in a \$30. deposit to reserve your spot for the Sawtooth ski trip, February 14 through 16. This trip features fabulous backcountry skiing during the day, and great food in Ketchum in the evenings.

We will be staying in 1 or 2 condominiums near Ketchum and eating at the many restaurants in Ketchum (those who prefer to cook can do so at the condo). This trip is limited by the number of people we want to squeeze into a condo and the number of condos we rent (1, 2, 3?). Some participants will probably need to bring sleeping bags to sleep on the floor. Accommodation costs will depend on the number of participants and the people per condo, but probably will be about \$15. per night.

We will car pool to Ketchum Friday evening, ski Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and return Monday evening so participants who have President's day as a holiday will not have to take any time off work.

Please sign up before January 15 so we can rent the appropriate number of condominiums and make final arrangements. The deposit is refundable until January 31. Send your check made out to the Wasatch Mountain Club to either Bob Myers, the trip leader (2334 East 2760 South, Salt Lake City, 84109, phone 466-1705) or Dan Grice (1045 Watercress Lane #7j, Midvale, UT 84047, phone 561-2458).

This is an intermediate to advanced backcountry ski outing, and is not appropriate for beginning skiers. Participants should be able to descend moderately steep slopes, ascend using ski skins, and know how to search for an avalanche victim. Pieps and shovel are required. Temperatures can be colder than the Wasatch, so be prepared. Skiing Galena Pass, the main Sawtooths, and the mountains near Sun Valley are options.

PUZZLE

A Puzzling Situation by Hank Winawer

How many of the following phrases can you decipher? Fill in the blank letters. Answers and rating scale below.

- 1) _ _ R R _ _ A K _
- 2) _ _ S _ T _ H _ _ A _ _
- 3) _ _ C _ _ _ R _ _ K _ _
- 4) _ _ M _ _ R G _ _ R _ B _ S _
- 5) _ _ L _ _ R N _ _ S _ _
- 6) _ _ H _ _ E _ _ N E _
- 7) _ _ D _ G _ _ P _ _ Y _
- 8) _ _ K _ _ _ U R _ _ G _
- 9) _ _ P _ _ S _ _ E _ _
- 10) M _ U _ N _ _ I _ _ S _

Answers in reverse: 1) ekal rorrim; 2) tluaf hctasaw; 3) krap sehcrä; 4) hsab regrubmah; 5) ssenredliw; 6) enip ethihw; 7) ytrap egdol; 8) gniruot iks; 9) erusopxe; 10) sniatnuom.

Rating Scale:

8-10 correct/ You're a genius.

5-7 correct/ Pretty Good

2-4 correct/ El Stinko.

Less than 2 correct answers/ You're probably from Keokuk, Iowa or from the mountainous part of southern Florida.

AVALANCHE CLASS

An avalanche class will be held on Saturday, January 10, 1987 at Zion Lutheran Church at 1070 Foothill Drive. The class is sponsored jointly by the Wasatch Mountain Club and the Salt Lake Group of the Sierra Club, and is open to the public. An optional small donation will be requested, to help defray the expense of giving the class. If you don't have any money come anyway.

The class is designed for persons who have no prior knowledge of avalanches. The topics which will be covered are:

- The physical properties of snow, and how the mountain snow pack changes over time.
- The effect of terrain on avalanche hazards.
- How to choose a route with minimum avalanche hazard.
- How to organize your skiing party so that the members are exposed to as little danger as possible.
- How to rescue somebody from an avalanche.
- How the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center makes its hazard predictions, and how to interpret the recordings.

The class will consist of two parts. The morning half will be a lecture, which will start at 8 AM. Numerous slides and movies will be shown, including a home movie of a local skier being caught in an avalanche. In the afternoon, we will go into the mountains and practice rescue techniques on some appropriate snowy hillside.

You will not need skis or snowshoes, but be sure to dress warmly for the afternoon section. Make your own arrangements for lunch (e.g., bring it). Zion Lutheran is located at the intersection of 2100 East and Foothill. The morning lecture will be taught in the basement, which is entered from the west side (the back of the building).

Experience has shown that the major reason for avalanche fatalities is ignorance. There have been a number of deaths in recent years of people who were apparently unaware that they were in danger. There have also been a number of people rescued alive after being buried in avalanches; in most cases, they lived only because their companions were prepared to deal promptly and efficiently with the situation. Therefore, this course is strongly recommended for all cross country skiers. It is designed to appeal to people who don't have the time or money to take one of the more extensive professional avalanche courses.

FROSTBITE

FROSTBITE

by Carl Cook

What Is It?

Frostbite is an injury produced by cold in which the affected tissues are frozen. When the body is chilled, the blood vessels in the skin contract, particularly in the extremities, reducing the amount of heat lost by radiation into the surrounding atmosphere. The hands and feet (which are farthest from the heart and have the smallest blood supply), and the face and ears (which are usually the most exposed portions of the body) are the areas usually involved. Thus, body heat is conserved at the expense of lowering the skin temperature. Frostbite and a person's tendency to become frostbitten are enhanced by exhaustion, injury, disease, lack of adequate food, smoking, and the consumption of alcohol. Risk is reduced by taking adequate vitamins, particularly the B complexes and vitamin C, good health, and good equipment and shelter.

An accident victim, lying immobilized, may suffer frostbite even though he appears to be more than adequately clothed for the existing weather conditions.

An individual who has sustained frostbite in the past is usually more susceptible to subsequent cold injury because the blood vessels and nerves in the injured area are permanently damaged.

Cold injuries other than frostbite can be sustained at temperatures above freezing, particularly after prolonged exposure in a damp or wet environment. Such injuries are called "immersion foot," or "trench foot" depending on the circumstances of exposure. Although the problem of thawing the extremity does not exist, treatment (rest, maintenance of overall warmth, warm baths, and prevention of infection) is essentially the same as

that described for frostbite.

How You Get It!

Prolonged exposure to cold (especially wind chill) can cause frostbite. The earliest signs of frostbite are a sensation of cold or pain and pallor of the skin in the affected area. As the circulation becomes severely impaired all sensation of cold or pain is lost. The bright, healthy skin associated with outdoor activity is replaced by white patches or a blotchy appearance. These areas become numb and hard or rubbery to the touch. Unless the tissue is warmed promptly, the skin and superficial tissues actually begin to freeze. With continued chilling the frozen area enlarges and extends to deeper levels. Ice crystals form between the cells, and then grow by extracting water from the cells. The tissues may be injured physically by the ice crystals, by dehydration, and by the resulting disruption of osmotic and chemical balance within the cells.

As freezing progresses, the tissues become even whiter in appearance and all sensation is lost. With deep frostbite the tissues become quite hard.

How To Treat It!

One of the worst things to do would be to rub the frozen area with snow. Snow will only cool and freeze the area more, and rubbing would be likely to cause additional tissue damage.

Another misconception is that alcohol, is a good treatment for frostbite. Although drinking alcohol dilates the blood vessels of the skin and may temporarily warm the skin, eventually it will result in an increased loss of total body heat. In contrast, smoking tends to constrict the blood vessels in the skin and may even be sufficient to bring on frostbite. For the same reason, drugs which dilate the blood vessels should not be used.

How To Prevent It!

Frostbite can be best prevented by wearing adequate clothing for protection from wind and cold, particularly insulated boots and mittens. Prevention is much more important than treatment, particularly when you are out skiing, snowshoeing, or hiking far away from help and without many resources.

The wind-chill factor (rapid cooling at low temperatures from wind) must be especially avoided by wearing a face mask, scarves, and gloves. Avoid constricting wrist bands and tight socks and shoes; these will just restrict blood circulation to the extremities. Loose fitting clothing are warmer than tight fitting clothing anyway because of the insulation provided by dead air space. Make sure that you have wind-proof clothing, and that you don't let your clothes, especially your socks, get wet.

It can be fairly easy to determine if your fingers or toes are becoming numb from initial frostbite. It may be more difficult to determine if your nose, ears, or cheeks are becoming numb or frostbitten. Therefore each member of the group should watch each others' areas

of exposed skin for signs of frostbite. If you are alone check for signs of frostbite frequently with your fingers.

On very cold and/or windy days it is a good idea to carry extra gloves and socks in case the ones you are wearing get wet. It is also wise to carry a hand warmer, either chemical or combustion type. These can be used at the first signs of cold fingers, face, etc. to prevent frostbite or to treat it quickly, if used carefully so as not to burn the skin. If you are not wise enough to carry a hand warmer and your fingers are beginning to get frost bitten, you can place them on a warm stomach, either your own or someone else, or in an armpit. Place skin against skin to get maximum benefit.

Putting on a head covering, if you don't already have one on, can also be effective in rerouting warmth, sending blood to fingers and toes.

Carry adequate clothing while outdoors, the weather can change rapidly in the mountains and gloves and socks can get wet from snow. An extra pair of dry gloves carried in a plastic bag are really a necessity.

Rapid Warming Is Best!

Gradual warming has also been advocated but is no longer recommended. The best treatment for frostbite is rapid warming. Rapid warming minimizes damage to the toes, feet, or hands. However, warming must not be started until the victim has reached a place where his entire body can be kept warm during and after treatment, and from which he can be evacuated without having to use the injured extremity. A person can walk out of wilderness area with frozen toes or feet and then he can rapidly warm the frozen areas. Trauma to frozen tissues is certain to do some harm, but such trauma would be much more damaging after warming. Walking on a frozen foot for twelve to 18 hours or even longer produces less damage than inadequate warming or warming in circumstances in which the victim's entire body cannot be warmed. As soon as the tissue is warmed it must have the best possible blood supply. If the patient is cold, the blood vessels remain constricted and circulation is inadequate.

Use Warm Water, Not Hot!

Warming should be carried out in a water bath between 104 and 110° F. Higher temperatures produce further damage to the already injured tissue. The water must feel warm, but not hot to the rescuers hand. Warming in a large water bath gives the advantage of warming the frozen extremity more rapidly, resulting in less tissue loss in many cases, particularly where frostbite has been deep and extensive. A large container also permits more accurate control of the temperature. If a tub, large wastebasket, dishpan, or similar container is not available, a plastic bag supported inside a cardboard or wooden box can be used.

During warming, hot water must usually be added to the bath occasionally to keep the temperature at the desired level.

The injured extremity should be removed from the bath and not returned until the water has been thoroughly mixed and the temperature measured. An open flame must not be used to keep the water bath warm.

The frostbitten extremity could be seriously burned if it came in contact with the area to which heat is applied, since sensation would have been lost due to the injury.

For warming the extremity should be stripped of all clothing and any constricting bands, straps, or other objects which might impair the circulation. The injured area should be suspended in the center of the water bath and not permitted to rest against the side or bottom. Warming should be continued for about 30 minutes even though the frostbitten tissues become quite painful. Aspirin and codeine may be given for pain. Used together, they have a synergistic effect.

Following warming, the patient must be kept warm. The injured area should be elevated and must be protected from any kind of trauma or irritation. Blankets or bedclothes should be supported by a framework to avoid pressure or rubbing of the injured area. Every effort should be made to avoid rupturing the blisters once they have formed. Subsequent care should be directed primarily toward preventing infection.

During and after thawing, frostbite areas are extremely painful. One to three days after thawing the site of injury appears red and is severely blistered. Blisters may appear and the areas become black and blue because the cell walls under the skin have been broken down or damaged. These areas are like bruises where blood collects underneath the skin and turns a dark blue or black. The victim should not be allowed to become alarmed about his condition as even mild cases of frostbite have a frightening appearance during the stage of blistering.

Sierra Club Outings

SUNDAY JANUARY 11

Beginner ski tour. Register with leader Preston Motes at 484-8643.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY JANUARY 16-18

Yurt ski tour in the Portneuf Range of southeastern Idaho. Drive up Friday night and ski in to the yurt by moonlight. Spend Saturday and most of Sunday touring in rolling terrain. Drive home Sunday night. Intermediate or advanced beginner skiing ability required. The yurt is heated by a wood stove, but cools off at night. You provide your own food, stove and gas for cooking, and a pad to protect your sleeping bag from the rough wood floor. The trip is limited to 8 skiers (the capacity of the yurt). Cost: your share of the yurt fee (\$80), gas and mileage. Reserve your place by giving a \$10 non-refundable deposit to leader Rob Jones, phone 521-1610, by January 11.

SUNDAY JANUARY 18

Intermediate ski tour to Mineral Fork. Register with leader Dick Dougherty at 322-4610 after 6 PM.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY JANUARY 23-25

Henry Mountains Ski Tour. Expect clear scenic vistas of the Dirty Devil and Glen Canyon panorama. Intermediate skills, but lengthy. Car camping, in freezing weather. Leave Friday night after work, come home Sunday night. Register with leader Jim Catlin by January 18 at 531-7552.

SATURDAY JANUARY 31

Beginner nordic ski class at Spruces Campground. This class is designed for people with no previous skiing experience. Students supply their own equipment, which can be rented at various places, and their own lunch. Meet instructor Walt Haas at

the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9AM. If you have questions call Walt at home, 534-1262, or at work, 581-5617.

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.

SEWING REPAIRS. Outdoor equipment. Zippers, snaps, gromets. High quality, fast and reasonably priced or barter. Call Sue de Vall at 572-3294 or at REI 486-2100.

Assistance Needed

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

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

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.

SAN JUAN THANKSGIVING

San Juan Family Boating Trip
Nov. 27-30, 1986
by Carl Cook

There were 7 people (Carl Cook, trip leader, Karen Brandon, Chris Swanson, Luther Giddings, Leslie Woods, Ann Felt and Matt Felt) who were a little concerned about what the weather might be like on this trip and one dog who wasn't (Freckles). After all none of us had gone on a river trip this late in the year. We were listening to the weather reports closely and it sounded good, so we (optimists all) decided to do it! None were more optimistic than Chris who even brought along her bathing suit and a pair of shorts!

The work party was the same day as the boating permit party, so we didn't go to the boat house, we went to the permit party and sneaked off to the side and worked out meal responsibilities - who would buy the turkey, the cranberry sauce, dressing, etc.

We met Wednesday and left for our Sand Island put-in. We had the opportunity to hear the call of nearby coyotes that night, not the only opportunity we had as it turned out.

Thanksgiving day we woke up, did our shuttle and leisurely launched. We had planned to camp at the large petroglyph panel below Butler Wash but hostile Indians who had shot at some friends of ours on a previous trip made us decide against it.

We camped on an island near Butler Wash figuring you'd have to be pretty hostile to swim across the San Juan in late November to get to us. That day was about 45 to 60 degrees, we had a nice Thanksgiving day supper by lantern light, and went to bed.

The next morning was cold, everything was covered with frost. We were well prepared for cold weather though and the cold air just added a little excitement for all.

We launched at a leisurely pace, after all we only had 26 miles to do and 4 days in which to do it! We went about 1/2 mile and pulled over at Butler Wash for a short hike. We then went about another 1/2 mile to view the huge panel of pictographs. We figured it might be worth taking a chance of getting shot at! We found the pictographs they had been spray painted with some obscenities about "Boaters" and also places where someone had taken the time and effort to chip their own petroglyphs into the rock wall. This was also an obscenity in it's own way. All of this had occurred in the last year.

Back on the river to float another two miles to look at "River House" ruins - an incredible place where there were many standing rooms, corn, pottery shards and pictographs. Unfortunately one place had been spray painted with an obscenity directed against "White People" in the same color paint as was on the Butler Wash petroglyph panel. Also unfortunately there were a few less standing rooms than there were the year before. We didn't stay long, thinking about being shot took some of the enthusiasm out of looking around.

We floated another 2 miles to camp. We floated by dozens of geese, a blue heron, and thousands of birds. The birds were flying across the river from tree to tree. There were so many of them that they sounded like a muted helicopter when they took off.

We camped on another island. This night was to be somewhat warmer than the previous one. Late in the afternoon, we yelled friendly exchanges to another group (one raft, two people and a dog) that floated downstream by our camp.

Saturday was cloudy - the first ones we'd seen. And it was cold. That was the day we did the 3 named rapids, 8' rapid, 4' rapid and The Ledge. The water was a little low so 8' was more exciting than usual and Leslie got soaked when her raft went into a nice sized hole. We pulled over and got a fire going to warm up. As soon as we did the wind swept away the clouds and the sun warmed everything and everyone up.

Shortly after The Ledge, we pulled over to camp. Ann and Matt played catch with a beach ball until Ann's sharp fingernails punctured it. The rest of us walked up a hill to a large flat rock where we stretched out on the rock like lizards.

Next day, Sunday we rowed on into Mexican Hat. We washed the rafts in T-shirt weather, loaded up, and drove home. It was even warm enough that Chris finally got to wear her bathing suit! We got to the Boat House at 10:30 pm Sunday night. Everyone had a great time except Freckles who spent much of her river time whining (a river dog she isn't)! It was such a good trip that several started talking about doing in again in December! No Way! However we will try again next February (see this months activities)!

Ann expressed interest in buying a boat and living on the river. She liked sitting at campfire at night looking up at the stars and thinking about how great a day it was and looking forward to tomorrow. Matt liked getting a chance to row a boat and look at the petroglyphs. We all liked the wonderful company, and getting away from it all.

TELEMARK LEARNING

Telemark Instructional Ski Tour
by Trudy Healy

Twenty students showed up on November 22 for this important event. Five instructors were at hand to help Ellie Ienatsch who organized the show. The classrooms consisted of various slopes in the Great Western area above the base of Snake Creek lift, which fortunately wasn't running yet. Participants were given the choice of beginning, intermediate or advanced telemarking, and the classes were pretty evenly divided. I joined Ellie's intermediate class. Although my first telemark lesson was 60 years ago, I got more serious about it for the last ten, but kept doing my eternal teletestemchristies. It took Ellie's careful demonstration and her positive criticism to make me at last understand how to do it properly. Now I finally I know why people are so crazy about telemark - it's such a tremendous feeling swooping down through the powder doing telemarks. Quite obviously the progress of the other students was just as dramatic. Ellie is surely an outstanding teacher, but the other instructors scored similar successes with their classes.

The weather was still beautiful when, after lunch, we headed up to Snake Creek Pass. Clouds were balling up in Heber Valley, but the spectacular view of Timp was still clear. We linked turns down through wonderful powder, practicing what we had learned in the morning. It was snowing when we got down to the base, but everybody was beaming.

We surely appreciated the opportunity to learn the art of the telemark, and having a super time on top of it. Let's have some more instructional sessions like that; everybody who took part in this one can move up a class,

and those who missed it, will get a chance too.

We'd like to say 'Thank You' to all the patient instructors and especially to Ellie who was instrumental in getting the Telemark Instructional Ski Tour going.

The Instructors: For Beginners: Jim, Carol and Kathy Dalglish. For Intermediates: Ellie Ienatsch. For Advanced: Allen Gavere and Ross McIntyre.

The Students: Leslie Woods, Julie Hess, Marty Slattery, Jan Baker, Clarence Bertino, Fred Swanson, Ray Zwierzycki, John Kortbani, John Pratt, Agnes Greenhall, Trudy Healy, Caleen Johnson, Tom Silberstorf, Roz Rockman, Bob Woody, Debbi Mills, Ronald Tysak, Barb Games, Doug Merrill, Monty Young.



CHINESE HIKING

An outing with the Taipei Mt. Club
by Vera Novak

The basic ingredients were the same: I was plodding along uphill in the footsteps of a trip leader; my lunch and drink weighed heavy in my backpack; an easy camaraderie was developing amongst my fellow hikers. However; the similarities ended there and as I listened to the chattering of Chinese, I couldn't help but ask myself: "How in the hell did I get into this?"

I'd only just arrived in Taipei City on Saturday last, with no prior knowledge of Chinese, no friends in the city, no place to stay. Within a few days, I'd changed one factor at least and had secured a nice apartment. The rest of the week was spent bumping along in the throngs of people, sidestepping between cars and motorcycles who know no traffic regulations, and trying to ignore the constant noise. By Saturday, I'd had enough and planned to escape to the mountains which I knew surrounded the city, even though the rain clouds had persisted in obliterating them from my view. My Chinese landlord described for me the characters on the front of the bus heading south and I went to bed, content in knowing that on the morrow, I would hear and see the peacefulness of the mountains.

In the morning, a helpful soul directed me onto the right bus and I was off. What I'd had in mind was to take the bus to the end, look for a winding mountain road, and stroll up it for awhile. What happened was an altogether different story. I noticed two of my fellow bus passengers had on hiking boots and so, when they got off the bus, on impulse so did I. Through broken English and sign language, I discovered that I had just landed at the meeting place for a Taipei Mt. Club

hike and was invited to join in.

At this point, I must digress and ask humble forgiveness of our own Thursday night mad scramble Guru Dale, for I was improperly shod. Never having dreamt of hiking in Taiwan, I had only my low top Reeboks and a warm-up suit, California style. Not to be compared with the hiking boots and rubber boots (a-la-galoshes) of my companions. Before the day was out, I would think fondly of my rain pants, gaiters and rain jacket, so carefully stored in Utah! No price would have been too dear for Danners or even L.L. Bean hightops. But, so solly, none were to be had.

The mountains around Taipei have a similar slope incline to ours, but they are covered with greenery oozing out of every square inch of mud. Anything from bamboo to Poinsettias, ferns to chili-peppers. The most amazing part was that no slope was too steep nor too high for the orange groves and the tea bushes. Imagine coming to the top of the Snowbird tram and finding workers hand picking oranges on the slopes! Since there was cultivation, so too were there houses, temples to the holymen and paved one-lane roads. But we were studly hikers and chose instead the paths which led straight up the mountain side.

My Reebok suction cup sole adhered relatively well to the mosscovered stones, mudpie slope and fallen slimy vegetation. In fact, I am proud to report that I well represented our home club and conquered the mountain second only to the guides. At this they were astonished and now believe all Americans to be hardy hikers. The descent brought a crushing blow to my glory as I slipped and sloshed down the same path, now worn to a pudding consistency by the treading of the remaining thirty odd pairs of boots. One man jokingly commented that I must be hungry, since in my desperate grabbing of any firmly rooted branch, I

was gathering handfuls of tea leaves and oranges. Yet the nightmare was to be prolonged as a shortcut led to a dead-end. In the dense greenery no further trail flagging could be found. Back up we went, as on a treadmill, for each step up was accompanied by a slip down. Then a distant shout called us to return back down, as the marking had been found. So back down we went, to another dead-end and again we backtracked to the summit. This whole exercise in torture took about one hour. This time, we wound down along the paved road safely back to the valley floor.

Not even the constant rain could wash off the mud which covered my arms and legs. Nor could I wash off with a hose, as the Taiwanese could, spraying off their plastic gaiters and plastic boots. Rain is such a permanent part of their lives that even their traditional headgear is conical in shape, like a miniature umbrella. In fact, many brought along full-sized umbrellas which they used during the climb.

No matter what the differences, one underlying sentiment remains the same: that of a kinship shared in any such an outdoor excursion. My new friends, in fact, upon discovery of my previous life as a ski instructor, have invited me to join them on their ski excursion in January.

So until then, on location in the Orient, this is Reporter Vera Novak, signing off.

GETTING WET IN BELIZE

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The 12 WMC'ers who risked the sail/diving/ruining trip to Belize have returned with their tans and memories of an exciting trip. The diving was good and could have been excellent but for the storms that stirred up the bottom. Nice coral, sea fans and colorful fish. The sailing was good when the wind blew. Linda Leigh got six knots out of The Wanderlust for a record. The land portion of the trip included judging a Halloween costume contest at the Placencia School, touring Mayan ruins, swimming in the Rio On pools and caving in the limestone caves. The participants were: Vince Desimone, Linda Wilcox, Earl

Cook, Linda Leigh, Mike Dege, Greg Wilson on the Wanderlust; Steve and Shirlyn Morris, Keith Johnson, Jeff Barrell, Walt Shyluk and the ever popular Bill Viavant on the (get this) The Lolita.

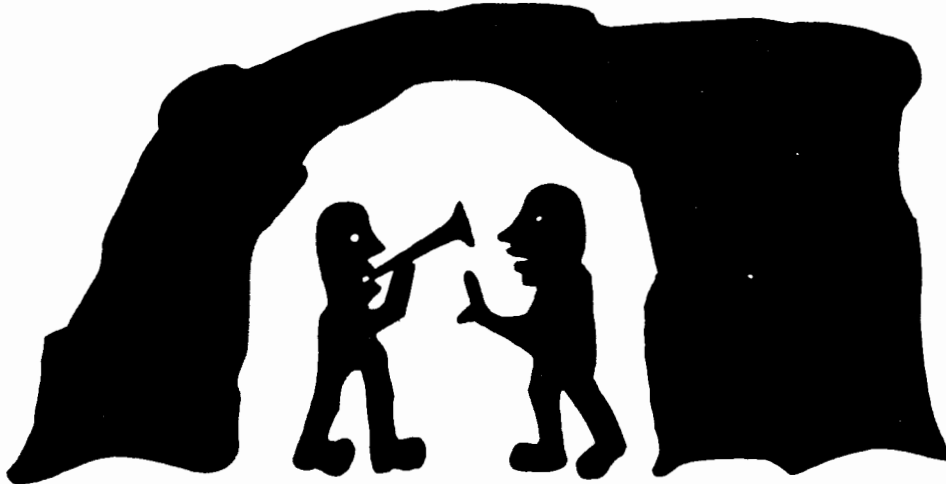
Many people have asked to see the slides and hear about the adventure. Look forward to a presentation in the Spring. Watch the Rambler for time and place.

Interest is running high for another sailing/diving/exploring trip to Belize and Guatemala possibly in April or November. If you have interest contact Vince Desimone at 1-649-6805 in Park City (P.O.Box 680111, 84068).



Belize Crew Photo by Linda Leigh

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ALASKA BOATING

Carl Cook's Charley-Yukon "Hike Without Hope-Boat Dragging" Expedition with Denali Dessert

Excerpts from Bill Soltis Journal
{Comments by Carl Cook}

Trip participants were; Carl Cook, (Trip organizer and boat captain), myself, Karen Brandon, Chris Swanson, Clara Elwell, Leslie Woods (Boat Captain), Keith Motley, Hugh Brennan, Steve Negler (Camera man).

{The Charley River is a wild and scenic river that flows northwest into the Yukon. The Charley River is entirely contained in the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, which mean that every square inch of the watershed is a wilderness area. According to the Ranger, "There is no better wilderness in the entire state of Alaska." Which, I thought, was quite an endorsement.}

7/25/86

After 7 1/2 hour plane ride we arrive in Fairbanks—a drizzle turns into a good healthy rain. SLC time on my watch says 1:52 am but it's very light out being this far north. It's been a long day and tomorrow will be even longer. Stupidity (Gear-Drop) Day is almost upon us, so I'll have to rest and save energy for hard laughter when Carl's boats are pushed out of the plane. I'll sleep satisfied, knowing that in 2 days time I will be vindicated (whether Gear Drop was a sane idea or not)!

7/26/86

Steady rain, low clouds, and zero visibility, prevent us from flying into the Joseph airstrip, so we end up hiking around Fairbanks during a soggy parade. Got to get out of the city - money rapidly dwindling in expensive Alaska. I am anxious for plane ride and views to come! As I write this I am fatigued and ready for bed (it's 10:30 pm here and light enough to write this entry). In

fact it's tough to go to sleep, this midnight sun is very disorienting so that fatigue, rather than darkness determines the length of a day... strange.

7/27/86

We finally made it to the air strip! The flight in was nothing short of spectacular - flying just below the clouds and just above the ridgetops. Unbroken trees (except for muskeg, which is just Alaskan swamp) which stretched as far as you could see (saw some caribou). You can't fully appreciate Alaskan wilderness until you've seen it and hiked and sloshed through it.

After an exciting "Indiana Jones" type landing at the Joseph air strip, we made the gear drop. Carl and Keith took turns pushing gear out of the planes. They told us that it went pretty well (which is an understatement that really means that nothing disintegrated on impact). We'll find out about breakage when we finish part II of "March or Die" tomorrow. We forded the Forty Mile River (which luckily was kind of low) using a vinyl boat (2 man) with me paddling it across with my shovel (which was a bad joke) with the rope tied on to the boat. We got all the gear and people across safe and dry. After thanking (and paying) the pilots, we bid them adieu.

Then came 5-6 hours of the meanest, toughest backpacking I've ever done in my life (with a 50 lb pack)! We sloshed for about 2 miles through mosquito-infested, ankle-busting, muskeg and gained elevation before climbing around Joseph Creek. We climbed up again 2 or 3 times before exhaustion took over on a ridge top about 5 miles shy of where Carl wanted to camp for the night. With water running very low, Hugh and Carl hiked to a high elevation muskeg area and brought back some brackish water which we boiled for some dehydrated dinners and hot lemonade with Jack Daniels. We tore into dinner with a ferocity only bettered by sharks in a feeding frenzy!

{Also bettered by the insatiable

mosquitoes}

Cold and tired we all crawled off to bed (with a lot of light still out) at about 10:30 pm. My feet and knees are quite sore and I hope I'm not a cripple when I wake up in the morning. Many in our group are backpackers but I haven't backpacked in at least 8 years and then go on an Alaskan 30 mile backpack. The way I feel now, I'll never repeat this back-breaking, ass-kicking, ankle-snapping adventure ever again! They let me break trail (No trails up here except for animal trails) and be bear-bait with Hugh riding (holding) shotgun right behind me.

Saw one bear track, lots of moose and caribou tracks (Although all we saw today were birds) and some remains of a grizzly victim (some scattered fur and some bones which looked like they had been bitten in half. Much too tired to write more (surprised I got this much down) but a day like today deserved adequate mention. P.S. with all the hard-core snorers in this camp, it's going to be hard to distinguish between them and a bear snorting about our food area!!

7/28/86

I was wrong about yesterday's hike being the toughest of my life - Today Easily Was!! About 20 miles or more of muskeg madness on blistered feet reduced me to a worthless pile by 10:00 pm (11 hours of impossible terrain).

We camped on a gravel bar of a side stream of the Charley as the muskeg would be impossible to camp on. After being eaten alive by mosquitos all day it sure is nice to sit in my bug-free tent and write this. We saw some caribou and bear tracks in the mud but so far the only wildlife has been bird-type. Did see an eagle today, and the way my feet felt I wished I could trade places. I can't begin to describe how horrible this hike-in debacle has been, but I do know that my hiking days (at least backpacking days) in Alaska are through forever! By boat, raft, plane, helicopter, fine. Muskeg is the worst possible terrain for

hiking. We're lucky that no one seriously injured themselves on this God-forsaken hike (Death-March is more like it). Also we ran out of food and water by lunch time. We were all so exhausted that when we found a place to camp we decided to bag dinner and just hit the rack, that's tired!

{Actually, we decided to bag dinner because dinner was still a mile away.}

Tomorrow we'll have to find all the gear which was dropped, hike it to the river's edge (no small feat in this muskeg shit), inflate and load the boats, and finally (2 days behind schedule) get on the Charley River. I'm sure my mood will get better once I'm on the river - it always does.

{At one point Chris told me, "You know," I went on an Adventure Bound trip once, that was like this. But it didn't last as long and wasn't anywhere as difficult."}

7/29/86

We spent 4 hours locating dropped gear which, luckily had minor breakage problems. The worst part was hauling the heavy equipment (especially the rafts) off the top of the bench (in soggy muskeg) and down to the gravel bar launch site some 300 yards. After inflating and rigging the rafts, we paddled 200 yards downstream and pulled over to pick up more gear and noticed we were one duffel short - so... back up the bench and haul the last extremely heavy water-soaked canvas duffel full of food 500 yards back to the boat. After all this we launch, only to find a shallow river full of rocks. Pulling the boat down the river and then jumping back in for deeper sections is the routine. In some places I have to get out and physically move rocks and boulders out of the way just so we can have enough depth to drag the boat over other rocks in the only navigable (man-made) channel. Insane! All of us have fallen in and been run over by the raft. Carl even fell backwards into our raft and broke a paddle in two (we have



Photo by Bill Soltis

no spares) but failed to maim himself. We make it to camp after a brutal 6-7 mile day of mostly dragging Carl's limp, over-loaded raft down the Charley Creek and camp on a gravel bar. Nice surroundings. It's great to be on the river! We're so far behind schedule that we're really going to have to haul ass to make up or we'll have a rescue chopper coming after us. We've been drinking river water (which I normally never do) because Carl said the rangers said it was safe to drink. If I get Giardia, I'll step on Carl's glasses (both sets). I'm sure the gentle sound of the river will lull me to sleep like it always does (even though it's as light as 8:00 pm is in Salt Lake right now).

7/30/86

We started our day off (nice weather for 3rd day in a row) stuck on a rock, which was an omen for the rest of the day. We continually got hung up on rocks and had to pull the boat off. Many minor injuries resulted from being beside the boat in the river instead of being inside

the boat. Slammed shins, pinched and pounded feet and very tired bodies resulted from dragging the rafts down river. Surprisingly, no one has been seriously hurt-which is a minor miracle for what we went through today. Falling down in the river, almost getting run over by the raft, almost getting feet entrapped between the rocks - and getting more and more dangerous now that the flow and gradient have increased. I have never boated such a difficult stretch in my entire life! The river turns into a river wide, unnavigable boulder field where the best route is the one where you have to drag the boat the least. We had some good, clean runs but most often we'd end up stuck on a rock. We had some rollicking boulder - bouncing rides which I couldn't believe. This river is forcing us into combat-survival mode which, hopefully, should get us through. Even Carl admitted that today was terrible. Everyone has been physically punished from the excessive hard work we've had to do on this trip. My blisters haven't healed from the hike in

and my muscles are tired and sore when I go to bed each night. We camp after a 10 hour day, and after scrambling over rocks all day, we have to sleep on an inhospitable gravel bar. The weather looks like it may dump on us. More importantly, the river's personality is changing (and not for the better). Rocks everywhere and steep, abrupt drops, spell trouble for rafts. The trip has now taken on the air of a real expedition, with inherent risks. We'll have to be on top of everything, as an upset could be life-threatening under these conditions. With that in mind, I hope the weather doesn't become a factor, or we could be in very serious danger. As negative as this entry sounds, I'm still optimistic that with the skilled and experienced people we have, things will turn out OK.

7/31/86

Incredibly hideous boat drags persist until mid-day when lady luck shines on us and we get about 8-10 miles of decent water with minimal boat-dragging. We stopped and looked at airplane wreckage

on a gravel bar near the Charley landing strip. Our good fortune ran out about 5 miles above Copper Creek (our planned camp area) and we ended up doing some flat-out dangerous rapids, complete with sharp boulders and 4 foot ledges. The types of runs we had today, I can't believe the UDISCO isn't ripped in half. One time, our boat was hung up on a rock at a 15° angle, about to drop into the rocky jaws of hell, and Carl stands up in the boat and says "That's deep doggy Do-Do." That's our captain, laughing in the face of danger. After running over a boulder (which moved gear around in the boat), and dropping over a ledge backwards, Carl says, "Another perfect run"! Carl later states that after being on the river for 3 days; we're 4 days behind his planned itinerary schedule. If we don't hustle in the next few days, we'll all be seeing (and paying for) a Forest Service helicopter rescue flight (which Carl prearranged). We'll also be running low of food. If this place wasn't so wild and beautiful, it wouldn't be worth what we've gone through to see



Photo by Bill Soltis

it. But even then, this river right now is sanely speaking, unrunnable. Now, increased flow from feeder streams will give the Charley River dangerous new power - I hope we can continue to avoid trouble.

8/1/86

Life got better today. More water, less rocks, less boat-dragging. Saw half dozen Dall sheep, eagles, and falcons today. Stopped and visited an old trapper's cabin. This guy must have loved solitude. Carl was great with his commands again today. Draw right, paddle left, draw, paddle, draw, paddle, everybody draw!!? We did 31 miles today and everyone's spirits were lifted when we found out that we're pretty much back on schedule again. It's looking like we've survived the worst of the Charley (I hope). Now maybe I can relax, take pictures, look at the scenery. All the things I came on this trip to do originally. Camped on a great, sandy, gravel bar complete with bear, wolf, and moose prints in the sand.

8/2/86

We awaken to the most beautiful morning (and day as it turns out) of the whole trip. No problems, clear blue sky, only occasional paddling, and a chance to really see the scenery and take pictures (instead of dragging and paddling for our lives). This was truly the day we came up to Alaska for! After a pleasant float, we pull over on a nice, sandy bar and finally get a chance to clean up ourselves and our clothes. Karen and Hugh catch 6 Grayling fish (from 14 to 16" long, 1 lb. to 1 1/2 lbs.). Good stuff. Karen also caught a hook in her hand.

{That is the definition of wilderness, those fish had probably never seen a hook before!}

Had time to walk up and down the beach, look at animal tracks, take pictures. This is the first total day of relaxation we've had on this trip and the Charley River only has 12 miles left. Next we

ride on the mighty Yukon River. Carl says we should see more wildlife on the Yukon. One thing is for certain - I'll never forget our Charley River expedition!!!

Unfortunately, the river segment of our journey through Alaska is almost over. Even after all the exhaustion, I still hate to see it end.

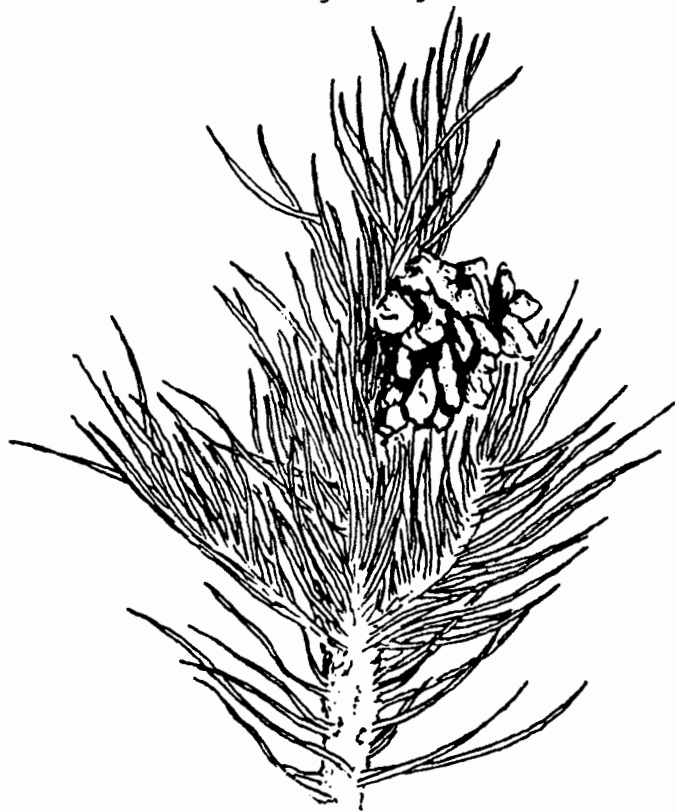
8/3/86

We slowly floated and paddled our way off the Charley River on a sunny day (and hot, by Alaskan standards, probably 70° or more) and reached the confluence of the wide, silty, fast-flowing Yukon River. This is a river that exemplifies Alaska; big, mighty, open, and free. The Yukon is an immense river, the largest I have ever floated. It's like a small ocean. If you want to pull over on the other side of the river, you'd better give yourself 10-15 minutes just to get across (and that's paddling as hard as you can). During a windy spell, Leslie's boat was blown around the far side of an island. We were separated for about 30 minutes. No big deal except they had the maps and the dinner. So we drifted, waiting for them as the day turned nice again. We camped at a gravel bar on the upstream side of one of many gigantic islands the Yukon flows around. Beautiful views up river and down. Large moose prints in the mudflats. It's really surprising we haven't seen more animals here, especially considering we were in a true wilderness area that sees less than 50 people per year on the average. I saw quite a few large bald eagles. They're spectacular to watch. We're back on schedule (itinerary-wise) and the fast current of the Yukon makes it the true super highway of this rugged terrain.

8/4/86

We get our earliest launch of the trip (9:00 am) after a gorgeous morning and do about 35 miles just slugging it out on the boats. Very relaxing. We camp on rocks again about 5 miles from Circle (our take-out point for the river trip)

and enjoy our last night on the river. Scattered showers around us. It rained on us earlier today and provided some amazing lighting on the clouds and the partially setting sun. It's hard to believe that it's almost over, but all of us feel a sense of accomplishment for we survived a River Expedition, not a river trip. There's a substantial difference between the two! (Mostly in terms of work, danger, and exhaustion). But as with all things that are obtained difficultly there is the definite feeling that this trip was truly special, unlike the rest, in so many aspects. The entire group endured hideous setbacks with good spirits and their sense(s) of humor intact. In fact, it was probably humor that saw us through this ordeal! At certain points in this adventure, if we hadn't laughed, we'd probably have gone into hysterics. Yes, it was a very special event with even more special participants who, many years from now, will have a golden memory (that time won't diminish) of what can be accomplished when people are determined to enjoy the wilderness - and we were richly repaid for our efforts!!! What's a lot of snoring among friends?...Noisy.



8/5/86

Ended our river journey at the northern outpost of Circle, Alaska (pop. 74) where our shuttle driver took us on a long (it seemed) drive (135 miles) back to Fairbanks. The shuttle driver, Ron, was director of the University of Alaska campground and arranged for us to stay there. We rented an RV type vehicle for tomorrow's departure for Denali National Park. Clara and Chris bought me a great pizza dinner complete with pitchers of Molson Beer. Ah, well, civilization isn't so bad after all. On the way back to Fairbanks, we stopped at the Circle hot Springs - kind of a far northern version of Lava Hot Springs (although not nearly as developed). In the small world category, it turned out the bartender at the hot springs saloon spent a boring winter in Provo... 14 years ago. We traded a few laughs over that tidbit. Mailed some postcards so family and friends know I'm still alive (and well!).

8/6/86

The road to Denali was extra long due to summer construction on the highway. But what a view when you start closing in on the park. We camp in the shadow of "The Great One", Denali (Mt. McKinley). Watched an excellent presentation by one of the rangers, an Indian, who presented an Indian viewpoint of the park and it's animals. Tomorrow we'll take the park bus (free) to Wonder Lake for a guided hike. Saw some fun whitewater runs on the Nenana River which is very close to the park entrance. Will have an early start in the am. Can hardly wait to see more of the park - it fills you with wonder. I don't think I've ever been to a more rugged looking place. I'll have to put mole skin on as my blisters still make walking/hiking painful. Did some desperately needed clothes washing and cleaned myself up too. This trip is surely the most amazing 2 weeks you could spend in this alpine wilderness. I'm really enjoying it all now. It keeps on getting better and better.

8/7/86

Today was wildlife day courtesy of the free park shuttle buses. We had a funny driver (Bill Hawkins) who was just as tired as I was when we departed. In order, we saw: Dall sheep (at a great distance), Caribou, grizzly, moose (at a distance), Red Fox, and eagle. Was sorry not to have seen a wolf. It was a long day (about 10 hours with 1 hr of breaks). Bouncing over narrow, dusty, dirt roads with a bus load of typical tourist geeks of every persuasion. Mt. McKinley didn't really reveal itself and stayed shrouded in clouds almost all day. You really forget how big this park really is (bigger than the state of Massachusetts). The mountains I saw today were the most impressive of my life. When viewing them you would stand spellbound with awe. Majestic, forbidding, harsh and rugged beyond imagining - they defied description. When you look around this area and hear about the -60° winter temperatures, you wonder how anything could survive in this kind of environment. It really makes you appreciate the animals constant struggle for survival. The animals here are all so special, I feel so fortunate to be here. Seeing this remarkable spectacle of nature. Again, words fall short. Am trying to decide what to do tomorrow. I don't know if I can tolerate another 10 hour bus ride as I'll be sleeping on my stomach tonight as it is. The sunset was unbelievable. Nights are cold here (around 35°) and the bus driver today said there's only about 2 weeks left of summer. You can tell from the night air that he's absolutely right.

8/8/86

I really love Alaska, but after 2 weeks I'm ready for warm weather. It's already feeling like October feels back in Utah. I can see why many Indians regarded Denali as sacred ground. The impressions gained here will be lasting. I know that one day I will return, but until then the

memory will burn brightly of all the wondrous things we saw and did while in Alaska. Later that evening, the ranger gave us a bear warning for our camp, which made us all sleep a lot better.

8/9/86

Left Denali Park, showered up, and went to Fairbanks. Took gear to airport for early check-in and since we had to get up early (5:00 am) the next morning, we retired early at our luxurious camp in the Rental car parking lot (same as where we stayed the first night).

8/10/86

We awoke to a beautiful sunrise (Alaska-style) and dropped all remaining gear off at the check-in counter. Took a last look around Fairbanks and boarded jet for home. The flight back gave time to reflect. Our trip was very much like Alaska itself; wild, rugged, challenging, and rewarding. In retrospect, it's hard to believe no one was seriously injured. This speaks well of the trip members considering the high potential we had for injuries.

Karen, Clara, Hugh, and Steve remained in Alaska for a few days to continue their vacations while we flew back to SLC. I learned a lot about logistical and practical problems on this trip. For all the things I said about him, Carl really worked hard to put this trip together and did a good job - all things considered. Reality beckons and it'll be another tough transition. Sometimes you can get so far away you wonder if you'll make it back. I'm anxiously awaiting the time when we can view the fruits of Steve's filming efforts. The film will verify some of our wilder tales. Until then my vivid memories will have to suffice.

{This was definitely an adventure. But as Keith pointed out, "An adventure is something that after you do you're glad you did it, but would never do it again. This is not the same thing as a good time!}

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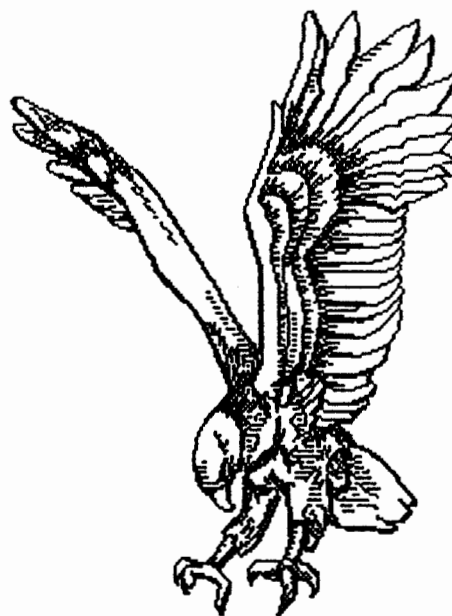
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VOLUNTEER VACATIONS: HELPING OUT IN THE OUTDOORS

by David G. Gordon

The work is hard, the hours long, and the pay is non-existent. Yet for thousands of volunteer workers in state parks and forests across the nation, the pleasures far exceed the hardships.

Over the years state and federal budget cuts have whittled away the numbers of salaried positions at most outdoor organizations. And, at the same time, the number of visitors to our parks continues to

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rise. As a result, campground managers and program staff rely more heavily on volunteer forces to swell their diminished ranks.

This shortage of paid help has generated a booming market for volunteer helpers. Today people of all ages can take some positive steps to upgrade our public lands, while spending a week, a month or even a full year in the splendor of our incomparable national parks network. There are ample opportunities that utilize a wide range of skills, opportunities for sharing in the stewardship of our unparalleled wilderness regions.

While none of the positions pay established wages, most offer attractive benefits. Some pay expenses, provide lodging--even offer high school or college credit. All assignments have mailing addresses that would send serious hikers and outdoor sports enthusiasts into deep reveries: Aspen, Colorado; Sequoia, California; Daniel Boone

National Forest, Kentucky; Haleakal, Hawaii.

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Not all volunteer opportunities involve long hours or hard work. Some, such as campground hosts or fire lookouts, are ideal for retired persons who depend on a fixed yearly income but are desirous of adding some variety to their lives.

To get a head start in the search for rewarding volunteer placement, would-be workers should send for a copy of "Helping Out in the Outdoors." This 50-page 8x11 booklet gives readers access to over 1,200 available positions. Published twice a year, its listings (arranged alphabetically by state) identify key personnel, and briefly describe opportunities at each

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outdoor facility.

None are listed within Utah. However, volunteer positions are available in all the surrounding states.

"Choice positions are scooped up fast," maintains Marshall, so "it's best to plan ahead--at least three months in advance--to get the job you want." Volunteers are urged to contact their first choices for spring and summer placement as early as February or March.

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Wasatch Mountain Club

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/REINSTATEMENT and RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION QUALIFICATION FORM

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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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