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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.

COVER PHOTO: Notch Peak, October 19, 1991. Photo by Hank Winawer

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER, DECEMBER 1966

By Dale Green, Historian


GHOSTS (AND GOBLINS) OF HALLOWEENS PAST

A feature attraction of Halloween Parties 20-30 years ago was the Spook Alley, concocted by those two wild and crazy guys for Ogden, Clix Byrne and Harold Bingham. Clix was a specialist at creating the most bizarre, grotesque costumes and visual scenes ever imagined. All of the dormitory space upstairs was transformed into a stage to display the results of what many thought was a warped mind.

Greeting guests were ferocious gorillas, who, of course, escaped their cage to molest everyone passing. After wending your way through various other sights and sounds, the Mad Doctor, Earl Hanson, performed open heart surgery on some poor, hapless soul who looked as if he had recently returned from the grave. For realism, Earl used real hearts and other organs (not human), obtained from who knows where.


Passing through a duck under lead you to a dimly-lit room in the Bates Motel, where an old, white-haired lady sat in a rocking chair. Just as you approached close enough to glimpse the skeleton, someone jumped from the shadows with a knife, then... (you know the rest). Clix and Harold's Spook Alley was a always a great attraction -- it was not unusual to find over 100 people in attendance.

Present conservationists who worry about the effects of the CUP with diversions of water from the Uintas to the Wasatch Front would be aghast at NAWAPA, a project proposed 25 years ago. At a projected cost of only \$100 billion, the idea was to reverse the flow of waters from four major Alaskan rivers plus several large Canadian streams and route them to the thirsty Southwest and Great Lakes, producing electrical power on route. A dam 1,700 feet high would back up a 500 mile-long lake, filling the Rocky Mountain Trench in British Columbia, while 15 others larger than Lake Mead would be created. A canal for sea-going ships would extend from the Pacific Coast to the Great Lakes.



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December 19	January 16	February 6

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SKI TOURS/SNOWSHOEING/ICE CLIMBING

December

1 Downhill Skiing
1 Catherine's Pass
1 Leader's Choice
1 Easy Snowshoe Tour
7 Beaver Creek
7 Leader's Choice
7 Leader's Choice
8 Leader's Choice
8 Leader's Choice
8 Scotts Pass SnowShoe Tour
14 Leader's Choice
14 Ski Tour Leaders' Training
14 Red Pine
15 Greens Basin
15 Desolation Lake
15 Willow Lake SnowShoe
21 Leader's Choice SnowShoe
21 Box Elder
21 Board Games

22 Alta
22 Days Fork
24 Powder Park
24 Leaders Choice
24 Bountiful Foothills
25 Twin Lakes SnowShoe
28 Leader's Choice SnowShoe
28 Moonlite Ski Tour
28 Silver Fork
28 Mineral Fork
28 Scotts Pass
29 Neffs Canyon
29 Pfeifferhorn

January

1 Hagover Ski Tour
4 Norway Flats
4 Wolverine
4 Leader's Choice
5 Little Cottonwood
5 Desolation Lake
5 Reynolds Peak
5 Thundar Mountain
11 Avalanche Class
11 Dog Lake SnowShoe
11 Days Fork
11 Willow Lake
11 Guardsman
12 Woodland in the Unitas
12 Catherine's Pass
12 Audrey Kelley Memorial Ski Clinic
18 Ice climbing in Provo Cyn
21 Dog Lake

BOATING/SCUBA/BIKING

December

6 Splash Party Scuba
7 North Copperton Bike Ride

SOCIALS

December

24 Christmas Eve at the Lodge

January

10 Nominations Banquet
11 Time Lords of Rock-N-Roll Dance
25 Sunday Social Spagetti Dinner

VOLLEYBALL

(Monday evenings at 6:30 PM, at Highland High School)

December 2, 9, 16

January 6

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS are welcome on ALL club activities, with these exceptions:

- 1) Thursday Evening Hikes are for members only. However, prospective members may attend if the hike is their second qualifying activity for membership and they submit their dues check and application form to the leader before the hike.
- 2) Boating trips are for members. However, prospective members may attend a weekend trip if they use the trip as their qualifying activity (each day counts as one activity.)
- 3) A trip leader may choose to limit a trip to members, especially if there is limited space.

WMC SKI TOUR RATINGS EXPLAINED: NTD (Not too difficult): Terrain is mostly gentle. Participants should be able to do a kick turn, snowplow, and descend a slope by traversing. Usually no avalanche danger. MOD (Moderately difficult): Proficiency climbing and descending intermediate slopes is required. Pieps and shovels may sometimes be suggested or required. If a pieps is carried, this implies knowledge of how to search for a buried companion. MSD (Most difficult): Strenuous. Usually involves long ascents, steep or narrow descents. Pieps and shovel always required.

WMC BIKE RIDES: Rides are rated Not Too Difficult (NTD), Moderate (MOD), or Most Difficult (MSD). NTD rides will generally be less than 30 miles. MOD rides will be 30 to 50 hilly or up to 60 flat miles. MSD rides will be over 50 hilly or 60 flat miles. On all but newcomer rides, riders must bring their own water, food, tire repair tools, extra tubes, repair knowledge, sunscreen, and money. Consider wearing protective gear. Helmets may be required on some rides.

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.

REMINDER

PARKING INFO: When parking at the **Hillside Plaza**, meet and park at the West side of the parking lot and south (behind) of the bank.

THANKS!

Dec. 1
Sun

CATHERINES PASS SKI TOUR. (NTD+) Ski with Leslie Woods to popular Catherines Pass. There should be snow by now so no hiking please. Pieps and shovels are smart but not required. For this brisk paced tour meet Leslie (484-2338) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (NTD) Dave Minix will find some easy skiing in the Wasatch. Join Dave (967-3864) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info.

EASY SNOWSHOE TOUR/HIKE. (NTD) Continue your summer hiking this winter on snowshoes. No special skills required for snowshoeing. Call Doug Stark (277-8538) for information on the trip location, snowshoeing, and snowshoe rental locations. Meeting place is at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:30 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info.

DOWNHILL SKIING - at the resort of your choice. Professional ski instructor will give you early season pointers for a day. Dates are flexible depending on snow, weekend or weekdays. Call Bruce 485-4011 for information.

Dec 2
Mon

VOLLEYBALL--6:30PM at the Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). follow the signs near the gynasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For info. call Doug, 269-1833.

Dec 6
Fri

SPLASH PARTY SCUBA EXPERIENCE. For noncertified divers interested in learning to SCUBA. Cost: approximately \$10 and to be held at the Neptune Divers facility, 7PM. Call Bob Sherer at 967-0218 for more information.

Dec 7
Sat

BEAVER CREEK SKI TOUR. (NTD) Try Beaver Creek in the Uintas with Floyd Durrant (596-1931). Floyd will be at the Regency Theater parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30 A.M.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Looking for some exciting skiing? Ski with Milt. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Register with Milt Hollander (277-1416).

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Contact George Westbrook (942-6071) for MSD tours when none are scheduled.

NORTH COPPERTON BIKE RIDE (NTD). This 38 mile ride tours the central part of Salt Lake County. We'll spin up the Old Bingham Highway to the town of Copperton, and then ride highway 111 into Magna. This ride has no formal lunch stop, however, we'll make stops at convenience stores along the way for snacks. If we're lucky, we'll spot deer and elk ranging down out of the Oquirrh. The terrain is mostly flat to rolling, with one tiny hill mid-way. Meet Elliott (968-7357) at West Jordan Park located at 7941 South 200 West at 10:00. Helmets required.

Dec 8
Sun

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (NTD) Try to keep up with Monty on this modest tour with excellent views of Mt. Superior and twin Lakes. Pieps and shovels not required but safety conscious skiers take them along. Track skis and boots are not recommended. Meet Monty Young (255-8392) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call Dave Smith at (278-6515) to register.

SCOTTS PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD) Meet Norm Probanz (266-3703) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info. Norm will lead the snowshoers through the aspens and conifers to scenic Scotts Pass.

Dec 9
Mon

VOLLEYBALL--6:30PM at the Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). follow the signs near the gynasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For info. call Doug, 269-1833.

Dec 14
Sat

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (NTD) Clint Lewis will find the best snow in the Wasatch. Snowshoers at intermediate level and above are welcome to join. Join Clint (295-8645) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info.

RED PINE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Hank will take a group to Red Pine. The snow should be deep but not too much avalanche danger yet. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended. Meet Hank Winawer (277-1997) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info.

Dec 14
Sat

SKI TOUR LEADERS TRAINING AND SEMINAR. The ski tour committee will host a brief training session for old hands at WMC ski tour leading and especially for new and perspective tour leaders. WMC leader policies will be discussed along with other aspects of the difficulties and rewards of leading a tour. We hope to have a good discussion on the various opinions and techniques of leading, and hope to encourage new members to help lead tours. Meet at the WMC lodge at 9:00AM or at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 8:30 AM. to carpool to the lodge. We will have a leaders tour up Mill D to Desolation Lake (MOD) starting at about 11:00 AM.

Dec 15
Sun

GREENS BASIN SKI TOUR. (NTD+) Greens Basin will be an easy tour. Join Chris Biltoft (359-5645) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

DESOLATION LAKE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Gary Burg will take the long way easy route to Desolation Lake via Mill D. This is a safe route but Pieps and shovels make it safer. Meet Gary (485-4911) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Nov. 23 for parking info.

WILLOW LAKE SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD) Go on this easy paced snowshoe tour in the aspens to this beaver dammed pond. Ann McDonald (277-3870), your leader, will meet you at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:30 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info.

Dec. - Jan.

MSD SKI TOURS : Wednesday Ski Tours, and weekend MSD tours not listed, contact George Westbrook (942-6071).

Dec 16
Mon

VOLLEYBALL--6:30PM at the Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). follow the signs near the gynasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For info. call Doug, 269-1833.

Dec 21
Sat

LEADER'S CHOICE SNOWSHOE TOUR, (NTD) Call Joy Ray (277-0562) for the meeting place and time, and the location of this easy trip. For new snowshoers on this Big Cottonwood trip, Joy recommends Sherpa snowshoes/bindings and ski poles.

DOG LAKE via MILL D SKI TOUR. (NTD) Join Floyd Durrant (596-1931) on this popular and fairly easy tour to Dog Lake. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. Track skis and track low cut boots are not recommended.

BOX ELDER SKI TOUR. (MSD) Meeting time will be early. Call George Westbrook (942-6071) for time and place. **PARKING INFO:** When parking at the **Hillside Plaza**, meet and park at the West side of the parking lot and south (behind) of the bank.

BOARD GAMES (NTD). Tired of the same old s... ? Get some variety in your winter and by learning to snowboard! Broaden your vocabulary by learning board lingo like "gofy-foot" or "really rad endo". Tom Walsh and Leslie Woods would want to meet potential snowboarders to learn basic techniques in the AM and board down Brighton's Mary Run in the PM. Call Tom at 969-5842 or Leslie at 484-2338 for information (call early--there may be a limit set on participation).

Dec. 22
Sun

DAYS FORK SKI TOUR. (NTD+) After a new snow, Days Fork is one of the most picturesque of in-the-trees tours. Meet Tom Walsh (969-5842) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels suggested but not required and skins strongly suggested. Track skis and track low cut boots are not recommended.

ALTA-DAYS FORK SKI TOUR (MSD) Meet at the mouth of Little Cottonwood at 9:00 AM. George Westbrook (942-6071).

Dec 23
Mon

NO VOLLEYBALL--Next volleyball session is January 6th. for information, call Doug at 269-1833.

Dec. 24
Tue

POWDER PARK SKI TOUR. (MOD) Deep Powder at Powder Park. Jim knows the best places. Join Jim Piani (272-3921) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skins suggested. Track skis and track low cut boots are not recommended.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Join Ken Kelley (1-649-3520) on a tour to one on his favorite locations. Meet Ken at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

BOUNTIFUL FOOTHILLS SKI TOUR. (MOD) Clint Lewis would like to lead this moderate tour in the Bountiful foothills, if possible in the wilderness along the gas pipeline. Ruth Lewis will serve refreshments after the trip. Bring your own special additive to eggnog. Call Clint (295-8645 H or 569-7496 W) for meeting place and time.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE LODGE hosted by Frank Atwood and Maggie Clark. Potluck dinner, tree trimming, gift exchange and songs the night before Christmas. Enjoy the evening with your WMC friends, spend the night if you like and ski the next day too. Bring an ornament for the tree and a \$5.00 gift to exchange (suitable for male or female). Cost is \$1 plus \$3 if you spend the night. Also, we need someone to donate a Christmas tree and bring it up to the Lodge. The Lodge will be open at 5PM on December 24th. Questions, call Frank Atwood at 583-9990.

Dec 25
Wed

TWIN LAKES SNOWSHOE TOUR. (NTD) Join Floyd Durrant (596-1931) for this enchanting and magical snowshoe tour in the Brighton Bowl on Christmas. Meet Floyd at the WMC Lodge at 10:00 AM.

Dec 28
Sat.

LEADER'S CHOICE SNOWSHOE TOUR. (NTD) Leah Manncini (582-7912) plans an enjoyable day in the snow of a nearby canyon. Leah, out leader, will meet us at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info.

MOONLITE SKI TOUR. (NTD) Floyd Durrant (596-1931) will lead a chancy but definitely romantic tour up Millcreek. Meet Floyd at the (ex)Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Mall at 5:30PM.

SILVER FORK SKI TOUR. (NTD) Join Jerry Hatch (467-7186) on this tour to the mine and possibly beyond to several open slopes to practice those telemark turns. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Track skis and track low cut boots are not recommended.

MINERAL FORK SKI TOUR. (MOD) Richard Conn (363-6035) will lead this tour to the open slopes and good powder of Mineral Fork Basin. Join Richard at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

SCOTTS PASS FROM GUARDSMAN SKI TOUR. (MOD) Meet Bob Wilson (277-7446) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skinspreferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

Dec 29
Sun

NEFFS CANYON SKI TOUR. (MOD) This will be an easy pace tour but will require good control of the boards. Bring goodies. Meet Dave Minix (967-3864) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

PFIEFFERHORN SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call Dave Smith (278-6515) or 486-2100) to register.

Dec 30
Mon

NO VOLLEYBALL--Next volleyball session is January 6th. for information, call Doug at 269-1833.

Jan 1
Wed.

HANGOVER SKI TOUR TO LAKE MARY (NTD if partly sober - MOD+ if not sure) Wick Miller, our esteemed president (649-1790), is planning to be sober enough to lead this annual tour. It leaves at the crack of noon from the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.). See Dec. 21 for parking info. This will be at a relaxed pace but not for the rank beginners. Track skis and track low cut boots are not recommended.

Jan. 4
Sat

NORWAY FLATS SKI TOUR. (NTD) Join Dennis Tolboe (485-6023) on this tour to one of his favorite trails in the Unitas foothills, 11 miles east of Kamas. Meet at the Regency Theater parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30 AM. Track skis and track low cut boots are not recommended.

WOLVERINE FROM CATHERINES PASS SKI TOUR. (MOD+) Join Terry Rollins (467-5088) on this more difficult tour. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call Rolf Doebebling (467-6636) to register.

Jan. 5
Sun

LITTLE COTTONWOOD SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD-MOD) Leisurely snowshoe along the Red pine hiking trail or in the Alta area. Members of the group can determine the length and difficulty. Meet Doug Stark (277-8538) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info.

DESOLATION LAKE via MILL D SKI TOUR (NTD+) Desolation Lake is at the end of a long, easy and gradual climb through several meadows along a well used trail. Join Val Naef (255-7562) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels advised and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

REYNOLDS PEAK FROM MILL D SKI TOUR. (MOD) Join Teresa Overfield and David Morris (359-6274) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

THUNDER MOUNTAIN - BELLS CANYON SKI TOUR. (MSD) Meeting time will be early so call George Westbrook (942-6071) for place and time. There will be a car shuttle involved.

Jan 6
Mon

VOLLEYBALL--6:30PM at the Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For info. call Doug, 269-1833.

Jan 10
Fri

NOMINATIONS BANQUET. Join us at the Organ Loft, 3331 So Edison, 6:30PM for the annual Nominations and Awards banquet. Dinner is stuffed chicken breast. Cost is \$13. for more info., see the announcement in this issue or call Bill Loggins, 596-0597

Jan. 11
Sat

AVALANCHE CLASS (NTD). The annual Avalanche class sponsored by the Wasatch Mountain Club will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 South on Foothill Dr. The classes will start at 8:30 AM. until about 12:00, and will be taught by Snowbird Safety Personnel. There will be a lunch break so please bring your own food or plan to eat in one of the local establishments. Afternoon Pieps practice and snow pit digging will meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon in the Park and Ride to go as a group to the Spruces. Wear **WARM, WARM** clothes and bring your Pieps, a friend that has a Pieps, or share. Classes will end about 3:30PM. The overall class is geared to the beginning skier and snowshoer. Course material will cover route finding, hypothermia, snowpits, reasons for avalanches, conditions predicting, limited snow mechanics, backcountry safety, Pieps usage, and avalanche avoidance. The donations basket will be passed. Above all, save a life - bring a friend.

DOG LAKE SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD) Join Janet Friend (268-4102) up Mill D North to Dog Lake on snowshoes. Be at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:30 AM. for this trip through the aspens.

DAYS FORK SKI TOUR. (MOD) Meet Peter Hanson (583-8249) our Twin Peaks sprinter, at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended. Avalanche Pieps practice will be available at the Spruces at about 2:00PM.

WILLOW LAKE SKI TOUR. (NTD) Meet Bee Lufkin (583-8249) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:30 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Track skis and track low cut boots are not recommended. Avalanche Pieps practice will be available at the Spruces at about 2:00 PM.

GUARDSMAN TO CLAYTON PEAK DOWN HIDDEN VALLEY SKI TOUR. (MOD) Join Arthur Griffin (363-1996) on this seldom skied route. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

TIME LORDS OF ROCK-N-ROLL at the First Unitarian Church - 569 South 1300 East. Potluck dinner at 6:30pm, dancing at 8:00pm till about 11:30pm. Cost is \$5.00.

Jan. 12
Sun

WOODLAND IN THE UINTAS SKI TOUR (NTD+) Meet J. Dewell (295-2754) at the Regency Theater parking lot on Parleys Way at 9:00 AM. Track skis and track low cut boots are not recommended.

CATHERINES PASS SKI TOUR. (MOD) Meet Michael Budig (328-4512) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 AM. See Dec. 21 for parking info. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferable. Track skis and boots are not recommended.

AUDREY KELLEY MEMORIAL SKI CLINIC (NTD-) Will probably be held at the Spruces or the WMC Lodge. Watch for details in the January Rambler.

Jan 18
Sat

ICE CLIMBING IN PROVO CANYON. Accompany John Veranth on a finger and tow freezing expedition to Provo Canyon (Stairway to Heaven) for a day of climbing water ice. Call John, 278-5826, for meeting time and additional details.

Jan 25
Sat

SUNDAY SOCIAL SPAGETTI DINNER Enjoy fellowship by the fire and Vincenzo's Italian cuisine. Persons' interested in the 1992n trip to Leward Island should come at 5PM to help plant the trip, Party starts at 6PM, cost is \$5, chocolate and coffee provided. Bring any other drinks you wish. Those wishing to talk sailing or concluding another activity in the area are welcome to come early. This is Film Festival weekend in Park City. Directions: take the Park City exit from I-80. Turn left at the Ridgeview sign. Go to the crest of a hill and turn left at the gravel road. Go up the hill to the "T" and turn right. Look for the flags.

FUTURE EVENTS AT A GLANCE

JANUARY - FEBRUARY: MT. WHITNEY Call George Westbook for details (942-6071).

FEBRUARY 8. SATURDAY. THE HYRUM KNIGHTLY - a traditional string band will play at the First Unitarian Church - 569 South 1300 East. Potluck dinner at 6:30pm, dancing at 8:00pm till about 11:30pm. No partner needed, the caller is very good about getting everyone to dance. Cost is \$7.00.

FEBRUARY 9. SUNDAY. VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL at Leslie Mullins' home. Details later.

MAY FAIRY MEADOWS, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Guided tour over glacier. Stay in huts. Estimated cost \$650. Call George Westbrook (942-6071 H or 882-6129 W).

MARCH 8, SUNDAY. SUNDAY SOCIAL from 5PM to around 8:30PM or 9:00PM. Bring your swimsuit and towel for hot tub if you like. Potluck dinner and bring your own liquid refreshments. Paper plates, plasticware and ice provided. Address is 3695 South 7th East. Call Carole Nelson, 268-6405, for more info.

MARCH 22. SUNDAY SOCIAL from 5PM to around 8:30PM or 9:00PM. A pasta dinner will be served. Host Scott Harrison will provide fettuccine and another pasta. Bring one of the following to share: desert, salad and dressing, or a pasta sauce. Also its BYOB so bring yoiur own liquid refreshments. Paper plates, plasticware and ice provided. Address is 4636 South Westview Dr., SLC. Cost is \$2.00. Call Scott Harrison, 277-9871, for more info.

**FROM THE
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**

DIRECTORS NEEDED

Have you ever thought of being on a Board of Directors? Why not? I was on the board for four years and learned a lot about budgets, scheduling, management, and people. Not only I helped the Club, but the Club helped me learn these skills that I now utilize in my work and play. The Board makes important decisions concerning the direction and focus for the Club, such as the Lodge sewer and the Olympics a few years ago. Members of the board discuss and vote on these issues. The Club needs your help to keep functioning. We are currently looking for the positions listed below for next year beginning in March. If you have time to help build a better Club, please call and volunteer.

SKIING

Coordinates ski tours, setup classes

MEMBERSHIP

Enlists new members, maintain
Club database

PUBLISHING CO-DIRECTOR

gather materials, help Magdaline

LODGE CO-DIRECTOR

coordinate lodge rentals

SECRETARY

Publish meeting notes

TREASURER

Maintain Club ledger, pay bills

Feel free to call and ask for details concerning any of these positions:

Jeff Barrell 278-3510
Jerry Hatch 467-7186
Janet Friend 268-4102

**FROM THE
PRESIDENT:**

VOLUNTEERISM

Elections for the WMC Board are coming up. We need volunteers who are willing to serve on the board. If you are willing to stand for election please contact a member of the Nominations Committee:

Jeff Barrell, Chair: 278-3510
Janet Friend: 268-4102
Jerry Hatch: 467-7186

Become involved! Offer to serve! Let a thousand points of light shine!

**RECYCLED PAPER
FOR THE RAMBLER**

We printed the Rambler on recycled paper on a two month trial basis. We found no problems. Yes, it does cost more money: less than a penny a copy, far less than originally anticipated. So: we're going to use recycled paper from here on out.

FROM THE BOATING DIRECTOR

by Randy Klein

If you missed the permit planning meeting, please contact someone who went or call me at 774-6239. Carl Cook has updated the river permit addresses and information form, and there are several changes of addresses and/or phone numbers this year. So be sure to get your updated agency list and suggested launch dates to request. Applying for permits is a very important activity. The more club boaters who are involved, the more successful our next river season will be.

HELP, WE NEED PERMITS !!!

Its simple...**NO PERMITS, NO RIVER RUNNING !** If you want to run any of the major rivers next year you have to apply for permits NOW. Don't be shy, you don't need to be the trip leader to get a permit. If you get a permit there are always many qualified people who will organize and run the trip for you.

The chances of obtaining a permit are getting slimmer each year so it is important that anyone who wants to run rivers next year apply for the lotteries which are run at the beginning of the year. The first step is usually to obtain a permit application through the mail or phone, then fill it out and make sure it is received by the deadline. In the spring, after the lotteries are done we will be running a planning meeting to organize trips for which we received permits.

DO IT NOW !! With the holidays coming up many people put it off until it is too late. The address/phone numbers of the offices in charge of each river segment are listed below, along with important dates. If you have any questions, such as which dates to apply for or how to fill out the application, **PLEASE** call Mike Dege (571-7684) or Randy Klein (Layton 546-3917).

DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT : YAMPA, LODORE CANYON, SPLIT MOUNTAIN

River Ranger
Dinosaur National Park
P.O. Box 210
Dinosaur CO. 81610
Phone : 303-374-2468 8:00-12:00 Mon-Fri ONLY

A self addressed stamped envelope is **REQUIRED** to request an application for the boating lottery

Nov 20 - Jan 10 Applications sent out
Dec 1 - Jan 15 Applications accepted
March 1 Permit winners notified

GRAND CANYON - COLORADO RIVER

River Unit
Grand Canyon National Park
Box 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023
Phone : 602-638-7843

You may call in to request the information you need to send to put your name on the waiting list. A \$25 non-refundable fee is charged to enter your name on a waiting list. This is not a lottery, you will obtain a permit when your name reaches the top of the list.

Dec 15 - Jan 31 Continuing interest form must be postmarked for those **ALREADY** on the wait list
Feb 1 - Feb 28 **NEW** applications to wait list accepted

IDAHO RIVERS - MAIN SALMON, MIDDLE FORK, SELWAY, HELL'S CANYON

North Fork Ranger District
P.O. Box 180
North Fork, ID 83466
Phone : 208-865-2383

A centralized lottery system for all Idaho rivers is done through one application. There is a \$5 fee which must accompany the application.

Dec 1 - Jan 31 Applications **RECEIVED** between these dates are accepted, all others will be rejected.

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GREAT GEAR FOR WINTER FUN FROM WILD ROSE

SKATE SKIS:

CUTTING EDGE PRODUCTS FOR
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WILD ROSE
702 THIRD AVE
533-8671

Fishers



2175 South 900 East, S.L.C., 466-3971

Winter Specials

Bring in this ad before December and get **\$25.00**
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PERMITS

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SAN JUAN, WESTWATER, DESOLATION CANYON

San Juan BLM San Juan Resource Area
P.O. Box 7
Monticello, UT 84535
Phone : 801-587-2144

Desolation BLM Price River Resource Area
900 N. 700 E.
Price, UT 84501
Phone : 801-637-4584

Westwater BLM Grand Resource Area
P.O. Box M
Moab, UT 84532
Phone : 801-259-8193

All BLM administered rivers follow the same policies. Each river lottery must be separately applied for at the appropriate office. You must complete their permit form and attach correct postage.

Jan 1 - Feb 28 Applications RECEIVED between these dates are accepted, all others will be rejected.

CATARACT CANYON - COLORADO RIVER

Canyonlands National Park
125 W. 200 S.
Moab, UT 84532
Phone : 801-259-7167

FROM THE KAYAK COODINATOR

By Janis Huber

Rivers in Other States

I have access to a world wide computer network which has an electronic bulletin board. I have had very good response from questions I have posted in the past. If you have specific questions about a river in another state (or country), I would be glad to post questions for you. I will submit the answers to the Rambler. Please call me with your questions at 486-2345.

PAINLESS ADVANCED FIRST AID CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION COURSE OFFERED

S'PLORE is offering an advanced first aid certification and recertification course. The course is open to all members of the Wasatch Mountain Club on a first come, first serve basis. This course will teach and review advanced first aid techniques including CPR.

The course will be taught Monday evenings in January and February from 6:30PM until 10:00PM. It will be held at the S'PLORE office located at 27 West 3300 South. Cost per person is \$90.00 with a **\$50.00 deposit due by December 20th.**

The course will be taught by Steve Littlefield (Steve teaches for the University of Utah and privately). The course is endorsed through the National Safety Council. Certification is comparable to American Red Cross Certification.

To register, send a \$50.00 deposit to S'PLORE, 27 West 3300 South, Salt Lake City UT 84115, including your name, address, and daytime phone number. Again, the **registration deadline is December 15th.** For more information, contact Angela Mueggler at the S'PLORE office, 484-4128.

FROM THE LODGE DIRECTOR

LAST CHANCE FOR INPUT ON LODGE IMPROVEMENTS BEFORE JANUARY BOARD DECISION

by Vince Desimone, Lodge Director

The WMC annual meeting resulted in a spirited discussion of the options for the Lodge. I appreciate the care and concern for the WMC and the Lodge expressed by participants. Now is the last opportunity to give input before the Board makes a decision on what will be done.

The "sense" of the meeting I came away with was that there is a leaning toward replacing the Goodro Annex with a new entry and access to newly constructed toilet facilities in the basement. This would require developing a water supply system and hooking up to the sewer. Some of the points brought out in discussion were:

- * Hooking up to the sewer system is a responsible act in that it would avoid potential contamination of canyon water quality from lodge sources.

- * Food preparation and clean up would be made easier and more sanitary.

- * Utility/personal hygiene would be enhanced with flush toilets and water.

- * Some expressed the desire to maintain current minimal facilities instead.

- * Members would likely see an increase in dues and/or lodge user fees to support improvements.

- * The number of overnight guests the lodge could accommodate would be reduced since sewer fees are based on the number of beds.

- * Demand for use of the lodge would likely increase as would user fees to pay for increased costs of operating new facilities.

The Board is open to receiving additional input prior to making a decision. Call me (1-649-6805) or any Board member with your thoughts by January 5, 1991.

COMMENTS REGARDING PLUMBING AT THE LODGE

By Frank Atwood

How primitive, rustic or sanitary do we want our lodge experiences to be?

My nose says: "Give me flush toilets." My heart knows too often no one is going to clean up after someone. My mouth says with hesitation: "Pit toilets and safe, potable water in the kitchen."

Despite scale and location of plumbing being significant, I feel the most important aspect is ease of cleaning, for that reason I advocate:

1. Pit commodes, not flush, in order to deliberately discourage use.
2. Kitchen sinks should be fully plumbed with potable water to "sanitize" party preparations and protect our water rights.

I'm splitting hairs with the choices in the October Rambler.

I'd like to use this article also as an opportunity to provide a framework to discuss scale and location of plumbing:

I picture scale of plumbing going from the primitive to the absurd:

The woods
Outdoor out house - just down the
hill from the lodge.
Indoor pits - currently what we
have
Kitchen sink with cold water
Kitchen sink with hot and cold
running water - The level of
what I advocate
Flush commodes
Bathroom sink with cold water
Bathroom sink with hot water - The
limit of the level I feel is
acceptable
Shower stalls
Dishwasher

COMMENTS
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An aside is: I'd like see a freeze-proof sprinkler system put into the lodge to minimize fire damage. This topic is premature, because, first we must decide if we want water at all, then decide the follow-on, do we want a sprinkler system.

I picture the commode scale of location going from outdoor to adjacent:

Outdoors pits

Indoors

First floor pits - what I advocate.

Basement flush toilets

First floor flush toilets

Annex flush toilets

Location is not so significant to me as lighting and ventilation. I accept the basement, as long as, the lighting and ventilation are more than adequate. I realize ventilation and freeze proofing are often mutually exclusive; still, I want very good ventilation.

I am very appreciative of Vince Desimone eagerness to let the decision process be a club consensus followed by a board decision in order to resolve this issue. I enjoyed the meeting on October 17.

Again, I feel ease of cleaning and maintenance should dictate extent of plumbing; I think this means stick with pit toilets, but put in potable water at the kitchen sink. Flush toilets are nice, but too cleaning and maintenance labor intensive.

**FROM THE
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

This issue contains the latest Membership list. Please take a minute to review your name and address. If any corrections are needed, please let me know, Julie Jones, 278-4753

***WE WOULD LIKE TO
EXTEND A WARM
WELCOME***

...to the following **NEW MEMBERS** who were approved for membership at the Board Meeting on November 6, 1991.

Lynn Nicholas
Gail Cordy
Lawrence Bowman
Lisa Olson
Don Christensen
Gary Maynard
Betty Jo Carrigan
Phil Baldwin
Paul Smircich
Barbara Faigle
Susan Kaercher
Christine Baierschmidt
Janet Sharp
John Sharp
Eric Jones
Suzanne Burningham
Steve Morgan
Bev Morgan
Laura Schroeder
Alene Watson
Steve Lewis S
Herman Schorzman
S.J. "Gill" Gilligan III
Stacy Wood
Alexis Megeath

FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR

We've enjoyed many socials over the summer and fall. I would like to recognize and thank the following people who hosted and otherwise assisted with socials and get-togethers this summer and fall: Phylis Robinson, Weston Madsen, Randi Gardner, Frank Atwood, Joyce Sitar, Christel Sysak, Carole Nelson, Carol Dinan, Dennis Talboe, Chuck Gregg, David Vance, Sean IronTree, Christine Alldred, Bob Hannon, John Hail, Tom Silberstorf, Aaron Jones, Vince Desimone, Marianne Fabian, Mark Hutchison, Steve Krueger, Martha Veranth, Maggie Clark and Karin Caldwell.

In addition I'd like to extend this appreciation to the members of the entertainment committee: Frank Atwood, Carol Beasley, Carol Dinan, Marianne Fabian, Mark Hutchison, Steve Krueger and Renar Trask.

Socials were held in town and at the lodge. 40 to 95 people attended each of the lodge socials and 20 to 40 attended each of the socials in town. More socials will be held in town this winter due to deep snow at the lodge and the willingness of members to host socials in their homes.

FOREST SERVICE RELEASES HIGH UINTAS EIS

By George Nickas
Utah Wilderness Association

The Wasatch-Cache National Forest has released a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that will determine future management for a large portion (32,000 acres) of the Uinta's North Slope. The East Fork Blacks Fork draft EIS covers all national forest lands in the East Fork and Middle Fork Blacks Fork from the forest boundary to the High Uintas Wilderness. Included are 15,000 acres of roadless lands adjacent to the Wilderness, lands that conservationists have long proposed as critical additions to the 460,000-acre High Uintas Wilderness. The Forest Service describes the area

as "some of the most picturesque areas in a drainage noted for its scenic qualities." The EIS was spurred by oil and gas industry attempts to lease the East Fork and a general uncertainty on the part of the Forest Service of how to best manage the area. Though the agency claims to have not settled on a preferred action, most alternatives are heavily weighted toward development. Public comments are being accepted until October 9, 1991.

The East Fork Blacks Fork is noted for its wild character. The last reported sighting of a native bighorn sheep, prior to recent reintroductions, was made in an area the Forest Service is now considering for oil and gas development. It's common to see moose browsing in the willow-filled basins. Pine marten, goshawks and the great grey owl reside in its extensive old-growth stands. Lynx and wolverine, if they still exist at all in Utah, would likely be in the East Fork. The flora and fauna of the North Slope are unique in Utah, resembling the Northern Rocky Mountains more than any other Intermountain range. And nowhere is the feeling of that wild country more profound than in the East Fork.

The EIS proposes several alternatives ranging from "No Action" (leave it as is), to extensive timber harvesting, oil and gas development and domestic sheep use. Several alternatives would allow ATVs on the Bear River-Smith's Fork trail a route now used only by hikers and horseback riders. The trail traverses the roadless area, offering stunning views of Tokewanna Peak and numerous wet and dry meadows dotting lodgepole pine and spruce forests along the Middle Fork.

Early each summer 18,000 sheep make their way up the Blacks Fork "sheep driveway" on their way to grazing allotments throughout the Uintas. These sheep roam up this scenic driveway and head into the high country of the Smith's Fork, Henry's Fork, Black's Fork and Lake Fork. All of these sheep, of course, return by the same routes before snow flies in the fall. Literally, over 200,000 hooves pulverize the Blacks Fork every year leaving 65% of the driveway's rangeland in unsatisfactory condition according to the EIS! That's not to mention the damage done by these sheep in the Uinta's alpine basins.

FOREST SERVICE RELEASES

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Yet, surprisingly, not a single alternative proposes reducing the number of sheep in the Uintas, because the Forest Service chose not to analyze the entire grazing allotments. To understand and appreciate the impacts of the sheep driveway, the high basin allotments where the sheep eventually graze must also be considered. This analysis, which would look at all of the issues and assumptions around grazing of sheep, is desperately needed.

Extensive timber cutting is contemplated in the Middle Fork's old-growth lodgepole pine and spruce forests, some of which lie above 10,400 feet elevation. Rare old-growth obligate wildlife species like pine marten, goshawks, hairy woodpeckers, and great gray owls would be pushed ever closer to the brink of extirpation. This despite recognized regeneration problems at such high elevations, and despite Forest Plan direction that "[A]reas above 10,000 feet elevation would remain unroaded until the next plan revision". Several miles of new roads would be required to reach the timber.

But we can make a difference. Just a few months ago many of you responded to a UWA article requesting the Forest Service eliminate grazing on three vacant sheep allotments on the eastern end of the Uintas. And it worked! Last month the Vernal District Ranger issued her decision closing the Chepeta and Whiterocks areas to sheep grazing and leaving the Lakeshore area ungrazed. Public input weighed heavily in that decision. And now we must show the same resolve and commitment to the North Slope.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The Forest Service is soliciting public comments on the East Fork Blacks Fork EIS until October 9, 1991. Please write a letter to Steve Ryberg, Evanston District Ranger, 1565 Highway 150 South, Suite A, Evanston, WY 82930. Consider making the following recommendations in your letter:

1. Do not issue any oil and gas leases in the analysis area, particularly in the roadless area south of the North Slope road.

2. No timber harvesting should occur except to treat areas already harvested. Maintain all old-growth and old-growth related species. Do not fragment habitat with timber harvesting, road building or other vegetation "treatments".

3. Close the Bear River Smiths Fork Trail and all roadless lands to vehicle use.

4. Reduce the number of sheep using the "sheep driveway" to allow total recovery of vegetation and to reduce conflicts with recreation and wildlife in the high country. Analyze the allotments linked to the driveway, not just the driveway.

****NEWS RELEASE****

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD NEEDS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

The Salt Lake City Urban Forestry Board, an advisory group to the Salt Lake City Urban Forester, Mayor and City Council on the matters pertaining to the city's Urban Forestry Program, currently has volunteer positions open for the three city Council Districts Council Districts 2, 4 and 5. Members representing each of the Council Districts must reside in that district.

The Board meets in the evening on the first Tuesday of each month in the City Hall. A time commitment of five hours a month is asked to best serve on the Board. If you are interested in becoming a Board member and serving your community, please call 972-7818 for an application.

WMC MAP/GUIDEBOOK RESOURCE LIBRARY

by Michael Budig

The Wasatch Mountain Club has always been a great resource of knowledge regarding the interesting places in the Intermountain Region. It seems like members are always voyaging into new and unfamiliar territory. However, for those adventurous souls who wish to explore new places, the art of obtaining adequate and useful maps and guidebooks can be difficult and expensive. To encourage exploration of new worlds, the WMC Board of Directors has approved the concept of establishing a map and guidebook resource library.

I have agreed to spearhead this effort and we will proceed to accumulate and catalog maps and guidebooks relating to hiking, climbing, river-running, skiing, cycling, and anything else which may seem useful. The library will be stored at the Club office. I live nearby and have a key to the office which I will make available on request.

We want to begin by asking Club members for donations of any maps and guidebooks with which they may be willing to part. In particular, we would appreciate donations of documents which are no longer in print. We will then set up a filing system. Club Historian Dale Green recently received a large number of out-of-print topographical maps. This will provide a good start.

All donations will be greatly appreciated. In addition, offers of assistance from Club members are welcome. A couple of members have already offered to help.

If you're interested in volunteering to help or in donating items, please call me at 328-4512. With your help, the Wasatch Mountain Club will become even greater and will offer one more valuable resource to its members.

DECEMBER SKY CALENDAR

by Ben Everitt

MOON

Last Quarter	Dec 5	Jan 4 (ecl)	Feb 3
New Moon	Dec 14	Jan 12	Feb 11
First Quarter	Dec 21	Jan 19	Feb 18
Full moon	Dec 27	Jan 26	Feb 25

MOONRISE

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Est. Local Time</u>
Dec 7	9:00 AM
Dec 14	12:30 PM
Dec 21	5:30 PM
Dec 28	12:30 AM
Jan 4	8:00 AM
Jan 11	11:00 AM
Jan 18	4:00 PM
Jan 26 (Sunday)	12:30 AM
Feb 1	6:00 AM

NOTE: Moonrise times are for 40 degrees north latitude, 112 west longitude. Add about an hour for each day later than the given date, and another hour if you are in the mountains.

SOURCE: The Astronomical Almanac for
1991 & 1992

PLANETS: MERCURY is back in the morning sky late in December. at the to of his run, on December 27, he will be about halfway between the horizon and **VENUS**.

SATURN, low in the southwest at dusk, is fading behind the sun, and will be about gone by the end of December.

AND

The winter **SOLSTICE** is on December 22 at 09:00 Universal time, 2:00 AM Utah time. The **MOON** will be inpartial eclipse on the morning of December 21. For those who missed the Baja experience last July, there is an annular eclipse of the sun on January 4, the tail end of which will be visible at sunset from San Diego.

TRIP TALK

WESTWATER CANYON

September 7 & 8, 1991

by Anne Childs

After a rainy night's sleep at the put in, broken only by the sound of trains (really, at least 12), we awoke to a sunny Saturday morning. Someone expressed dismay at having left the suntan lotion behind. Someone else was worried that the life jacket would ruin her tan lines. This was not to be a problem, however.

The first leg of the trip was peaceful and relaxing...then we entered the canyon. Before we knew it, we had three people separated from their boats. The first was Carol, who was ejected from the raft. A wave bumped her from one side to the other. "I was heading right for Pat, but she ducked!" It was fortunate for Carol that she hung on to her paddle. In a desperate attempt to rescue it, the crew pulled her on board too.

Next in the water was Lynn, a kayaker. John, another kayaker, managed to move Lynn, his boat and his paddle to an eddy - actually eddy after eddy. This particular spot offered no place to stand and the eddys were proving hard to anchor in for both the raft and the oar rig. The passengers attempted to hang onto the smooth canyon walls, leaving fingernails behind. At one such point as Donna, the oar rig captain, was standing on a ledge attempting to tie up, the raft, trying for the same eddy, knocked the oar rig back into the current, forcing Donna to do a swan dive back into the boat...and it was off to the next eddy. We finally found a nice big eddy where Lynn could safely get back into his boat.

Right about then Donna noticed: "There goes Randy's boat." We all looked up to see Randy meekly waving at us from the bank as his boat headed through the rapids upside down and alone. John chased Randy's boat and Randy made a leap into the oar rig when it was still 12 feet from shore.

This was a little more excitement than most of us had bargained for. By now it had gotten cloudy again. It was cold and the wind had picked up. (This is Westwater, remember.) The rest of the trip was mild in comparison, though the scout at skull was a little hairy.

By the time we got to the takeout, a thunder storm was upon us. It was CLOSE! Lightning and thunder almost simultaneously. We raced to get the gear packed. The fellows taking apart the oar frame really hustled! Just as the last piece of gear was stowed, a torrential rain hit. Within minutes the place was flooded. It seemed like driving upstream. The rain tapered off by dinner time. We were able to cook and even had Steve's big tent set up for all to hide in should it pour again. Unfortunately, when the rain came, so did the wind. There went Steve's tent. Alas. In spite of it all, spirits were high and we were all having a good time. This says something about the hearty and good natured souls in the WMC. Even Donna managed a smile (eventually) after turning for a picture and spooning spaghetti sauce onto her (sandal clad) foot.

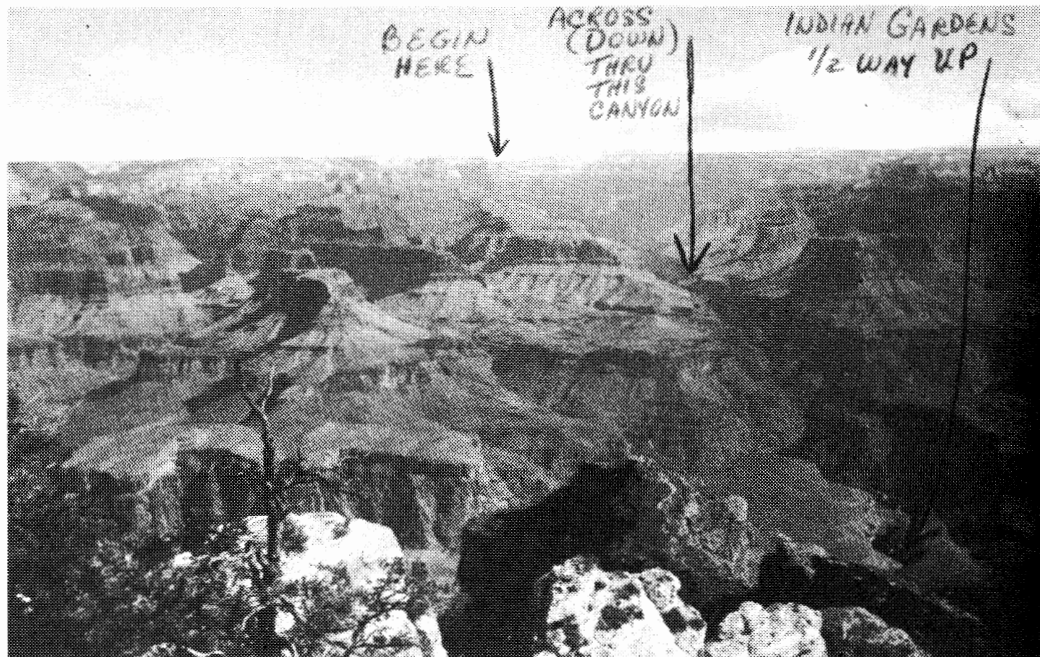
Due to the rain and mud, the gear was not ready, making a Sunday launch impossible. A relaxing lunch at Ray's made a nice second choice. Even running out of gas on the way home wasn't a big deal. After all, "It was the gas pump's fault."

The participants were: Janet Curry, Randy Klein, Donna Kramer, Carol Synakiewicz, Jim Gully, Rich Stone, Steve Grizzell, Rick Kirkland, Colleen Kirkland, Pat Fields, Lynn Peterson, John Childs and Anne Childs.

THE GRAND CANYON RIM TO RIM

October 11, 1991

Text and Photo by Carol Nelson



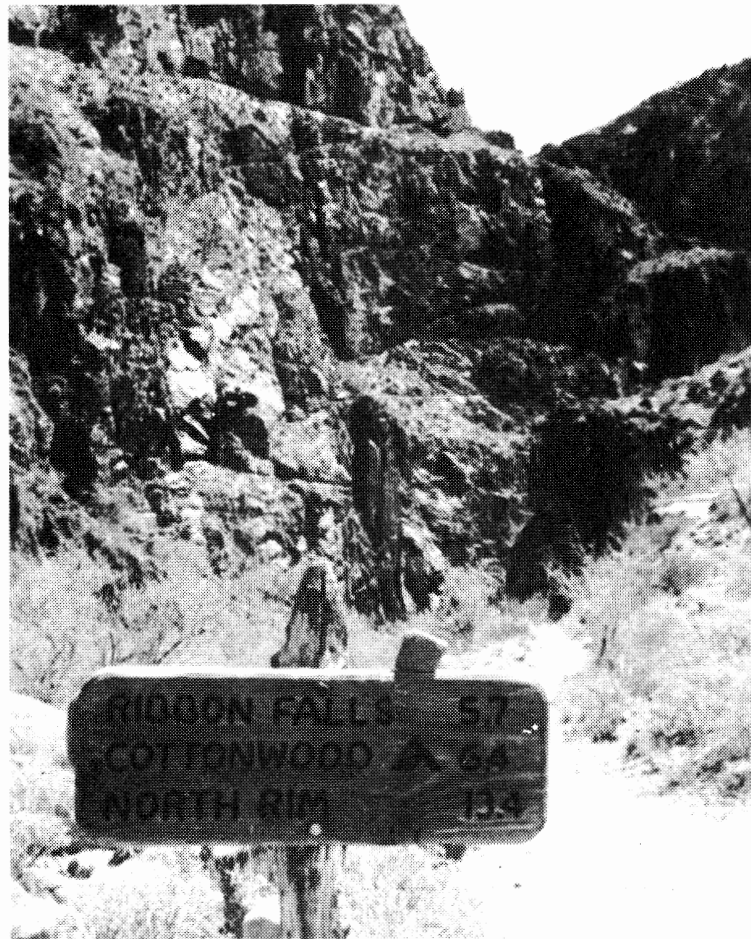
On October 11th of this year, I hiked the Grand Canyon - rim to rim - alone - in one day - in Texas - and it was wonderful! Next year, if anyone would like to join me, I'd like to make it a club hike. This is a hike I'd wanted to do for years; I am so in love with the Grand Canyon. I'd experienced it in most of the other ways (the river run, the mules, hiked it down one day and up the next, etc.) but I wanted to do it clean across in one day. It's almost 25 miles total (approximately 15 down from the North Rim side to the river and 10 miles up the South Rim side - using the Bright Angel Trail.) There is a shorter trail up, but it's much steeper. The trail is good, but rutted from the mules and here and there, logs and rocks have been placed to prevent erosion, so foot high "steps" are formed regularly. The first five miles down are very steep to about Roaring

Springs, then it's a gentle up and down (mostly down) along side Bright Angel Creek. A stop at Phantom Ranch at the bottom (flush toilets, snacks, bandages, ICE WATER & ice for the water bottles for the hike up - even in October, it was 99 at the bottom). Then across the Colorado River, a mile or so along the river thru some sand and then UP! Indian Gardens Campground is about 1/2 way up and from there on it's steep and mostly switchbacks. I brought along a walking stick for the up side and I really, really used it. What a friend it became.

The camaraderie along the trail is so nice. On the way up, you keep passing the same people as they rest and then, you do. Many of them are foreigners but the sign language for "phew!" seems universal. I kept looking up but the edge of the rim never seemed to be getting any closer.

THE GRAND CANYON

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Finally, I reached the top and I can't tell you the excitement and elation and satisfaction I felt. I had done it! I had hiked one of the most spectacular canyons in the world!---- then, strawberry daiquiris at the El Tovar Hotel (it's tradition). There are about 12 to 12 1/2 hours of light at that time of year. So I began at 7:15AM Utah time and reached the top at 6PM - 10 and 3/4 hours later. Not bad for a semi-couch potato. It was wonderful! The trail is good enough to finish in the dark, with the help of a flash light, if you need to.

....why the Tevas??? I have really weird feet and I can't hike long distances in enclosed shoes. So, I've glued foam inner soles on the Tevas and with the help of lots of moleskin, salve between the toes, baby powder, two thin pairs of socks and one thick pair, I was able to do it with minimal discomfort and blisters. Other hikers sure make comments along the way!

It's usually cold on the North Rim in October, this early in the morning, sometimes below freezing. But a few layers are usually enough. And after just a little while, one by one, the layers are shed, as you descend. I drink "Goodinaid" by the quart, going down and up. It seems to help and I nibble all the way. The only real rests I took were about 1/2 hour each, at Phantom Ranch and Indian Gardens. It was enough that I felt refreshed and ready to go on. The autumn colors were incredible this year. From I-15 to 89, I drove across the Cedar Breaks Parkway and it was magnificent. The North Rim was also. The only thing that would cancel this trip would be deep snow on the North Rim but this doesn't usually begin until late October.

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I like comfort before and after a hike this long and strenuous, so I stay at the Lodges on both rims. Reservations for the lodge on the North Rim can be made as late as August. But for the South Rim at the Bright Angel Lodge (old, charming and inexpensive), reservations must be made no later than February. And, please, if there are some of you who would like to come along to see the canyon but not hike it - that would be wonderful. You could be our shuttle service back to the vehicles left at the North Rim. It's a five hour drive from the North to the South Rim, thru beautiful, beautiful redrock country and Navajo Reservation, where the Indians sell jewelry and rugs from the stands along the road. If not, there is a regular shuttle service that runs daily from rim to rim for \$50.00 per person. We could car pool/caravan to the North Rim, fit as many as we could into room or rooms and do the same at the South Rim. There is camping on each rim, too, should anyone want to go that route.

So, if anyone would like to do this hike with me next October, do give me a call, 268-6405, before February. The date is over U.E.A weekend (in Utah) - the second weekend in October, a four day weekend. Next year, I believe that will be Thursday 10/8 thru Sunday 10/11. We'll drive to the North Rim on Thursday, hike across on Friday, come home Saturday or Sunday. I'll put a reminder in the January Rambler.

ROBBER'S ROOST

October 12 & 13, 1991

by Will T. McCarvill

The White, North and Middle Roosts were a welcome change from the haze in Salt Lake City. No grazing and at least average rainfall has resulted in lush growth in the canyon bottoms. Grass was waist high, and in some places, the rushes and cattails towered over our heads. The nights were so clear that we could easily see satellites and shooting stars. Significant geological features were named, such as "Bob's Bridge". The world's smallest Anasazi ruin was also discovered; hopefully a photo will be provided to document this find.

Club participants were: Aaron Jones, Sharon Allhands, Leslie Woods, Barbara Jacobsen, Bob Weirick, Bruce Hewlett and Mike Flynn and Will McCarvill.

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PARK CITY OVERLOOK AND MURDOCK PEAK

Saturday, September 28, 1991

by Randy Long

Park City Overlook from Millcreek was one of the easy hikes for this Saturday. We met at Olympus Hills, where we wondered why no one has ever taken over the old Bagel Nosh, then drove to the end of the Millcreek Canyon road. We noticed that the original trail (dirt road), was still open (the Forest Service will close this "road" when the Great Western Trail is finished, probably sometime next year), so we hiked up the old trail, which is partly on private land, past a series of beaver ponds (condos), and on to the overlook at a pass on the crest ridge just southwest of Park West Ski Area's Iron Horse Lift. We thought about continuing on to Murdock Peak, but the threatening skies, along with the fact that I had never gone to the peak from this route, made us decide to eat lunch, enjoy the overlook and allow us to scout the route out by looking at the summit ridge before continuing on.

Then, even though the skies were still threatening, we continued on to the peak, and I would like to suggest hiking to Murdock Peak from this side more often as it eliminates both the steep climb out of Toll Canyon, as well as all those cabins in Lamb's Canyon. The worst problems encountered were mountain bikes, and a few stickery plants. We both really enjoyed it, although we wished for a better turnout.

Participants: Eric Jones and Randy Long, leader.

BROAD'S FORK HIKE

Saturday, October 5, 1991

by Randy Long

Broad's Fork is an intermediate hike with the trail head located at the "S" curve at the Mill B picnic ground. We started up the trail, some stopping at the overlook, then regrouping at the bridge where we met WMC members Keith Johnson and Cal ????. We hiked together for the next mile to the lower bowl and our destination, where we enjoyed the spectacular scenery while eating lunch and taking pictures (both of the scenery and each other). Then Keith and Cal left us and continued on to Twin Peaks, while the rest of us reluctantly started the hike back down where we met yet another club member, Norm Fish (who else?), who was hoping to meet us at the bowl, but still hiked most of the way back with us.

To those who didn't go, all I can say is: "Well, ya' really missed a great hike."

Official participants: Jim Bailey, Suzanne Burningham, Lynn Nicholas, Cindy Wilkins, and Randy Long, leader. Unofficial participants: Keith, Cal and Norm.

NOTCH PEAK

Saturday, October 19, 1991

by Chris Baierschmidt

An ancient forest, a glance down the reportedly steepest vertical in Utah, and the disclosure of the secret contents of Hank Winawer's emergency kit are only samples of the excitement that took place on the last official hike of the season led by the team of Wick and Joanne Miller to Notch Peak in the House Range of central Utah.

The trip started by dawn when a majority of the eventual 35 hikers and two Golden Retrievers met in Salt Lake and carpooled 178 miles to the White Lady mining site, west of Delta. From a stone cabin at the site, 30 hikers and the two dogs took off in three groups -

from fast to slower paced - and followed Sawtooth Canyon up to the summit. The last quarter to half-mile from the summit to the limestone peak is the steepest portion of the hike, which, all together, ascends nearly 3,000 feet in elevation from the cabin to the top of the Notch. A fourth group of five hikers took a longer alternate route up Miller and Contact Canyons, meeting up with the larger group for the lunch break on the peak.

Views that day couldn't have been better. Skies were clear in every direction, offering a spectacular opportunity to see Wheeler Peak and the dry Sevier Lake in the west desert. Most did crawl on their bellies to take a look over the west face of the north-south ridge which, according to one mountaineering guide, drops nearly 2,000 meters to the valley below. Lunchtime was long and relaxing under the bright sunshine (at least 65 degrees).

With some reluctance, we packed up for the hike back via a grove of bristlecone pines east of the summit and, then, the same route through Sawtooth or the longer route down Water Canyon. Hiker and botanist Mike Treshow treated the group to a brief lecture at the pines, which was followed by a "photo shoot" of hikers standing in and around one of the centuries old trees.

Despite a location chosen for its absence of deer - and hence deer hunters - hikers in both canyons did see nearly a half dozen people in orange while on the trails. Cassie Badowsky reported sightings of two does, but no bucks. No doubt lives were saved by Clint Lewis, the sole hiker wearing an orange cap.

Hiking was followed by one of the most beautiful sunsets witnessed in past memory, then supper in Delta and carpooling back to the original meeting place in Salt Lake. All together, a 17 hour day.

Those following Sawtooth Canyon were: Jason Kato, Mike Binyon, Jean Binyon, Nathan Tueller, Anne Tueller, Hank Winawer (who carries everything from matches and a flashlight to rawhide strips and moleskin in his emergency kit), Sherry Christensen, Denise M. Doebbeling, Clint Lewis, Jim Bailey, Phyllis Papan, Leslie Mullins, Knick Knickerbocker, William Vogel, Judie B. Limbaugh, Jane Edward, E. Harrison, Jim Janney, Steve Leonard, Brian Barkey, David Parry, Mike Treshow, Joseph Parchesky, Craig Teerbich, Liz Teerbich, Lawrence J. Bowman, Jean Frances, Joanne Miller, Wick Miller, Chris Baierschmidt, dogs Magnum and Bagel.

Those on the alternate Miller Canyon route were explorers Jerry Hatch (who probably broke human speed records in getting to the peak and back), Cassie Badowsky, Donn Seeley, Howard Wilkerson, and Dave Hardy.

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