

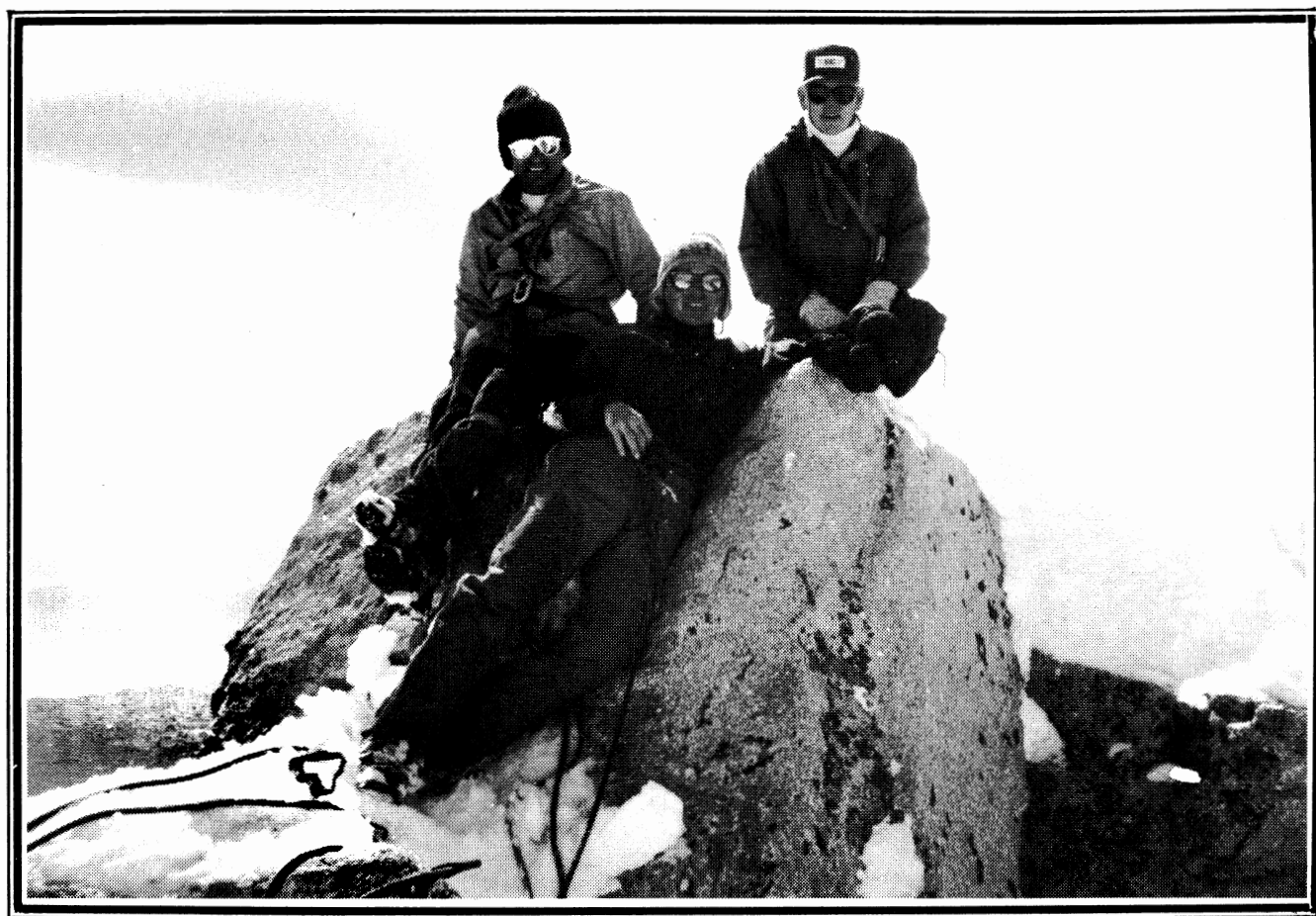
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### WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

#### 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.



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## WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB BOARD

# REPORT

The following items were included in the April Board of Governors meeting on April 2nd.

The WMC volleyball games on Tuesday nights will now be limited to WMC members only, by vote of the Board.

The Annual Board Retreat at the Lodge will be June 5-6 this year.

In order to keep better accountability of the keys to the Lodge, a new lock will be installed and the keys will be logged in and out.

The Conservation Brunch on April 4th was attended by 12 interested members.

Because of the popularity of the the WMC brochure (it was distributed at outdoor stores and other places where prospective members could find them) another printing of 5000 was approved by the Board.

The Board voted to approve that the Club participate in a KUED fund raiser telethon by answering the telephone "on the air", and thus giving exposure and recognition to the Club.

The Board approved \$2500 to have a trailer custom built for Club boating trips. The trailer should pay for itself in about 2 years by renting it to Club river trips.

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The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday, May 14th at the Club office.

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# WELCOME

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

David Allen	Fred Hillyard
Cynthia Dott	Martin Maier
Suzanne Fellows	Audry Palfrey
Gary Gianniny	Judith Peterson
Emil Golias	Alice White
Myron Herrick	Benny Yih

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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## VOLLEYBALL POLICY

### New Volleyball Policy

The Wasatch Mountain Club offers some spirited volleyball play to members on Tuesday evenings at South High's Women's Gym.

But it's for members only.

That's a new policy by the Wasatch Governing Board because too many people who don't belong to the Club have been taking the action away from too many people who do belong to the Club.

So, members, go down to the gym on Tuesdays and enjoy a few lobs over the net. If you have a few non-member friends who want to play, encourage them to join the Club. That way, everyone can have a good time without anyone losing.

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## PRESIDENT

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NOTE: In case you are having difficulty deciphering this article, try exchanging the first and last letters of each word. If it still doesn't make sense, one of us has a mroblep.

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

The April 1986 RAMBLER explains the NEW rating system used for hikes, along with some of the most common ones. Under 5, easy; 5-8, intermediate; over 8, difficult. If the rating says "about" (for example "about 4.0"), it means the rating is a guess, with the number serving as an approximate guide. A low rating, however, can sometimes be misleading. Watch for the terms exposure, rock scrambling, bush whacking (if you don't know what these terms mean, refer to the glossary, April 1986 RAMBLER) and steep. If you are just getting into hiking, you may

find that a hike's description does not tell you everything you may want to know; it so, don't feel shy about calling the leader ahead of time, to be sure your abilities are a match for the hike, and to know if it is the kind of experience you are looking for. Please come to the hike with proper equipment: adequate clothing, footwear, food, water, and any special equipment required for that hike. You are expected to stay with the group once you have signed the release form. Do not jackrabbit ahead of the group, or pretend that you are "Tigger".

# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

(See the Chronological Listing for Details)

## May

23 Escalante  
23 Paria Canyon

## BACKPACKING

30 San Rafael Swell

## May

9 White River Canoe  
11 Boating Orientation  
11 Grey Can. Wk. Pty.  
13 Kayak/Canoe Meeting  
16 Grey Can. Training

## BOATING

18 San Juan Wk. Pty.  
22 San Juan Trip  
26 Grey Can. Wk. Pty.  
30 Grey Can. Training

## June

1 Dolores Wk. Pty  
2 Desolation Wk.  
4 Desolation Trip  
5 Dolores Trip  
13 CPR Course  
14 1st Aid Course  
20 Red Canyon  
22 Alpine Wk. Pty  
27 Alpine Trip  
30 San Juan Wk.

## May

3 Rowley Junction  
6 Leaders Meeting  
6 General Meeting  
10 Wellsville Mt.  
16 Stansbury Island

## BIKING

16 City of Rocks  
17 Draper/Alpine  
25 Tour de Tombs  
29 Moab Loop  
30 Willard Bay

## June

13 Purple Turtle Loop  
20 Dog Lake Mt. Bike

## May

8 Arches Mom's Day

## CAR CAMP

16 Antelope Springs

## June

6 Heart Lake  
20 Snake Range

## May

2 Grandeur Peak  
2 Big Beacon  
2 Leader's Choice  
3 Newcomers  
3 Big Beacon Fam  
3 Pencil Point  
7 Evening  
9 Van Cott Peak  
9 Baker Springs  
9 Leader's Choice  
10 Perkins Peak  
10 Sheep Creek  
10 Leader's Choice  
14 Evening  
16 Hounds Tooth  
16 Mt. Odgen  
16 Mt. Olympus  
16 Red Butte Can

## HIKING

17 Family Overlook  
17 Grandeur Peak  
17 Gobblers Knob  
21 Evening  
23 Dog Lake  
23 Lake Blanch  
24 Mt. Aire  
24 Mt. Raymond  
25 Big Beacon  
25 Church Fork  
28 Evening  
30 Dog Lake Fam.  
30 Deseret Peak  
30 Thanes Peak  
31 Reynolds Peak  
31 Days Fork  
31 Red Pine

## June

4 Evening  
6 Grandeur Pk  
6 Broads Fk  
6 The Beatout  
7 Newcomers  
7 Flower  
7 Lake Blanche  
7 Days Fork  
7 Gobblers Knob  
11 Evening  
13 Van Cott Peak  
13 Twin Peaks  
13 Sunset Peak  
13 Reynolds Peak  
13 Greens Basin Fam  
13 Mt. Moriah  
14 Red Pine Lake  
14 Thanes Canyon  
14 Mt. Aire  
14 Desolation Lake  
14 White Pine  
20 Elbow Fork Family

## May

2 Climbing Course  
2 Climbing BBQ  
7 Storm Mountain  
9 Climbing Course

## MOUNTAINEERING

10 SE Superior  
14 Storm Mountain  
16 City of Rocks  
21 Storm Mountain  
23 Southern Utah  
28 Storm Mountain  
30 Slabs of Olympus

## May

9 Lodge Wk. Pty.  
17 Sunday Social

## SOCIALS

30 Canyon Cleanup

## June

6 Lodge Cleanup  
13 Lodge Dinner

## VOLLEYBALL

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



# CLUB ACTIVITIES MAY

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. May 2

BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE: Rock Session. Meet at Storm Mountain Picnic ground in the lower parking lot by the boulder at 9:00 am. Bring a lunch. Class session on the rock in the morning, optional climb in the afternoon. Prior to this session, you should have attended the classroom session April. See Mountaineering column for further details.

BEGINNING-OF-CLIMBING-SEASON BBQ. As a wrap-up to the first day of the Beginner's Climbing Course it's appropriate that new & 'not so new' climbers should gather to establish or renew ties. BYO Beverage, pot-luck dish, hot-tub apparel, and a few good slides and stories. 7:30 pm at the home of John Kennington near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. 7251 Pippin Dr., (942-0693).

GRANDEUR PEAK VIA CHURCH FORK HIKE. Rating 5.7. Charlie Clapp (262-6422) makes no promises, but he hopes this week the snow will be gone so that Grandeur can be approached by trail. Meet him in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am.

BIG BEACON FROM THE ZOO HIKE. Rating 4.2. Jay Rentmeister (254-3722) is the leader. Meet him at the east end of the Hogel Zoo parking lot at 9:00 am.

LEADER'S CHOICE (MODERATE) HIKE. Ellie Ienatsch (272-2426) will look out her kitchen window on May Day Plus One, and decide where to go (it will be in one of the Cottonwood canyons). Meet her at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Sun. May 3

NEWCOMERS HIKE. Something new this year (see article). Meet Don Hamilton (1-225-6678) at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 for an introduction to Hiking in the Wasatch Mountains. While especially geared to prospective and new members, oldertimers are encouraged to come, too. Don will select a moderate hike and go at a leisurely pace.

BIG BEACON VIA GEORGE'S HOLLOW FAMILY HIKE. Rating 4.8. A popular foothill spring hike, Big Beacon (a.k.a. Wire Peak) is the hill overlooking Hogel Zoo on the north side of Emigration Canyon. Leaders are Sheila and Rick Steiner (582-5067). The meeting place is behind (to the east) of Fort Douglas Cemetery, at 10:00 am.

PENCIL POINT HIKE. Rating moderate. Bob Holley (359-5712)



plans to go to the point and around the whole ridge as well. He will be in the K-Mart parking lot (Foothill and 21st South) at 9:00 am.

Sun. May 3 ROWLEY JUNCTION BIKE RIDE. A 104 mile ride (he's in great form) over mostly flat terrain. We'll ride to Teddy Bear's Cafe, have lunch, and then return. For cyclists wanting a shorter ride, a 68 mile course is a possible option. Some freeway travel. Meet Elliott (969-3976 after 6 pm) at 8:00 for a pancake breakfast at the Village Inn on Redwood Road at 4700 South. No sag; helmets required.

Tue. May 5 VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 PM at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00 (17th South and State St.). Call Lynn for information at 521-2917. Members ONLY.

Wed. May 6 BIKE TRIP LEADER MEETING. Meet at 7:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church auditorium, 1070 Foothill Dr., to discuss Club cycling policy, trip leader responsibilities and trip plans for 1987. Pam Mathis, 531-9319 (H), 487-3322 (W) or Tom Guobis, 467-6225 (H), 481-6450 (W).

BIKE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Meet at 8:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church auditorium, 1070 Foothill Dr., for a workshop conducted by representatives from Wasatch Touring on tire repairs and bicycle gearing. The folks from Wasatch Touring will also talk about some of the latest technological developments in the recreational bicycling world, using current models of road and/or mountain bikes as examples. Upcoming trip plans and, if time allows, user experiences with various cyclometers will also be discussed. Pam Mathis, 531-9319 (H), 487-3322 (W) or Tom Guobis, 467-6225 (H), 481-6450 (W).

Thu. May 7 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. Drive 3.3 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon to Storm Mountain Picnic Ground. Don't be afraid to approach the questionable looking group of characters loitering around the boulder in the lower parking lot. They're most likely the climbers. Make your climbing intentions known and you'll probably find a partner. PLEASE NOTE: Due to a change in Club beverage policy - no booze will be provided. We will supply some ice to keep your brew cool. The burgers, however, will be as delectable as ever for only a nominal charge.

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Foothills Hike - Leave at 6:45 pm from the Mt. Olympus trail head about 1/4 mile north of Tocate Canyon, at 5600 Wasatch Blvd. Please be careful parking as the road is very heavily traveled. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information."

May 8-10  
Fri.-Sun.

ARCHES CAR CAMP. This is our annual Mother's Day Car Camp and General Spring Celebration. We have the large group campground reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Bring

your kids! Call Noel de Nevers at 581-6024 (office) or 328-9376 (home) for information.

Sat. May 9

BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE: Snow Session. This will be an early one in order to catch that low altitude snow in its cold hard higher-altitude condition in the morning. We'll meet in the canyon at 7:30 am to learn safety techniques on a snow field before the sun softens the snow to useless mush. Lunch at the car again, then belay practice and another optional climb in the afternoon.

VAN COTT PEAK VIA CEPHALOPOD GULCH HIKE. Rating 2.7. Go to the far east end of the parking lot above the University Hospital at 9:00 am, and if you find Jim Elder (943-3321) you are at the right place.

BAKER SPRINGS TO GOBBLERS KNOB HIKE. Rating 6.6. If there is still too much snow, Bob Richey (571-2653) will pick some other suitable place. Meet in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am.

LEADER'S CHOICE HIKE. Karen Perkins (272-2225) will do a solid intermediate, picking the spot depending on conditions. Meet her in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am.

LODGE ROOF SNOW-SHOVELING WORK PARTY. The winter's accumulation of snow has to be removed from sections of the Lodge. Work will start about 10:00 am. Bring strong shovel and a stronger back. Call Lodge co-director Alexis Kelner (359-5387) for other details.

May 9-10  
Sat.-Sun.

WHITE RIVER CANOE TRIP. Overnight trip from Bonanza to Ouray. This is for self-supplied canoe and kayakers. Class I and II whitewater. No deposit required. Call trip leader Allen Gavere at 486-1476 for more information.

Sun. May 10

PERKINS PEAK HIKE. Rating 5.2. Meet Norm Fish (964-6155) at the east end of the Hogel Zoo parking lot at 9:00 am.

SHEEP CREEK HIKE. Rating 4.2. For a pleasant amble up this trail near Parleys Canyon, met Joanne Miller on the east side of the K-Mart parking lot (21st So. & Foothill) at 9:00 am.

LEADER'S CHOICE HIKE OR SKI. Milt Hollander will do something strenuous, but call him (277-1416) to find out if he is going on foot or on skis.

SE RIDGE OF SUPERIOR MOUNTAINEERING. There will be plenty of ice, so bring your ax. Meet Mark Bradikis at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 7:30 am.

WELLSVILLE MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE. A 53 mile course circumnavigating Wellsville Mountain. The terrain is mostly

flat to rolling, notwithstanding a climb thru Sardine Canyon into Cache Valley. Riders will need to carry extra water and snacks - neither are available for 41 miles of the route. Afterwards, we'll relax in the warm mineral baths at Crystal Springs, so bring a swimsuit and change of clothes. Meet Elliott at 8:00 (969-3976 after 6 pm) in the West parking lot of the State Capitol Building. Helmets required.

Mon. May 11      GREY CANYON RIVER TRIP WORK PARTY. Meet at the WMC Boat Storage Center at 5:30 pm (5585 South, 320 West, #49, Murray, UT).

BOATING ORIENTATION MEETING. At the WMC Boat Storage Center at 6:30 pm. New boaters or prospective boaters should attend this meeting. The purpose is to discuss boating procedures, safety, and equipment. Basically this is what to do on a river trip. We will meet for about an hour.

Tue. May 12      VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 PM at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00 (17th South and State St.). Call Lynn for information at 521-2917. Members ONLY.

Wed. May 13      KAYAK/CANOE ORGANIZATION MEETING. - This will be an informal get-together to discuss trips and meet new boaters. Munchies provided. Bring your own drinks and tall tales. Time: 7:30 PM, Place: Mike Dege's, 9547 S. Flint Drive (1150 E.), Sandy, just off 9400 South. Phone 571-7684.

Thu. May 14      EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 7 for details.

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Mill Creek Canyon - See "Thursday Evening Hike Information."

Sat. May 16      HOUNDS TOOTH HIKE. Rating about 5.5. Short but steep, for a beautiful scenic overlook of Deaf Smith Canyon. Meet Hank Winawer (277-1997) at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 am.

MOUNT ODGEN VIA TAYLORS CANYON HIKE. Rating about 8.0 or 9.0. Join Fred Duvall (1-782-4737) for an Odgen area spring hike. Last year at this time there was good glissading. From Salt Lake City, take I-15 north to 12th street exit, go east 1 mile to Fred Meyer, and meet at 8:30 at the south end of the parking lot.

MOUNT OLYMPUS HIKE. Rating 8.3. Meet Andy Schoenberg (583-3193) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 8:30 am.

RED BUTTE CANYON HIKE - FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. Rating 6 - 7. See an article elsewhere in the Rambler for a description. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot at Research Road and Wasatch Blvd. (420 South and 1920 East) about 1 block south of the stop light by the U of U's Annex Bldg. Leader Dale

Green, 277-6417.

Sat. May 16

STANSBURY ISLAND MT. BIKE RIDE. Meet at 9:00 at the Parks & Recreation Dept., 1636 West, North Temple, before heading out by car to the little-explored Stansbury Island near Grantsville for an easy 20 mile round trip. Tom Guobis, 467-6225 (H), 481-6450 (W).

May 16-17  
Sat.-Sun.

GREY CANYON (GREEN RIVER) BEGINNERS BOATING TRAINING TRIP. This should be a fun experience for those thinking about white water river trips but aren't sure where to start. Training will include basic river information and safety, boat rigging, boat captain and crew (paddlers) experience during two daily runs through lower Gray's Canyon above green River, Utah. We will leave SLC Friday evening in rental vans and return Sunday evening. There will be a co-op dinner, happy hour and campfire session Saturday night. The Work Party will be on Monday, May 11, at the Boat Storage Center at 5:30 pm. Attendance is mandatory. Send your \$25.00 deposit to Jeff Barrell at 6723 S. 1560 E., SLC, UT 84121. For additional information, call Jeff at 943-2836. VETERANS NOTE: We need a few experienced Boat Captains to help with the training (and campfire festivities)!

CITY OF ROCKS CLIMBER/MOUNTAIN BIKER CAR CAMP. Bring that chalk or handlebar bag for some early season moves up in Idaho. Should be some excellent terrain for either activity. Call John Kennington for details at 942-0693.

ROCK HOUNDING AT ANTELOPE SPRINGS CAR CAMP. An annual favorite. Search for trilobites, obsidian, and labradorite with your favorite trilobitor, Elmer Boyd. Call 969-7814 to register. Leader needs a ride.

Sun. May 17

SALT LAKE OVERLOOK FAMILY HIKE. Rating 3.5. Frank and Vicki Steffey (277-2509) claim to be the leaders, but it is really their 3 year old who will set the pace. Meet at 10:00 in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot.

GRANDEUR PEAK VIA CHURCH FORK HIKE. Rating 5.7. Meet Connelly and Linda Woody (467-3689) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am.

GOBBLERS KNOB VIA BUTLER FORK HIKE. Rating 7.7. Pat Berg (532-6467) is the leader, and she will meet you at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00. If there is too much snow, she will find another comparable hike.

SUNDAY SOCIAL & MEXICAN FIESTA. At the home of Cassie Badowsky, 2845 East 5495 South, Holladay at 6:30 pm. Mexican pot-luck dinner, non-alcoholic daiquiri available at cost. \$1.00 admission. If you like, come dressed in the spirit of Mexico. Directions to Cassies home: Take Holladay Blvd.

- (2300 East) south to 5495 South; turn left; 3rd house on left (2 story green frame). 278-5153.
- Sun. May 17      DRAPER/ALPINE/POINT-OF-THE-MOUNTAIN/MOUNTAIN BIKE LOOP. This will be a 20 mile intermediate ride from Draper over Corner Canyon to Alpine, around Point-of-the-Mountain and back to Draper. Bring lunch or buy one at the store when we stop in Alpine. Meet Kermit Earle (268-2199) at the Park and Ride west of I-15 off 53rd South exit at 9:30. Helmets recommended.
- Mon. May 18      SAN JUAN RIVER TRIP WORK PARTY. Meet at the WMC Boat Storage Center at 5:30 pm (5585 South, 320 West, #49, Murray, UT).
- Tue. May 19      VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 PM at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00 (17th South and State St.). Call Lynn for information at 521-2917. Members ONLY.
- Thu. May 21      EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 7 for details.
- THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Foothills Hike - Leave at 6:45 pm from north of Fort Douglas Cemetery. Drive east on Wakara Way (600 South) from Foothill Blvd. to 391 Chipeta Way. See "Thursday Evening Hike information" on page 3.
- May 22-25      SAN JUAN SPRING RIVER TRIP. (Rafts, kayaks and canoes). Sun  
Fri.-Mon.      yourself while floating the goosenecks of the San Juan. This trip is a spring ritual for us desert boaters. Send 32.50 deposit (includes \$7.50 BLM permit fee) to Chuck Reichmuth at 3193 S., 2700 E., SLC, UT 84109. Call Chuck for more information at 483-1542. The Work Party will be held Monday, May 19 at the Boat Storage Center at 5:30 pm.
- Sat. May 23      DOG LAKE HIKE. Rating 3.8. Meet Barbara and Dan Lovejoy (943-9188) at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am.
- LAKE BLANCH HIKE. Rating 5.7. Sundail (the WMC logo) rises above the lake, and is one of the prettiest spots in the Wasatch. Ray Duda (268-0182) is your leader; meet him at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am.
- May 23-25      MEMORIAL DAY ESCALANTE BACKPACK. Rated Easy - This would be a  
Sat.-Mon.      good trip for a first backpack. For details or to register, call trip leader Michael Budig at 328-4512. Register by May 19. Limited to 12 participants.
- A MEMORIAL CLIMBERS CAR CAMP WEEKEND. How about a few day's down at the Rock Corral in Southern Utah? Need a leader, call John Kennington at 942-0693.
- May 23-26      PARIA CANYON OR LEADER'S CHOICE BACKPACK. Come and enjoy  
Sat.-Tue.      classic beautiful canyon hikes. Limit 12 people. Leaving

Friday evening. Register with Chuck Ranney (583-1092), best in mornings, week days. Send your shuttle deposit of \$20.00 made out to Chuck Ranney to 940 Donner Way, #470, SLC, UT 84108.

Sun. May 24

MOUNT AIRE FROM ELBOW FORK HIKE. Rating 3.8. Look for Sue deVall (572-3294) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am.

MOUNT RAYMOND VIA BUTLER FORK HIKE. Rating 7.9. Mac Macpherson (272-3844) is the leader. Meet him at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Mon. May 25

EARLY MORNING HIKE. Join Herta Dennett (272-6906) for an assault on Big Beacon (rating 4.2), 7:00 am, at the east end of the Hogel Zoo parking lot. Back by Noon.

CHURCH FORK PEAK HIKE. Rating 5.6. The Club seldom does this one; it is the peak just to the east of Grandeur, on a trail that cuts off from the Church Fork trail to Grandeur. The Club did some trail clearing here two years ago, and it is badly in need of feet to keep the weeds at bay. Meet Wick Miller (583-5160) at 9:00 am in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot.

TOUR DE TOMBS BIKE RIDE. Meet at 9:00 at 1500 East entrance to Sugarhouse Park for an easy paced ride to various historic cemeteries in the Salt Lake Valley. Approximately 40 miles with only mild hills. John Peterson 277-8817 (home).

Tue. May 26

VOLLEYBALL - 7:00 PM at South High Women's Gym. The cost is \$1.00 (17th South and State St.). Call Lynn for information at 521-2917. Members ONLY.

GREY CANYON RIVER TRIP WORK PARTY. Meet at the WMC Boat Storage Center at 5:30 pm (5585 South, 320 West, #49, Murray, UT).

Thu. May 28

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 7 for details.

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information."

May 29-31  
Fri.-Sun.

MOAB/LA SAL MT./CASTLE VALLEY BIKE LOOP. An outrageously beautiful mountain and desert valley loop of 70 miles. The bad news: there is a 12 mile climb from about 4500 to about 9000 feet before we can camp (crash?) on Saturday night. But of course there is also good news: a 25 mile downhill into one of the most stunning valleys in the area. The rest of the ride is gently rolling. We will explore the possibility of picking up a sag (please). Contact Tom Guobis (467-6225 (home) or 481-6450 (work)) for trip itinerary, car pooling, and departure time (Friday after work). Bring your cameras!

Sat. May 30

SLABS OF OLYMPUS CLIMB. This is an old classic that every climber should do at least once. Approach the NW side of Mt. Olympus in a gully (bring ice ax) to the slabs. A dozen or so easy (5.4) pitches will bring us to the summit ridge. Meet at 7:30 am at the defunct Bagel Nosh - 3900 S. Wasatch Blvd. REGISTER in advance with John Kennington (942-0693).

DOG LAKE VIA BIG WATER TRAIL FAMILY HIKE. Rating 3.0. Join Jay and Elaine Abramowitz (278-8076) for a pleasant spring stroll. Meet at 9:00 am in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot.

DESERET PEAK HIKE. Rating 6.1. David Parry (254-6532) is your guide to Deseret Peak in the Stansburys. On top you will get a panoramic view of the West Desert. Meet at 8:00 am in the parking lot across from Wendy's (Simpson Ave. and 13th East, just off I-80).

THAYNES PEAK VIA THAYNES CANYON HIKE. Rating 7.1. Meet John Veranth (278-5826) at 9:00 am in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot.

BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON CLEANUP. Volunteers needed to clean shoulder of Big Cottonwood Canyon road. If you have a pick up, bring it - along with trash bags. Join Ken Kelley (942-7730) at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am.

May 30-31  
Sat.-Sun.

SAN RAFAEL SWELL BACKPACK. We leave town Friday after work and return Sunday night. We will go to the San Rafael Swell and do an easy backpack to Cane Wash and Virgin Spring Canyon. Call leaderess Clara Elwell at 272-5715 for details.

GREY CANYON (GREEN RIVER) BEGINNERS RAFTING TRAINING TRIP. This is the second such training trip of the season. See the write-up for the May 16-17 trip for details. The Work Party will be Tuesday, May 26 at the Boat Storage Center at 5:30 pm. Send your \$25.00 deposit to Carl Cook at 2189 Atkin Way, SLC, UT 84109. For more information call Carl at 485-4586.

WILLARD BAY ANNUAL BIKE RIDE. Sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Dept. and the Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club. This 120 mile round trip to and from Willard Bay State Park campground will begin at the Utah Division of Natural Resources Building, 1636 W. N. Temple. The \$15.00 entry fee for this ride includes a T-shirt, two meals, and a sag vehicle. Riders must pre-register by May 20, only 150 applications are available. Applications may be obtained from: Parks & Recreation Dept. (533-6011), 1636 W. N. Temple; Fishers Cyclery (466-3971), 2175 S. 900 E.; and the Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club (292-2054).

Sun. May 31

REYNOLDS PEAK VIA MILL D NORTH FORK HIKE. Rating 5.2. Go to



the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am. Look for a big, blind, retired football player. If he answers to Jon Flakowski (484-6725), that's him.

DAYS FORK TO MINE HIKE. Rating 4.6. Go to the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am. If she is not a big, blond, retired football player, and answers to Lynn Chambers (521-2917), that's her.

RED PINE CANYON (PARK CITY) HIKE. Marilyn Earle (1-649-1339) is the guide for this moderate hike. Do a generic car pool at 8:30 am from the east end of the K-Mart parking lot (Foothill and 21st South); then get to the Park West parking lot, where Marilyn will meet you at 9:00 am.

Mon. June 1 DOLORES BOATING WORK PARTY. Meet at the WMC Boat Storage Center at 5:30 pm (5585 South, 320 West, #49, Murray, UT).

Tue. June 2 VOLLEYBALL - Meet at 7:30 PM at the field at Westminster College (off 17th South). Call Lynn for information at 521-2917. Members ONLY.

DESOLATION CANYON BOATING WORK PARTY. Meet at the WMC Boat Storage Center at 5:30 pm (5585 South, 320 West, #49, Murray, UT).

Thu. June 4 THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information."

June 4-8  
Thu.-Mon. DESOLATION CANYON BEGINNER BOATING TRIP. Family's Welcome. Patty Giffin will lead. Send \$25.00 deposit to Patty Giffin at 6372 Boxwood Rd., SLC, UT 84121. Call Patty at 277-1168 (early or late) for more information. The work party is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at the WMC Boat Storage Center.

June 5-7  
Fri.-Sun. DOLORES RIVER INTERMEDIATE BOATING TRIP. The upper Dolores will have good class III water featuring the famous "Snaggletooth" rapid. Canoeists must get OK from Canoeing Coordinator. Send \$25.00 deposit and a list of your experience to Jeff Barrell at 6723 S. 1560 E, SLC, UT 84121. Call Jeff at 943-2836 for more information.

Sat. June 6 GRANDEUR PEAK EARLY MORNING HIKE (rating 5.7). With Thomas Dickerson (967-7970). Meet him at 7:00 am in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot.

BROADS FORK TO MEADOW HIKE. Rating 4.6. Anna Cordes (467-9430) will lead the way; meet her at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

RED PINE TO BELLS CANYON ("THE BEATOUT") HIKE. Rating 14.0. Register with John Mason (581-1926), for this seasonal exercise in masochism. He plans an early start. You must

have an ice ax (along with the knowledge of how to use it).

- Sat. June 6      LODGE CLEANUP WORK PARTY. It's time to spruce up the Lodge for next weekend's elegant dinner party. Some broken window panes need fixing; some trash needs to be removed. We could use a pick-up truck to haul trash to dumpster or dump. Work party will start about 10:00 am. Call Alexis (359-5387) for tool requirements. Light refreshments will be provided for workers. Lodge can remain open through Sunday if there is interest.
- June 6-7  
Sat.-Sun.      HEART LAKE CAR CAMP. Heart Lake is located about 15 miles east of Woodland in the Wasatch. Day hikes to surrounding area, including Mill Hollow. Register with Tom Foster (521-7110, home; 363-9959, work).
- Sun. June 7      NEWCOMERS HIKE. Meet Jon Flakowski (484-6725) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am for an introduction to hiking in the Wasatch Mountains. The Newcomers Hike is a new attraction this year (see April article). While especially geared to prospective and new members, older timers are encouraged to come, too. Jon will go to the Salt Lake Overlook (rating a modest 1.8), and go at a leisurely pace.
- THE MIKE TRESHOW ANNUAL FLOWER HIKE. Rating: delightful and a moderate pace. Lead by our Botanist in Residence, Mike Treshow (467-8814). He will meet the flower lovers at 9:30 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon and will go where the flowers are.
- GOBBLER'S KNOB VIA BUTLER FORK HIKE. Rating 7.7. Meet Sam Kingston (355-8043) at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am.
- LAKE BLANCH HIKE. Rating 5.7. This ever popular hike is being lead by Rose Novak (487-6034), and will meet at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- DAYS FORK TO THE MINE HIKE. Rating 4.6. Look for Marlene Egger (277-2894) in the traffic jam at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- Tue. June 9      VOLLEYBALL - Meet at 7:30 PM at the field at Westminster College (off 17th South). Call Lynn for information at 521-2917. Members ONLY.
- Thu. June 11      THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information."
- Sat. June 13      CPR COURSE. The course will be taught at the American Red Cross building 555 Foothill Ave. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and you will be Red Cross certified after successful

completion of the course. Call Carl Cook (485-4586) before June 8th to register.

Sat. June 13

VAN COTT PEAK VIA CEPHALOPOD GULCH MORNING MOONLIGHT HIKE. Rating is 2.7 in daylight. Wick Miller (583-5160) and Carol Anderson (255-7657) will be in the far east end of the parking lot above the University Hospital at 4:00 am. (Yes, that is AM). Bring a sack breakfast, perhaps with a few goodies to share, perhaps some breakfast wine, a flashlight, and warm clothes. Help us read a Greek play while watching the moon set and the sun rise.

TWIN PEAKS HIKE AND PEAK TO PEAK SPRINT. The hike is rated 11.8; the sprint is unrated. Make room in your pack for running shoes; it's time for this fifth annual event. Your faithful leader and fellow competitor will lead you through conifer and aspen forests, up steep barren snow fields to the starting line which is well above timberline (11,000 ft.). Strong legs won't be enough to break the present record time (2 min., 2 sec.); a high oxygen carrying capacity is also required. Panting competitors have been heard 2 miles away! Spectators welcome, if they can reach the starting line. Ice axes required; oxygen bottles optional. Meet Peter Hansen (359-2040) at 8:30 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

SUNSET PEAK HIKE. Rating 4.9. The trail goes past the WMC lodge, to Catherine Pass, then left up the ridge for a view of the back side of Timp. Meet Denise Doebbeling (486-0493) at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

REYNOLDS PEAK VIA MILL D NORTH FORK HIKE. Rating 5.2. Go with Joseph Gates (943-0957); meet him at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

GREENS BASIN FAMILY HIKE. Rating 2.5. Look for Ken Kraus (363-4186) in the milling crowd at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am.

PURPLE TURTLE LOOP BIKE. This is a 70 mile loop into Utah County over quiet back roads with a couple of mild climbs. We will stop at the Purple Turtle Drive-In in American Fork for lunch. Meet John Peterson (277-8817) at the Draper City Park (12500 South, 1300 East in Draper) at 9:00 am.

SEASON OPENER, WMC LODGE DINNER PARTY. It's time to open the Lodge for the summer season. Enjoy a great gourmet dinner, raffle, great companionship! More details will appear in the June Rambler.

June 13-14  
Sat.-Sun.

MT. MORIAH GRAND TRAVERSE (HIKE). Rating 11+. Mt. Moriah (elevation 12,067') is in Nevada's Snake Range just north of the new Great Basin National Park. The hike is up Hampton

Creek, over "The Table", traverse Moriah, then down Hendry Creek. The area has many large Bristlecone pine trees and spectacular views. Those desiring to stay Sunday will visit the new Park. Leave Friday evening, car camp Friday and Saturday nights. Leader is Dale Green, 277-6417.

Sun. June 14

FIRST AID COURSE. The course will be taught at the American Red Cross building 555 Foothill Ave. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and you will be Red Cross certified after successful completion of the course. Call Carl Cook (485-4586) before June 8th to register.

RED PINE LAKE (rating 5.3) AND THE PFIEFFERHORN (rating 9.9) HIKE. Go only as far as the lake, or beyond to the Pfiefferhorn, as you prefer. Meet Monty Young (255-8392) at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

UP THAYNES CANYON DOWN NEFFS CANYON HIKE. Rating 5.5. Meet Karen and Denis Caldwell (942-6065) in the NW corner of the Olympus Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am.

MOUNT AIRE FROM ELBOW FORK HIKE. Rating 3.8. Meet Angela and Gary Harding (582-2232) in the NW corner of the Olympus Hills Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 am.

DESOLATION LAKE LEISURE HIKE. Rating 5.4. Doug Stark (277-8538) will meet the group at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am.

WHITE PINE HIKE. Rating 6.3. Take this hike with Thomas Berg (272-4743). Meet him at 9:00 am at the east end of the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Tue. June 16

VOLLEYBALL - Meet at 7:30 PM at the field at Westminster College (off 17th South). Call Lynn for information at 521-2917. Members ONLY.

June 19 -21

**RUBY MT. LAMOILLE CANYON BACKPACK Moderate 3 mile backpack, day hikes to Echo Lake and ridge line rock scramble. Register with Chris Biltoft or Mary Fleming - 359-5645**

Sat. June 20

DOG LAKE MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE. This 2 1/2 mile ascent through oak, aspen and conifer woodlands to Dog Lake will start at the upper Mill Creek Canyon parking lot at 10:00. Helmet and snack recommended. Tom Guobis, 467-6225 (H), 481-6450 (W).

ELBOW FORK TO TERRACES OPTIONAL FAMILY HIKE. Rating about 2.0. Meet Karen Brandon (485-4586) at 9:00 am in the NW corner of the Olympus Hills Shopping Center parking lot.

June 20-21  
Sat.-Sun.

RED CANYON BEGINNER CANOE/KAYAK TRIP. Our Canoeing Coordinators, Cathy and Randy Klein, will work with beginning canoeists and kayakers on this stretch below Flaming Gorge. They could use some help instructing from you experienced boaters. There are some decent surfing waves to play on. This stretch has some standing waves that could be fun for the intermediate boaters (easily avoided however). Send your \$15.00 deposit to Cathy or Randy Klein (466-8387) at 1036 East Crandall Ave., SLC, UT 84106. Rafters (this might make a nice trip for a boating family) are welcome with the approval of the Rafting Coordinator. There will be no work party.

## THURSDAY EVENING HIKES

### INFORMATION

These hikes are for members only except prospective members may use them as the second and final qualifying activity for membership provided their dues check and application are submitted to the leader prior to the hike. All hikes leave the meeting place at 6:45 PROMPT. All participants must sign the liability release form. Hikes are never cancelled for any reason including bad weather, so wear appropriate clothing. Boots will be required if the trail is in mud or snow. No dogs. Hikes in Mill Creek Canyon meet in Olympus Hill parking lot at 3900 Wasatch Blvd. just south of the defunct Bagel Nosh. Hikes in Big Cottonwood meet at the "Storm Mountain Quartzites" geology sign, 2.9 miles up the canyon (r.h. side) from the stop light. Hike leader: Dale Green.



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ALPINE FAMILY BOATING TRIP. Send \$25.00 deposit to Carl Cook at 2189 Atkin Ave., SLC, UT 84109. Call Carl for more information. The work party will be Monday, July 27 at the WMC boat storage center.

August 13-16  
Thu.-Sun.

SAWTOOTH CAR CAMP. Enjoy opportunities for numerous day hikes ranging from 6-20 miles in the spectacular Sawtooth Range in Idaho. Call trip leader Michael Budig for details or to register (by August 9) at 328-4512. Limited to 12 people.

September 5-8  
Sat.-Tue.

LABOR DAY WIND RIVERS BACKPACK. Rated moderate - Call trip leader Michael Budig (328-4512) for details or to register (by September 1). Limited to 12 participants.

September 19-22  
Sat.-Tue.

YELLOWSTONE BACKPACK. Rated moderate. Enjoy Yellowstone in its finest month. This trip will be to the Bighorn Peak area in the northwest corner of the park. Call trip leader Michael Budig (328-4512) by September 15 to register. Limited to 8 participants.



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FROM THE

# LODGE DIRECTOR

Alive and Well - The PTL

by The Reverend Alexis Kelner (Lodge Co-minister)

GREAT NEWS FROM ABOVE! While the fundamentalist PTL priesthood in North Carolina is undergoing a great upheaval, a somewhat more fundamental PTL ministry in Utah is undergoing a strong revival.

We're speaking, of course, of the "Preserve The Lodge" pastorate of the Wasatch Mountain Club. No sex scandals here (shucks)! No cutthroat rivalries. Saving the Lodge's heart and soul - is our only goal and the Club's "directorship" and ad-hoc Lodge committee have dedicated their hearts and souls to the quest.

Several major new projects will be undertaken this summer; projects from last summer will be completed. Those to be completed will include upstairs dormitories and ceiling insulation. We will continue some back yard landscaping and will work on some better winter fire exit alternatives for the main floor.

New projects will include replacement of the coal furnace (which was an antique when installed in 1945) with a propane heating system. The noisy main floor ceiling space heater will be removed after the new furnace is installed and tested. Much of the work will be contracted to the company we buy the furnace from.

Anyone in the Club who can get us a good deal?

The "more fundamental" part of PTL will be "Painting The Lavatory". While it has been a Club goal for nearly ten years to tear down the archaic and aromatic toilet system for an entirely new one, bureaucratic processes will

retard the effort for several years! We will try to make the present system more palatable with paint and plasterboard.

The best news of all is that the Mountain Club has committed to develop a Lodge plan of salvation looking forward to the hereafter. The "Century 21 Salvation Plan" will be described in forthcoming issues of the Rambler as it becomes revealed. The basic commandment is toward construction of a "utility" building to contain a garage/workshop area, a new toilet system, a small conference/meeting center, a water filtration/purification system, and possibly a care-taker apartment. We will be working closely with the Forest Service and various state and local agencies on this.

All this will take money. Not great big bundles like with religious fundamentalism, but in greater quantities than the Club has been used to over the years. That's where YOU come in!

A Gala Lodge Opening Dinner Party has been organized for Saturday, June 13. It will be a dinner like none other at the Lodge. It's being organized by Ruta and Bob Ehlers, two of the original members of the Lodge Restoration Committee organized in 1977. They need your help. Call them at 272-1764 if you would like to help. Karin Caldwell is also involved. Please support this fund-raising effort. All the money raised will go toward replacement of the furnace.

If you can't attend the soiree, please send a contribution to the Lodge Restoration Fund at the Club's mailing address. The next decade of restoration will be quite capital intensive and we will appreciate every donation.



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YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL HELP!



by Chris Baierschmidt

Physical and spiritual well being are two pretty important things that the Wasatch Mountain Club tries to promote among its members.

I wish Everett Ruess was here today because he would be a real good Club member for promoting that kind of stuff.

Everett was an adventurer who traveled with his burros and dogs in southern Utah, the California coast, the Sierra Nevadas, and wherever else the spirit took him. In 1934, at age 21, he disappeared near Davis Gulch, where the Escalante and the Colorado Rivers meet.

Numerous sightings have been reported since then. But no one has ever found more than his two burros and some equipment the animals carried on their backs. A plaque in his memory hangs on a boulder near Dancehall Rock outside Escalante.

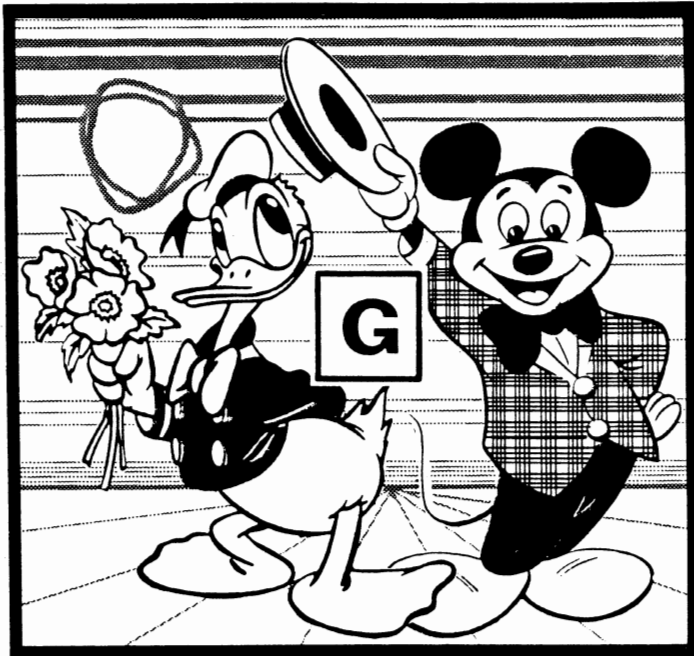
Everett emulated a well being that anyone, who lives for the adventure of nature, could recognize and admire. In one of his letters, published in the book "Everett Ruess - a Vagabond for Beauty," he wrote, "Much of the time I feel so exuberant I can hardly contain myself. The colors are so glorious, the forests so magnificent, the mountains so splendid, and the streams so utterly, wildly, tumultuously, effervescently joyful that to me, at least, the world is a riot of sensual delight."

Sometimes, we lose sight of the beauty. Most of us can't be the Vagabond we want to be. And, that's why sometimes we have to go out and be Everett Ruess for a little while. It's like the Club credo. We're here to unite the energy,

interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah. The things we find are important to our physical and spiritual well being.

For those with a taste for adventure, the plaque can be found by following the road east out of Escalante toward Boulder. Turn onto Hole-In-The-Rock Road. Dancehall Rock is a large outcropping of sandstone.

For those who would rather read about Everett, the book is published by Peregrine Smith Books, in Layton, and available in most bookstores along the Wasatch Front and southern Utah.



## *Be a movie star or just like one*

Join the Wasatch Mountain Club for an evening of lights, camera and action at KUED-TV (public television channel 7) answering phones for the first-ever travel action. Proceeds from the televised auction helps public television. Volunteers help the Wasatch Mountain Club get recognition, while getting a free meal plus a chance to wave at friends from TV-land.

The action takes place on Tuesday, June 9. Volunteers meet at the KUED-TV station in Gardner Hall at the University of Utah Campus. Instruction begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30. We'll answer phones from 7 to 10 p.m. with breaks inbetween, depending on the number of members taking part.

To volunteer and for more information, call Club member Chris Baierschmidt at 486-2529 (evenings) or 777-7321 (days). If you want to volunteer, please call by May 15. We need at least 30 people.

FROM THE

## HIKING DIRECTOR

## RED BUTTE CANYON

by Don Hamilton

As the 1987 hiking season gains momentum, I would like to stress the importance of safety, especially during the transition months of May and June. It is difficult to predict ahead of time exactly when the snow pack will solidify and cease to present an avalanche danger.

Leaders should scout out their trips ahead of time when practical to determine hazards due to avalanche, mud slides, rock fall, etc., and not hesitate to pick alternate hike destinations, if conditions warrant.

Participants should go through their gear: boots, tents, sleeping bags, stoves, rain gear, first aid kits, flashlight batteries and bulbs, etc., and make necessary repairs or replace defective items to avoid embarrassment and potential trouble.

People who are inactive during the winter months should assess their state of physical fitness while planning their hiking season. Risk of injury can be greatly reduced if hikes are chosen which are commensurate with their physical abilities.

We are planning a full and active season of hikes, backpacks, and car camps. Enjoy!

Red Butte Canyon To Open For A Day  
by Dale Green

The Forest Service will open the Red Butte Canyon Research Natural Area to the public on Saturday, May 16. The area may also be open on Sunday but a positive decision was not available at this writing. The Papers or TV stations should carry this information. The canyon has been closed to the public and grazing since the 1860's and is in pristine condition. For most of us, this is the first time in a lifetime that we have been allowed access. Some stipulations must be observed: Daylight hours only, foot traffic only, no animals, no fires, garbage to be hauled out, remain on roads and trails. Park near the baseball diamond south of the University Hospital complex and walk up the canyon. Various agencies will provide interpretation.

For the more ambitious, I am leading a hike starting from the Pinecrest area in Emigration Canyon, up over the pass, then all the way down to Red Butte's mouth. Distance - over 10 miles plus over 1000' elevation gain. There may be a botanist along to describe the canyon's flora. See the schedule for details of meeting place and time.

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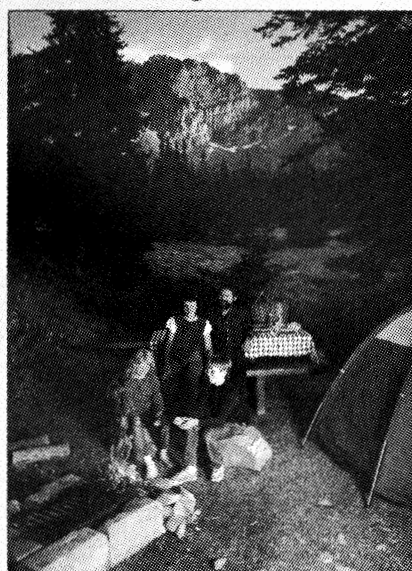
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FROM THE

## BOATING DIRECTOR

From the Boating Director  
by Jeff Barrell

Thanks to RANDY and CATHY KLINE for helping out as CANOEING COORDINATORS. Randy and Cathy will be leading a beginner's trip for canoes (and kayaks) to Red Canyon (below Flaming Gorge) in June. He will need help pulling out novices, so give him/her a call and give your support!

The boating season starts with the work-party/party-party on April 25 and Greys Canyon trips on May 16 and 30. Greys Canyon is a wonderful intro for the beginner and a good warm-up for the experienced. WE NEED BOAT CAPTAINS!! All boaters registering for a trip must send their deposit and description of ABILITIES to the trip leader. Kayaks and canoes are welcome on any boating trips; canoeist need to clear with the Canoeing Coordinator first.

This year I suggest that trip leaders appoint a "river guide" who is responsible on the river for appointing campsites, lunch stops, scouting rapids, hikes, etc. This can greatly lighten the trip leader's load and improve the quality of the trip. Potential leaders take note and volunteer - leaders are needed for Salmon and Family Alpine. A FAMILY ALPINE trip is planned for Aug 1 (Leaders needed)! This has been a popular trip in the past and could be expanded to 2 trips if we receive enough interest and leaders. Some restrictions apply: No child under 10 years will be allowed on the river, and one child per adult.

## RAFTING

From the Rafting Coordinator  
by Carl Cook

For those of you planning to run a river this summer, this forecast was sent to me by Jim Hood and is from the Water Supply Outlook for the Western United States. This was published March 1, 1987.

% of 25 Year Average Runoff

River	Max.	Min.	Most Probable
Westwater	137	74	102
Dolores	150	99	122
Green	114	64	88
Yampa	81	42	61
San Juan	162	84	119
Animas	150	103	124
Virgin	94	56	74
Weber	90	48	69
Provo	92	41	68
Snake	86	41	65
Salmon	82	27	56
Rogue	106	53	80

Above normal flows are expected from the mountainous areas of southern Colorado, northern New Mexico and central Arizona. Above normal spring and summer runoff is expected from the Arkansas, Upper Rio Grande and San Juan Basins. Below normal flows are expected nearly everywhere else, with much below normal flows expected for California, Nevada, Idaho, northern Utah and most of Montana.

## CANOEING

From the Canoeing Coordinators  
by Cathy and Randy Klein

May 12 will be this years Kayaking and Canoe meeting (see Kayaking Coordinator article). Will discuss upcoming trips and availability of paddling instruction. If you cannot attend the meeting and want to be on this years canoeing roster, or have any questions, call Randy or Cathy Klein at 466-8387.

# KAYAKING

From the Kayaking Coordinator  
by Mike "reggae" Dege

Spring is here and if you are anything like me you are feeling a Big Yak Attack coming on. I know some of you GONZO boaters haven't stopped boating from last fall, but for those needing a warmup in the pool, check the March Rambler for details on pool sessions.

Beginning boaters, we are going to try to make sure there are some veteran boaters on hand during the Grey's canyon rafting trips in May. This is an excellent stretch to get your first taste of whitewater. We will not formally be a part of the rafting group but instead we will car pool down, car camp, and try to share shuttles. Contact me for details.

Don't miss the organizational meeting May 12. We will try to plan some trips and meet everyone. Since it is hard to plan kayak trips far enough in advance to make the Rambler, due to water levels, weather, etc., this may be your only chance to get the "Straight Poop" on the boating scene this spring and to find other 'yakers interested in doing the rivers you want to do.

Words to live by:  
"Catch the Wave!" - Max Headroom

Review of the 1981 Colorado River Management Plan

Grand Canyon National Park will be soliciting the opinions of individuals to form a revision of the Colorado River Management Plan. For as long as most people can remember, the Park Service has been biased toward commercial outfitters. We need your help if we are to change the opinions of the Park Service. A copy of a Park Service memo is reprinted below, and

although it was not received in time to make it into the April Rambler, it is hoped as many people as possible will join the mailing list and discussions. Let's help save the Grand Canyon for the enjoyment of those who will protect and appreciate it and not for the sale of cheap thrills by commercial profiteers.

Excerpt from Park Service Memo:

Grand Canyon National Park wishes to hear from all individuals and organizations interested in the revision process of the 1981 Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP). Superintendent Richard W. Marks stated that the park is developing a working mailing list for the dissemination of planning information and schedules for this document. Those wishing to be on the mailing list should express their interest by April 15 to:

Colorado River Management  
Grand Canyon National Park  
P.O. Box 1490  
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Please use postcards to facilitate this process.

Park Staff will also be developing work groups composed of individuals who represent specific interests. If you are willing and able to attend meetings in Arizona for the duration of the revision process, approximately one year, please specify in your letter the type of interest groups in which you would like to participate. Examples could be private river runner, scientific community, river organizations, Government agencies, etc. When these work groups are known, Grand Canyon N. P. will develop meeting schedules.

End of Excerpt





# MOUNTAINEERING

by John Kennington

As the new Mountaineering Director I would like to express appreciation to my predecessor Ray Daurelle for a fine job in keeping the Mountaineers moving. I hope to continue the fine traditions of fun trips and high intellectual pursuits on Thursday Nights at Storm Mountain. We would like to try a couple of new things this year, including an early Mountaineers BBQ for members to establish climbing contacts before the beginning of the season. In an effort to widen horizons, trips to newer places, like the City of Rocks and the Rock Corral are planned. As always, we are looking for ideas and leaders for any new, exotic challenges which may present themselves. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to pursue something new, or even something old that hasn't been done for awhile.

On April 30, Thursday night climbing moves up to Storm Mountain Picnic Area in Big Cottonwood Canyon. This location provides a choice of short climbs just minutes away from the car. Come on up for a short respite from the city and make your outing plans for the weekend. As always, the climbing will be followed by burgers. Remember the quickest route to instant popularity is to be Burger Chef for a Day. You can sign up with John Kennington or Don Hamilton, the Hiking Director. We won't, however, be supplying the beer as before. Due to liability concerns, the Club has decided to let you BYOB to sanctioned activities. We'll supply the ice.

The Beginner's Climbing Course will continue for the first two Saturdays in May with the Rock and Ice sessions. The class will provide good basic technical knowledge not only for

aspiring climbers, but for hikers who may be faced with icefield or scrambling traverses.

Finally, you are urged to become aware of the potential demographic/political changes which are brewing for our own Wasatch Mountains. The Wasatch Canyon Master Planning Process is in motion. The potential outcome would be the determination of Canyon use and development objectives for many years to come. Such ramifications will surely affect each of us and our enjoyment of the mountains. Please contact the WMC Conservation Directors or the Save Our Canyons organization to become involved.



## Helicopter Gunning Appeal Filed

The Utah Wilderness Assn., Utah Sierra Club, and Wasatch Mtn. Club have appealed the 1987 Forest Service decision authorizing helicopter gunning of coyote in the Mt. Naomi Wilderness. The appeal states that the decision was in violation of Forest Service regulations. Analysis of livestock loss data do not support the "special and serious loss" criterion. Also, no correlation exists between coyote kills and livestock losses. Mt. Naomi coyote gunning has ended for the year. This appeal will, hopefully, end this wasteful and environmentally destructive practice forever.



## CONSERVATION NOTES

by Chris Billoft and Mary Fleming

### Alton Strip Mine

Five miles south of Bryce Canyon NP and extending towards the town of Alton lie Utah International's federal coal leases. The company proposes to strip mine and slurry coal to the Henry Allen power plant south of Las Vegas. Issues surfacing with this proposal illustrate the classic dilemma for southern Utah: The urge for headlong resource development versus the reality of insufficient water for large scale development. Local ranchers, concerned about aquifer depletion, have formed the Johnson Valley Assn. to assert their water rights. Unless they are bought out, these folks are likely to be vocal coal slurry opponents. Conservation groups are also concerned about the effect on Bryce Canyon vistas and with re-establishing vegetation on the mining debris, which is difficult under the best of conditions. If the coal slurry pipeline is used for the Alton fields, a 25 mile eastward extension could link it to the huge Kaiparowits coal fields. The central question is this: Should southern Utah's scarce water resources be expended in 20-30 years of minerals exploitation, or should development proceed at a pace designed to preserve the character and quality of this fragile ecosystem? For more information contact the Sierra Club at 363-9621.

### Basin and Range Seminar

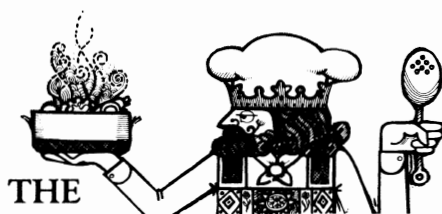
The Utah Audubon Society will hold its Fifth Annual Basin and Range Seminar on May 30-31 at the Pavant Butte/Clear Lake Migratory Bird Refuge south of Delta, UT. The seminar includes a series of classes and field sessions on birds, bugs, geology, archaeology, plant ecology, nature photography, and environmental ethics. Participants are invited to camp overnight and join the potluck dinner and campfire discussions. Reservations should be made as soon as possible because space is limited. Contact Jeanne Le Ber, 144 South 900 East #11 SLC, UT 84102 for registration. Tuition is \$20., or \$10. for senior citizens. Children under 13 may attend free with parental supervision.

### Save Our Canyons

Save Our Canyons will hold a 7:00 pm meeting May 4 at the main Salt Lake City Library to discuss development issues in Big and Little Cottonwood and Millcreek Canyons. Salt Lake County is preparing a zoning plan that will guide Canyon development over the next 20 years. The issues include new lifts proposed for Brighton, Solitude, and Snowbird, new facilities, parking, and transportation alternatives. Contact Kurt Fisher, 833 S., 900 E. SLC UT 84102 (\*532-7591) for information and reservations.

### SLC Water Management Plan

A draft of the Salt Lake City Watershed Management Plan is available for public review and comment at the SLC Planning Division, 324 South State St., Room 200 (contact Brent Wilde, 535-7757). Salt Lake City owns majority water rights in most Wasatch Front Canyons extending from City Creek in the north to Little Cottonwood in the south. State law authorizes the City to manage watershed water quality. Deterioration in water quality has occurred over the past 10 years. Among the problems the Plan proposes to address are: 1. Millcreek Canyon, which has the worst water quality due to recreation use near the stream. 2. Big Cottonwood Canyon water quality, which has decreased with increased usage. In contrast, Little Cottonwood with its sewer has seen increased usage without deterioration in water quality. A Big Cottonwood sewer line is linked to condominium development. Public hearings on the Plan will be held May 13, 5:30 pm at the new County Complex (2100 S, State St.) in the County Commissioners Chambers. Mr. Wilde will also accept written comments prior to 29 May.



## GRUBBY GOURMET

Roseann Woodward

A honey-vegetable sauce will enhance spareribs in this classic sweet and sour dish.

### Chinese Sweet & Sour Spareribs

- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 carrot
- 1 tomato
- 1 green pepper
- 1/2 cup peanut oil
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 cup pineapple chunks
- 2 pounds spareribs

Mix the honey and vinegar. Sit aside. Chop the tomato. Grate the carrot. Remove seeds from green pepper and chop. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in heavy skillet and add the vegetables. Saute until soft over medium heat. Add the honey and vinegar.

Stir cornstarch with three tablespoons of water. Add to vegetables. Cook until the sauce thickens. Stir in the pineapple. Remove from skillet and keep warm.

Heat remaining oil in skillet. Add the spareribs and saute until brown. Remove when cooked through. Pour vegetable sauce over ribs and serve.

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Erratum: In last months South African orange Rice, the ingredients listed 1 1/2 cup water, this should have been 1 1/2 cup milk.  
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## SKY CALENDAR

Sky Calendar for May  
by Ben Everitt

### Moon

May 5	First Quarter
May 13	Full Moon
May 19	Last Quarter
May 27	New Moon

### Stars

By golly they're still there. The spring backpack got snowed out of the Maze, but went south far enough to see some cold clear sky. The familiar signs of the zodiac are stretched out across the sky from west to east beginning with Taurus (getting pretty close to the sun), Gemini (two bright stars nearly overhead at dusk), Cancer, Leo, and Virgo (now rising in the east about dark). Stay up a little later and you may see Arcturus, an old friend from warm summer evenings, rising to the north of Virgo.

### Planets

Mars is still in the evening sky, but getting fainter as it gets farther from earth, and harder to see as it gets lower in the western sky, and will pass each other on May 4, Jupiter going westward (farther from the sun each day, and Venus going east (closer to the sun each day). Venus is still the brighter of the two planets, and will pass to the south of Jupiter.

### Meteors

The Aquarid meteor shower sometimes appears around the 4th to the 6th of May.

# SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

Sierra Club Tuesday Night Hikes are designed to be easy and sociable. They are open to non-members. The actual destination in the indicated canyon will be chosen by the leader. No registration is necessary. Meeting time is 6:45 PM. For hikes in Millcreek Canyon meet in the Olympus Hills Mall parking lot, just south of the defunct Bagel Nosh. For hikes in Big Cottonwood Canyon meet at the Storm Mountain Quartzite sign, which is 2.9 miles upcanyon from the traffic light and about one hundred feet upcanyon from the entrance to Storm Mountain Picnic Area. If you have any questions call the leader.

TUESDAY NIGHT MAY 5  
Millcreek Canyon. Leader Susan Sweigert, home 521-8554, work 581-7468.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY MAY 9-10  
Backpack to Straight Wash in the San Rafael Reef. This is an exploratory trip through one of the canyons that crosses the reef. Register with leader Doug Clark at home, 562-1706, or at work, 486-7481, by May 4.

TUESDAY NIGHT MAY 12  
Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leader Preston Motes, home 484-8643, work 263-3051.

SUNDAY MAY 17  
Day hike in the Cedar Mountains. Register with leader Dick Dougherty at 322-4610 after 6:30 PM.

TUESDAY NIGHT MAY 19  
Millcreek Canyon. Leader Rob Jones, 582-1610.

SATURDAY-MONDAY MAY 23-25  
Box/Death Hollow Wilderness backpack. Come visit the only designated wilderness in the Escalante region. Find out what the proposed leasing of Antone Ridge is all about. Leave the city Friday night, return Monday night. Register with leader Fred Swanson at home, 359-6632, or at work, 532-5959, by May 18.

TUESDAY NIGHT MAY 26  
Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leader Dick Dougherty, 322-4610 after 6:30 PM.

TUESDAY NIGHT JUNE 2  
Big Cottonwood Canyon. Leader Susan Sweigert, home 521-8554, work 581-7468.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY JUNE 6-7  
Advanced backpack to Buckskin Gulch in the Paria-Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness Area. Buckskin Gulch is one of the most unusual canyons in the West. It is ten miles long, ten feet wide and three hundred feet deep. In one place you need to take your pack off and walk sideways; in another, you may need to swim and push your pack on an air mattress or inner tube. This trip is an experience you will never forget. Because of extreme danger from flash floods, it is not possible to do this trip slowly, so you must be in unusually good physical condition and able to move briskly all day. Leave Friday night after work, return Sunday night. Register by June 1 with leader Preston Motes, home 484-8643, work 263-3051.

## 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.

# BIKING

FROM THE BICYCLING COORDINATOR

Recommended items to bring on any bicycle ride: helmet, bike gloves, eye protection, clothing appropriate to weather conditions; toolkit (including allen wrenches), tire patch kit, tire irons, pump; food and water.

On longer or more rigorous (e.g., offroad) trips, the following additional items are recommended: chain lubricant, spare parts (e.g., spokes, inner tube, etc.), and first aid kit; a pre-ride tune up might also be in order.

If you have any questions about the difficulty of the ride or the equipment needed, you should check with the leader for the trip. As in most outdoor activities away from home, you should always be prepared for the worst. In biking terms this means be prepared for the wind to be blowing in your face as you peddle uphill in a thunder (or worse yet snow) storm over the whole trip, whether it is on or off road. Fortunately, this set of circumstances rarely occurs, but it does occur (or at least it may seem that way)!

## Spring Cycling Specials

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* Alsop Chain Cleaner System	\$ 13.95	\$11.95
* Avocet Cycle Computer	\$ 34.95	\$29.95
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## TRIP · TALK    talk talk talk talk

### SAN JUAN RIVER

San Juan River - President's Day Weekend, 1987  
by Sara Elwell

After stopping to eat in Price we were on our way again to the San Juan River. We were about 1/3 of the way through our six hour drive from SLC when I started to doze off. Waking up with a kink in my neck from falling asleep in the back seat, I looked outside and all I could see was black....and white? I thought I was dreaming at first, but noooooo... It seemed as though we were lost in an endless universe of snowflakes, about the size of a quarter. Much to my amazement, we WERE lost, literally. We were about 20 miles into Colorado and heading in the wrong direction. Once I found this out, I remember fuming in the back seat, angry because my mother had coaxed me into this weekend trip and had told me it would be 70 degrees and bikini weather.

Once we had arrived at our campsite about three a.m., I was nearly in tears but too tired to do anything about it. So we set up our tent, climbed into our sleeping bags and I fell asleep.

When we finally started on the river in the morning I was somewhat pessimistic, but things changed quickly despite the cold. Once we got on the river, there is just something about that red rock and those canyon walls that really makes you feel peaceful inside. It's almost like a part of me belongs there...or is from there.

We went on down further and camped. Our campsite was beautiful. I hiked for miles. I had forgotten how much fun it is to sit around the campfire and socialize, and how good camp food tastes, despite the cold.

The next day we stopped at a huge wall full of petroglyphs. I wished so badly that I could have understood every symbol and known exactly what they meant.

When we reached River House Ruin I couldn't believe my eyes. It was absolutely amazing. The way they were built was a wonder in itself. As I walked through them I was trying to think back to the way they used to live.

The last night was a lot of fun. The campsite was much different. It was more wide open and spread out. We hiked up a beautiful, wandering wash that evening. We all sat around after eating my mother's "Slug in the Gut" dinner and talked. It was fun despite the cold.

On our way to Mexican Hat the next day, I thought about the things I had seen and the people I got to know. I was really glad I went, considering the way the trip started. It was beautiful, the people were wonderful, and I would do it again, despite the cold.

Trip participants were, Carl Cook (Trip Leader and Oarsman), Leslie Woods (Paddle Boat Captain), Chris Swanson (Oarswoman), Robert Brinkman (Oarsman), Ryan Brinkman (10 years), Clara Elwell, Sara Elwell (19), Emil Golias (new member), Stan Stewart, Judy Weatherbee, and Karen Brandon.

# GOURMET SKI TOUR

Gourmet Ski Tour  
by Gale Dick

Maybe we should plan to have the Gourmet Ski Tour a week or so later? April 14th was distinctly chilly and, although the snow shower during the feast in Green's Basin was rather beautiful, almost everyone would have preferred a sunny afternoon.

The theme this year seemed to be publicity with an official WMC photographer to cover the festivities for the Rambler and a KUTV Channel 2 cameraman who came along to get a story for the Sunday evening news.

In spite of the temperatures and the click and whir of cameras it was a fine Wasatch Mountain event. Some of the founders of the annual Gourmet Ski Tour tried to trace back the history which we believe to have begun with a picnic in a snowstorm on the Sunspot Run at Alta in 1961. Four of the founders were present this year. We've moved up from kippered snacks and a bit of raspberry cordial. We now have a banquet table carved from the snow, table cloths, a silver candelabrum and sumptuous viands. It started with a toast to friendship, to our beloved (and sometimes beleaguered) Wasatch Mountains and a few drops of wine on the snow, in the antique Greek fashion, in thanksgiving for another happy and safe ski touring season. This is a fitting late season windup for the WMC and the 100 or so ski and snowshoe tours it has offered. A toast to all those folks: leaders and participants.

Elegance, taste, haute couture and cuisine: But of course! Also oenophilic delights (with crafty wickedness from the irrepressible Wick Miller: Liebfraumilch in a suspiciously corked Thunderbird bottle (doesn't that come capped not corked?) and some

petroleum derivative (reminiscent of Thunderbird in a Liebfraumilch bottle). A feast worthy of Dickens or Thomas Mann with strawberry cream cheese, sausages, baked ham and fresh bread, Mexican spoon bread, carrot cake, pates, cheeses, smoked oysters, lemon bars Antarctic, wantons, shrimp cocktail, cheese cake, pasta salad, cheese balls, fresh grapes and strawberries, poached salmon with dill glaze, and freshly cranked ice cream with hot fudge (thanks Joanne and Wick).

How much ski touring terrain will still be available after another 25 years? This next year may answer that question as Salt Lake County formulates its Canyon Master Plan. If you care about this, and you should, follow the Rambler and the Newspapers to learn how you can be part of the process which will set priorities.

The providers and consumers of the feast were: Bob Plummer, Jerry Hatch, Berz Henry, Bill & Kip Wallace, Gale & Ann Dick, Cindy Cranes, Hal Hadley, Cindy Peterson, Val Naet, Aaron Jones, Guy Benson, Anne Walthall, Christal Tysale, Hank Winawer, Mike Budig, Bob Wright, Ross McIntyre, Kathy Mulhausen, John Kortbami, Diane Goldsmith, K. Earl, Henry Whiteside, Kent Earle, Steven Wursti, Kris Green, Audrey Kelley, Kiva Kilmer, Ellie Ienatsch, Al Gavere, Joanne and Wick Miller, and Andy Petersen.





Photos by Allen Fickmeyer

# INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Confessions of a Sherpa  
by Vera Novak

Maybe its the relative youth of our culture, or perhaps the ruggedness of the geography... For one reason or another, Americans like extremes, in all things, including sports. We are either marathoners or peddle Reeboks, quarterbacks for the L.A. Rams or fully matured couch potatoes.

These profound musings tossed about in my mind as I was tossed about riding on a bus in Taiwan. I was secretly enjoying the other passenger's mockery of a jogger, who was pacing us out on the sidewalk, through blockades of motorcycles; dodging cars, people, children, and dogs. Amidst the gray buildings and muddy colored clothing of the Taiwanese, this pair of red candy striped shorts, complete with sagging cellulose cheeks, was no more in tune with the environment than this American girl's thatch of blond hair, wrapped in the wires of a set of earphones and completely oblivious to the world about her. Jogging in that smog laden air and on those congested, broken sidewalks was about as appropriate as it would be to streak around Temple Square during Conference weekend.

Going now to another scene, in Germany, Sundays are reserved for the "Volksmarsch", a leisurely stroll from one village to another, topped by a hearty lunch. The visiting Americans can always be distinguished from their London-suit European cousins by their sweat-suits and mostly by their pace. Just like a horse who has to be taught to trot, Americans would need to be taught to walk, because they seem naturally to break into a run. One could speculate that they are famished and are racing to the food awaiting them at the other end, but really they run because the only alternative they

know is to sit.

One other time before I had observed this particular phenomena. A group with which I was involved was in training for a mountain climb of Mt. Ranier. The other climbers had a great conviction that only by topping the summit would they reach nirvana. I knew that the summit was really just a patch of ice, but I carefully guarded my dissident feelings. The day of the climb, we were turned back by a fallen serac and a rumbling mountain. My fellow climbers were despondent, but I had some beautiful pictures from the midway camp, which was, I was sure, perched on exactly the same ice as the summit. I decided then that I had all of the qualities of a good Sherpa.

Therein lays the relevance of these reminiscences to the Wasatch Mt. Club. Through certainly a portion of the membership is of the American type A (for aggressive) sportsman variety, the Club is also a haven for us Sherpas. We, the slightly out of shape, pleasantly padded, weekend warriors are happily harbored in the shelter of those more ambitious athletes. We can watch them stride on ahead and then merrily plod along behind, carrying our five course lunch, taking frequent rest stops to enjoy the sunshine, and finally capping the day with a thoroughly satisfying beer or two. Total caloric intake to energy expenditure is on a one-to-one ratio, and the exercise level is carefully guarded from reaching the sore muscle stage.

This behavior is truly un-American. Perhaps this is why we all belong to a common club, pledging moral support to each other, swearing to secrecy of our deviant behavior. And yet, we actually hold a very distinguished position in the scale of athletes. For we are above the broad base of big-bottomed TV sportsviewers, and just below that small group driven by the need to excel. We are the contented lot in the

middle.

Each one of our groups has its own usefulness in society. Without the TV viewers, we might not have home-delivery pizza service; without the super-athletes, doctors would have no banged up knees to practice operating on. And without us, the other two groups would have no one to envy. So Sherpas unite and rejoice, for we are an admirable lot.

Snow caves

Photo by Linda Wilcox



Vince Desimone Hosts Social At His  
Park City Home For The WMC

Photo by Allen Eickmeyer

# IDAHO SAWTOOTHS

by Bob Myers

Over President's Day weekend, I lead a group of 14 people on a trip to Ketchem, Idaho to tour the Sawtooth Recreation Area. We stayed in two condo's and made day trips out of Ketchem for three wonderful days.

This year's trip was such a success, that plans were made to repeat this tour with additional provisions made for those who might also enjoy resort, tour center, courses & backcountry skiing. The spots skied may change depending on snow, although the drive to find descent powder will remain in mind!

My compliments to all those persons who came on my tour, excepting Jan Baker who got a shot at what advanced skiing means. She actually completed the ski tour. I was very happy. The first day tour off Galena Pass, the snow was "weird", meaning it was wet & settling all around, radiating shock waves when you put any pressure on the snowpack, and causing me concern where I was leading.

An experience & an evening of light snow helped me to determine that I had to go looking & put some miles under my boots - this is called touring. I lead a foursome while the balance skied either beginner - intermediate tours or returned to a slope, that we for the time-being, will call the cross, a southern exposure, with few trees. A clean slope with powder! My foursome wanted some mileage in & good snow in an upper bowl - headed toward Titus Peak, skiing slopes in the Titus Bowl making four or five runs on this hill, skiing out to meet our group shortly before 5:00 pm, at the Galena Touring Center at Galena Pass, only to met with Havtes on how good the "Southern" cross

had been. On the last day the group split - Some going to the downhill resort to cruise & the other either chasing powder turns at Galena, or skating at the Bigwater Track Center.

The Group: Susan Allen, Jan Baker, Dan Grice, Debby Sussman, Marty Slattery, Mort Pellat, Doug Merrill, John Kortbawl, Tom Silberstorf, Wick & Joanne Miller, Mike & Marilyn Treshow, and myself.

## WHITE PINE TOUR

by Kipp Greene

The day started out clear and cold as 9 WMC Members assembled for John Mason's Famous Tour. With an uneventful ascent we lunched atop a knoll between the lake and the shoulder of Red Baldy. The scenery was superb and the lunch short because all of us Powder Dog's couldn't wait to go skiing.

Ross was the first to ski, and as he did I paused to snap a photo of him with magnificent Red Baldy in the scene. As we thought, the snow was excellent. Effortless turns made by everyone.

The group then climbed again and skied down to White Pine Lake, and traversed to the dam. After another short climb, we ran across another long untracked slope. Once again, the dogs did well.

Traversing and skiing was the mode of the day, plenty of barking was done by all. Day's like this are rare and enjoyable.

Participants were Dan Grice, John Kortbawi, Walt Hass, Ross McIntyre, Ellie Ienatsch, Allan Gavere, Lynn Jorde, and Kipp Greene.

# WINTER CAMPOUT

by Aaron Jones      SEE PHOTOS ON PAGE 39

The morning light welcomed a group of hearty individuals as they gathered at the Park West 7-11 to prepare for an exploit with skis and snowcaves. After some collaboration the group assembled in motorcars and departed for the White Pine trailhead near Park City. The legendary Vince Desimone led this dashing band of wayfarers, including seven other Mt. Clubbers and two dogs, both conspicuously unencumbered by kegs of men's best friend.

Climbing upwards through a relentless snowstorm, peppered by the occasional noises of distant avalanches, the assemblage of indomitable snowmen trekked onwards to a deserted miner's cabin. After a smashingly sumptuous repast the adventurers set about the business of preparing for the long oncoming night. Vince utilized a shovel of enormous girth as he unceasingly dug into an adjacent hillside with occasional assistance from Linda, Monte, and yours truly. Dave and Doug sliced enormous chunks of snow and built an igloo that would warm the heart of any Eskimo. Audrey decided to pursue the path of the individualist and so erected her solitary tent staking it with long wooden poles. A bird gracefully landed on Audrey's outstretched ski serving as a harbinger that this would be no mere pedestrian experience but, indeed a venture that was in the realm of the ethereal.

Dinner was a time of great merriment and reveling as the troops recounted the day's adventures. Delightful dishes of almost unimaginable pleasure were prepared with a variety of herbs and spices and a very special ingredient called snow that required judicious melting to achieve it's full

fragrance and sapidity. My own dinner consisted of soup, noodles, and tea courtesy of Captain Lipton, a man who's image is easily recognized by everyone of good taste and culture. Also enjoyed was a bottle of wine that would satisfy the most discriminating of oenophiles.

After dinner we retired to the cabin drawing room to enjoy the finest examples of Western civilization. Happy campers recited the poetry of Robert Service while enjoying a crackling fire, delicious liqueurs, and the presence of not one, but two large dogs. This was an experience that was far superior to those days when similar exploits were accomplished wearing successive layers of Harris Tweed coats and a blanket bag to cover one's feet. Shortly, before departing for bed the mellifluous baying of coyotes was heard causing one to ponder was this love or merely fooling around.

Our skillful preparations allowed us to comfortably survive a night where others might have succumbed to the torments of the frost people that exist in these hills.

Dayspring saw the complete photographing of the adventurers and their nocturnal abodes, photographs that would undoubtedly be equally well received by both Architectural Digest and the Quarterly of the Explorer's Club. The Throng dispersed shortly thereafter with an additional side trip by Audrey, Dave, and Doug as they bodaciously stalked off to a neighboring yurt.

Tripsters included daytripper Cindy Heernes, tentress Audrey Kelley, iglooians Dave Minix and Doug Merrill, and snow cave denizens Vince Desimone, Linda Wilcox, Monty Young, canines Bear and Star, and your own slapdash scrivener Aaron.



# SKI PLAY

Brighton to Midway with light-hearted play, Anonymous

Act 1, Scene 1 - The Hillside Plaza Parking Lot

"Who are all the people with X-country skis!"

"The Wasatch Mountain Club"

"Where are you guy's going?"

"We're skiing from Brighton down into Midway"

The introduction continues between three-pinner. The comments from alpine skiers are an endless undercurrent. We travel onward through the canyon on the bus, chattering madly.

Scene 2 - Brighton

"The nice thing about skins is that you can go up slopes you would usually traverse. The problem with skins is that you Do go up slopes you'd usually traverse."

"Why are we going straight up under the lift?"

"Ask Dan (Grice), he's breaking trail!"

"I can't ski uphill as the crow flies!"

We finally made it to the top. Of course the skiers who are only on this trip because there is no MSD trip today are in front. The rest of us limp in slowly. The snow here is wonderful, hopefully an omen of the other side.

Act 2, Scene 1

"We ski along the ridge to those trees."

"Is this where skins come off?"

"For those of you who want to remove your skins, take them off. For those who don't - don't."

"Would all those who leave there skins on let the rest of us make first tracks?"

Off we went. There were several methods of descent. First of all were the graceful telemarkers. Poetry in action. Next went the gonzo down-the-

fall-line skiers, a challenge to our courage. Last but not least, those of us with more caution (fear?) kick-turn-and-traverse punctuated by chicken shit falls (Oh shit, I'm chicken: Fall Down).

Scene 2 - Lunch

Use your imagination dear reader. Add a dash of mulled wine, schnapps, tea and brandy. Fine food, good (non-alcoholic) spirits and powder hounds.

Scene 3 - The Trees and Brush

"This is some of the worst snow I've seen all year!"

"As soon as I said that I was enjoying watching you side-slip, you fell on your ass!"

"It's comforting to see so many good skiers kick turning and falling."

"Yeow-umph!"

Indeed, the trip down was, well shall we say an experience. Your humble author was on her second tour in the Wasatch. I'm alive, so it can't have been that bad (sure).

Act 4 - The Homestead

Unfortunately this act has been censored because the Rambler is not a cable-TV production. For those of you who wish to find out what really happened to the last third of a bottle of white wine, come next year.

Finale

Leading Actors: Ken Kelley, Mike Budig, Dan Grice. Supporting Crew: Jim Piani, Jane Kelley, Hank Winawer, Karen Perkins, Paul Pacini, Kip Green, Mary Fleming, Chris Biltoff, Nick Miller, Susan Allen, Ericka Hoflinger, Dick Hahn, Laurie Jess, John Green, Marty Slattery, Karl Largerberg, Mary Jo Shaw, Becky Piske, Holly Leeds, Barb Polleya.

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