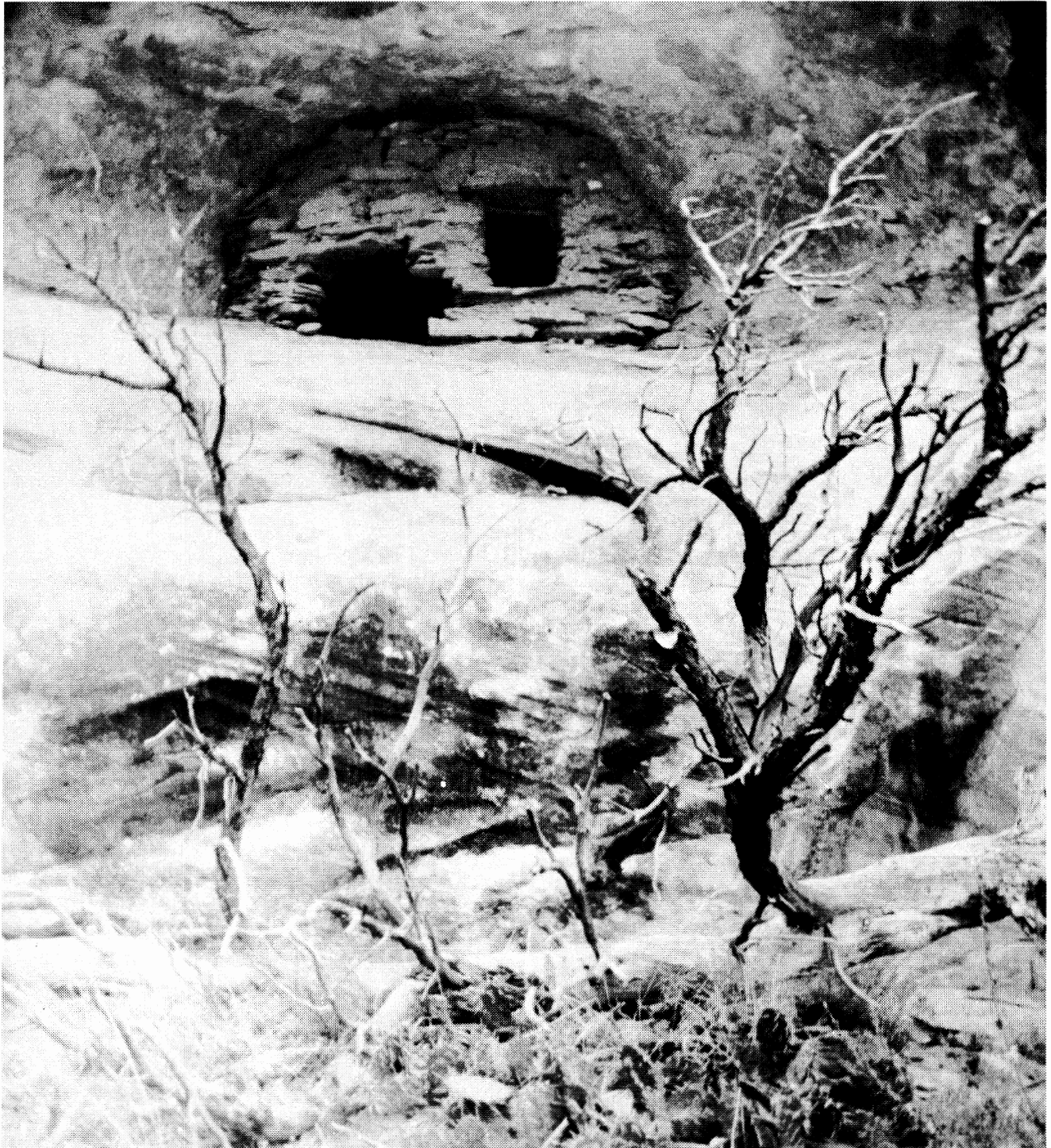


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WMC PURPOSE

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

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

April 6

The board accepted Guy Benson's proposal to distribute copies of the Club's biking activities to local bicycle shops.

The issue of liability was brought up. It is important that people sign the release form on club activities.

The conservation directors are planning trail clearing days. Four scenarios have been developed for the Canyon Master Plan, and will be discussed in May. The club will be defining important cross country ski areas.

Earl Cook, Club Vice President, was authorized to sign the publishing & distribution contracts for the new club guide book Hiking the Wasatch.

New Club brochures have been printed.

Next board meeting: May 4.

WELCOME

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

June Leventhal
Lynette Cole
Rhett Brooks
Jeanie Moore
Doris Spear
Bruce Coulter

Lynetta Domke
Craig Steury
Carol Revelt
Jack Campbell
Bob Valline

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.

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE 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. Meet at 6:30 pm; all hikes leave the meeting place at 6:45 pm 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 Hills 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.

A WORD ABOUT WMC HIKES

The hike rating indicates the difficulty of the hike. Hikes rated under 5 are easy, 5-8 are intermediate, above 8 are difficult. If the rating says "about" (for example "about 4.0"), it means the rating is an approximate guide. A hike may be more difficult than the rating would suggest. Watch for the terms "exposure", "rock scrambling", "bush whacking", and "steep". These terms, and the rating system, are fully described in the April 1986 Rambler.

If you are just getting into hiking, you may find that a hike's description does not tell you everything you want to know. If 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".

A WORD ABOUT WMC BICYCLE RIDES

Rides are rated Not Too Difficult (NTD), Moderate (MOD), or Most Difficult (MSD). These ratings are a subjective evaluation taking into consideration mileage and difficulty (hills). NTD rides will generally be less than 30 miles. MOD rides will be 30 to 50 hilly or up to 60 flat miles. MDS rides will be over 50 hilly or 60 flat miles. On all but newcomer rides, it is required that riders be equipped to be self-sufficient, i.e., bring water, food, tire repair tools, extra tubes, repair knowledge, and money. Inexperienced riders or riders unsure of their ability on a bicycle should consider protective gear. Sunscreen is also suggested. Helmets may be required on certain rides.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

(See the Chronological Listing for Details)

May

- 13 Arches Car Camp
- 14 West Desert
- 21 Indian Peak

May

- 1 Newcomers
- 2 Parleys Canyon
- 4 Millcreek Canyon
- 7 Sea to Shining Sea
- 9 City Creek Canyon
- 14 South Valley
- 15 Wanship

May

- 7 Weber
- 10 Gray Canyon Work
- 14 Gray Canyon
- 17 Yampa Work Party
- 20 Yampa River

Apr

- 1 Red Butte Overlook
- 1 Mt Aire
- 1 Newcomers Hike
- 5 Foothills
- 7 North Stansburys
- 7 Van Cott Peak
- 7 Burch Hollow
- 8 Perkins Peak
- 8 Mt Dell
- 8 Mt Olympus
- 12 Mill Creek
- 14 SL Overlook
- 14 Reynolds Peak
- 14 North Thunder Pk
- 15 Mt Ogden
- 15 Elbow Fork
- 15 Greens Basin

May

- 5 Storm Mountain
- 7 Climbing Course #3
- 12 Storm Mountain

May

- 22 Sunday Social

BACKPACKING

- 27 Kolob Canyon
- 28 Kaiparowitz Plateau
- 28 White Canyon
- 28 Horseshoe Canyon

BICYCLING

- 16 Emigration Canyon
- 18 Millcreek Canyon
- 22 Daisy Mae's Ride
- 23 City Creek Canyon
- 28 Layton Deli
- 30 Parleys Canyon

BOATING

- 22 Middle Fork of Salmon
- 24 Desolation Work Party
- 27 Desolation Canyon

HIKING

- 19 Foothills
- 21 Mt Aire
- 21 Lake Blanche
- 22 Grandeur Peak
- 22 Storm Mt
- 22 Butterfield Peak
- 22 Twin Peaks
- 26 Big Cottonwood
- 27 Moonlight Hike
- 28 Circle All Peak
- 28 Lake Desolation
- 28 Church Fork Peak
- 29 Gobblers Knob
- 29 Mt Olympus
- 29 Broads Fork
- 30 White Fir Pass

MOUNTAINEERING

- 19 Storm Mountain
- 21 Tanner's Gulch
- 26 Storm Mountain
- 28 Car Camp

SOCIALS

VOLLEYBALL

(Tuesday Evenings at South High Women's Gym, 6:30 pm)

June

- 11 LaSal Mountains

June

- 1 Wednesday Nt Ride
- 4 Willard Bay
- 5 Farmington
- 6 Emigration Canyon

June

- 7 Alpine Work Party
- 11 Alpine Canyon
- 13 Middle Fork of Salmon
- 19 Main Salmon
- 25 Alpine Canyon

May

- 2 Mill Creek
- 4 Flower Hike
- 4 Heritage Mt
- 4 Lake Blanche
- 4 Wildcat Ridge
- 5 Reynolds Peak
- 5 Newcomers Hike
- 5 Mt Raymond
- 9 Big Cottonwood
- 11 Beatout
- 11 Mt Raymond
- 11 Family Hike
- 11 White Pine Canyon
- 11 Mill B North
- 12 Days Fork
- 12 Lake Mary
- 12 Red Pine Lake

June

June

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC Director can be listed in the Club Activities section of the *Rambler*. Send your proposed activity, for approval, to the hiking, rafting, skiing, etc. director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Those activities sent directly to the *Rambler*, without approval, will not be published.

Sun. May 1

RED BUTTE OVERLOOK HIKE. Celebrate May Day with a hike to Red Butte Overlook via Georges Hollow. Rating 3.5. Barry Quinn will guide you, if you can find the Fort Douglas Cemetery in Research Park. Meet no later than 10:00 am. Phone 272-7097.

MOUNT AIRE HIKE. Rating 3.8. Norman Pobanz will head out at 9:00 am from the NW corner of Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Call Norman at 266-3703.

NEWCOMERS HIKE AND ORIENTATION. Here is a perfect chance to bring new members into the club in a low stress hike that will be pleasant but comfortable. Jon and Sandra Flakowski will gather all interested hikers at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 9:30 am. Phone 484-6725.

NEWCOMER'S BIKE RIDE. (NTD) Meet leader John Peterson at the 15th East entrance to Sugarhouse Park at 10:00 am for a quick lesson in group riding. A short ride of approximately 20 miles will follow a seminar on group cycling etiquette, courtesy, and safety. Call 277-8817 for details.

Mon. May 2

MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. (NTD) Parleys Canyon. Meet leaders Kermit Earle and Bob Weirick at 6:30 pm at the Eastwood Elementary School parking lot located at 3305 S. Wasatch Blvd. Join Kermit to ride to George Washington Park (16 miles) or Bob to ride to the summit of Parleys (24 miles). Helmets required for the summit ride. For details call Kermit at 268-2199 or Bob at 486-0133 (W), 487-4377 (H).

Tue. May 3

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at South High Women's Gym, 1700 S State. \$1.00. First half hour is for warmup and instruction. Call Jim for info at 943-3321.

Wed. May 4

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. (NTD) Millcreek Canyon. Meet leader Ceil Meade at 6:30 pm at ex-Bagel Nosh parking lot in the Olympus Hills Mall. Helmets are required for this leisurely paced ride. For more information call Ceil at 572-2035.

Thu. May 5

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Foothills hike. Meet in the parking lot just north of the Fort Douglas Cemetery. Drive east on Wakara Way (600 South) from Foothill Blvd. to 391 Chipeta Way. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on page 4.

Thu. May 5

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. In the late afternoon, drive 3.3 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon to Storm Mountain Picnic Ground. The climbers usually congregate around the large boulder in the lower parking lot. Grab a climb and later, squeeze a burger.

Sat. May 7

NORTH STANSBURY MOUNTAINS HIKE. Exact destination not determined, but rating is moderate. Meet at the Union 76 truck stop on I-80 west of Salt Lake (Tooele exit.) High clearance vehicles are necessary. Call Jim Frese at 1-882-5222 to plan for this unusual hike. Meet at 8:30 am.

VAN COTT PEAK VIA CEPHALOPOD GULCH HIKE. Rating 2.7. Meet Phil Berger at 9:00 am in the upper parking lot of the University of Utah Medical Center. Call 266-8560.

BURCH HOLLOW TO MOUNT AIRE HIKE. Rating is 6.0. Gerry Hatch will start off at 9:00 am from the rendezvous west of the old Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Phone 467-7186.

BEGINNER'S CLIMBING COURSE: Snow session. This will be an early one in order to catch the snow in its cold, higher altitude condition. We'll meet at Storm Mountain at 7:30 am to learn safety techniques on a snow field before the sun turns it to useless mush. Lunch at the picnic ground, then belay practice and another optional climb in the afternoon.

KAYAK/CANOE BOATING TRIP on the mighty WEBER (class II). The mighty Weber should be running by now. Plan to meet at 10:00 at KMART parking lot near the Regency theater. Call Mike Dege at 571-7684 for details.

SEA TO SHINING SEA BIKE RIDE PLANNING MEETING AND WARM UP RIDE. Come on up to Park City for a ride to the top of Deer Vally, Hot Tub, Barbecue, and a preview of our August coast to coast trip which was described in the April *Rambler*. We will have more details and you will be able to sign up if you want to. The total mileage of the coast to coast ride is about 3300 miles or about 60 miles per day for each of the four two week segments of the trip. This gives plenty of time for sight seeing and "cultural activities." The first leg of the trip is scheduled for August 6-21, and you are welcome to come on any part or all of the trip. There will be a sag wagon, and we will stay at bed and breakfasts or camp to keep costs to a minimum. Meet at Bob Wright's house, 3886 Holiday Curve, Park West Village at 3:00 pm. Call 1-649-4194 to register so we know how much food to get.

Sun. May 8

PERKINS PEAK HIKE. No details are available yet, but this hike is a sure thing. Check next month's *Rambler*.

SHEEP TRAIL - UPPER MT DELL RESERVIOR HIKE, rated an estimated 3. A car pool will take off from the Regency Theater at 9:00 am. Call the leader Denise Doebelling at 486-0493.

MOUNT OLYMPUS (TO THE TOP) HIKE. Rated 8.3. Join Tom Walsh for the first big one of the season. This is a good warm up for Thunder Mountain next week. Gather at 9:00 am at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center for a carpool to the trailhead. Phone 969-5842.

Mon. May 9

MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. (NTD) City Creek Canyon. Meet Sam Kingston at the gatehouse at the entrance to City Creek at 6:30 pm. This scenic ride ascends 7.2 miles up the canyon to the end of Rotary Park. Helmets required. Dinner afterwards at a nearby location (bring money.) For more information call smiling Sam at 355-8043.

- Tue. May 10 VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at South High Women's Gym, 1700 S State. \$1.00. First half hour is for warmup and instruction. Call Jim for info at 943-3321.
- GRAY CANYON BOATING WORK PARTY. This meeting will coordinate the upcoming Gray canyon trip. We will also orient beginners on the details of what to bring and what to do. Meet at the Oakwood storage center, 5585 S 320 W, #33 at 6:00.
- Thu. May 12 THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Mill Creek Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on page 4.
- EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 5 for details.
- May 13-15
Fri.-Sun. ARCHES CAR CAMP. This is our annual Mother's Day Car Camp and General Spring Celebration, held a week late because we couldn't get the campground for the Mother's Day Weekend. We have the large group campground reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Bring your kids! Call Noel de Nevers 581-6024 (office) or 328-9376 (home) for information.
- Sat. May 14 WEST DESERT HIKE. Donn Seely wants to lead a hike to a west desert mountain, perhaps Crystal Peak or Fossil Mountain or Hell N' Maria Kitchen or whatever the group wants. Call Don at 583-3143 to plan the outing. Meet at the Regency Theater parking lot at 7:30 am. Intermediate difficulty.
- SALT LAKE OVERLOOK HIKE, rated 3.5. No leader yet, but plan on leaving about 9:00 am from the Olympus Hills Shopping Center.
- REYNOLDS PEAK HIKE. Rating of 5.2. Joseph Gates will start this hike from the geology sign in Big Cottonwood Canyon parking lot at 9:00 am. Call 943-0957 for details.
- Sat. May 14 NORTH THUNDER PEAK HIKE. Via Sam Thomas Gulch. This is a revival of an old classic. Sam Thomas Gulch bypasses part of the treacherous Coalpits Gulch (sort of.) This will be a challenging, arduous, all day snow hike. Ice axes are mandatory. Register with John Mason for details and the starting time. Phone 581-1926.
- SOUTH VALLEY BIKE RIDE. This 38 mile ride will be a casually paced ride around the southern part of the Salt Lake Valley. The terrain is easy, with only a few short hills. Lunch at a restaurant. Meet Elliott (969-3976 after 6:00 pm) in the Salt Lake Community College parking lot at 4445 South Redwood Road (1700 West), at 10:00 am.
- May 14-15
Sat.-Sun. GRAY CANYON BEGINNING BOATING TRIP. The Green River may not be roaring this year, but sunshine, scenery, and water fights await us! This will also be a good trip for you kayakers who want to start the season on a friendly river. To reserve your place, send your \$25 deposit to Carl Cook, 2189 Atkin Ave., SLC, UT 84109, or call Carl at 485-4586 for details.
- Sun. May 15 MOUNT OGDEN HIKE. Estimated rating is 8.5. Meet at the Fred Meyer store in Ogden. Go north on I-15, exit at 12th Street in Ogden, go east to Freddie's. Leader Fred Duvall will launch the car pooling at 8:30 am. Phone 1-782-4737 (H) or 1-863-3182 (W).

- Sun. May 15 ELBOW FORK TO THE TERRACES HIKE. Rating 1.9. Irene Schilling will meet interested hikers at 9:30 am at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Phone 487-5343.
- GREENS BASIN HIKE. An easy and pleasant hike led by Howard Leaman. Call him at 277-4106 to set it up. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, near the geology sign at 10:00 am. Rating is a leisurely 2.5.
- WANSHIP TO ECHO BIKE RIDE. (NTD) Thirty easy and gorgeous miles with meandering streams, gamboling colts and little traffic. Meet at Wanship Country Store at 10:00 am. Leader Bob Wright. Call Bob at 1-649-4194 for more information.
- Mon. May 16 MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. (NTD) Emigration Canyon. Meet Marty Mason your gracious leader at 6:30 pm near (but DO NOT park in) the Hogle Zoo parking lot. Helmets required. This 17 mile round trip ride climbs to the top of Little Mountain. Dinner at a nearby valley location will follow. For more information, call Marty at 582-7619.
- Tue. May 17 VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at South High Women's Gym, 1700 S State. \$1.00. First half hour is for warmup and instruction. Call Jim for info at 943-3321.
- YAMPA BOATING WORK PARTY. This is the trip coordination meeting for those lucky people on the Yampa River trip. Meet at the Oakwood storage center #33 at 7:00.
- Wed. May 18 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. (NTD) Millcreek Canyon. See May 4th.
- Thu. May 19 THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Foothills hike - Meet at 6:30 and leave at 6:45 pm from the Mt. Olympus trailhead about 1/4 mile north of Tolcat Canyon, at 5600 Wasatch Blvd. Please be careful parking as the road is very heavily traveled. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on page 4.
- EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 5 for details.
- May 20-23 YAMPA INTERMEDIATE BOATING TRIP (class III). This is a wonderful river trip and Colorado has water! This river is Class III with one Class IV rapid. Send your \$25 deposit and experience to Patty Giffin, 6372 Boxwood Rd., SLC, UT 84121 or call 277-1168 for details.
- Fri.-Mon.
- Sat. May 21 TANNER'S GULCH - TRIPLE TRAVERSE SNOW CLIMB. This is a peak bagger's special. Approach Dromedary, Sunrise and Twin Peaks from Tanner's Gulch. Descend with a pleasant glissade down Broads Fork. Rated about 13.0 and a long day. Meet at 7:30 am at the geology sign. Ice axes are required and crampons are recommended too. Call John Kennington (942-0693) for information.
- MT AIRE VIA ELBOW FORK HIKE. This is one of the easiest 8621 foot peaks you will ever encounter. Call Lyn Nall at the work number of 237-4047 or the home number of 467-4043 for info. Meet at 9:00 am at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Rating is 3.8.

Sat. May 21

LAKE BLANCHE HIKE. Rated 5.7. This beautiful lake lies at the foot of Sundial, the peak on the WMC logo. Meet at the geology sign in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am. Russell Wilhelmsen will lead the hike; his wife will lead him. Call 583-2306 for information.

CITY BANK BIKE RIDE. (MOD and MSD) This is a ride sponsored by City Bank that will be of various lengths up to 100 miles. No details yet, so contact Jeff Levinson at 487-0540.

May 21-22
Sat.-Sun.

INDIAN PEAK CAR CAMP. Celebrate the anniversary of Lucky Lindy's Solo Transatlantic Flight by climbing Indian Peak (9784 feet) in the Needle Range near Nevada. On Sunday engage in luxurious habits and indulgences and enjoy an elegant brunch in the desert. Call Aaron Jones 467-3532 by May 17, for info.

Sun. May 22

GRANDEUR PEAK VIA THE WEST RIDGE HIKE. There is no trail, but the going will be easy with no appreciable bushwhacking. WMC rating is 6.7. Meet Oscar Robison at 8:00 am at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Phone 943-8500 to plan for it.

STORM MOUNTAIN VIA FERGUSON GULCH HIKE. This is a chance to enjoy a newly cleared trail, the product of WMC volunteer work last fall. James Sewall will start the hike at 8:30 am from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Call him at 268-3975 for exact details. The rating is 9.6 with an altitude gain of 4600 feet.

BUTTERFIELD PEAK HIKE IN THE OQUIRRHS. Call leader Gene Wooldridge for confirmation whether this tentatively scheduled hike can go. The route would be from the Tooele side up to the summit. There is a great view of the valley, if there is no smog. The meeting place and time will be established by the leader. Call 486-7331 for details. Rating is intermediate.

SALT LAKE TWIN PEAKS HIKE & PEAK-TO-PEAK SPRINT. Tired of getting no respect? Want to grow hair on your chest overnight? Like to be forever enshrined in the honor roll of perpetrators of macho stunts? Bring an ice ax and running shoes to the 11,330 foot summit of the Twins and join Peter Hansen's annual peak-to-peak sprint. Prerequisites are an ability to use an ice ax, leather-like lungs, and a willingness to suffer great pain. Oxygen bottles are optional. Can anybody beat Peter's record time of 122 seconds? Meet Peter Hansen at 8:30 am at the east end of Big Cottonwood Canyon parking lot. Phone 359-2040 for details. We extend a special invitation to female types to participate! The rating is 11.8 for the mountain and "d... hard" for the sprint.

DAISY MAE'S BIKE RIDE. (MSD) This is a 77 mile ride thru Tooele and Grantsville, stopping at Daisy Mae's for lunch. The terrain is mostly flat, with a few short hills. Meet Elliott (969-3976 after 6:00 pm) in the Salt Lake Community College parking lot at 4445 South Redwood Road at 9:00 am.

Sun. May 22

MAY SOCIAL. The garden at Old Farm is the site of our May social. Join club members and friends at 5:00 for good food, good conversation, and good fun. Elizabeth Norton will be our host at the Old Farm Lexington Village Social Center. Take the Old Farm entrance off 7th East at about 4100 South.

After the first speed bump, take the first left and follow the trail of balloons to the social center. Festivities begin at 5:00. Bring a dish to share, meat for the grill, and \$2.00 to cover costs of paper stuff and rental of the gardens. For more information call Roseann Woodward at 486-6184.

May 22-30
Sun.-Mon.

MIDDLE FORK of the SALMON ADVANCED BOATING TRIP (class IV). Scenery, hot springs, and wild water are in store for this trip. We may hit peak runoff on this trip, so please only advanced boaters apply. This trip was nearly full at print time, so call Jeff Barrell at 943-2836 for status.

Mon. May 23

MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. (NTD) City Creek Canyon. See May 9.

Tue. May 24

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at South High Women's Gym, 1700 S State. \$1.00. First half hour is for warmup and instruction. Call Jim for info at 943-3321.

DESOLATION TRIP BOATING WORK PARTY. This meeting will coordinate the upcoming Desolation canyon trip. Meet at the Oakwood storage center, 5585 S 320 W, #33 at 6:00.

Thu. May 26

THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on page 4.

EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN. See May 5 for details.

Fri. May 27

MOONLIGHT HIKE - GRANDEUR PEAK VIA CHURCH FORK. Rating is 5.7. It may be cold, so bring a coat. A flashlight with strong batteries is recommended. Binoculars will enhance the spectacular view from the top. Meet the leader Gene Wooldridge at 7:30 pm in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. For information call 486-7331.

May 27-30
Fri.-Mon.

KOLOB BACKPACK. A trip to one of Utah's prettiest places. Travel will be on Thursday evening with a Friday morning hiking start. Backpack will be about 7-8 miles with camp set up on the LaVerkin Creek. Day hikes are planned. Limit of 12 people. Register with Karen Perkins at 272-2225.

May 27-31
Fri.-Tue.

DESOLATION CANYON BOATING TRIP (class II). This trip has some wonderful scenery and beaches. Clara Elwell would like to make this a family trip, but requests that participants have some experience. She also needs boatmen to captain or row. Send your \$25 deposit to Clara Elwell, 4666 Clearview St., SLC, UT 84117 or call 272-5715 for details.

Sat. May 28

CIRCLE ALL PEAK VIA BUTLER FORK HIKE. Rating is an easy 3.7. This hike is only 319 feet lower than Mt Olympus, yet you need expend only 45% of the energy. Meet Rob Rogalski at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am. For information call him at 942-8142.

LAKE DESOLATION HIKE and beyond (maybe - depending on the group, the mood, and the weather.) Ted York will decide whether to descend via Beartrap or go back the way you came up. Be prepared for glissading. Meet Ted at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 am. Rating is about 6.0. Phone 487-4096 for additional info.

- Sat. May 28 CHURCH FORK PEAK VIA CHURCH FORK HIKE. Rating is 5.6. George Swanson will lead the hike starting at 9:00 am from the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Phone George at 466-3003 for information.
- LAYTON DELI BIKE RIDE. (MOD) A flat easy paced 55 mile ride to Liesel's European Deli in Layton. This is a very flat ride over quiet back roads to Layton for lunch and return. Meet at 9:30 am at the Utah Department of Agriculture Building at 350 North Redwood Road. Ride leader, John Peterson, phone 277-8817.
- May 28-30 KAIPAROWITZ PLATEAU EXPLORATORY CAR CAMP. Come explore
Sat.-Sun. the Kaiparowitz Plateau by four wheel drive vehicles. We will depart Friday the 27th after work, camp at the vehicles and return Monday (Memorial Day) evening. We will be doing some day hikes. There will be a transportation charge of approx. \$40 to compensate the vehicle owners for gas, wear, tear and risk to their vehicles. Send your \$40 to Chuck Ranney, 940 Donner Way #470, SLC 84108. Phone 583-1092.
- May 28-30 CRIPPLED CLIMBERS CAR CAMP. In deference to decadence and to the
Sat.-Sun. injured members of our contingent, we've scheduled a convenient car camp to reflect on the coming season and anesthetize our wounds. Probable southern Utah location to be established based upon weather prognosis and the patients' requests. Call John Kennington (942-0693) for details.
- May 28-30 WHITE CANYON BACKPACK. An interesting and extensive canyon near
Sat.-Sun. Natural Bridges. Plans call for a short pack in to establish camp; a day hike of 20 miles is planned. Limit of 12 people. Register by May 24 by calling Mike Budig at 328-4512. Trip rated moderate.
- May 28-30 HORSESHOE CANYON BACKPACK. The backpack will go down 2 Mile
Sat.-Sun. Canyon to the Green River and then up Horseshoe Canyon, with an opportunity to view some phenomenal petroglyphs. Limit of 12 people. Register with Mike Hendrickson, call evenings at 942-1476.
- Sun. May 29 GOBBLERS KNOB VIA BUTLER FORK HIKE. Bag this peak of 10,246 and a rating of 7.7 with Monty Young. Meet at the usual place (geology sign in the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon) at 9:00 am on Sunday morning. Register in advance - call 255-8392.
- MT OLYMPUS HIKE. Do this west facing peak before it gets too hot in the summer months. Rating on the WMC scale is 8.3. Meet at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center (where else?) at 8:00 am. Richard Conn will lead; phone him at 363-6035 for further information.
- BROADS FORK TO THE MEADOW HIKE. This moderate hike on the north approach to the Salt Lake Twin Peaks is rated 4.6. Meet the leader Barry Quinn at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10:00 am. For information call him at 272-7097.
- Mon. May 30 WHITE FIR PASS HIKE. For a Memorial Day observation go on an easy hike with Trudy Healy to White Fir Pass. The meeting spot is near the defunct Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 9:30 am. Trudy can be reached at 943-2290. P.S. the rating is 3.1

- Mon. May 30 MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. (NTD) Parleys Canyon. See May 2.
- Tue. May 31 VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at South High Women's Gym, 1700 S State. \$1.00. First half hour is for warmup and instruction. Call Jim for info at 943-3321. This is the last night for winter volleyball at South High.
- Wed. June 1 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. The course is a 8.5 mile loop suitable to both casual riding or interval training. Inasmuch as the course is a circuit, riders may do as many laps as they desire - making this ride ideal for both experienced and beginning riders. Helmets required. Pizza afterwards. Meet Elliott (969-3976 after 6:00 pm) in the Smith's parking lot at 665 West 5300 South at 6:30 pm.
- Thu. June 2 THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Mill Creek Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on page 4.
- Sat. June 4 FLOWER HIKE. The destination will be announced by the leader. Rating will be moderate to easy. Ellie Ienatsch will lead the group into terrain where flora abounds. Read the June issue of the *Rambler* for more information.
- HERITAGE MOUNTAIN HIKE. This is the mountain with the "Y" east of the BYU campus. This is the first of the yet to be developed BYU series of hikes. Just the thing for BYU sports fans, or people who might be interested in a possible sighting of peregrine falcons. Call Howard Wilkerson at 277-1510 for details about the meeting time and place. Rating is about 4.5.
- LAKE BLANCHE AGAIN HIKE. This ever popular hike will be led by Herta Denet (272-6906). Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:00 am. Herta will enforce a moderate pace. Rating is 5.7. Anyone trying to force the pace will be required to sprint around the perimeter of the lake carrying four daypacks of the leader's choice.
- WILDCAT RIDGE BACKWARDS HIKE. Our most difficult regularly scheduled hike will go up Mt Olympus, along Wildcat Ridge to Mt Raymond. Plan for a long, hard, high-altitude day, on a hike rated 15.4 on the WMC scale. Call the leader John Veranth at 278-5826 to register and plan this seldom done epic.
- June 4-5 WILLARD BAY OVERNIGHT BIKE RIDE. This is a ride sponsored by the
Sat.-Sun. Utah Department of Natural Resources and the Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club. The ride is 65 flat miles on both days. The entry fee includes supper Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning plus a T-shirt. Contact Jeff Levinson 487-0540 for details.
- Sun. June 5 REYNOLDS PEAK FROM BIG WATER TRAIL HIKE. This peak is 9422 feet, with a WMC rating of 4.4. Call Sanjay Prakash at 485-8195 for the necessary information about where and when to meet.
- NEWCOMERS HIKE. An easy paced hike to the Salt Lake Overlook via Lake Desolation Trail. Altitude gain is 1500 feet with a maximum elevation of 7240 feet. Rating is an easy 3.5. Bob Johnston will meet the interested hikers at the old Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 9:00 am. He can be reached at 942-8692.

- Sun. June 5 MT RAYMOND HIKE. Rating 9.0. Help Hank Winawer taper off from his duties as WMC President by joining him on this favorite hike, via Hidden Falls. Call Hank at 277-1997 for more information. The meeting time and place will be 9:00 am at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- FARMINGTON BIKE RIDE. (MOD) Meet leaders Bruce and Heidi Schatmeier at 9:00 am at the Utah Department of Agriculture building, 350 North Redwood Road. This is a 36 mile loop to Farmington for lunch and return. Bring lunch or buy it there. For more information call Bruce or Heidi at 466-9378.
- Mon. June 6 MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. (NTD) Emigration Canyon. Celebrate the Invasion of Normandy by riding up Emigration Canyon with your leader Marty Mason. See May 16th for details.
- Tue. June 7 ALPINE CANYON BOATING WORK PARTY. This meeting will coordinate the upcoming Alpine Canyon trip. Meet at the Oakwood storage center, 5585 S 320 W, #33 at 6:00.
- Thu. June 9 THURSDAY EVENING HIKE. Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on page 4.
- Sat. June 11 THE BEATOUT HIKE. (Red Pine Canyon to Pfeifferhorn to Bells Canyon.) This hike has been described as "the annual exercise in masochism." Instead think of it as a long and strenuous hike that has everything - snow fields, alpine lakes, several peaks, a ridge run, and the ruggedly beautiful Bells Canyon. You must bring an ice ax and the knowledge of how to use it. Call Larry Larkin at 521-0416 to register in advance.
- MT RAYMOND VIA BOWMAN FORK HIKE. If you missed last week's hike, here is a second chance. Rating is 9.0. The descent will be via Alexander Basin. Meet Bob Weatherbee at 8:00 am near the closed Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Call 278-8838 for details. Rated 9.0.
- FAMILY HIKE TO WILLOW LAKE. The easiest rating of 1.5 will be suitable for all but the smallest hikers. Paula Swaner will lead. Call her at 278-3124 (or 277-7123 during the week.) Details on the meeting place and time will be announced in the June *Rambler*.
- WHITE PINE CANYON HIKE. For a good chance to do some first class glissading, join Ken Kelley at 9:00 am at the geology sign in Big Cottonwood Canyon. This is rated fun. P.S. the numerical rating is 6.3. Ken can be reached at 942-7730.
- MILL B NORTH FORK TO THE OVERLOOK HIKE. For an easygoing activity, join Margaret McEwan for a relaxed hike overlooking the city. Call Margaret at 486-5012 during the workday, or 265-9037 at night to plan the time and meeting place. Rating: 1.8.
- June 11-12 ALPINE CANYON BOATING TRIP (class III). Alpine won't run long this Sat.-Sun. year, so go early and go often. To reserve your place, send your \$25 deposit to Carl Cook, 2189 Atkin Ave., SLC, UT 84109, or call Carl at 485-4586 for details.

June 11-12
Sat.-Sun.

LASAL MOUNTAINS BACKPACK. There will be a short carry in of about 3 miles from Warner Lake trailhead to set up camp in the Wet Fork of upper South Fork of Millcreek Canyon. An intermediate day hike is planned to the highest ridges from which panoramic views of Arches and Canyonlands can be enjoyed in this very alpine setting. Limit of 12 people. Register with Ann Cheves, evenings 355-0304 or days 530-4097.

Sun. June 12

DAYS FORK TO THE MINE HIKE. Trudy Healy has obligated herself to an easy paced hike. Meet her at the Geology sign in Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:00 am. This jaunt is rated a pleasant 4.6. Call Trudy at 943-2290.

LAKE MARY HIKE. The trail ought to be clear, but there should be enough snow remaining to make the scenery very picturesque. Holly Molberg will guide interested parties to the lake. Rating is an easy 1.7. Call her at 277-8365 for up-to-the-minute details. Meet in the parking lot in Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10:00 am.

RED PINE LAKE HIKE. Rating 5.3. Go for a double header; follow up yesterday's hike to White Pine with a Red Pine hike today. This is a great opportunity for a comparative evaluation of the merits of the two parallel canyons. Call Lyn Nall at 467-4043 to plan the trip. Meet at 9:00 am at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

June 13-19

MIDDLE FORK of the SALMON ADVANCED BOATING TRIP.

June 19-25
Sun.-Sat.

MAIN SALMON INTERMEDIATE BOATING TRIP. Send \$50 deposit and experience to Craig Homer, 3364 Sunnybrook Dr., West Valley City, UT, 84119. Also indicate which trip (Middle, Main, or both). Early sign-up is required. Trips will be finalized by mid-May and a planning session scheduled. There is NO trip leader for the Main Salmon, so a leader is needed quickly or this portion will not go. Call Craig at 968-1195 for details or to volunteer.

June 25-26
Sat.-Sun.

ALPINE CANYON INTERMEDIATE BOATING TRIP (class III). Reservations have been made at Astoria Hot Springs for this Wyoming boating trip on the Scenic and wild Snake river. Send your \$25 deposit to Peter Pecora, 3068 Plateau Dr., SLC, UT 84109 or call Peter at 486-5718 for details. This trip fills quickly, so act soon.

July 8-16
Fri.-Sat.

ROGUE RIVER ADVANCED BOATING TRIP. (Class III), with several class IV's and one class VI (portage time!). Join us for the best in wild and scenic rivers. Four days on the permit section and a possible extra day upriver. Wildlife includes bear, otter, ring-tailed cat, and black tailed deer. Sign-up early as the final participant list must be sent by mid-June. Send your \$30 deposit and experience to Marlene Egger, 4831 S. Wren Cir. #1, SLC, UT, 84117, or call Marlene at 277-2894.

April 14, 1988

David Vickery
Rambler Editor
1374 Thornton Ave.
SLC 84105

Dear David,


It's time to revive interest in the Speakers Bureau. I have remained in touch with Kevin Plettenberg of the Forest Service over the winter months in regard to this project, and he already has one appointment for us at a local elementary school to tell the sixth grade about the wonders and beauties of the Wasatch. In just a matter of days, there will be many youth leaders and others interested in the outdoors requesting information from the Forest Service about local recreational opportunities as they plan their summer activities.

The intent behind establishing a Speakers Bureau is to offer a community service, and also teach backcountry ethics and wise use of our local natural resources, helping to preserve them for all to enjoy.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their services either as a speaker, or as a contributor in any way is invited to call and let me know how they can help. Slides of the Wasatch are still needed to update the Forest Service "Leave No Trace" slideshow so that it shows the unique beauties of our local mountains. Some pictures will need to be posed, and club members may enjoy taking a hike and becoming part of the "cast" that will appear in the slides.

The Speakers Bureau provides an opportunity for those of us who are interested in educating the public about the splendors and fragile beauties of the Wasatch to become involved. Please tell them to call me at 272-2225. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,



Karen Perkins

SPEAKERS BUREAU

FROM THE

BOATING DIRECTOR

by Jeff Barrell

Runoff should be running as we read this and I'm out on a river somewhere. Runoff is early this year, so enjoy it while it's here because it won't last long. A recent report by the river forecast center for northern Utah reads: "The water supply outlook for the spring of 1988 is dismally low with most forecasts ranging from 40 to 65% of average." The report also adds that "some reservoirs in northern Utah may not fill this year." This means bad news for the local rivers (got your mountain bike yet?). Colorado will have "near to slightly below normal flows" for the Colorado, Roaring Fork, San Juan, and Yampa. Western Idaho did better this year than last and the Club is planning some Payette and Salmon trips.

Snowpack may be low, but enthusiasm is running high in the Club. The trip planning meeting proposed 22 trips this season! Many thanks to those people who applied for permits and also to those who volunteered to lead these trips. The trips are listed in the table on the opposite page; each trip lists the leader's name and an ability level (II= beginner, III= intermediate, and IV= advanced). Difficulty can change with water level, so these are general categories. Be honest about your abilities with yourself and other boaters. There are NO trip leaders for those trips with a "?" and these trips will not go unless we find a leader quickly. The BLM rivers (i.e., Desolation, San Juan, and Westwater) require a fee payment 3 weeks prior to launch, so please sign up early by sending a deposit to get on the list. In addition to a deposit, the trip leader needs your phone #, your experience (what rivers you've done and when), and whether you want to paddle, row, or kayak. Paddlers are placed on a waiting list until a competent captain signs up, which will allow 4 paddlers to go (6 for daily runs). With the shortage of captains in the Club, there will be

paddlers left out. The deposit is your commitment to go and can be refunded if a replacement is found. Call the trip leader for questions, but please don't overdo it.

Thanks to those who helped out at the work party. The Club gear was repaired, cleaned, and readied for another season. The Club has a "core" of good, helpful people that makes my job much easier. Thanks again. We'll see you on the river.

FROM THE KAYAKING COORDINATOR

PACKING FOR A RIVER TRIP

by Mike Dege

River running season is upon us and I would like to have aspiring and veteran boaters consider the advice of a sadder but wiser club boater concerning river gear.

The first thing to consider is what is allowed. Glass or breakables of any kind are frowned upon. The saying in the club goes: If we find any glass in your river gear we will grind it up and put it in your sleeping bag. Seriously, in one year, the club broke two iron dutch ovens. Loading and unloading gear is hazardous to delicate items!

Next consider the amount of gear. Almost everyone tends to bring much more than they need. I myself am guilty of running decadent river trips, but no more. There used to be a time in the club when we ran river trips with paddle boats only. Now it seems we need at least two oar rigs to carry the lawn umbrellas and the plastic flamingos. Beer and sodas have been a habitual offender. Instead of bringing 12 cases of brew, try bringing powdered soft drinks.

Next, what do I pack this junk in so it doesn't get wet? River bags, of course. These are bags made from a rubber or plastic waterproof fabric with a roll type closure. They are sold in almost all outdoor stores nowadays or try borrowing some for your first few times. Make sure that they are made from a sturdy ripstop material and PLEASE do not buy the big ones.

If you have ever loaded a boat and tried to find a place to stash, or even tried to lift one of the large size river bags you will agree two small bags are better than one. How small? The size of a grocery bag, about 2 cubic feet is large enough. Two bags should be sufficient, one for your clothes, toiletries, etc. and one for your sleeping bag and tent.

The total weight of your gear should be no more than what you would bring on an equally long backpack trip. This should be sufficient considering cooking gear, food and water are packed as community gear.

Personal gear such as suntan lotion and jackets that must be available while paddling can be carried in smaller lunch sack sized roll top bags. The ammo boxes used previously in the club to carry such necessities will not be allowed. Steel ammo boxes are extremely dangerous if a raft is flipped.

Most cameras can be wrapped in a shirt for protection inside a bag, or there are even inflatable protective camera bags made just for this purpose. There is no longer a need for ammo boxes. Remember to bring some caribeeners to attach these bags to the raft.

I hope you will join me in trying to make our club boating trips less complicated and more enjoyable.

1988 BOATING TRIPS

TRIP	CLASS	DATE	LEADER	PHONE
GRAY CANYON	II	MAY 14-15	CARL COOK	485-4586
YAMPA	III	MAY 20-23	PATTY GIFFIN	277-1168
MIDDLE FORK	IV	MAY 22-30	JEFF BARRELL	943-2836
DESOLATION	II	MAY 27-31	CLARA ELWELL	272-5715
ALPINE	III	JUNE 11-12	CARL COOK	485-4586
MIDDLE FORK	IV	JUNE 14-19	CRAIG HOMER	968-1195
MAIN SALMON	III	JUNE 19-26	???	
ALPINE	III	JUNE 25-26	PETER PECORA	486-5718
PAYETTE	III	JULY 1-4	MIKE DEGE	571-7684
ROGUE	III	JULY 9-17	MARLENE EGGER	277-2894
GLENWOOD SPRINGS	IV	JULY 22-25	MARLENE EGGER	277-2894
CATARACT	IV	AUG 3-7	RANDY KLINE	466-8387
WESTWATER	III+	AUG 13-14	???	
WESTWATER	III+	AUG 20-21	MIKE DEGE	571-7684
WESTWATER	III+	AUG 27-28	CRAIG HOMER	968-1195
WESTWATER	III+	SEPT 4-5	JIM BROWN	359-0754
RUBY/WESTWATER	III+	SEPT 17-18	JEFF BARRELL	943-2836
WESTWATER	III+	SEPT 24-25	MARLENE EGGER	277-2894
WESTWATER	III+	OCT 8-9	???	

CANOE CLINIC

FROM THE CANOEING COORDINATORS

by Kathy & Randy Klein

There is a new magazine on the racks, canoe-folks. It's called the "Canoesport Journal", and is issued for times per year. Volume 1, Number 1 was Autumn, 1987, so it's not too late to try and accumulate a complete set. There is not much slick advertising, mostly articles about equipment and trips. There are also many columns discussing paddling technique written by several of the country's acknowledged experts. Locate a copy at your favorite paddling shop, I think you'll be pleased.

The journal's first "Wildwater" column by Steve Scarborough talks about the mistake of beginner or advanced beginner boaters entering directly into Class III whitewater, and after five or six swims in a day telling their friends that they can paddle such water (these are the lucky ones, some may be injured or damage their equipment.) Steve observes that more and more folks are "flipping down their Gold Cards for the latest plastic water beast and heading for the closest adrenaline rodeo without bringing a single river smart with them." This applies to all hardboaters, canoeists and kayakers alike. So let's all be conscious of our skills and take it one step at a time.

If you missed the Gray Canyon beginning whitewater trip April 30, there is a repeat performance May 14. There may or may not be canoeing supervision available (contact the canoeing coordinators.) If you're ready to try Class III with a little help from your friends, there should be an Alpine Canyon instructional trip in June or July.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL

Would all those interested in summer volleyball at Westminster College please contact Jim Elder, 943-3321. We are trying to determine how much interest there is for summer volleyball. A coordinator is needed.

A two day Canoe Clinic will be held on May 14th and 15th on the west shore of Stansbury Island. This clinic, hosted by the Bear River Canoe School, is recommended for anyone who has not had instruction before, even if you have had some canoeing experience.

We will be learning and practicing draw strokes, prys, sweeps, combination back strokes, braces and tandem paddling combinations of strokes.

The cost for the two day clinic is \$55, (\$10 off for WMC members.) A seat in a canoe with paddle and vest is an additional \$10. Please send a check to confirm your interest to Bear River Canoe School, 943 McClelland Street, SLC, UT, 84105, or call 533-9090 for more information.

WASATCH CANYONS MASTER PLAN MEETING

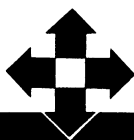
by Ann Wechsler

Development of scenarios for the Wasatch Canyons Master Plan is now entering its final stage and the time for public comment on these scenarios is expected to be in May. A public hearing is anticipated in the near future, and a 30 day comment period will follow. This is not the final plan and, therefore, you can play a crucial role in shaping it.

Please take the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the issues and how you can best respond to the options presented. Attend a meeting of SAVE OUR CANYONS to be held on Tuesday, May 10th at the First Unitarian Church, 560 South, 13th East, at 7:00 pm. Representatives from the Citizen's Advisory Committee will be there to update you on the planning process, and you can help us to formulate a broad-based response from SAVE OUR CANYONS. The future of your canyons is at stake.

Non-members are welcome and refreshments will be served. The Citizens Committee to Save Our Canyons can be contacted at PO Box 8671, Foothill Station, SLC, 84108.

FROM THE



INFORMATION DIRECTOR

by Linda Wilcox

WESTMINSTER WELLTH WEEK

The Wasatch Mountain Club operated a booth on April 6 at Westminster College as part of Westminster's Wellth Week emphasizing health and fitness. We passed out brochures and lists of Club activities and talked with several people about the Club. Aside from getting more information out and helping to make new friends for the Club, there were side benefits in the form of exciting karate demonstrations and the opportunity to participate in testing for body fat content, blood pressure, and general cardiovascular fitness. Many thanks to those who helped in this project: Neil Hinckley, Ton Netelbeek, Earl Cook, Tom Silberstorf, and especially Alexis Kelner for creating the display items in the form of Club emblems and photos. A job well done by all!

WASATCH INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

You know those wonderful informational pamphlets that you see when you visit national parks? The Forest Service is not wholly responsible for these, as we might assume. In most cases they are the product of cooperative efforts by the Forest Service with private non-profit organizations called "interpretive associations," which exist all over the country - but not in Utah - yet, that is. Although until now our area of the country has been about 20 years behind the rest of the nation in this respect, that lag is about to be remedied, thanks to the Wasatch Interpretive Association. This is a new organization now being formed which some Club members may be interested in. The goal of this group is to provide educational and informational materials through working with the Forest Service so they can produce and sell pamphlets as described above.

An organizational meeting was held early in April which involved interested persons from the Forest Service as well as some state agencies and other groups. This is a non-profit organization, and all who are interested are invited to become involved. Please contact Club member Mike Herrick at 561-0472 for more information.

KRCL PROJECT

Scripts for our series of spots on KRCL are now in progress. We are hoping to create several from material in "archival" *Ramblers* to begin with. If all goes well, we should have them in production in May, so you may be hearing them soon.

As explained in last month's issue, we are most anxious to receive scripts from any Club member who would like to contribute. Please contact Allen Eickemeyer at 1-649-3632 or myself at 363-6444. Thanks!

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CONSERVATION NOTES

by Chris Biltoft and Mary Fleming

Master Plan Scenarios Surface

Four draft scenarios have emerged for the Wasatch Canyons Master Plan. The scenarios present land use management strategies ranging from the "Developers' Dream," maximizing downhill ski area expansion, to a "Leave it Alone" dispersed recreation alternative. All scenarios require a Big Cottonwood sewer. Three scenarios provide for some form of ski interconnect. While the scenarios are not site-specific, it is likely that discussion will focus on ski area expansion into White Pine and Silver Fork, and interconnect. A further twist in the planning process comes with the announcement by Congressman Wayne Owens of a bill to create a Wasatch Front National Recreation Area. Details of this bill are not available, but it would likely bring additional funding to the Wasatch Forest and require a major adjustment in forest management.

It is clear that recreation use of the Wasatch will increase dramatically over the next decade. The Canyons Master Plan should guide this recreation development. To preserve water and backcountry recreation quality, it will be necessary to minimize motorized access and in-canyon commercial development, and maximize use of mass transit. This must be clearly and forcefully stated in the Master Plan. Save Our Canyons will have a 7pm meeting Tuesday, 10 May at the Unitarian Church to review and discuss Master Plan scenarios. Everyone interested in canyon recreation should plan to attend.

Rockets Red Glare, Bombs Bursting in Air

Exciting events are coming soon to the West Desert, courtesy of your Dept. of Defense. The Intermediate Nuclear Force (INF) treaty requires destruction of 100 or so Pershing missiles. Disposal is by burning or static firing. Prominent among proposed disposal sites is the Tekoi rocket motor test facility in Skull Valley. The rocket motors go off with a great roar and flame, creating a white plume containing hydrochloric acid. A draft environmental impact statement is circulating for review and will eventually be available for public comment. Also, summer campers at Simpson Springs will be entertained by massive artillery barrages delivered by the National Guard.

These training exercises, conducted on a Dugway artillery range, will kick up much dust and smoke, and will likely create a "no plants land." While the individual impact of these events on air quality is probably minimal, the cumulative impact of all recent west desert activities is unknown. Visibility, which now regularly exceeds 30 miles, could be greatly reduced. A cumulative air quality impact study is needed.

Nature Conservancy News

The Nature Conservancy has recently completed several innovative real estate transactions designed to protect wetlands. They acquired several ranches in the Ruby Marshes just east of the Ruby Mtns, NV. This ephemeral wetland is habitat for many waterfowl species, peregrine falcon, and the relict dace—a rare desert fish species. Acting prior to a foreclosure deadline, the Nature Conservancy, in a cooperative venture with the American Farmland Trust, has enabled the ranchers to repurchase their property at cost, subject to a conservation easement, thereby preserving both the wetlands and a way of life. Another innovative transaction involves the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and the Utah Div. of Wildlife Resources (DWR) in the purchase of 1730 acres along the Strawberry River. The Nature Conservancy will control a 2430-acre corridor extending from the Soldier Creek Dam to the Strawberry Pinnacles until Central Utah Project mitigation funds are available for the BOR to purchase it. The DWR will then manage the land as a Class II flyfishing stream. The Nature Conservancy is seeking capital to continue these conservation efforts. Call 521-1034 for further information.

Losing Plans for Public Lands

The BLM and Forest Service continue to develop plans to lose money on public lands. The BLM plans to chain down patches of forest in a corridor between the Mt. Ellen and Mt. Pennell Wilderness Study Areas. Increased forage will generate \$1000. per year in grazing fees for a cost of \$200,000. Meanwhile, the Forest Service continues its "fire Sale" leasing of the Uintas North Slope. These below-cost sales are not only environmentally destructive, but also economically debilitating. A change in public land management attitude to include the concept of fiscal responsibility is desperately needed.



MOUNTAINEERING

by John Kennington

The Master Planning process for the local Wasatch Canyons is now at a critical stage. With the scoping process completed, the consultant has developed a series of scenarios of how the canyons may be utilized in the future. To be published soon, it will then be our turn as users to comment on how appropriate we think these choices are. This public comment period will be our one shot to influence long term canyon land use for many years to come. Please regard this as a most critical issue and become involved. For additional information watch the Conservation Column in the *Rambler* or contact the Save Our Canyons organization.

I would like to announce the resumption of the "Cans for Climbers" crusade this year. This program, designed to tap the prodigious resource of mountaineers' spent aluminum cans will also serve to spruce up the nation's highways and the Mountaineer's bank account in the Club. Any spare aluminum that you can donate to this worthy cause will be most appreciated. Please call me to arrange pickup.

This month starts a lively schedule for the summer. In addition to a local event or two, we'll be going to Southern Utah and also honoring our infamously known crippled climber contingent.

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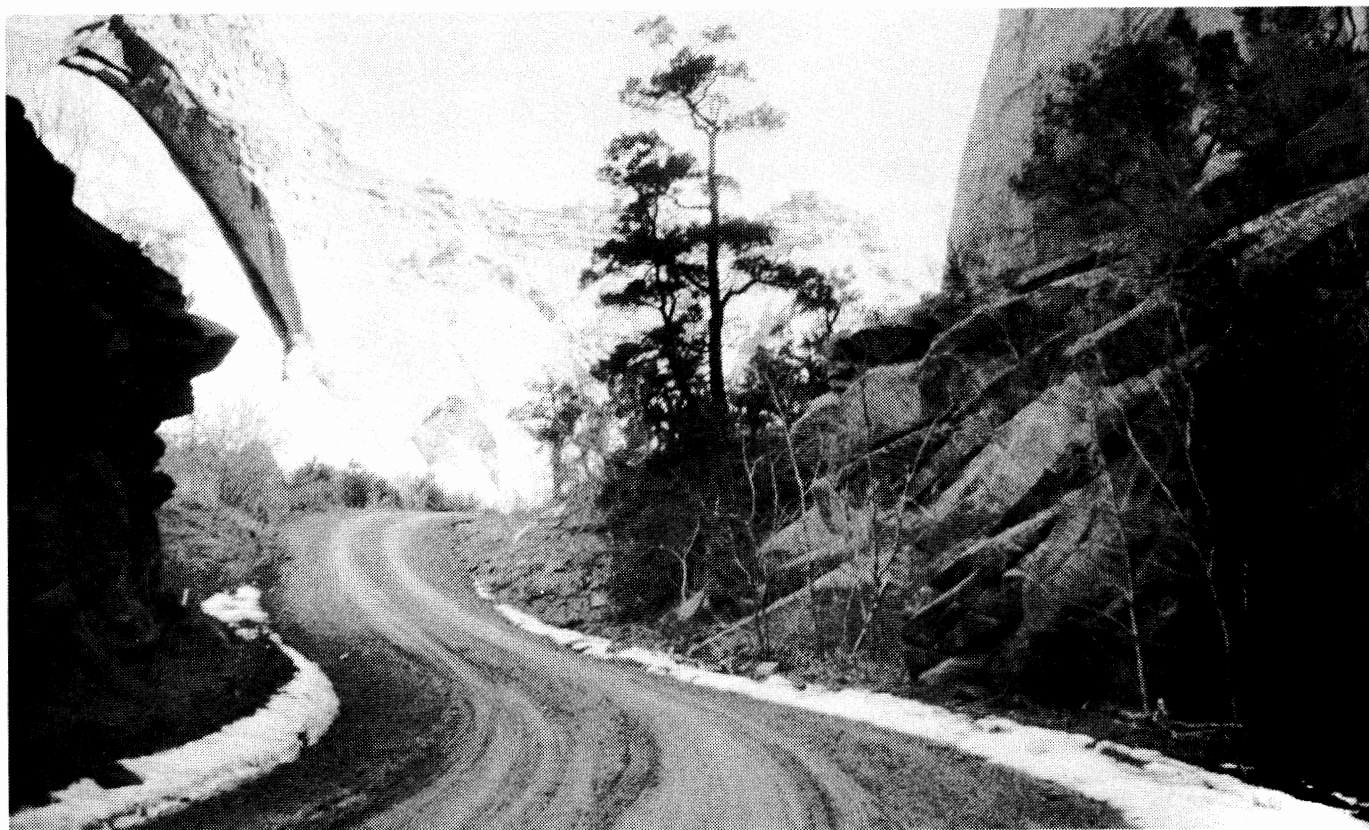
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Burr Trail in Long Canyon, Photo by Elliott Mott

ANNUAL GOURMET SKI TOUR

April 10, 1988

by Gale Dick

Have we been holding the Gourmet Ski Tour annually for 25 years? It's possible, although no one seems to remember exactly when it started. In any case, it has become a pleasant tradition. Over the years we've been snowed on, frozen, and stormed at. On rare occasions we've wimped out because of weather. We've held it in Albion Basin, White Pine Canyon, Red Pine Canyon, Day's Fork, Desolation Lake Trail, and other places that no one remembers but in recent years we seem to have found the ideal spot: Green's Basin. It's the place, evidently, that we had been looking for all those years and finally found. A wonderful spot: a broad flat snow covered meadow edged with conifers on one side and aspens on the other. A little bit of everyone's favorite Wasatch ingredients.

In all those years and wanderings we certainly never had a more brilliant or perfect day than we did this year. It was intoxicating weather and air, ambrosial even without the splendid buffet lunch. (The idea of the Gourmet Ski Tour, in case you haven't participated in one, is to go just as far from the road as you can carry a truly extravagant picnic.)

Menu items from the 1988 celebration: Cobb salad, tibouli, fruit salad, assorted breads, stuffed olives with bread sticks, oysters, alouette and crackers, fruits, rotkoll mit apfeln und weisswein, chocolate eclairs with pineapple and strawberries, rondele and port wine cheese, salmon pate, cream cheese brownies, cheese ball and wheat thins, stuffed artichokes, sausage rolls, cold chicken in oyster sauce, pecan pie, strawberry shortcake, shrimps and cocktail sauce, crab-stuffed mushrooms, marinated artichokes, Swedish cardamom bread and Lorrain Swiss cheese. Someone named Joe

Cool claims to have brought marijuana brownies but no one seems to have noticed anything peculiar. We toasted our beloved Wasatch Mountains and the great Maitre D' in the sky who provided the weather. We also lifted a glass to the next ski season - may it be the one we didn't get this year.

Celebrants (in the order of signing up): Gale and Ann Dick (leaders), Doug Craig, Henry Wolking, Joel Rosenberg, Lee Taylor, Hank Winawer, Jerry Hatch, Guy Benson, Linda Hatcher, Mike Treshow (Sr. and Jr.), Donna Kramer, Vince Desimone, Audrey Kelley, Joe Cool (there he is again), Linda Wilcox, Wick and Joanne Miller, Ann McDonald, Kathy Muhlhausen, Ross McIntyre, Allan Gould, Ellie Ienatsch, Susan Aller, Robert Myers, Jane and Ken Kellwy, Bob and Mary Johnson. Welcome to you all, especially the first timers. See you next year!

VAN COTT PEAK

April 10, 1988
by Jack Winter

Spring fever had descended with a heavy "kusch!" as we met to kick off the season for most of us. This is a hike that never loses its view...it just keeps getting better.

The weather had folks peeling clothes as we went. After a rather steep beginning, we settled down to a steady pace appropriate for un-used climbing muscles. Even the four munchkins in the group found the pace to their liking.

Jim Wood led us unerringly to the top, and his description of what comes next was delightful. A strange weather phenomenon occurred just as we reached the top. The wind, which had been steady all morning, suddenly dropped to zip as Carol Lindsay brought out her stickless kite from Kirkham's. Good thing too, because with wind, she would have been all out of excuses why it wouldn't fly. Sticks or no sticks, wind or no wind, it did not fly.

Van Cott has a perfect birds-eye view of



Photo by Guy Benson

University Hospital, the U, and outward from there. Nostalgic references to Red Butte Canyon were also in order.

The participants were: Jim Wood (leader); Alex, Jim, Cheryl & Erin Brown; Kennita, Jules, Justin & Phil Berger; Peggy Reiner, Claudia Sippel, Carol Lindsay, Jack Winter, and joining us for the trip down, Norm Fish.

ESCALANTE EASTER ESCAPE

April 1, 1988
by Merla Eaton & LeeAnn Floyd

The day of departure dawned with angry canyon winds, fresh snow on the benches, and cold wintery temperatures, as these two novice backpackers loaded up for Escalante. We all met at 9:00 am on Friday, April 1st on Hole in the Rock Road, six miles south of Escalante.

No April Fools jokes were heard by the handful of hearty campers who had braved the 20 degree weather. We were all leary of the weather that lay ahead, as we bumped down the dirt road for about 33 miles heading for Hurricane Wash. There we left our leader, Russel Patterson's car and continued for about ten miles down the road in deep sand to leave the other cars.

Now was the time for true endurance. We donned our packs and hiked about four miles along Forty Mile Ridge. At this point, we had to remove our packs and lower them by rope over the ridge into Coyote Gulch, while we squeezed through a narrow crevice. After this adventure, we were relieved to lunch overlooking the magnificent view of Coyote Gulch and Steven's Arch.

Forging on down to the water (the weather now gorgeous), the more experienced hiked a few miles downstream to the mouth of the Escalante River and Steven's Arch while these two first-timers decided to be rock potatoes in the sun. Upon the group's return, five split off because of the Ranger's warning about maximum group size, while the majority waded another mile upstream until we found the perfect campsite. It was a huge primitive overhang complete with rushing water and red rock panorama.

The next morning we began walking in ankle deep water, intrepidly climbing several waterfalls, scrambling to the top of Jug Handle Arch, and finding Anasazi Indian grain storage bins high in the cliffs. Coming down from the cliff raised a bit of anxiety in all of us and brought a declaration from Dana that she wished she were back home in front of the TV! We also took a quarter mile detour to a black lake, and viewed the beautiful Coyote Natural Bridge and Jacob Hamblin Arch.

We ended our nine mile creekbed hike at the end of the stream in Hurricane Wash with just enough water in stagnant pools to filter one jug each for the last day's hike. Our two seven year olds had not only kept up cheerfully the whole way, they still had enough energy to play frisbee in camp. That night we were lulled to sleep by the singing of the frogs and awakened to find that we had been visited

by the Easter Bunny (possibly helped by the Easter Frogs.)

We loaded up packs on weary legs and backs and sadly left the beautiful slick rock behind. Walking the last three miles through the sandy desert, we all agreed it had been a wonderful and memorable trip.

Written by now experienced backpackers - Merla Eaton and LeeAnn Floyd. Other Easter Escapees included: Don Ashton, Earl Cook, Kermit Earle, Grace Floyd (7 years), Dana Green, Steve Hegler, Bev Henry, Arnold Nestel, Russell Patterson (leader), Mark Patterson, Scott Patterson, Joan Proctor, Ben Sukow (7 years), Jack Sukow, Kris Walker, and our mascot, Baby Green-Nestel.

KINGS PEAK

April 2, 1988

by Larry Swanson

Winter passes into spring officially with the annual rite of passage - the Kings Peak ski tour. In spite of the melt-down on the Wasatch Front the snow pack in Henry's fork was at least a foot deeper than normal for the big event. All good things have a price. The price was full on trail breaking. The reward was an absolutely perfect day for the upper basin and the peak. No wind, lots of snow, lots of sun, and very useful for the somewhat late finish - a full moon.

A nice existing track in the morning turned out to be an April Fools joke. It wandered up and down and dead ended on a brushy ridge way off route. A little trail breaking is good for the character I'm sure. The group was well diversified, some old regulars, and some first timers.

Ski tourers were: Jim Byrne, Bruce Coulter, J. Dewell, Henk Meuzelaar, Nelleke Meuzelaar, Sharyl Smith, Larry & Steve Swanson (leaders), Tony Torri, Steve Walker.

Salt Lake Sierra Club Group 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 Geology Sign at the mouth of the canyon. For hikes in Little Cottonwood Canyon meet at the parking area a few yards northwest of the fork at the mouth of the canyon. If you have any questions call the leader.

TUESDAY MAY 3

Church Fork in Millcreek Canyon.
Leader Amy O'Connor, 942-1225

SUNDAY MAY 8

West Desert outing. Call leader
Dick Dougherty after 6 PM at
322-4610.

TUESDAY MAY 10

Broad's Fork in Big Cottonwood
Canyon. Leader Doug Clark, home
562-1706, work 486-7481.

SATURDAY MAY 14

Intermediate to difficult hike to
Mt. Raymond in Big Cottonwood Canyon
via Mill B North Fork. Bring
gaiters in case of snow. Meet at
the Geology Sign at the mouth of the
canyon. Call leader Geof Silcox at
531-6665.

TUESDAY MAY 17

Mill A Basin via Butler Fork.
Leader Jim Janney, 521-0538.

TUESDAY MAY 24

White Pine Canyon in Little
Cottonwood. Leader Jim Catlin, home
531-7552, work 582-5847.

TUESDAY MAY 31

Salt Lake Overlook in Millcreek
Canyon. Leaders Wendy and Kev
Perry, 487-1478.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY JUNE 3-5

Backpack to Swasey Peak in the House
Range west of Delta. Register with
leader Doug Clark by May 26th at
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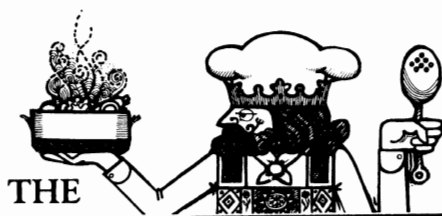
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THE

GRUBBY GOURMET

by Roseann Woodward

MUSHROOM SOUP

This is no joke - Polish food is great. And - surprises never cease - I always thought Warsaw was in Wisconsin. But anyway, try this Polish version of Mushroom Soup for a rainy summer evening.

1/4 lb mushrooms
9 cups strong Beef Stock
1 cup butter
1 finely chopped onion
1 tablespoon cornstarch
salt to taste
sour cream

Rinse mushrooms well and slice. Put in sauce pan with beef stock. Simmer until tender. Meanwhile, heat the butter in a heavy skillet and cook the onion until golden brown. Add to soup. Blend the cornstarch with some of the stock and stir into soup. Simmer until thickened. Season with salt and pepper and serve with a tablespoon of sour cream.

Grubby doesn't recommend this soup for dieters.

SKY CALENDAR FOR MAY

by Ben Everitt

MOON

Last Quarter	May 8	June 6
New Moon	May 15	June 14
First Quarter	May 23	June 22
Full Moon	May 31	June 29

PLANETS:

MERCURY is back in the evening sky, and will be highest above the western horizon, near the new moon, May 16-18.

The bright planet in the evening sky is VENUS; JUPITER is now behind the sun and out of view.

SATURN is in the constellation Sagittarius, which now rises late in the evening. MARS, drifting eastward against the background of stars, will be in Capricornus or Aquarius, still rising after midnight.

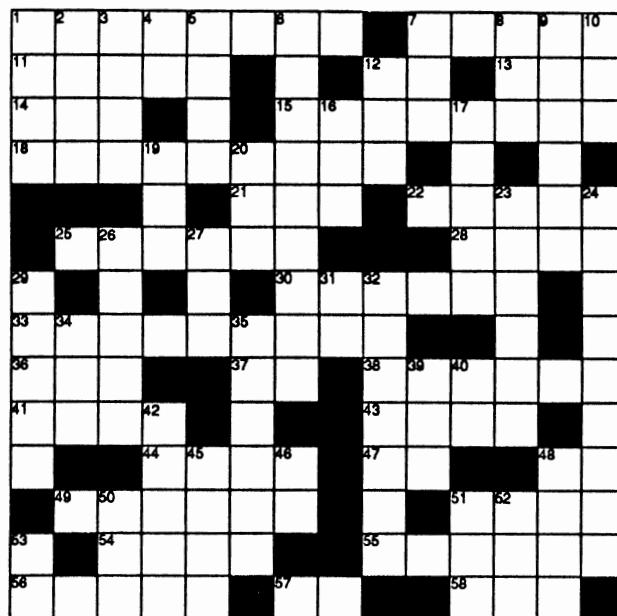
Rambler Crossword #7
"Down Under Crossword"
Rating NTD
by APTERYX

Across

1. Utah's JR and transient gubernatorial aspirant.
7. Increase in pay.
11. Brand of XC ski boot.
12. International unit (abbr).
- 13,32 down. Beautiful country to the southeast of 6.
14. Allow.
15. Parisian University.
18. The America's Cup was regained here.
21. Lode.
22. Small town in Alberta or Kansas.
25. Mexican punchbag?
28. Large Australian Lake.
30. Desert denizen.
- 33,55. Paul Hogan film.
36. Atmosphere.
37. Alcoholics Anonymous or All Australians (abbr).
38. Protozoan. (Aussie spelling).
41. Ancient Mexican civilization.
43. Slothful.
44. Apteryx.
47. Indefinite article.
48. Preposition of place.
49. Toss another shrimp on this, Klaus!
51. Lime tree.
54. Small change.
55. See 32 across.
56. Small birds.
57. Perth is the capital of this state (abbr).
58. Rocky peak.

**ANSWER TO APRIL
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Down

1. One of two equal parts.
2. some computers are friendly to him/her.
3. Message.
4. One sort of care (abbr).
5. _____ spud or couch potato.
6. Rupert Murdoch, Wombats, platypuses, and other low forms of life come from here.
7. Abrade
8. Mary and Joseph found no room here.
9. > 65.
10. There are tens of millions of these in 6, or in 13, 31.
12. Anger.
16. Toreador's cry.
17. The _____ (extremist organization).
19. Plural of 39
20. Negative
23. 6's largest city.
24. It wasn't 6's one to which coals were proverbially carried.
26. Tusk material.
27. Slang term for indigenous Australian.
29. Rascal.
31. Simon's state.
32. See 13.
34. Inlet.
35. Most evolved town in Australia?
39. Adult male.
40. Familiar term for 6.
42. Ohio city.
45. Wading bird.
46. That is.
48. He gave his name to a rock near Alice Springs.
50. Top card.
51. Explosive (abbr).
52. Old name for Tokyo.
53. Expression of pain.



Spring skiing on Murdock Mountain in the High Uintas. Photo by Guy Benson

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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