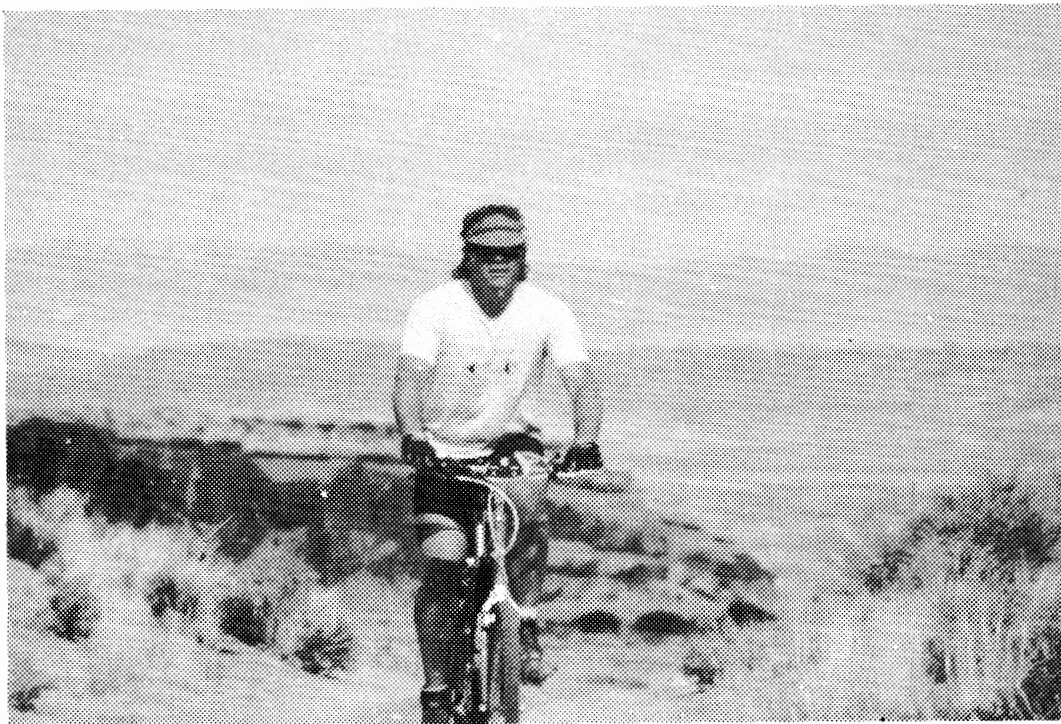


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The new club mileage reimbursement rate is 15 cents per mile plus gas. The Board felt the old rate of ten cents per mile plus gas outdated (it had been in effect for more than seven years). The 4-wheel drive rate is still 25 cents per mile plus gas (applies only to the 4WD portions of the trip). Please remember that vehicle drivers also pay a share, and all vehicles on the trip are combined into one large carpool fund.

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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:** Tony Ackerman on the Monitor and Merimack Trail. Photo by Randy Klein..

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**KNOWLEDGE AND PRICES?** FIND SOMEONE WHO RIDES OR RACES A MOUNTAIN BIKE AND ASK THEM ABOUT US.

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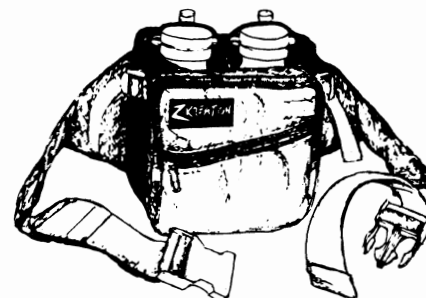
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## AUGUST 1967

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by Dale Green, Historian

Advertisers in this month's issue included: The Mountaineer, 207 South 13th East (what ever happened to Steve Ellsworth?); Gerry of Boulder, Colorado; Bishop's Ultimate Outdoor Equipment in Maryland; and Timberline Sports, 2959 Highland Drive, which soon became WMC headquarters.

Then, as now, the Rambler featured very long write-ups of boating trips, interesting mostly to those who were on the outing. Of 82 column-inches of Trip Talk, boating articles occupied 80 inches, hiking 2 inches.

**FROM THE HISTORIAN:** I would like to thank Tim Poole for some very interesting aerial photographs (slides) of the lodge at Brighton.

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Seven issues ago, three novice Rambler editors took charge of this awesome WMC publication. With each issue, various unexpected glitches occur, some easily solved, and others, well c'est la vie.

July's glitch: everyone, including your editors, received the Rambler late, very late. The reason: the post office claimed our postage payment had not been made. Two and a half days later, they straightened out their mistake and the Rambler finally moved to "deliverability." Fortunately we only received a few inquiries asking "where is my Rambler?" Thank you for your patience.

Next, we are going to experiment with running a small "Letters to the Editor" column from time to

time. If you have any comments, constructive suggestions, helpful hints to other hikers, boaters, campers, etc., or compliments on WMC issues, we would like to hear from you. Letters should be kept short and must include the name of the contributor. We reserve the right to shorten letters or use parts of them or not use them at all, depending on the space available.

About two months ago, we received an anonymous letter with some good comments and suggestions, some of which we used on our activity pages. So your constructive input can be the impetus for improvements. Your editors are putting forth an effort to produce an easy to read, easy to follow, attractive-looking magazine.

#### STONE MASON HELP WANTED!

In cooperation with the Forest Service and other agencies, the Mountain Club is replacing a geologic sign in Big Cottonwood Canyon with an expanded version. The preliminary date of installation is the middle of August. We need someone acquainted with masonry work to construct a native stone pedestal around the sign's base.

If you have any experience in this line of work and would like to assist, please call Dale Green, 277-6417 (h) or 524-3450 (w). The Club will provide the grunt labor and any expenses.



## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### BACKPACKING & CAR CAMPING

#### August

- 1-2 Ibapah Peak car camp
- 7-10 Teton Range backpack
- 14-16 Wind River Mountains backpack
- 15-16 Uinta Mountains car camp
- 21-28 Colorado Fourteeners car camp
- 22-24 Uinta Mountains backpack
- 29-30 Abajo Mountains car camp

#### September

- 4-7 Canyonlands Needles District car camp
- 4-8 Holy Cross Wilderness backpack
- 5-7 Slickhorn Canyon backpack
- 5-7 Nevada Peaks car camp
- 7-11 Teton Range backpack
- 19-20 Maple Canyon car camp
- 19-20 Canyonlands Needles District car camp
- 25-27 Bryce Canyon backpack
- 25-28 Sids Mountain backpack

#### October

- 3-4 Mystery Canyon car camp

### BOATING TRIPS

#### August

- 1 Alpine Boating Instructional
- 8 Playtime at Alpine
- 10 Westwater Work Party
- 15 Westwater Boating Trip
- Aug 31 Split Mt. Work Party

#### September

- Sep 5-7 Split Mountain Trip
- Sep 12-13 Fishing in Idaho
- Sep 14 Westwater Work Party
- Sep 20 Westwater Canyon

### HIKING

#### August

- 1 Devil's Castle
- 1 Mineral Fork
- 1 Mt. Agassiz
- 1 Stairs Gulch
- 2 Green's Basin
- 2 Mt. Watson
- 2 Pfeifferhorn
- 2 Wolverine and Tuscarora
- 5 Wed Evening Hike
- 5 Midweek Day Hike
- 6 Thu Evening Hike
- 8 Cassie's Beatout
- 8 Flagstaff via Grizzley Gulch
- 8 Little Storm Mt. Introductory Hike
- 9 White Fir

- 9 White Pine to Red Pine Lake
- 9 Elbow Fork to Terraces
- 9 Peak 10516
- 9 Kessler Peak Turtle Hike
- 12 Wed Evening Hike
- 12 Midweek Day Hike
- 13 Thu Evening Hike
- 15 Boullion Divide
- 15 Broads Fork
- 15 Lambs Canyon to Elbow Fork
- 15 Reynolds Peak via Butler Fork
- 16 Broads Fork Twin Peaks
- 16 Lake Blanche/Sundial
- 16 Thaynes Peak
- 19 Wed Evening Hike
- 20 Thu Evening Hike
- 22 Red Pine Lake
- 22 East Canyon
- 22 Catherines Pass
- 23 Lake Lackawaxen
- 23 Sugarloaf
- 23 Reynolds Peak
- 23 Greens Basin
- 26 Midweek Day Hike
- 26 Wed Evening Hike
- 27 Thu Evening Hike
- 29 Maybird Lake
- 30 Deseret Peak
- 30 Castle Rock Lake
- 30 Mt. Baldy from Alta
- 30 Silver Fork to Prince of Wales

#### September

- 2 Midweek Day Hike
- 2 Wed Evening Hike
- 3 Thu Evening Hike
- 5 Pfeifferhorn
- 5 Elbow Fork to Terraces
- 6 Nevada Lookout
- 6 Circle All Peak
- 6 Desolation Lake from Mill B
- 6 Gurn Lakes
- 7 Santaquin Peak
- 7 Lake Blanche
- 7 Willow Lake
- 9 Midweek Day Hike
- 10 Thu Evening Hike
- 12 White Pine Lake
- 12 Greens Basin
- 12 Mineral Fork
- 13 Mt. Aire
- 13 Cascade Peak
- 14 Thaynes Canyon
- 16 Midweek Day Hike
- 23 Midweek Day Hike
- 30 Midweek Day Hike

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE (con't)

### BIKING

#### August

- 1 Santaquin Cherry Days 100
- 1 5 Reservoir, Big Mountain Loop Classic
- 1-2 Joe's Valley Fat Tire Festival
- 2 Ride Around Pineview Reservoir
- 3 City Creek Canyon
- 5 Millcreek Canyon
- 8 Brighton to Midway
- 9 Wanship-Henefer
- 12 Emigration Canyon
- 15 Utah Lake Century Bike Ride
- 22 Chalk Creek
- 26 Emigration Canyon
- 29 Millcreek Canyon Dog Lake

### SOCIALS

#### August

- 1 Old Timers Party at the Lodge
- 8 Family Night at the Lodge
- 23 Sunday Social
- 28 Take Yourself to the Ball Game
- 29 Star Gazing Potluck Supper at the Lodge

#### September

- 5 Social and Play Reading at the Lodge
- 12 Fourth Annual John Muir Party

### VOLLEYBALL AND MOUNTAIN RUNNING

**Every Monday Evening  
during July and August**

### STORM MOUNTAIN CLIMBING EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

## SKY CALENDAR

### August

by Ben Everitt

### MOON

First Quarter	Aug 5	Sep 3	Oct 3
Full Moon	Aug 13	Sep 11	Oct 11
Last Quarter	Aug 21	Sep 19	Oct 18
New Moon	Aug 28	Sep 26	Oct 25

### MOONRISE

Saturday	UT	Mtn Daylight Time
Aug 1	08:14	9:45 am
Aug 8	15:51	5:30 pm
Aug 15	19:34	9:00 pm
Aug 22	23:42	12:30 am
Aug 29	07:03	8:30 am
Sep 5	14:34	4:00 pm
Sep 12	18:03	7:30 pm
Sep 19	22:34	11:59 pm
Sep 26	05:50	7:30 pm
Oct 3	13:12	2:30 pm

**NOTE:** Moonrise times are for 40 degrees north latitude, 112 degrees 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 1992.

**PLANETS:** VENUS is returning as the evening star. JUPITER is fading westward with the constellation Leo, and will pass just south of eastward-going Venus on August 23, close to the western horizon at dusk. SATURN is high in the southern sky, and will be at opposition (opposite the sun) on August 7. The Perseid meteor shower, often one of the best of the year, occurs around the 10th to 14th.

### THURSDAY EVENING HIKES INFORMATION

These hikes are for members only except prospective members may use them as the second and final qualifying activity for membership provided their dues check and application are submitted to the leader prior to the hike. 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 the Olympus Hills Shopping Center parking lot (northwest corner) at 3900 Wasatch Blvd. **Park in the painted row directly west of Round Table Pizza or your car may be towed.** Carpool passengers pay for canyon entrance fee; please bring change. Hikes in Big Cottonwood meet at the "Storm Mt. Quartzites" geology sign, 2.9 miles up the canyon (right hand side) from the stop light. Hike organizer: Dale Green.

# 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, boating, skiing, etc., director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Those activities sent directly to the *Rambler*, without approval, will not be published.

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## REMINDER

**PARKING INFO: CANYON PARKING NOTE:** Even days - down side. Odd days - up side. Check sign in canyon.

**HILLSIDE PARKING NOTE:** Park on the west side of the parking lot, south of the bank.

## THANKS

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Aug 1  
Sat.

**SOCIAL: OLD TIMERS PARTY** ENJOY SLIDES AND STORIES ABOUT THE WMC'S FINEST TRIPS AND TIMES. BRING SOMETHING TO BAR-B-CUE AND A SIDE DISH. COST IS \$2.00. CONTACT KARIN CALDWELL (942-6065). WE WILL START THE COALS AT 5.00 PM.

**HIKE: DEVILS CASTLE** Rating 5.0. Leslie Mullins (363-0560) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. Stories about the exposure on Devils Castle are greatly exaggerated says Leslie. Join her on a hike that looks intimidating but which is not too bad.

**HIKE: MINERAL FORK** Rating 5 to 7. Harry Kimbrough (942-7630) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. Harry plans to go at a moderate tempo.

**HIKE: MT. AGASSIZ** Rating 7.0. Chris Venezelos (355-7236) will meet you at 8:30 am at the old Regency Theatre parking lot (by K-Mart) off Foothill Blvd. Bring rain gear, just in case.

**HIKE: STAIRS GULCH** Rating 2.0. Howard Wilkerson (277-1510) will meet you at the NW corner of the Hillside Plaza (7200 S and 2300 E) at 10 am. This hike is about a mile long, gains some 1000 ft and ends amid massive steep quartzite cliffs that will take your breath away. You'll need substantial hiking boots.

**BIKE RIDE: SANTAQUIN CHERRY DAYS 100** (MSD - 100 miles). also known as the Eureka Slant. Cost \$15. Call or write Joe & Alice Pust P.O. Box 213 Santaquin, UT 84655 (1-754-3785 or 1-754-5504).

**BIKE RIDE: 5 RESERVOIR, BIG MOUNTAIN LOOP CLASSIC** (MSD - 80 miles). It snowed us out last year and rained us out last month, so we'll try again. We'll tour all 5 reservoirs: Rockport, Echo, East Canyon, Little Dell, & Mtn. Dell. There is a lot of climbing, (3 climbs of 877', 1646', & 1275' elevation) but well worth the effort. Bring lunch or buy at the convenience stores and cafes along the way. Meet Lade Heaton (466-7008) at 8:00 a.m., at K-Mart parking lot at Parleys Blvd., for carpooling, or meet at Park City High, 1750 East Kearns Boulevard, at 9:00 a.m. to begin. Cycling Possibilities, Vol 2, pg 68-72. Helmets Required.

Aug 1-2  
Sat-Sun

**BOATING: INSTRUCTIONAL BOATING AT ALPINE CANYON (CLASS III).** Call trip leader Neal Reiland (355-1526) to inquire about instruction in your favorite type of craft or to volunteer to help instruct. Send \$25 deposit as well.

**BIKING: JOE'S VALLEY FAT TIRE FESTIVAL BIKE RIDE.** Limited to 150 people. For info, write Castle Country Wild Bunch, 385 North 700 East, Price, UT 84510.

**CAR CAMP: IBAPAH PEAK.** After Donn Seeley's recent Memorial Day trip to the Deep Creek Range, he realized that he has climbed every peak in the Deeps over 11,000 feet (SIX of them) except the tallest, Ibapah Peak (12,080), so its time has come. The day hike to the peak is pretty strenuous, roughly equivalent to Timpanogos from Aspen Grove, which is rated 11.6; the route is about 11 miles round trip with 4,900 feet of elevation gain, some of it off-trail. Please call Donn (583-3143) to register and to complain about his voice mail system.

Aug 2  
Sun

**HIKE: GREENS BASIN** Rating 2.5. Cindy Wilkins (583-5933) will meet you at the NW corner of Hillside Shopping Center (7200 S & 2300 E) at 10 am. Cindy wants you to bring lunch and munchies to share, plus beverage of choice. Also bring nerf balls and frisbees to fling.

**HIKE: MT. WATSON** Rating 4.5. Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will meet you at the parking lot west of the old Regency Theatre off Foothill at 8 am. To reach this 11,000 ft plus Uinta peak, Norm will lead participants by several beautiful glacial lakes.

**HIKE: PFEIFFERHORN** Rating 9.9. Jim Smith (943-6004) will meet you at 8 am at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Climbing Pfeifferhorn requires some scrambling and has exposure. Join Jim on a rewarding hike to one of the big ones.

**HIKE: WOLVERINE AND TUSCARORA** Rating 5.7. Jim Sohl (394-8626) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. You can bag the 18th highest peak in the Wasatch (Wolverine is 10,795) for a moderate effort that rates 5.7 on the WMC scale.

**BIKE RIDE: RIDE AROUND PINEVIEW RESERVOIR** (NTD - 20 miles). Join Rich Gregerson (467-6247), for this easy paced ride around Pineview Reservoir. We'll stop for a swim and visit the Shooting Star Saloon. Bring a swimming suit and munchies or pick up food at convenience stores along the route. Meet at 8:30 am at K-Mart parking lot at Parleys and Wasatch Boulevard for carpooling.

Aug 3  
Mon

**VOLLEYBALL:** 6:30 pm at the soccer field at Fairmont Park in Sugarhouse. First timers please call Duke at 973-8935.

**BIKE RIDE: CITY CREEK CANYON** (NTD - 13 miles). Meet leader Sam Kingston (355-8043) at the north east parking lot of the Capitol at 6:30 pm for this traditional club ride. Helmets required.

**MOUNTAIN RUNNING: MONDAY ALEXANDER BASIN TRAIL.** Carpools leave from Olympus Hills shopping center at 6:15 pm. Running starts at 6:30 pm from the Alexander Basin trailhead in Millcreek Canyon.

Aug 5  
Wed

**BIKE RIDE: MILLCREEK CANYON** (MOD - 19 miles). Meet Mark McKenzie (486-4986) at the Skyline High School parking lot nearest I-215 at 6:15 pm 3251 East 3760 South, for this traditional evening ride. Note, this course has 2,547 feet of gain. Coffee at an agreed restaurant after. Helmets required.

**HIKE: MIDWEEK DAY** Jim Piani will lead mid-week day hikes to almost any lake, peak, valley or trail in the Wasatch. Call (272-3921) to plan an outing.

**HIKE: WEDNESDAY EVENING** Easy, social pace with ample opportunities for flower sniffing and general botanizing. NEWCOMERS welcomed. Leader: Duane Call (485-2980). Time—6:45 pm PROMPT! Place—Olympus Hills Mall.

Aug 6  
Thu

**HIKE: THURSDAY EVENING.** Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on "Events at a Glance" page.

### **CLIMBING: THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN**

Aug 7-9  
Fri-Sun

**CLIMBING: MT. OWEN, TETONS.** This spectacular Teton peak will tentatively be climbed via the Koven couloir and east ridge. This is a climb for the more experienced climber; call Kyle Williams (298-2184 or 487-9309) before planning on participating for details and registration.

Aug 7-10  
Fri-Mon

**BACKPACK: TETON RANGE** Mike Hendrickson is leading this limited trip into the wilds of Wyoming. Current plans call for packing up the North Fork of Teton Creek to Table Mountain, making a ridge run over to Alaska Basin, and returning by the South Fork of Teton Creek. This will involve off-trail, cross-country backpacking with about 4,100 feet of elevation gain; it's not recommended for beginners. Mike wants to leave early Friday morning and start hiking in the afternoon. There is a limit of 10 participants on this trip. Call Mike at (942-1476) evenings to register.

Aug 8  
Sat

**FAMILY NIGHT AT THE LODGE. ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN AT THE LODGE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. BRING SOMETHING TO BBQ FOR YOURSELVES AND A SIDE DISH TO SHARE. ALSO BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES. COST IS \$5.00 PER FAMILY OR \$2.00 PER PERSON, WHICHEVER IS LESS. WE'LL HAVE THE COALS READY ABOUT 5:30 PM AND PLAN TO EAT ABOUT 6 PM. QUESTIONS—CALL MARK OR SUSAN HUTCHINSON (355-3227). SEE YA'**

**HIKE: CASSIE'S BEATOUT** Rating 12 plus. Lake Hardy to Red Pine Lake: An alternative to the standard snow covered route, Cassie's Beatout will be a dry route to Lake Hardy, South Thunder Mountain, Chipman Peak and Pfeifferhorn. From that summit the downhill leg descends to Red Pine Lake and exits out of Little Cottonwood Canyon. This innovative hike is fantastic. WMC rating is an estimated 12 with scrambling and exposure. Departure time is 7 am. Call 278-5153 to sign up and get information.

**HIKE: FLAGSTAFF VIA GRIZZLEY GULCH** Rating 7.0. Howard Wilkerson (277-1510) will meet you at the SW corner of Hillside Plaza at 9:30 am. Howard's innovative route via Grizzley Gulch avoids the obnoxious and steep route that is normally taken. You must bring substantial hiking boots.



Aug 8  
Sat

**HIKE: LITTLE STORM MOUNTAIN** (Introductory Hike) Rating 4.7. Martin McGregor (967-9860) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. On the exploratory hike to this peak, Martin discovered it is about half the length and difficulty of Storm Mountain. Brush is sparse so that bushwhacking is not a problem. Martin invites you to explore an easy new peak.

**BIKE RIDE: BRIGHTON - MIDWAY MOUNTAIN** (MOD - 23 miles). Meet Dave Vance (486-1878) at the Brighton Store at 9:00 am to begin this mountain bike ride up Guardsman Pass and down to Midway for lunch and possible stop for hot pot swim, so bring swimming suit. Return along the same route. Helmets required.

Aug 9  
Sun

**HIKE: WHITE FIR PASS** Rating 3.1. Bryce Baker (963-8732) will meet you at the Skyline High parking lot (off 3900 S) at 9 am. Bryce wants to lead at a deliberate pace on this green and shady route.

**BOATING: PLAYTIME AT ALPINE** (CLASS III). Send \$25 deposit or call trip leader Jeff Barrell (278-3510) to come along and surf your brains out (its a dirty job but somebody besides Jeff has to do it).

**HIKE: WHITE PINE TO RED PINE LAKE** Rating 7.0. Chris Venezelos (355-7236) will meet you at the Hillside Plaza at 9 am. Bring rain gear just in case. We will descend through Red Pine Canyon and enjoy the shady trail on an otherwise hot afternoon.

**HIKE: ELBOW FORK TO TERRACES** Rating 1.9. Dave Vickery (583-7064) will meet you at the Skyline High parking lot (off 3900 S) at 8:30 am. Although the trail has a moderately significant hill, it terminates 430 ft lower than the trailhead.

**HIKE: PEAK 10516** Rating estimated at 8.0. Pat Kottcamp (322-1507) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. Something new! Pat says his previous hikes to this peak have rewarded him with seldom seen north aspects of Pfeifferhorn plus an in-your-face view of Thunderbolt Ridge. Requires some scrambling with a little exposure. This new peak hike is described as a bit less effort than Pfeifferhorn.

**TURTLE HIKE: KESSLER PEAK** Rating 8.0. Chuck Gregg (364-6342) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. Chuck will lead this hike in the turtle style—slow but determined. This is an opportunity for hikers of the slower persuasion to summit a dramatic 10,403 ft peak.

**BIKE RIDE: WANSHIP-HENEFER** (MOD - 42 miles). Meet Lily Schumann (561-3756) at 10:00 am at the Wanship Dam for this traditional tour through Wanship, Hoytsville, Echo Reservoir, & Henefer & back. Helmets required. Bring your own lunch or stop at convenience stores or Kozy Cafe along the way.

Aug 10  
Mon

**VOLLEYBALL:** 6:30 pm at the soccer field at Fairmont Park in Sugarhouse. First timers please call Duke at 973-8935.

- Aug 10  
Mon **WESTWATER WORK PARTY.** For all those going on the August 15-16 Westwater Trip. Meet at 6 pm at the boating equipment shed, 4317 S. 300 W. #8, just north of Zim's.
- Aug 12  
Wed **BIKE RIDE: EMIGRATION CANYON,** (NTD - 17 miles). Meet Lily Schumann (561-3756) across from Hogle Zoo at 6:30 pm for this traditional evening ride. Coffee at an agreed restaurant after. Helmets required.
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Thu **CLIMBING: THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN**
- HIKE: THURSDAY EVENING.** Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on "Events at a Glance" page.
- Aug 14-16  
Fri-Sun **BACKPACK: WIND RIVER MOUNTAINS** Last year Brian Barkey and his dog Mabel went to the Wind River Range for the first time. On this trip, someone in the group backed over a pack with a truck, someone else twisted an ankle, parts of the trail were so steep that only one person got up it with his pack, the mosquitoes were hell, a dog almost drowned in the Green River and the trip was way too short. Therefore Brian is going back, this time to climb Flat Top Mountain, which is north of the Green Lakes. This trip is a bit shorter than last year's trip, but there are some steep sections. Plans are to drive to the Green River trailhead on Thursday night, "stroll" up to Slide Lake on Friday, clamber up to Flat Top on Saturday and wander back out on Sunday. If you would like to go along with Brian and Mabel, call one of them (583-1205 home or 581-5768 work). Ask Brian about the time he was chased through a Wind Rivers valley by a couple of 2,000 lb. moose (meeses?).
- Aug 15  
Sat **BIKE RIDE: UTAH LAKE CENTURY (ULCER)(MSD)** sponsored by Bonneville Bicycle Club. For more information call Bill Goldberg (292-7466).
- HIKE: BOULLION DIVIDE** Rating 11+ with scrambling and exposure. This ridge run goes from White Pine lake to Albion Basin traversing over 5 peaks. In addition to the high point of American Fork Twins (11,498) the route goes over Red Baldy, Haystack, Hidden Peak and Sugarloaf. Call Tom Walsh (969-5842) to register and plan for car spotting.
- HIKE: BROAD'S FORK** Rating 5.0. Chuck Gregg (364-6342) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. There will be lots of wildflowers in bloom so please wear a purple tee shirt so you will blend in (any pastel colored tee shirt is ok).
- HIKE: LAMBS CANYON TO ELBOW FORK** Rating 3.4. Jerry Hatch (467-7186) will meet you at the old Regency Theatre off Foothill at 8:45 am. Everyone welcome hike including old, young, kids, seniors, musicians, magicians and pet owners.

- Aug 15  
Sat **HIKE: REYNOLDS PEAK VIA BUTLER FORK** Rating 5.6. Allen and Ilka Olson (272-6305) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 am. Join the Olson's for an easy-going hike to an easy peak.
- Aug 15-16  
Sat-Sun **BOATING: WESTWATER (CLASS III+).** Westwater is a scenic and warm water canyon run this time of year. This is typically an intermediate trip in the lower August flows. However, the possibility of afternoon thunder showers can increase the winds and water levels on short notice. Send \$25 deposit or call leader John Veranth (278-5826).
- FAMILY CAR CAMP: UINTA MOUNTAINS.** The journal of Father Escalante mentions an Indian legend of a place in the Uinta Mountains where children have such a good time, they behave like angels: 'El campo de los buenos ninos'. We will find that place even if we have to hike their little legs off. Call Mike Eisenberg (277-6007) for details and treasure map.
- Aug 16  
Sun **HIKE: BROADS FORK TWIN PEAKS** Rating 11.8. Jon Blackburn (467-5626) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8 am.
- HIKE: LAKE BLANCHE/SUNDIAL** Rating 5.7 and 9.9. Clint Lewis (295-8645) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. Clint plans to lead a hike to the most beautiful lake in the Wasatch. At Lake Blanche he will regroup to take interested peak-baggers to Sundial. Sundial has considerable exposure.
- HIKE: THAYNES PEAK** Rating 7.1. Marc Hutchinson (355-3227) will meet you at the Skyline High parking lot (off 3900 S) at 9 am. A great summer hike through trees and shady valleys.
- Aug 17  
Mon **BIKE RIDE: CITY CREEK CANYON,** (NTD - 13 miles). Meet leader Mark McKenzie (486-4986) at the north east parking lot of the Capitol at 6:30 pm for this traditional club ride. Helmets required.
- VOLLEYBALL:** 6:30 pm at the soccer field at Fairmont Park in Sugarhouse. First timers please call Duke at 973-8935.
- Aug 19  
Wed **BIKE RIDE: EMIGRATION OAKS MOUNTAIN,** (MOD). meet leader Chris Winter (265-8391) across from Hogle Zoo at 6:30 pm for this ride up Emigration Canyon (asphalt) and Emigration Oaks (single track - mountain bike). Helmets required.
- HIKE: WEDNESDAY EVENING** Easy, social pace with ample opportunities for flower sniffing and general botanizing. NEWCOMERS welcomed. Leader: Duane Call 485-2980. Time-6:45 pm PROMPT! Place-Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- MIDSUMMER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING AND BARBEQUE.** WE WILL MEET AT 6:30 FOR SOCIALIZING AND A BUSINESS MEETING TO DISCUSS CURRENT CLUB CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES. THE HOST IS WILL MCCARVILL WHO LIVES AT 3363 EAST NORWOOD ROAD (7940 SOUTH). FROM BENGAL BLVD (7800 SOUTH) TURN SOUTH ON OAKLEDGE AND THEN EAST ONTO NORWOOD. CALL WILL FOR DIRECTIONS AT 943-5520 OR JOHN VERANTH FOR INFORMATION AT 278-5826.

Aug 20  
Thu

## CLIMBING: THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN

**HIKE: THURSDAY EVENING** Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on "Events at a Glance" page. NOTE: The Forest Service now requires the showing of your WMC membership card to enter Storm Mountain Picnic Grounds for hamburgers after the hike.

Aug 21-28  
Fri-Fri

**CAR CAMP: COLORADO FOURTEENERS** Cassie Badowsky is going to assault three high Colorado peaks in a week: Longs Peak (14,255 feet with 4855 feet elevation gain); Mt. Elbert (14,433 feet with 5300 feet elevation gain), the highest mountain in Colorado and the second highest in the contiguous 48 states after Mt. Whitney; and Uncompahgre Peak (14,309 feet with a 5000-foot elevation gain). She plans to arrive at the trailhead early in the morning for each hike to avoid early afternoon thunder/lightning storms. There will be rest days between each hike. On the return trip, Cassie may drive by Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument. Call Cassie evenings (278-5153) for more information and to register.

Aug 22  
Sat

**HIKE: RED PINE LAKE** Rating 5.3. Gloria O'Conner (466-9016) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am.

**HIKE: EAST CANYON.** No rating on this original but it is regarded as moderate. Wick Miller (649-1790) is leading this hike and asks that the group meet at the Parley's K-Mart (Exit 143) at 8:30 am for car-pooling to his and Joanne's place. The hike will leave from there promptly at 9 am. The trail will go by Jeremy ranch and several beaver ponds.

**HIKE: CATHERINES PASS FROM ALBION BASIN** Rating about a 3. This will be a leisurely FAMILY HIKE. Barry Quinn (272-7097) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at a comfortable 10 am. The hike may continue to Sunset Peak if the group desires.

**BIKE RIDE: CHALK CREEK - WYOMING/UTAH CORNER** (MOD - 47 miles). Meet leader Mark McKenzie, (486-4986) for this ride from Coakville to the corner where Wyoming meets Utah. Meet at K-Mart parking lot at Parleys Blvd. at 9:00 am for carpooling or at Coalville Court House at 10:00 am to begin the ride. Bring munchies for lunch along the way. Helmets required.

Aug 22-24  
Sat-Mon

**BACKPACK: UINTA MOUNTAINS.** Jeff Barrell is heading up the East Fork of Smiths Fork in the Uintas with the objective of Kings Peak, the highest point in the state of Utah. The group is limited to 8 participants; call Jeff (278-3510) to register.

Aug 23  
Sun

**SUNDAY SOCIAL, WICK MILLER, 8958 NORTH COVE DRIVE, BEHIND JEREMY RANCH, 5:00 pm. THERE WILL BE A POT LUCK SUPPER; BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE AND MEET THE PRESIDENT AT HOME. CALL FOR DETAILS AND DIRECTIONS, 1-649-1790.**

**HIKE: LAKE LACKAWAXEN** Rating 2.5. Leah Mancini (582-7912) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon by the sign at 9 am. Bring hats and/or sunscreen. This is a sunny hike at a high elevation (over 9000 ft).

Aug 23  
Sun

**HIKE: SUGARLOAF** Rating 3.9. John Marks (278-1092) will meet you at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. Bring smiles and be ready to enjoy a pleasant hike.

**HIKE: REYNOLDS PEAK FROM MILL D** Rating 5.2. Doug Stark (277-8538) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. This will be a leisurely paced hike.

**BIKE RIDE: WEST JORDAN - SARATOGA** (MOD - 51 miles). Join Lade Heaton at 8:30 am at West Jordan Park at 7941 South 2200 West to begin this ride. We'll lunch and possibly swim at Saratoga. Helmets required. Cycling Possibilities, Vol 1, pg 41.

**MUSICAL HIKE: GREENS BASIN.** Carol Kalm-Stearns (272-0828) invites you and your instrument to the 11th(?) Annual Musical Hike. Past Musical Hikes have featured both folk and classical music, and hikers are encouraged to bring sheet music to share. You don't need to show your strength by toting your bassoon (unless you want to)—people are welcome to sing, or just to listen. Be forewarned that this event is not a performance, but merely an opportunity to share some beautiful music in a beautiful setting. Hikers should meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10 am and should expect a slow-paced hike (slower for bassoon players), rated at 2.5. Please contact Carol if you have any questions.

Aug 24  
Mon

**VOLLEYBALL:** 6:30 pm at the soccer field at Fairmont Park in Sugarhouse. First timers please call Duke at 973-8935.

Aug 26  
Wed

**HIKE: MIDWEEK DAY** Jim Piani will lead mid-week day hikes to almost any lake, peak, valley or trail in the Wasatch. Call (272-3921) to plan an outing.

**BIKE RIDE: EMIGRATION CANYON,** (NTD - 17 miles). Meet Mark McKenzie (486-4986) across from Hogle Zoo at 6:30 pm for this traditional evening ride. Coffee at an agreed restaurant after. Helmets required.

**HIKE: WEDNESDAY EVENING** Easy, social pace with ample opportunities for flower sniffing and general botanizing. NEWCOMERS welcomed. Leader: Jerry Hatch Call 467-7186. Time—6:45 pm PROMPT! Place—Olympus Hills Mall.

Aug 27  
Thu

**CLIMBING: THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN**

**HIKE: THURSDAY EVENING MILL CREEK CANYON** See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on "Events at a Glance" page.

Aug 28  
Fri

**TAKE YOURSELF TO THE BALL GAME: THE SALT LAKE TRAPPERS ARE PLAYING AT 7 PM. JOIN BILL LOGGINS AND FRANK ATWOOD BEHIND FIRST BASE AND ENJOY TAKING IT EASY WITH THE TRAPPERS. OF COURSE IT ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUFF YOURSELF WITH AT LEAST TWO OF THE FINER AMERICAN TRADITIONS—BASEBALL AND HOT DOGS. QUESTIONS?? CALL FRANK (583—9990) OR BILL (596-0597).**



Aug 29  
Sat

**A STAR PARTY IS BORN LODGE POTLUCK DINNER AT 6 PM FOLLOWED BY STAR GAZING AT 8:30. BRING \$2.00 PER PERSON AND SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH DINNER, ALSO YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE. TELESCOPE STAR GAZING AND IDENTIFICATION IN PARKING LOT. YOU'RE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A FLASHLIGHT MODIFIED WITH A RED LENS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE EVERYONE'S NIGHT VISION. IF THE SKY IS OVERCAST THERE'LL BE AN INTRODUCTION TO CONSTELLATIONS AND ALSO SOCIAL GAMES IN THE LODGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MARY ANN LOSEE (278-4587).**

**HIKE: MAYBIRD LAKE** Rating 6.0. John Marks (278-1092) will meet you at the parking lot at the bottom of Little Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. Bring smiles (as well as the usual lunches, etc.).

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP.** The WMC has adopted the stretch of highway between the Knudsen Corner interchange of I-215 and the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Bring a pair of gloves. Cold pop will be provided for those who help. This is a qualifying activity for prospective members. Meet at 9 am at the west end of the Park and Ride at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Do not join the group until you obtain a red safety vest. Reliable leaders: Leslie Woods (484-2338) or Barbara Jacobsen (943-3715). We have had poor participation from the membership in the past and we would appreciate more people getting involved!

**BIKE RIDE: MILLCREEK CANYON DOG LAKE** (MOD - 25 miles). Meet leader Kevin Flannigan (1-773-6701) at Skyline High School parking lot, 3251 East 3760 South, at 10:00 am to begin this ride. Road bikes o.k. for climb up Millcreek. Mountain Bikes needed for climb to Dog Lake. Bring lunch to eat along the way. Helmets required.

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY.** Meet at 9 am at the Olympus Hills Mall (near the old Bagel Nosh) to join the Forest Service or city trail crews. Bring work gloves, water, and a light snack. Tools will be provided. Contact Chris Biltoft (364-5729) for details.

Aug 29-30  
Sat-Sun

**CAR CAMP: ABAJO MOUNTAINS** The Abajo Mountains are located east of Blanding, and are just over 11,000 feet high. From the peaks, outstanding views can be seen of the surrounding Colorado Plateau. Wildlife is abundant. Howard Wilkerson plans to camp Friday evening and Saturday in a forest service campground. Saturday he will day hike to one of the peaks. Sunday's itinerary will be done by group consensus. All roads are well-graded and suitable for passenger cars. Hikes will be rated about 5, and Howard stresses that they will be done at a LEISURELY pace. Most hikes are rated less than 5. Hiking boots are required. Call Howard at (277-1510) to register and request the detailed itinerary and map.

Aug 30  
Sun

**HIKE: DESERET PEAK** Rating 8.1. Tom Munn (533-0819) will meet you at the Union 76 Truck Stop at I-80 exit 99 near Tooele at 8 am. This is a long, strenuous 8.1 so come prepared.

**HIKE: CASTLE ROCK LAKE IN THE UINTAS** Rating moderate (something like a 7). Bill Loggins (596-0597) will meet you by the defunct old Regency Theatre at 9 am. From here we'll carpool to the trail head. This is a very nice hike of about 5 1/2 miles each way.

Aug 30  
Sun **HIKE: SILVER FORK TO PRINCE OF WALES.** Rating 4.5. Oscar Robinson (485-7823) will meet you at Hillside Plaza (23rd E and 7200 S) at 8:30 am. There's an impressive old mine shaft here and great boilers. How did they even get it in there? Up Honeycomb Cliffs, slight exposure.

**HIKE: MT. BALDY FROM ALTA** Rating 4.5. Andy Schoenberg (583-3193) will meet you at the Skyline High parking lot at 8:30 am. This is an intermediate hike.

Aug 31  
Mon **WORK PARTY: SPLIT MOUNTAIN.** For all those going on the September 5-7 Split Mtn. Trip. Meet at 6:30 pm at the boating equipment shed, 4317 S 300 W #8, just north of Zim's.

**VOLLEYBALL:** 6:30 pm at the soccer field at Fairmont Park in Sugarhouse. First timers please call Duke at 973-8935.

Sep 2  
Wed **HIKE: MIDWEEK DAY** Jim Piani will lead mid-week day hikes to almost any lake, peak, valley or trail in the Wasatch. Call (272-3921) to plan an outing.

**HIKE: WEDNESDAY EVENING** Easy, social pace with ample opportunities for flower sniffing and general botanizing. NEWCOMERS welcomed. Leader: Duane Call 485-2980. Time-6:45 pm PROMPT! Place-Olympus Hills Mall.

Sep 3  
Thu **CLIMBING: THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN**

**HIKE: THURSDAY EVENING** Big Cottonwood Canyon. See "Thursday Evening Hike Information" on "Events at a Glance" page. NOTE: The Forest Service now requires the showing of your WMC membership card to enter Storm Mountain Picnic Grounds for hamburgers after the hike.

Sep 4-7  
Fri-Mon **CAR CAMP: CANYONLANDS NEEDLES DISTRICT.** Charles Reichmuth has reservations for the group campsite at the Squawflat trailhead for three nights at \$2 per person per night. The campsite will hold more than 40 people and the Park Service wants it to be used "effectively" which means Charles needs to be able to tell them ahead of time that there will be plenty of people coming, or chance being "bumped" to one of the other, smaller campsites with very limited parking. Please help by calling Charles at 483-1542 by August 21 and letting him know of your interest. Insufficient interest will result in cancellation of the trip. There are many options for day hikes in the Needles, the "greatest sandbox for adults in the world." Showers are available at the Outpost, just outside the park. Participants can help by bringing some firewood for Happy Hour and/or eventide gatherings, as well as goodies for Happy Hour if they want to share.

**BACKPACK: HOLY CROSS WILDERNESS EXPLORATORY.** The Holy Cross Wilderness is near Minturn, CO, and not far from the Vail and Beaver Creek ski areas. The hike will require a car shuttle between trailheads at Tigwan and Gold Park, leaving a cross country distance of about 20 miles. The starting trailhead will be at 10,400 feet and the hike will mostly be in the 11,000 to 12,000 foot range. Besides the spectacular vistas, many other diversions are possible: scaling the Mount of the Holy Cross (14,005) or slightly lower Notch Mountain or Whitney Peak, fishing in the high mountain lakes and streams, or exploring backcountry ghost towns. There will be a limit of 8 participants. Call Ken Workman (1-825-3448) to register.

Sep 5  
Sat

**SOCIAL AND PLAY READING AT THE LODGE. ENJOY A CLUB SOCIAL AND PLAYREADING OF THE "NIGHT THOREAU SPENT IN JAIL." THE SOCIAL WILL START AT 6 PM WITH PLAY READING BEGINNING AT 7:30. READERS ARE NEEDED FOR ABOUT 15 SPEAKING PARTS. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS SHOULD CONTACT FRANK ATWOOD (583-9990). COST IS \$2 PER PERSON, OVERNIGHT \$3 PER PERSON.**

**HIKE: PFEIFFERHORN** Rating 9.1. Call Steve Carr (261-5787) to register.

**HIKE: BROADS FORK TO THE MEADOW** Rating 4.6. Bart Hovis (272-2826) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 am.

**HIKE: ELBOWFORK TO TERRACES** Rating 1.9. Kathy Hoenig (486-8525) will meet you at the Skyline High parking lot at 9 am.

Sep 5-7  
Sat-Mon

**BACKPACK: SLICKHORN CANYON.** Bill Viavant (1-259-8898) will lead this three day backpack into the canyon country near Grand Gulch in southeastern Utah. Bill lives in Moab, so he suggests that folks meet him at 9 am Saturday morning at the Grand Gulch BLM Ranger Station, about 5 miles south of Utah 95 on Utah 261 in the direction of Mexican Hat. The Slickhorn Gulch turn-off is about 10 miles south of the ranger station, and Bill plans to pack about 8 or 9 miles in to a good campsite in the bottom of Slickhorn Gulch. On Sunday, Bill will lead a long day hike (15-16 miles) down to the mouth of Slickhorn Gulch at the San Juan River and back. On Monday, the group will pack back out; Bill will visit Indian ruins and natural swimming holes on the way. Bill advises folks to bring at least 2 liters of water per person and recommends carrying a good water filter. Call Bill after the 26th of August to register and to get more details.

**BOATING: SPLIT MOUNTAIN TRIP (CLASS III-).** We have two daily launches for Split Mountain on the Green River in Dinosaur National Monument (Sun and Mon). Saturday we will float the cool clear waters of Red Canyon Below Flaming Gorge Dam. This can be a playtrip for experienced boaters and/or an instructional trip for advanced beginners to intermediates. If logistics permit, you may not need to join the trip for all 3 days to take part. Send \$25 deposit or call leader Janet Embry at 321-3148.

**CLIMBING: IN WIND RIVERS.** Do climbs of varying difficulty from a high camp, possibly in Cirque of the Towers. John Veranth (278-5826) will coordinate rope teams and carpoos.

**CAR CAMP: NEVADA PEAKS.** Donn Seeley (583-3143) decided to open his traditional solo Labor Day trip to the public this year. He plans to travel to eastern Nevada to visit some high places which, for one reason or another, withstood his efforts on earlier expeditions: Currant Mountain (11,513) and Troy Peak (11,298). Both of these hikes are exploratory and (if history is any guide) fairly strenuous, with cross-country hiking and scrambling. If there are any survivors on Monday, Donn may visit Lincoln Peak (11,597) in the Great Basin National Park, a comparative walk. Call Donn to register and to ask why he didn't reach the summit of Currant Mountain last time.

- Sep 5-13  
Sat-Sun      **BACKPACK: ZION PARK BACK COUNTRY** David Minix (967-3864) would like to organize a group of four to six persons (no more!) for this trip. It will be strenuous but the rewards are fabulous.
- Sep 6  
Sun      **HIKE: NEVADA LOOKOUT** Rating 3.5. Al Brennan (777-2604, w; 393-4406, h) will meet you at the Ogden Smith's parking lot at 12th and Harrison in the NE corner. This is a FAMILY hike so be sure to bring the kids.
- HIKE: CIRCLE ALL PEAK** Rating 3. Janet Casky (943-7956) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am.
- HIKE: DESOLATION LAKE FROM MILL B** Rating 5.4. Phil Gikkan (583-8499) requests that you phone him for the time and place to meet.
- HIKE: GURN LAKES.** Chuck Gregg (364-2342) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 am. NEWCOMERS are especially invited on this leisurely paced hike. Your hiking director admits to never having heard of Gurn Lakes, so feel free to ask.
- Sep 7  
Mon      **HIKE: SANTAQUIN PEAK** Rating 10. Jerry Hatch (467-7186) will meet you at the Park & Ride at 7200 S and I-15 at 8:45 am.
- HIKE: LAKE BLANCHE** Rating 5. Joe Gates (943-0957) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am.
- HIKE: WILLOW LAKE** Rating 1.5. Carl Decker (295-0359) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 am. A good hike for families. Bring your children.
- Sep 7-11  
Mon-Fri      **BACKPACK: TETON RANGE.** Enjoy the late summer in high Wyoming with Bill Strickler (1-773-6701) on this 5-day backpack into the Teton Range. Bill plans to take the boat across Jenny Lake and then pack 6-7 miles up Cascade Canyon to make a base camp. Bill is flexible about scheduling day hikes, and he's open to moonlight hikes too, since the full moon arrives this week. The number of participants is limited to 6, and folks should be aware that backcountry permits are distributed on a first-come, first served basis, so Bill may need to adjust his destination. Call Bill to register and get more details.
- Sep 9  
Wed      **HIKE: MIDWEEK DAY** Jim Piani will lead mid-week day hikes to almost any lake, peak, valley or trail in the Wasatch. Call (272-3921) to plan an outing.
- Sep 10  
Thu      **CLIMBING: THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN**
- HIKE: THURSDAY EVENING** Big Cottonwood Canyon. See Sep 3 for particulars. This will be the last scheduled Thursday Evening activity of the season so LET'S PARTY! Bring some munchies to share with fellow hikers and your beverage of choice. Hamburgers will be available later, as usual.

- Sep 12  
Sat      **HIKE: WHITE PINE LAKE** Rating 6.3. Randy Long (943-0244) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9:30 am.
- HIKE: GREENS BASIN** Rating 2.5. Chuck Decker will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am.
- HIKE: MINERAL FORK.** The rating varies depending on how far one goes up the cirque, but it's around a 5. Martin McGregor (967-9860) will meet you at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am.
- FOURTH ANNUAL JOHN MUIR PARTY. ENJOY AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCING FROM CONSERVATIONIST JOHN MUIR'S NATIVE SCOTLAND. GAIL CORDY AND MARTHA VERANTH OF THE SALT LAKE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS WILL BE TEACHING SIMPLE COUNTRY DANCES TO THE MUSIC OF LOCH AND KEY. BRING POTLUCK DESERTS TO SHARE AT 7:30; DANCING STARTS AT 8:00. ADMISSION \$5.00. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MARTHA VERANTH AT 278-5826.**
- Sep 12-13  
Sat-Sun      **BOATING: CANOE CAMPING IN RUBY AND HORSE THIEF CANYONS (Class I)**  
This is a scenic river float with shade trees available at most camp sites. Call leader Stuart Challender to register at 322-4022.
- FISHING: CLEAR LAKE AND SILVER CREEK, IDAHO.** No licenses are required in these areas, but there is a \$5 rod fee. Rainbow trout are common here, and bank fishing, wading, and float tubing are all appropriate. Silver Creek is a barbless hook only area, and no live bait is allowed. Call leader Bruce Oshita (774-6239) to register.
- Sep 13  
Sun      **HIKE: MT. AIRE** Rating 3.8. Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) will meet you at the Skyline High parking lot at 9 am.
- HIKE: CASCADE PEAK** Rating 11.0. Howard Wilkerson (277-1510) will meet you at the Park & Ride off the exit of I-15 at 5400 Sat 7 am. This will be a TURTLE hike. The peak is east of Orem and south of Timpanogas.
- HIKE: THAYNES CANYON VIA DESOLATION TRAIL.** Louise Hollander (277-1416) will lead a TURTLE hike but please call her for the location to register as the hike will be limited to 10 people.
- Sep 14  
Mon      **WESTWATER WORK PARTY.** For all those going on the September 20 Westwater Trip. Meet at 6:30 pm at the boating equipment shed, 4317 S. 300 W. #8, just north of Zim's.
- Sep 16  
Wed      **HIKE: MIDWEEK DAY.** Jim Piani will lead mid-week day hikes to almost any lake, peak, valley or trail in the Wasatch. Call (272-3921) to plan an outing.
- Sep 17  
Thu      **CLIMBING: THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN**



- Sep 19-20  
Sat-Sun      **CAR CAMP: MAPLE CANYON.** Picture a southern Utah-style canyon with towering walls, a massive arch and an amazing side slot, then crank it up to 7,000 feet in elevation in the Uinta National Forest and add a thick canopy of white fir and aspen and (of course) maple, and then shift it all north until it's two hours from Salt Lake, and you may have a clue about the impressive Maple Canyon. Donn Seeley (583-3143) visited this area last year when the aspens were golden and ruddy and swears that you'll love it even though you've never heard of it. Call Donn to register and to volunteer to barbecue dinner.
- PHOTOGRAPHERS CAR CAMP: CANYONLANDS NEEDLES DISTRICT** John Veranth (278-5826) has an unusual idea for a car camp tailored to photographers and birdwatchers. John is going to hike at dawn and sunset to get great shots of textures and pastel colors, and to find nature in active transition. He'll return to camp in the day for a gourmet brunch, which sounds even better than the hiking. John has reserved the Split Top Cave group campground in the Needles and invites you to join him for this unique weekend. Participants will be limited to 15.
- Sep 20  
Sun      **BOATING: WESTWATER CANYON (CLASS III+).** This should be a great time to run a one-day Sunday Westwater without the encumbrances of camping on the river. Surfing should be prevalent, so be ready to run shuttle on Saturday night and launch early to maximize fun time. Send \$25 deposit or call leader Larry Stewart at 944-0213. For those who wish, Larry can take names of those who want to meet to hike or mountain bike on Saturday in the Moab or San Rafael areas.
- Sep 23  
Wed      **HIKE: MIDWEEK DAY** Jim Piani will lead mid-week day hikes to almost any lake, peak, valley or trail in the Wasatch. Call (272-3921) to plan an outing.
- Sep 24  
Thu      **CLIMBING: THURSDAY NIGHT AT STORM MOUNTAIN**
- Sep 25-27  
Fri-Sun      **BACKPACK: BRYCE CANYON.** For some reason the Club rarely gets a chance to visit Bryce Canyon National Park, but Phil Giles is making up for this sad omission with a three-day backpack under the rim. This trip will provide a welcome opportunity to experience lots of fantastic rock formations and not so many tourists. The total distance is about 22 1/2 miles with some up and down. Give Phil a ring at 487-5046 evenings to register and find out more.
- Sep 25-28  
Fri-Mon      **BACKPACK: SIDS MOUNTAIN.** Mark McKenzie (486-4986) plans to explore the southern part of the Sids Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the San Rafael Swell. Some of the features that he's particularly interested in are the Devil's Racetrack, the Twin Priests, the Golden Gate and Joe and His Dog. Plan on leaving Thursday night and coming back Monday. You'll want to carry up to a gallon of water in your pack (there are springs). Mark describes this trip as moderately strenuous. Call Mark to register.
- Sep 30  
Wed      **HIKE: MIDWEEK DAY** Jim Piani will lead mid-week day hikes to almost any lake, peak, valley or trail in the Wasatch. Call (272-3921) to plan an outing.

# COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Oct 3-4**

**CAR CAMP: MYSTERY CANYON.** "Mystery Canyon" is Donn Seeley's name for a deep slot canyon in the San Rafael Swell, in a tract that failed to make the cut as a BLM Wilderness Study Area. Once you've seen it, you'll be stunned at how anyone could fail to observe any wilderness potential in one of the Swell's best canyons. Donn plans a full day on Saturday hiking in the upper narrows and splashing through potholes in the lower narrows; on Sunday he may go exploring in upper Iron Wash. There will be a limit of 15 on this trip. Call Donn at 583-3143 to register and to express your disgust with the BLM's attitude toward wilderness.

**Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28**

**HIKE: MIDWEEK DAY** Jim Piani will lead mid-week day hikes to almost any lake, peak, valley or trail in the Wasatch. Call (272-3921) to plan an outing.

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**CAVE EXPLORATION CAR CAMP** Spend two days in Eastern Nevada exploring some of the region's larger caves. Get more details from Dale Green, 277-6417.

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**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 for one activity.)
- 3) **A trip leader may choose to limit a trip to members,** especially if there is limited space.

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING HIKE INFORMATION:** Due to his return to school, Gene Wooldrige is unable to lead the Wednesday evening nature hikes this year. This year these slower paced hikes will be led by Duane Call, (485-2980) and Jerry Hatch, (467-7186). These hikes will meet at **6:45 pm PROMPT!!** at the location listed in the Rambler. All participants must sign the liability release form. No dogs or small children without prior approval of the hike leader. **PLEASE** call **BEFORE** Wednesday if you need any information about the hike.

We have a small group campsite reserved for a trip especially for people with a serious interest in doing landscape photography. The ground rules are: we are willing to stop to set up tripods and participants are willing to pose for pictures when requested. There will be a "crack of dawn hike" each day to catch the low angle light followed by a gourmet brunch back at camp. Contact John Veranth at 278-5826 to register.

# FROM THE CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

## **New Board Policy on Group Size On Club Trips**

By John Veranth

The Club needs to set a good environmental example by minimizing our own impact on the trails and this requires limiting group size. The Governing Board has discussed this issue many times over the years. A main concern was finding a way to keep groups within reasonable size limits while still being able to accommodate 100% of member demand to go on trips. A second concern was that size limits would mean that we either need to phone-recruit more trip leaders for popular weekends (already a difficult task) or we would have to turn away members who want to go on a hike, backpack or ski tour.

However, on nearly all club trips there are several individuals who are as experienced as the scheduled leader and who are fully capable of leading an equivalent trip. In an attempt to manage group size without creating more work for the activity directors and their committees, the board has adopted the following policies.

1) For day hikes into Wilderness Areas group size will be limited to 12 unless a mandatory lower limit applies. If the group at the meeting point is larger than this, the scheduled leader should re-

cruit a second leader so that the group can be split. The splitting of the group and second leader's name will be noted on the Release Form. To insure that the groups will travel separately the participants will be asked to assign themselves to either a "fast group" or the "slow-paced group" and the fast group should start up the trail first, preferably 15 minutes ahead of the second group.

2) For non-wilderness hikes and ski tours the trip leader may choose to use the above procedure if the group size is larger than desired for the intended route.

3) For backpacks or other preregistration trips, the scheduled leader should keep a waiting list once the initial trip is filled. As people call in and are added to the waiting list the leader should inquire if the individual is capable of leading an overflow trip to a similar destination, typically another drainage in the same general area. Once a second trip leader volunteers, that individual becomes responsible for contacting the other people on the waiting list and making necessary arrangements.

Please cooperate with the scheduled trip leader if you are asked to lead an overflow group. If everyone makes an effort these policies will enable the club to run better outings while insuring that no one is turned away because the trip was full.

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## **July 11 Trail Clearing**

by Chris Biltoft

In spite of ominous looking weather, a hearty group of Club members met Forest Service trail coordinators on the morning of July 11 for trail work on Beartrap Fork. Armed with polaskis, shoves, saws, and lopers, the group headed up a badly eroded road to the Beartrap trail. Duane Call led a group of sawyers cutting through downed trees, while Bob Rogalski, Judy Allen, Bill Loggins, Randy Long, Mark Kohagen, and Mary Fleming continued further up the trail to set up a series of cairns linking the upper part of Beartrap Fork to

the Wasatch Crest Trail. Other trail work included brushing by Roland Hill and Martin McGregor, and construction of check dams and water bars by Brian Barkey, Kyle Williams, David Dahlhamp, Nettie Aplan, and Chris and Adrian Biltoft, although just about everyone pitched in for this job. Norm fish came along to record the event on his camcorder. At 3:00 pm we regrouped at Scott Harrison's house for a sumptuous cookout and social. Our next trail work, scheduled for August 29, will likely include erosion control in upper Millcreek and trail work in City Creek Canyon. Please refer to the August *Rambler* activities section for details.

**ALL SPORTS RADIO 106.5 FM  
PRESENTS THE "UTAH OUTDOORS"**

The "Utah Outdoors," a new call-in talk show heard Sundays from 7-9 pm on All Sports Radio 106.5 (The Score), offers listeners information about outdoor recreation and environmental issues. Utah's new all-sports FM began broadcasting the program on July 12. The show's host, Keith Johnson (who we at The Score understand is a member of the Wasatch Mountain Club), invites listeners to join him in the Utah Outdoors via radio and phone.

The first few Utah Outdoors shows have been fun and informative. On July 26, a program about the preservation of the Book Cliffs roadless area was presented. During another show, Mountain Club member, Aaron Jones, and the President of the Snake Creek Preservation Society, George Hansen, chatted with Keith about hiking, backpacking and the "saving" of Snake Creek Canyon. Guests and topics on other broadcasts have included Doug

Day, the former Director of the Division of Wildlife Resources, who discussed fishing and wildlife issues, and a State Park representative who talked about boating and Utah State Parks. A Forest Service manager from Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area also told listeners about the variety of outdoor activities available at the Gorge.

Keith and 106.5 FM The Score selected the 7-9 pm airtime in hope of reaching outdoor enthusiasts who have just returned or who are homebound from a weekend outdoors. Throughout the summer, Keith's guests will include representatives from various resource management agencies, outdoor and conservation organizations. In addition to in-studio interviews about recreation and wildlife, the program will sometimes present these subjects through the use of field recordings. On future shows, listeners may hear such things as the sounds of a buffalo round-up or a raft trip down a raging river. With words, sounds, and listeners' imaginations, we hope to paint vivid pictures of the outdoors.

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING TOPICS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>7:07 - 8:00 pm</b>	<b>8:07 - 9:00 pm</b>
Aug 2	Boating - sail and motor	Cycling (includes Russia Trip)
Aug 9	Strawberry Restoration	Utah's Scenic Parks
Aug 16	Predators (bears, cats)	Recreation and State land swap
Aug 23	TBA	Wilderness - recreation and issues
Aug 30	River Trip (wild sounds) **tentatively planned**	Old Growth Forest/Bio-Diversity
Sep 13	TBA	Rails to Trails/P. Jordan Parkway

Upcoming: climbing, raptors, Wasatch Mountains and wilderness.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR S'PLORE**

S'PLORE is asking for continued support for their river trip program. There's no substitute for nature's therapy for these special participants; Utah's beautiful waterways offer a fantastic opportunity for these individuals with disabilities and special needs.

Your donation will help make this adventurous endeavor possible. Just phone Clare Coonan, Executive Director (484-4138) or send your contribution to S'plore, 27 W 3300 S, SLC, UT 84115.

# FROM THE BOATING DIRECTOR

By Randy Klein

For the past two years, we've had a high degree of trip cancellations on permitted river runs due to either lack of leader or lack of interest, with lack of leader being the prevailing factor (sometimes the permit holder cannot attend his own trip). The trips I would like to provide more of are warm weather intermediate trips, especially for up and coming oarspeople and paddlerafters. It would be helpful if people who want more of this type of trip would call me now, so that I can give you advice on which permit applications to send for. If there is any other type of trip you want to see for next season, also let me know now.

The Alpine Canyon family boating trip was cancelled this year for lack of a leader, and I very much regretted having to do this. This has usually been a popular, well attended trip. Those of you with children who want to attend next year need to start thinking about leading it yourselves and call me. The club has an extensive leader support and training program available, so leadership should not intimidate you.

On a lighter note, I'd like to relate a few details of the third annual "Lochsa and Other Rivers Safari," which was rerouted to Colorado for lack of water in Idaho (lack of water is perhaps the ultimate trip killer). This doesn't quite qualify as a triptalk, because the official trip was cancelled for lack of interest, not lack of water. Three intrepid (and/or brain dead) mountain clubbers made the Colorado assault along with support from out of state (and equally out of mind) siblings, friends, and siblings of friends. The WMC diehards were the author, Neal Reiland, and Karen Wildfoerster.

The Gunnison Gorge has a 1.1 mile downhill portage to the put in, but we waltzed to the river in 45 minutes with moderate effort and one spilled beer. The three hour round trip shuttle was worse. However, the float made the effort worthwhile, at

least for a first view of this beautiful canyon. Next time back, we'll hold out for 3000 vs. 1000 cfs for a true Class IV experience.

Outside of Durango, we were challenged up to our expectations on the also lovely Piedra First and Second Box Canyons. The First Box (lower run) is a rocky, technical, medium sized Class IV run at non-flood flows with a couple of notable scouts (which can be Class V adrenaline or can be portages for those conscious of their mortality). The upper run is easier (but with a three hour round trip shuttle), however, flexed its muscle in a rapid that was not scouted due to complacency. Yours truly missed the second assault on the First Box, as his right shoulder was being systematically shredded by off-side eddy turns, and I wanted to save myself for the Royal Gorge (at my age, you have to save yourself for something).

And right I was! The Royal Gorge was a jewel of big water boating (I say big, but still a lot smaller than the Grand Canyon or high water Cataract, as the pictures I've seen of them would infer). Actually, the Royal Gorge is a lot like the Lochsa, and every bit as fun. Sunshine rapid has a long Class III to III+ entry to a river-wide minus two feet recirculating hydraulic. The final two foot wide entry is not a slot, but a diagonal pillow coming off a large boulder. So, with more guts than brains, and plenty of butterflies, we took pictures of each other trying to get thrashed in the hole. However, throw bags were positioned at all times, and the far side of the hole was within a throw bag toss. No back endos resulted, as we all made the proper line of entry.

From there, it was on to the more familiar Buena Vista area of the Arkansas for the Numbers (at 2.5 feet) and Brown's Canyon. Brown's was one of our more notable runs as Neal and Karen attempted Class III+ water in a small paddleraft (which, as the emperor shed his clothes, turned out to be an inflatable pool toy with duct tape holding



## FROM THE BOATING DIRECTOR (continued)

its seam together). The locals were unimpressed with our motley collection of craft. The Blue Beast, as I now refer to my canoe, has seen prettier days as well. The raft crew took great pleasure in successfully negotiating the biggest rapid, where they had been told by a local outfitter, "I think its only fair to tell you, there's no way you'll make it through there." Actually, Neal had water in his ears, and thought the man said, "We'll give you some free beer if you make it through there." Neal did get some beer at the nearest liquor store following this ordeal, but it was not free.

After seeing a marmot preparing to commit suicide on the Independence Pass Highway, we thrust ourselves into two separate, simultaneous voyages on the Roaring Fork River. Each trip was much more fun than your best day at work, but more water would have been helpful.

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## FROM THE SKI TOURING CO-DIRECTORS

Clint Lewis and Norm Fish

Many suggestions have been received since last spring concerning the need to schedule more Beginning/Intermediate ski tours outside of the Two Canyon area. John Veranth makes the point in his book Wasatch Winter Trails that more Beginning/Intermediate tours should be scheduled in the "Behind the Wasatch" area due to terrain lost to ski development. In order to implement more new and exciting ski tours outside this area, the Co-Directors need a list of leaders familiar with ski tours in the Behind the Wasatch, Ogden or Provo areas. If you would be willing to lead a ski tour(s) in these or other areas, please contact either:

Clint Lewis (295-8645 H or 322-8318 W)  
or Norm Fish (964-6155).

The only point to this story is that boating can be a lot of fun, full of new experiences, and running new rivers can be even more fun. However, be aware that lots of scouting is sometimes required, and eating cold dinners in the dark can be commonplace if your shuttle takes longer than expected, or you have to scout a lot or recover swimmers. Plan to mail order Forest Service or B.L.M. maps of your route in advance when doing extensive roadside boating using unfamiliar dirt road shuttles (you can purchase those maps along the way when you will be passing a district office of the above between 8 am and 4:30 pm weekdays). Try to plan your campsites in advance as well.

Driving 2400 miles in nine days and boating every day takes its toll on your energy level, but it's worth it. See you next year!

### **ATTENTION ARTISTS WILDERNESS LOVERS**

*We're looking for your support and help*

*A juried art exhibition and sale, **THE SPIRIT OF UTAH WILDERNESS**, is being planned for December 3-4, 1992. Call-For-Entry forms are now available from the Tivoli Gallery, 255 S State St., SLC, UT 84111, or phone 521-6288.*

*The sale will benefit The Wilderness Society of Utah in cooperation with the Utah Wilderness Coalition. WMC is one of 38 member organizations. Artists will be paid 40% of the sale price for works sold, and 30% will be donated to The Wilderness Society.*

*Your help is also needed in organizing this event. Call Janet Millikan, 943-5666 if you have questions or wish to help.*

# TRIP TALKS

## **Christmas Meadows/Amethyst Basin Car Camp and Backpack**

June 26-28—By Jim Bailey

Mark Jones had advertised his little adventure from Christmas Meadows to Amethyst Basin in the High Uintas Wilderness Area below Ostler Peak as a relatively easy backpack with beginners welcome. A couple of key words, "easy," and "beginners," caught my attention, so I signed up. After more than one trip to buy sporting goods, and the resulting depleted bank balance, I had assembled the minimum equipment needed to perform this undertaking.

Lynn Nall had offered to airlift a circus tent to the campsite, as a humane gesture to provide shared lodging for any females in the group who did not want to pack a tent up the mountain. There were no takers.

The plan was to car camp at Christmas Meadows Friday night and backpack into Amethyst Basin the following morning. The trip had ominous beginnings as snow, fog, and rain were in abundance Friday afternoon along the Mirror Lake Road. When Margaret Reed and I arrived at the Christmas Meadows campground, Lynn was attempting to keep Marilyn Gull and Sue Gardner warm in the cab of his pickup truck. When the remainder of our group arrived later that evening, the sun had returned and our spirits lifted.

Margaret Reed suggested that we eat well in our car camp to offset the dietary and culinary hardships on the trail. Linda and Mark Feller, with Marilyn Gull's help, volunteered and prepared Friday night's feast of chicken fajitas and spanish rice.

After dinner I made a couple of ill-fated attempts to provide some taped background music for the

group as we gathered around the fire, but the diversity and age differences within the group (20s to really old) made it impossible to select music universally acceptable. Mark Jones solved the problem when he produced a Patsy Cline tape. We were soon all misty eyed as Mark's tearjerker music of lost love and failed romance wafted over the campfire. It was a pleasant melancholia, however, for the battle-scarred, middle aged, divorced folks among us.

In the morning, Margaret Reed produced a truly incredible spread of bacon, hotcakes, hash browns, juice, and fresh fruit to fuel us for the arduous trek that lay ahead. Chris Winter and I helped with the cooking chores.

By 9:30 we had convened at the trailhead, fully packed, in good spirits, and ready to set out. Mark took advantage of those smiles to stage a short photo session. He obviously knew something we didn't as some of those smiles would partially fade later on. Margaret had brought a portable sink, but was unable to talk Mark into strapping it on his pack. Mark's pack already weighed in at 55 pounds, while mine was a mere 35 pounds. I explained to Mark that my gross weight with pack exceeded his, but he failed to be impressed.

The first 2.5 miles were relatively easy, as the elevation gain is small. Bug spray was liberally applied to discourage the mosquitoes. As it had recently rained, there was plenty of mud to contend with and some horse stuff, but generally the trail was in good shape and the surroundings were a delight. Mark Jones waited up to make sure no one missed the turnoff to Amethyst Basin at the halfway point.

Beyond this juncture, the trail became relatively steep for about a mile before leveling off. The challenge would be minimal with a day pack, but

## Christmas Meadows/Amythyst Basin (cont)

takes on a whole new dimension when one is loaded down with 30-55 pounds of gear. The trail parallels a very scenic mountain stream during the steep descent. This beauty, combined with a liberal dose of moleskin and Advil, made it all tolerable and somewhat fun.

As I finally dragged into camp at the large and scenic meadow below photogenic Ostler Peak, Mark and the fish boys (Lynn Nall, Mark Feller, and Knick Knickerbocker) were already unpacked with rods in hand and ready to head out for Amethyst Lake, tucked high in the uppermost corner of the basin. After placing our order for fish, the remainder of us took time to catch some rays, set up our tents, and rest our aching bones and joints before day hiking up the various lakes in the area.

After an hour's respite, a group of us consisting of Catherine Dean, Barbara Jacobsen, Margaret Reed, and myself headed on up the trail to Amethyst Lake. We were soon stymied by the river crossing, which consisted of a wobbly log and a few slick logs. Barbara, in thongs, volunteered to stand in the icy water to stabilize the log so the rest of us could cross. Catherine had already had one misadventure with the stream on the way up, and didn't want to get her camp shoes wet.

We eventually came upon the fishermen at Amethyst Lake. Mark and Lynn were in a seesaw battle to see who could catch the most fish. I narrowly missed capturing Mark on film wrestling with one of his bigger catches. Mark, being of modest nature, caught me in the act of photographing him and quickly dispatched his prey back back to the icy waters. The fish might not have fit in my focal length, anyway.

Back at camp, we purified our culinary water, fired up our stoves, and proceeded to prepare our various freeze dried and powdered concoctions, which are surprisingly good if you're hungry enough. Mark baked the fish next to the fire, wrapped in foil

with secret ingredients. They were delicious, as attested by those of us who lined up for the fish hors d'oeuvres to supplement our main meals.

After dinner, Mark and Knick explored around camp and returned with tales of seeing scat of a very large beast. Knick used his ancient legendary Indian track finding skills to determine how long it had been since the creature had passed and whether it was male or female. We were all very much impressed.

We had hoped to spot moose or other wildlife in the meadow that evening, but a rowdy bunch of drunken youth camped opposite us that evening and likely scared them away.

The next morning after breakfast and a day hike to Ostler Lake, we broke camp and packed out. Sue Gardner and I got a head start so that we could take our time and enjoy the beauty around us. We all met at the parking lot about three hours later for some ice cold sodas and parting photos before heading back to town. Removing that pack was next to heaven, and it was a struggle without the added weight to keep my feet from floating off the ground.

Marilyn swore she would never go on another backpack trip. Last I heard, she had already changed her mind and was going again this month. How quickly we forget the pain and inconvenience and remember just the good part.

For me, and for other first-timers, it was a wonderful learning experience, and I look forward to doing it again. Thanks, Mark. Good job.

Trip Leader: Mark Jones. Participants: Sue Gardner, Knick Knickerbocker, Chris Winter, Linda and Mark Feller, Margaret Reed, Marilyn Gull, Lynn Nall, Barbara Jacobsen, Catherine Dean, and Jim Bailey.

## **Mud, Sweat and Fears**

### **A First Backpack**

by Linda Feller

I had seen them before, backpackers straining and sweating, and I had always thought that it really didn't look like that much fun. It looked like work. Well, it is.

As new members to the Club, my husband and I were enticed by the stories of incredible backpacking experiences. I knew that it wouldn't be easy but I like a good challenge. I did some day hikes to build up my stamina, and I lifted weights to make myself stronger; but when I put that pack on I still asked myself why I was doing this.

The initiation was Mark Jones' Christmas Meadows to Amethyst Basin Trip, June 27-28. The trip's start was under partly cloudy skies with mostly muddy meadows. Mark and Knick Knickerbocker set a lively pace, and Marilyn Gull and I both struggled to keep up while making jokes about feeling like pack animals. The five-mile trek was accentuated by a very steep half-mile climb. The air got thinner above 10,000 feet and I could imagine what it was like to have asthma.

We set up camp above Amethyst Basin, a lovely meadow with a meandering stream. After a short rest period we hiked up another mile to Amethyst Lake. Several people fished and others admired and photographed this lovely lake set in a bowl with snow-capped peaks above. On the hike back to camp, Mark led us to a waterfall where we spotted two large bucks. Much to Mark's dismay, no moose were sighted on this trip, although a very large scat pile generated some excitement.

That night was very cold and I kept waking up, afraid of bears, especially after the recent mauling. The next morning we hiked up to Osler Lake, then broke camp and started back to Christmas Meadows. The hike back was uneventful. I spent my time trying to convince myself to keep going even though my joints were screaming. I had to agree

with Barbara Jacobsen, whose strength I so admire, who told me that a great deal of this sport is mental, being able to convince yourself that you can do the impossible, the uncomfortable, and yes, even enjoy it. I was a fun trip with some really nice people.

Our ranks included: Mark Jones, Knick Knickerbocker, Mark and Linda Feller, Marilyn Gull, Lynn Udall, Jim Bailey, Margaret Reed, Barbara Jacobsen, Chris Winters, Catherine Dean and Sue Gardner.



Christmas Meadows/Amethyst Basin Trip

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### **Guardsman Pass Hike**

When July 12 dawned rainy and cool, leader Janet Friend thought that no one would show up for this excursion. She was surprised to find seven hikers eager to join her for an easy trek above Guardsman Pass. Although the clouds did not let the sun through (except for one thirty-second break), we had wonderful vistas over lakes and meadows, with flowers in bloom all around us. The temperature continued to be cool, forcing some to pull on gloves during our lunch stop, while others, like me, wished that they had organized their packs with equal foresight.

Participants: Conley Adams, Michael Budig, Merrill Ford, John Marks, Kristie Price, Dolores Taylor, leader Janet Friend and the scribe, Carolyn Morrow.

# Mill B Overlook Was The Easy Hike For This Saturday, June 20, 1992

by Randy Long

Sounds like the news media! Well, not really! But a goodly sized group of 11 including the leader met at the usual place, known as mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, at 10:00 in the morning for carpooling to the Mill B North Fork trail head at the S curve. We then hiked the trail with its many switchbacks to the first overlook. The cliff band along with the number of participants kept a few people back two or three feet, but we all really enjoyed it.

After a while most of us went on to locate the second overlook, but unfortunately we didn't find it. The leader, in retrospect, thinks we went past it. Perhaps it needs a sign? Maybe not; after all, remember, this area is part of the Mount Olympus

Wilderness Area, which is protected from all dangerous species!

We then stopped and enjoyed the scenery at this point for a while longer before heading back. We all had a great time even though the leader was the only one who stopped at Hidden Falls.

The participants included some prospective members and one mother and son combination; a real addition to any hike.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Marianne Kirchner, Karen Kirchnoff, Catherine Molloy, Donna and son Tyler Nicholson, Marcia Reese, Terry Taluba, Karl Wenger, Lee Walker, Mary Wise, and leader/script writer, Randy Long.

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## Mount Timpanogos Hike

July 12, 1992—By Ken Akerman

Our Wasatch Mountain group gathered at the Park & Ride at 72nd South and I-15 on a damp Sunday morning for our hike to Mount Timpanogos. The rain forced two people to go home and undoubtedly discouraged others from coming, so we left with eight hikers for our expedition. We drove south on I-15 to American Fork Canyon, driving past Timpanogos Cave National Monument to our destination at Timpooneke Campground trailhead.

The morning was cloudy and light rain fell intermittently as we hiked southward along the Giant Staircase, passing Scout Falls along the way. Our leader, Louise Rausch, pointed out a number of different flowers that were blooming that day. At about five miles, near Timpanogos Basin, we reached a sign which pointed us towards the summit of Timpanogos. After hiking 1.2 miles to a saddle, we hiked another 1.2 miles through the

dense fog along the top of the windy ridge and reached the summit of Timpanogos. It took us about four and a quarter hours to reach the summit.

We escaped the wind by resting and eating lunch in a protected area just below the summit shelter. Our view, however, was completely occluded by the dense fog. After about a 40 minute rest in the summit area, we began our hike back to Timpooneke. Just as we arrived at the saddle, it began to rain steadily, and we continued the rest of our hike in the rain. Our spirits were not dampened by the precipitation, however, and we all agreed that it was an enjoyable hike. Upon returning to Salt Lake, several members of our party met for drinks at the Cotton Bottom Inn, recommended by Frank Atwood for their garlic burgers.

Participants in the hike included: Louise Rausch, Frank Atwood, Mark Jones, Jan Bianchi, Bert Balzer, Kyle Williams, Sue Gardner, and Ken Akerman.

## Old Mountain Man Millcreek Loop

June 20, 1992—By Jim Bailey

A sizeable group gathered at the Olympus Hills lot to meet Duane Call and his dog Spring for this semi-traditional hike that Duane created in his mountain explorations.

The hike started out innocently enough, on familiar ground, up the Bowman Fork Trail. The Club had just hiked this route on the previous Thursday to White Fir Pall, the difference being that the Thursday hike had started from the Terraces trailhead. Today, we were starting from the main road, about a hundred yards down from the Terraces entry gate. None of us were quite sure why we had parked so far away from the trailhead. The reason would not become apparent until later in the day.

At about the point where the main trail leaves the stream and makes a sharp turn up the mountain, Duane has us pull off the established route to begin following a faint trail that had probably not been used since the last time he led this particular hike. For the first half hour, our efforts mainly involved climbing over ancient timber logs that had all but eradicated this particular route. It took some real imagination at times, and faith in our leader, to believe that there ever was a trail. We were basically following the stream up the drainage, so we know Duane couldn't get us too lost. It felt like a true adventure, quite different from some of the more mundane Club hikes. Wildflowers were in abundance, and we were soon enveloped in the serenity, solitude, sounds, and beauty of the woods.

Duane had our group pause frequently so he could count heads, as well as inform and educate us in the lore of the woods. We eventually made it past the numerous fallen logs that thwarted our progress, and arrived at the ruins of an ancient cabin, likely constructed in the previous century by a true mountain man.

From the cabin ruins, we crossed the stream and ascended a relatively steep hill. Soon we reached a clearing on the mountainside where we could view the valley. Duane was happy to answer our questions on the different trees and flowers we encountered as we traversed the hillside.

We soon connected with the established trail between the Terraces and Elbow Fork. The trail quickly descends to the road at the Elbow Fork trailhead. After crossing the road, we started on the Pipeline Trail, named for the ancient wooden aqueduct that had at one time followed this route. As we trek this relatively level trail toward the city, the sight and sound of the road quickly disappear, to be replaced by different varieties of wildflowers and vegetation.

Hunger was soon upon us, so Duane directed us into the trees above the trail to gain some privacy. We soon settled in for lunch and lively conversation. The talk was at times adult in nature, but tempered by the presence of my 14-year-old son.

After lunch we continued on the trail until we connected with the Burch Hollow trail, which led us directly down to the road and the exact location where Duane had directed us to park our cars. This explained the mystery of why we had initially parked so far from the trailhead.

Everyone thanked Duane for an innovative and unique trip. The sights and scenery along the way were truly beautiful, although the pace would not be suited for those in our club more interested in athletics than aesthetics (you know who you are). No one in this group complained.

Leader: Duane Call. Participants: Laura Schroeder, Jim Bailey, Jake Bailey, Ann Liv Bacon, Sue Gardner, Kelly Gordon, Cathryn Lewis, Eva Mrozovich, Denise Pearce, Earl Cook, Frank Bacon, Betty Cluff, John Hail, Lori Dean, and Catherine Dean.



## White Baldy Hike

June 28, 1992

They said it couldn't be done. They said they didn't remember it being done. They didn't know of any reason it couldn't be done. The only way to settle this was to just do it. Thus a hike to White Baldy was scheduled.

Eleven guys and one lady were interested enough in hiking White Baldy to report at 8:00 am at the defunct Bagel Nosh. Jim Smith exercised his leadership role by making a prompt start for the White Pine. The first part of the hike to Red Pine Lake was spent philosophizing on the juxtaposition of Red Pine Lake by White Baldy and White Pine Lake by Red Baldy. We could not derive any meaning out of this, but we did recognize that it is a good mnemonic.

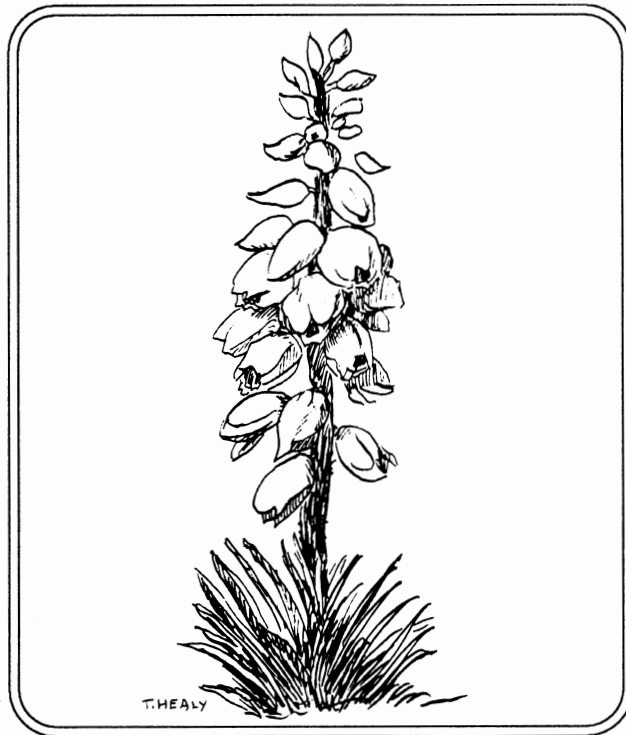
Jim took us on a westward trail up to the bench where Upper Red Pine Lake lies. From there we ascended the ridge that is the normal route to the Pfeifferhorn. When we reached the ridge that forms the skyline when viewed from the lakes, we took a left and headed eastward toward the summit of White Baldy which was plainly visible one and a half miles away. At 11,321 ft, it is among the highest Wasatch peaks outreaching some of the "big ones" such as Lone Peak, Dromedary, and the Thunder Mountains.

Hell of a ridge! In addition to being long, it was complicated by having rocks laid at a 45 degree angle. There were fewer horizontal planes for footholds than usual. We all agreed that the exposure was not too severe. We also observed that the scrambling and clinging was not too difficult either. The things that seemed to be unique about White Baldy were the uncommonly long ridge and the continuing complexity of the way the rock lie. It was mentally demanding to have to think about your routing, footholds, and handholds for hours.

We submitted about 1:30 and sprawled out on the most orthopedically suitable rocks we could find. Frank Atwood hauled out a stuff sack of M&Ms and candy orange slices. If that was a ploy to enhance his popularity, it sure worked. From the summit our view of Pfeifferhorn, Red Baldy, and the other peaks was unique as seen from this seldom visited perspective.

Monty Young and Tom Munn experimented with a descent going south around a spur ridge then circling back north down into White Pine Canyon. They reported it was a good route. Everyone else chose to descend via a straight shot directly to Red Pine Lake. When we all gathered at the lake we concluded that any route down would probably be similar—all boulder hopping and scrambling. The shortest and more direct descent is recommended.

What a great hike! The following participants were glad to have done White Baldy: Phil Fikkan, Frank Atwood, Cassie Badowsky, Bert Balzer, Pat Kottcamp, Bob Grant, Rob Seely, Tom Walsh, Monty Young, Tom Munn, Brian Barkey, and the leader Jim Smith.





## The Salt River Trip

by Janis Huber

It was a bleak, dreary March day as we set off.....oops, wrong trip. The sun was shining, and the temperature was surprisingly warm for March as we loaded up the Taurus for our trip to Arizona. There were five trip participants in all, off to run a river none of us had run before.

Although this was not an announced Wasatch Mountain Club trip, this trip was organized with the intention of evaluating the Salt River for future club trips. The trouble with the Salt River is, if you are going to run it with soft boats (oar rig or paddle boat), you have to run it with at least 1,000 cfs, and even 4-5,000 cfs is ideal. Since, as the guidebook says, "the river is unregulated," the window for the run is never fixed, and a prospective boater will have to be flexible enough to wait until the river starts to rise to set a tentative date. This makes a club trip hard to plan logistically. Hard, but not impossible.

There were four boats in all; two kayaks, one canoe, and one oar rig. We made our plans based on recommendations from some soft boaters from Phoenix. These people were also to be our river guides but they backed out at the last minute. Three days and two nights on the river to cover a total of 52 miles seemed to be a fair estimation since we were all in good physical shape.

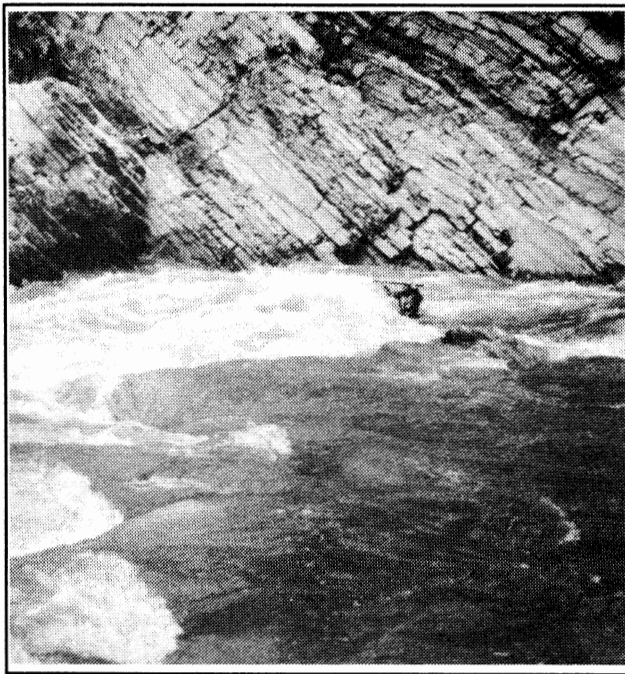
When we arrived at the putin on March 13th, we were able to get our permits that evening, which meant we wouldn't have to bother the next morning. However, it was too late to run the 3 hour shuttle, and it was unanimously agreed that we would have a good dinner and run the shuttle in the morning. Gene Jarvis barbecued a wonderful chicken dinner, with full fixins'.

River Day 1: The next morning turned into a beautiful day, but the cold water reminded us that it was still March. The water was almost (but not quite) as silty as the Colorado, but not nearly as red. From discussions with the people at the putin,

we only needed to stop and scout one rapid (because of a nasty hole). The river guide belonging to Marty and some pages that Gene had copied (I'm not sure where they came from), provided a good outline of where we were on the river. The first day turned out to be a little longer than was anticipated. There seemed to be whitewater around every corner, and although it wasn't dangerous, we still had to pay close attention. Toward the end of the day, all of the "hard boaters" found themselves doing some "hole" work. Marty sidesurfed a hole longer than intended, and so did Jim. I was endo'ed twice, in a hole I had casually drifted into. No bad experiences, but we were getting a tad lax. I was very impressed with Gene's rowing skills. He maneuvered through technical rapids flawlessly, and hit every planned eddy easily. When dinner time came, we were pleasantly tired and hungry. One miscalculation, we had forgotten that the daylight hours were short, so we did eat in the dark. The camp site was very nice, though, and there were few (if any) bugs!!



Our tourist picture—Jim Brown



Marty paddling in one of the Class IV's

River Day 2: The maps showed that the rapids had spread out. We studied the descriptions of the rapids that needed scouting so that we wouldn't blindly stumble into one of the class IV's. Eye of the Needle, though only rated a class III+, was the first scout. The guidebook suggested scouting and recommended the run on the left. The rapid consisted of several chutes, and that around 1-2,000 cfs, the best looking one to us was the far right chute (everyone was in agreement). The next scout was Black Rock (IV). Maneuvering was the name of the game, and once again, everyone had a good run. We lined the oar rig on the right side of Quartzite Falls (V), and portaged one kayak and one canoe on the left. The portage on the left was a hard unpleasant experience, I would try to line the hard boats on the right next time. The river safety class came in handy when it came to lining the oar rig. Gene eyed the big hole in Quartzite at length...next time I think he wants to run it. With throw bags and rescue plans in place, I would definitely support him! Right around the corner from the class V was the next class IV. A quick scout showed the best route. We camped on a great sandy beach, and I quite enjoyed spending the evening barefoot!

River Day 3: We were all quite disappointed with the last day of whitewater. All the marked class III rapids were quite small. A lot of them were the type where the river would drop and turn.... the water would tend to push into the wall and create swirly water at the bottom. This was good practice for me as I am still intimidated by water pushing me into a wall. This was a good opportunity to practice different techniques. Because the river had also widened, we all practiced "deep channel" finding. The takeout was uneventful and we quickly ran the rest of the shuttle and packed up the equipment for the long drive home. After flawless weather, we hit a snowstorm and traffic jam on I-15 coming home.

When we all talked on the way home (I believe it was at the diner in Kanab), all of us agreed that we should have taken more days to run the river. There were a number of good hikes to do, waterfalls to see, and indian ruins that we did not have time to stop and see. There was also a "crested saguaro cactus" that I never did see, even though the saguaro cacti were on every south facing hillside. Good whitewater, and good company made for a great trip. Members of the crew were Gene Jarvis, Les Kinsey, Jim Brown, Marty Barth, and myself, Janis Huber.



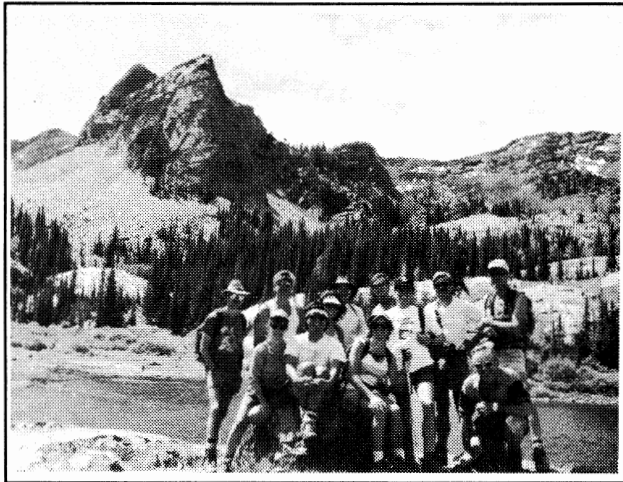
The fine-tuned oar crew of Gene Jarvis and Les Kinsey.

## Sundial Peak

Saturday, July 4, 1992—by Leslie Mullins

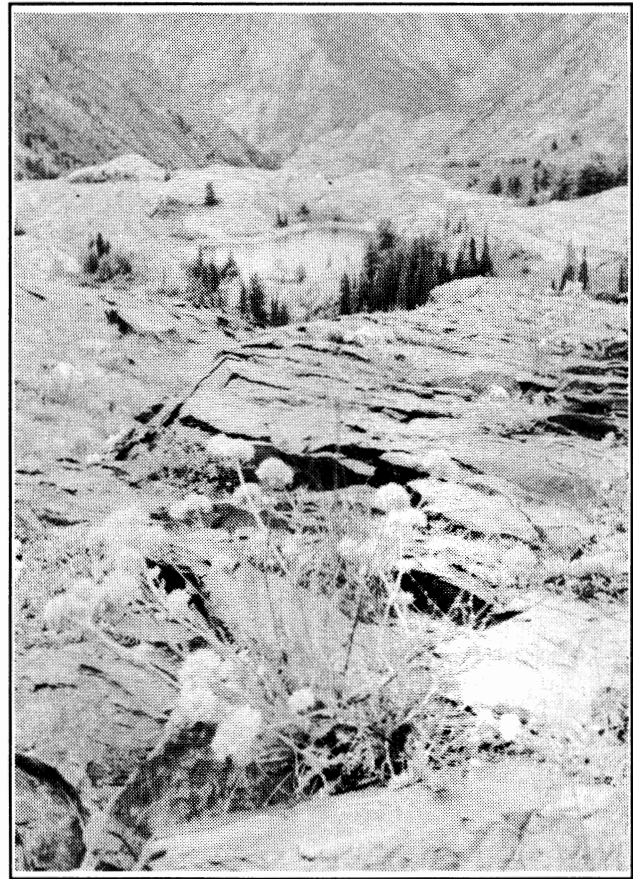
I have this friend by the name of Jerry Hatch—claims he has a slight case of acrophobia. I'm still working on him to do Devil's Castle with me because the exposure there is over rated—but I'd like to let him know right here and now that he should leave Sundial off his things-to-do-today list. It's a definite Yo, Baby and OH, Sh\*\*, and he wouldn't like it. Trust me on this Jer...

Bunch of macho people on this hike—they made Lake Blanche in one hour, ten minutes and they were all sitting there waiting for Ken and me at Blanche since I was the tail pig at one hour 30 minutes (I think Ken could have buzzed up there with the rest but he was nice to stay back and give me someone to talk to). They gave me time to catch my breath, eat something and take a group photo poised in front of our goal.



Group photo: Lake Blanche/Sundial Peak  
July 4, 1992. Photo by Leslie Mullins

Making the top was a simple process since Knick had been there last year and knew which way NOT to go. We approached up the west side and topped out on an area about four feet wide, beyond which was nothing but air and space and gravity. A short scramble north and there we were, having lunch at a place that served kind of crummy food, but made up for it with a great view and inner feelings of accomplishment.



Lake Blanche, July 4, 1992. Photo by Leslie Mullins

Lunch was over by 1:15, and the three of us with cameras for brains bid farewell to the other nine who headed quickly down the hill. We figure they were probably down by 3:30. Knick, Mark Jones and I wandered slowly down the meadows and rivulets, capturing the waterfalls, rocks, lichens and flowers, including three kinds none of us had ever seen before. Big is good, but the tiny things are also awesome and we oohed and aahed our way down, enjoying this part of our day as much as we had the exhilaration of the ascent.

We explored off to the west just a bit and upon coming over one particular rise, found ourselves on a "road paved with flowers" because it looked like an abandoned road which had developed parallel cracks providing a home for a riot of yellow wildflowers. We made our way through seas of bluebells, paintbrush, mint, skunk cab-

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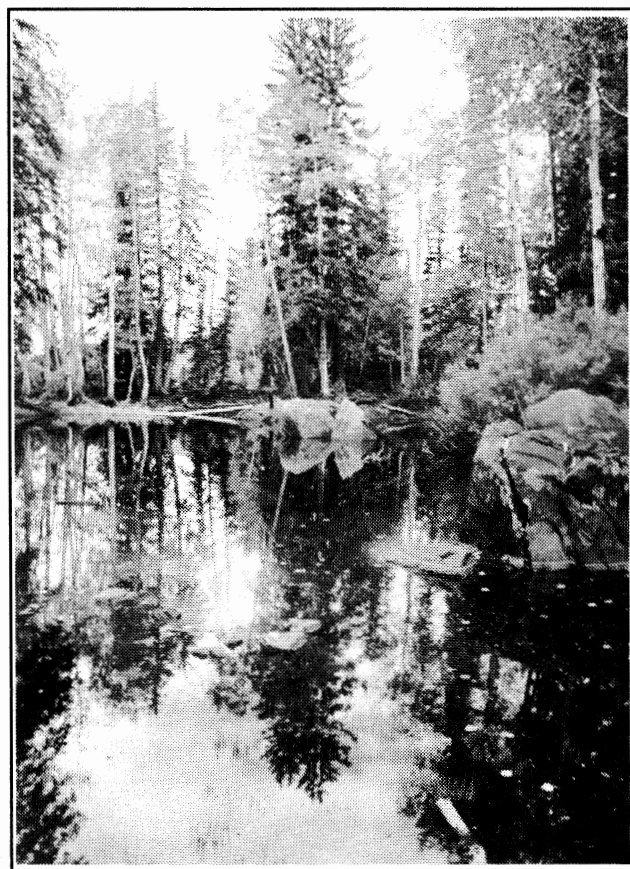
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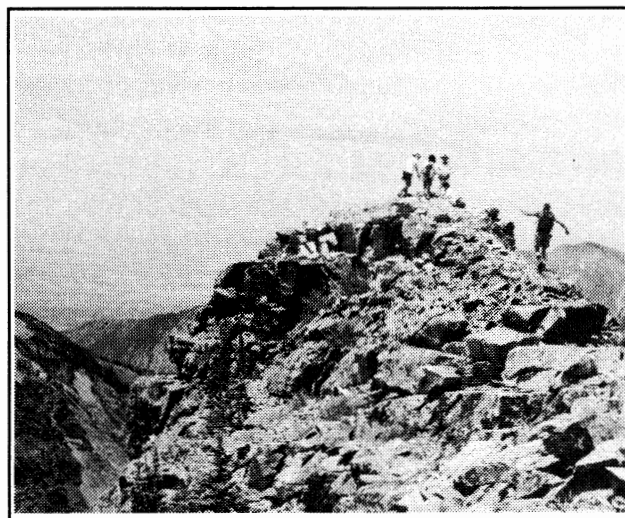
bage, wild geraniums, as well as all those yellow kinds of flowers (which shall forever be called "Yellowus Flowerus"), marvelling at the variety and numbers in this year of drought.

Back at Lake Blanche, we passed crowds of the tennis shoe and carry-no-water types and were glad for the extra distance and time we had traveled together on this memorable Independence Day. Long may it wave...

Thanks to Knick Knickerbocker for his leadership and thanks to all for their insight, humor and companionship. We were: Bert Balzer, Mark Jones, Brian Barkey, Carolyn Clark, Ken Jameson, G.C. Hardies, Mark Kohagen, Rich Osborne, Jim Robson, Phyllis Anderson and me, Leslie Mullins.



Pond above Lake Blanche, July 4, 1992  
Photo by Leslie Mullins



Sundial Peak looking northwest, July 4, 1992  
Photo by Leslie Mullins

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### Lake Mary, Martha and Catherine by Jaelene Val Myrup

Twenty-two excited hikers with all degrees of hiking ability hiked to the three sister lakes: Mary, Martha, and Catherine. On the way we relished in the abundant clusters of the following blossoming wildflowers: Indian paint brush, bluebells, forget-me-nots, columbine, blue penstemon, pennyroyal, cinquefoil, wallflower, rabbit brush and wild geranium. In the cool, fresh mountain air, the mosquitoes were out and made their unwelcome presence known. In spite of their distraction, we were able to see two finches.

We renewed friendships, met new people, exchanged stories of wildlife and herbal uses, thoroughly enjoying the day, the hike, the comradre, and the vistas. Some of the faster paced hikers followed Harry Kimbrough and Norm Fish beyond Lake Mary.

Participants: Bob and Gina Martino, Jo Davies, Catherine Breslin, Harry Kimbrough, Conley Adams, Betty Jo Dalby, Marcia Reese, Donna Nicholson, Shellie Nicholson, Marilyn Felkner, Uli Hegewald, DeAnn, Melissa, Amanda and Jamie Call, Eva Mrozowska, Dolores Taylor, David Hyiu, Jon Higbee, and Norm Fish. Nature Aficionado, Gloria Smith and Leader, Jaelene Val Myrup.



## **Ruby Crest Trail: Hiking July Fourth Without The Mobs**

The Ruby Mountains form an 11,000 foot rocky spine rising from the card-table flat sagebrush desert of eastern Nevada. Just south of Elko, the peaks still bear snowfields this time of year, filling cold creeks that tumble through the boulder fields and meadows.

Seven intrepid hikers, undaunted by the Salt Lake thunderstorms Monday and Tuesday, headed west Wednesday evening, hoping that for once the meteorologists' predictions of a clear weekend would come true. First night destination: Rod Heier's Elko vest pocket plantation, complete with fruit trees, raspberries, and garden fresh garlic. Thursday morning, we see blue sky and head toward Lamoille Canyon. Our shuttle vehicle is 43 miles away at Harrison Pass. Blustery skies gather over us, but we remain committed.

Environmentally inclined WMC travelers tend to offer little thanks to the guardians of our national lands, but here the 10% grade of the foot trails, originally planned for shepherd's horses, is merciful as well as conserving. It is a 1600 foot climb to the pass, an amble that skirts Dollar Lake and pauses at emerald Lamoille Lake. At the crest, winds are howling, and wary of becoming human lightning rods, the intrepid seven drop down to a rock bench over Favre Lake for lunch in a moment of sunshine. From this vantage point, we see the overview of our trip; the long slope of Mines Peak to the left, King's Peak on the distant horizon. Trout jump in Favre Lake. We scurry down the path, over a gentle alpine pass, and bask in the tea-time sun before the 1/4 descent to a meadowland camp at 9800 feet. Out come the hats, polypro leggings, and gloves as we prepare for a frosty night under clear skies. Large chunks of mica sparkle along.

A brilliant day welcomes our Friday trek over five summits on the altiplano for which the trail is

named. Mysterious cloven feet precede us. Greg Janiec spots one of the white horned perpetrators on the west side of Mines. At the top of the 1400 foot ascent, we see our day's ten mile walk stretching before us to King's Peak, the visual centerpiece and evening's berth. 5000 feet below us, tiny threads of roads crisscross the Nevada valley floor. Not the place to be in a thunderstorm, today our 10,500 foot elevation provides fleabane daisies, buckwheat flowers, biscuit roots, dramatic sun dogs in the sky, and warm resting spots. Perusing the west facing Long Canyon with Dale Green's binoculars, we try to spot three pointed bucks that dashed across a lower slope. After our third lunch break, we finally arrive at the head of Overland Canyon, and begin to drop toward camp. Dale shows us garnets, for which the mountains were erroneously named, embedded in the *gneiss*. Large chunks of mica sparkle in the trail. A new topography of rock fins serrates the horizon. We contour around the fins, cross through a gap, and descend into fields of fragrant mint and vermilion paintbrush, accented with lavender lupine. Under the magnificent 800 foot flat iron wall of King's Peak, leader Donn Seeley finds a perfect alpine meadow for our camp. We have the amphitheater, beaver pond and plummeting cascade to ourselves.

Flapping tents wake us after moonrise, but no storm appears. Pushing off next morning, we head through the limber pines to Overland Lake, at the top of Ruby Canyon. The most visited spot in the Ruby's, we expect a crowd. But no one is at the beautiful, clear 35-acre lake, and we drop our packs and loll while Dave Geer investigates the fishing. Twenty minutes and six trout later, we ascertain there are, in fact, fish, and head up another 700 feet to the junction of Smith's Fork. Again the geology changes. We leave the high schist walls, and fall into a gentle valley to our lowest camp at 7900 feet. It's hot enough to make the swimming holes enticing. Besides, our feet

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## RUBY CREST TRAIL HIKE

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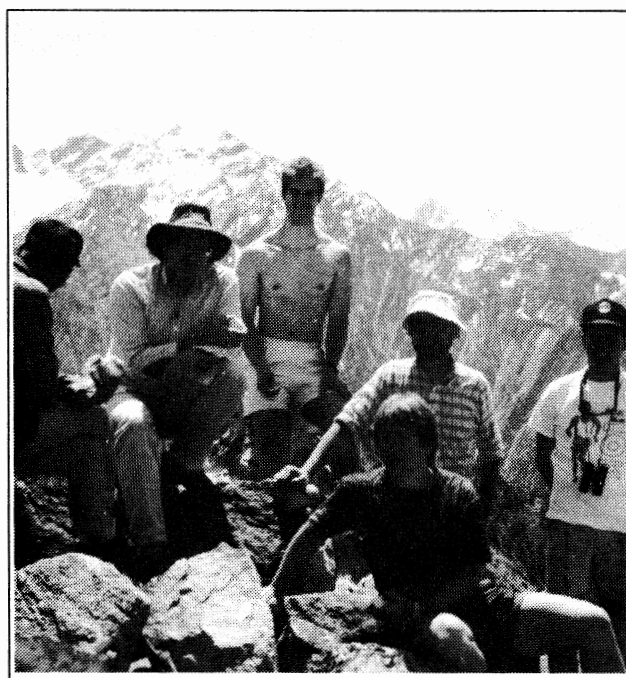
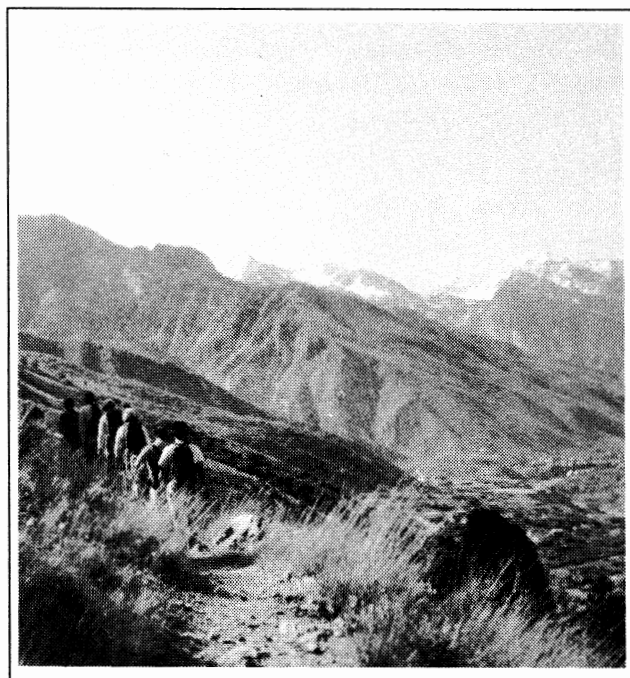
complain about the packs and 29 miles: time for water therapy. Shade seekers set their tents under the aspen, enjoy the monk's hood, and watch a graceful pale raptor circle a few feet above trees. Greg takes his usual after dinner hike and catches a glimpse of a doe with a spotted fawn.

Rising early for a 1400 foot climb out of camp, we try to beat the Sunday sun. Strange rock towers, reminiscent of Mayan temples, form outcroppings on a distant ridge. We cross the aspen woods to McCutcheon Creek, and rise to our final ridge just in time to see a red tail hawk dive for lunch on a nearby rock pile.

The last camp proves untenable. A small south side spring has already dwindled to a faint bubble.

We brave the last six miles to the car. It's a 15 mile marathon day, but luck provides a cool wind. And the car is indeed over the next, or is it the next, no, it is the next, rise.

**EPILOGUE: WHAT DO YOU TAKE ON A 43 MILE FOUR DAY BACKPACK?** With 2200 feet of vertical carefully meted out for each day, jerky, ramen and dehydrated dinners fight for space with extra socks and moleskin, but there were some luxuries. Dave brought a nine pound tent, Greg brought not one, but two books, would you believe hardbound? Rod had clean shirts for each day. I cheated because Donn carried a stove and water filter that I shared. We can only assume that Craig Lewis packed light, because he and Dale were the first out of camp each day and the first to most of the peaks, but he did take a shaving kit and new wardrobe for day four.



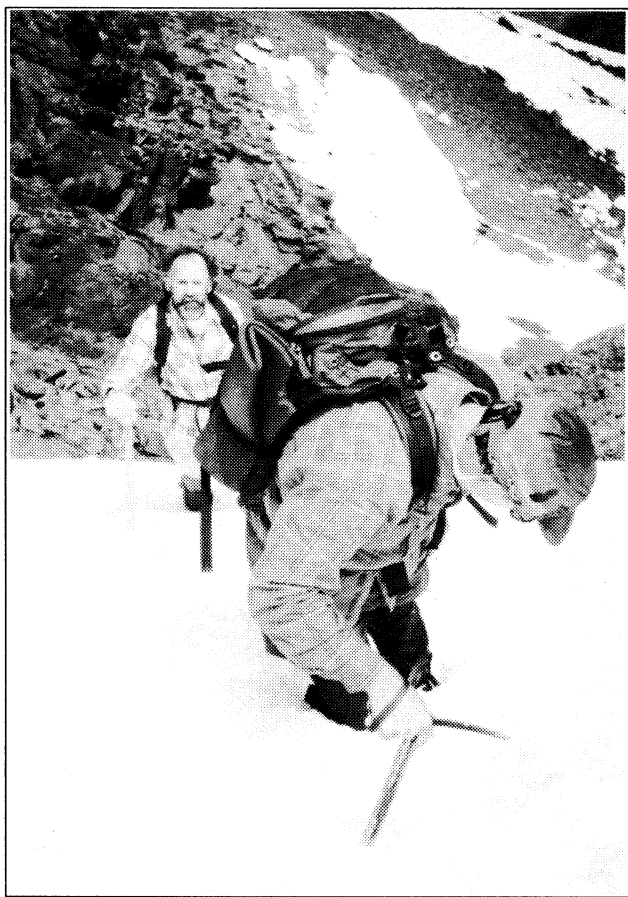
This was a perfect day to do the hike to Olympus. Four of the eight people on the hike had never been on top of Mount Olympus before. Two were guests from out-of-town.

## Middle Teton Via The Glacier

by Geoff Hardies

Five am arrived early and with it the fog! We delayed our start by an hour, and when we began the fog still covered much of the mountains. Scrambling through the boulder fields, the occasional clearing allowed us glimpses of the surrounding peaks and with those glances we would locate our position on the map and continue on course.

By the time we had navigated to the edge of the glacier the fog had pretty much let up, although wisps of it remained. We started up the glacier and after perhaps five minutes stopped to buckle on our crampons. The going proved easy and we made good progress up the glacier, traversing one direction and then the other as we ascended towards our couloir turn off. On the last traverse we roped up in preparation for the need for belays on steeper slopes.



Tom Walsh and Jim Highsmith in the couloir on Dromedary Peak, June 7, 1992. Photo by Kyle Williams



Glacier Route on the Middle Teton. John Veranth and Jeff Hardees, June 7, 1992. Photo by Kyle Williams

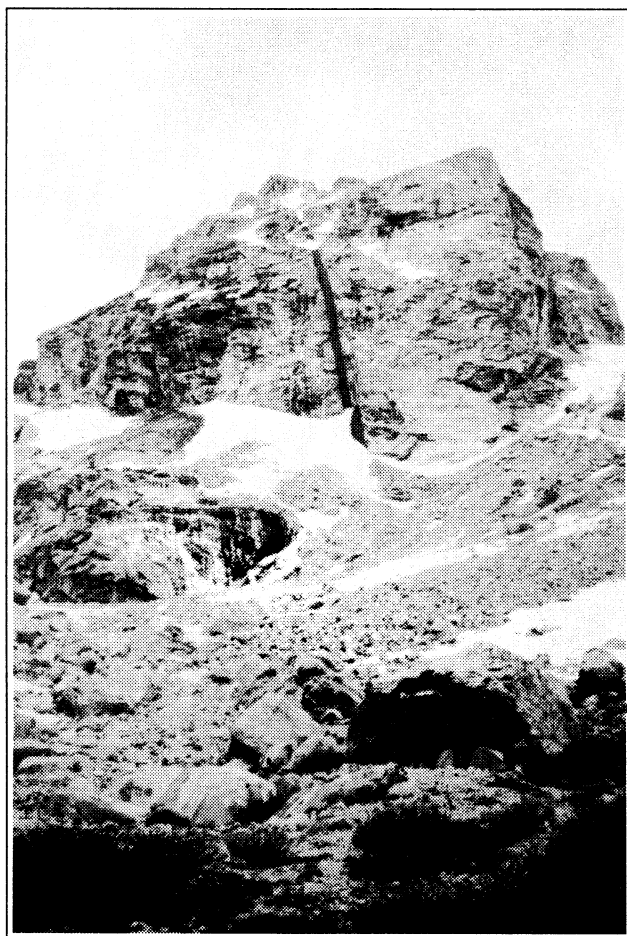
The going did indeed steepen, and the running belays were augmented with the placement of the snow picket. Next, our route took us across a rock outcrop then back to snow. Contrary to what we heard at the ranger station, the snow had solidified and provided fairly easy going. We didn't linger but kept moving to avoid the softening of the snow as the sun approached.

Reaching the saddle before a major rock outcropping, I thought we were done with the snow. John, our lead man on snow/ice, decided to route us around and search for a better place to enter onto the rock. Little did we realize that better would turn out to mean more challenging. I learned a lot more about snow routes in the next ten or so pitches. John did a fabulous job of leading, and my respect for him as a leader and for Kyle's and my abilities to follow continued to grow.

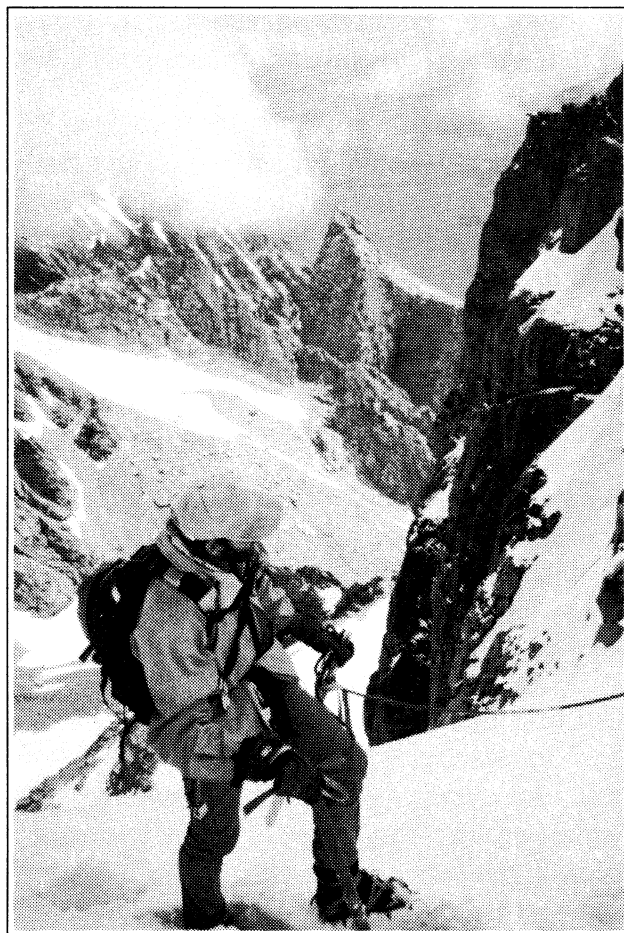


At last we thought we came to a rock outcrop that we intended to follow to the summit under Kyle's lead. Mother Nature had other things in mind, and the rock rib faded under a massive amount of snow. John resumed the lead and took us up to the last few pitches where rocks dominated. How he managed to climb the rock wearing the crampons, I still have to figure out. But for that matter I still am not sure how the mountain boots work on the rock, but work they did.

Kyle led the way to our destination, the summit of Middle Teton. Finally after 3:00 we stopped for lunch and I had the opportunity to snap off a few pictures. Having the middle spot on the rope, I had spent a lot of time belaying and hadn't had much of a chance to capture the scene on film. The day proved to be all we could have wanted, and the



Camp at the base of Middle Teton, East Ridge, June 7, 1992.  
Photo by Kyle Williams



views were spectacular! The Grand Teton overlooked us and made for an excellent back drop for photos. Looking back at our approach, the trail on the lower glacier appeared to be a mere pin prick in the snow. It looked so far down and seemed so long ago.

The descent went without incident. Mostly my thoughts were of rest. I had a headache and just wanted to have something hot to eat and drink. It was but a small price to pay for the enjoyment I received. After all was said and done, my only lingering question remained, "When is the next trip?"

Many thanks to my fellow climbers: Ice/snow leader, John Veranth; rock leader, Kyle Williams; writer and chief bottle washer, Geoff Hardies. To those who canceled out—you missed one hell'eva good trip!!!!

## **The Yampa River:**

### **Light shows, sunshine and panoramic views**

An intimate gaggle of 25 boaters started out 7:30 Friday, June 5, bound for some dirt road east of Vernal. The two vans, two trailers, three paddle boats, four canoes, two "hard" kayaks, one inflatable, and two oar rigs made it as far as the Park City McDonald's before stopping to refuel the passengers. A mere five hours later, after dropping shuttle keys off at the Morrison's mailbox, the would-be flotilla arrived at the spacious put-in oasis.

We struck out the next morning, down a lazy river, with a few occasional riffles to amuse us. The Yampa is remarkable for its peacefulness, crack-in-the-wall side canyons, wide valleys, domed turrets, and high white walls.

Our first night at Teepee Campground, ten miles from the start, provided a high juniper bluff with tent sites overlooking our first rapid, and a soft white beach for dining. Just before midnight, it became the perfect theater for a rim-to-rim light show preceding a cloudburst that sent everyone to their tents.

Sunday, after negotiating the big rapid without flaws, a surfing hole caught unwary Ann Felt in her inflatable, and then window shaded Rich Gregerson in his trial Crossfire Dagger three times. The eddy team was thinking "throw rope" when the kayak finally self-ejected.

Mantle Cave, a Fremont granary that delivered a splendid 180 degree view of the surrounding hills, was our next stop, a quick 1/4 mile hike from the river's edge. Then on to Laddie Park, our second night's lodging. A persistent baby rattler defied our four attempts to launch it downstream, but the stay at the 300 foot beach was otherwise pleasant.

Our third day started with a perfect blue sky, good omen for our major rapid, Warm Springs. Eight miles of floating through 800 foot high tiger-varnished sheer walls that were perfect for echoes and Marv's Indian chants, led us to an easy scouting point. The 40 foot left ledge took up 3/4 of the river, but the tongue had shifted right, making it an

easy run down to a bottom pourover with good channels on both sides. Everyone made a clean run, including Joe Martinelli, who took the pourover head-on, injecting a little excitement into his twentieth wedding anniversary.

Our Monday campground was Jones Hole Two, beside the cheerful and refreshing Jones Creek. Several stalwarts headed up to the magnificent pictograph wall to see the hunters, antelopes, feathered warriors and large crisscross device that might be a fish net. Clear winners of dress-up night that evening were June cover models Joe and Bernadette Martinelli, he in a tux, she demure in a DI wedding dress. Perfectly matched, although neither had revealed choice of attire to the other.

Our last day through the meanders of Split Mountain started at 9 am at the suggestion of guide Carl Cook, a plan devised to get us through the slow water before the upcanyon winds could impede our progress. We lunched just below Rainbow Park and had a rip-roaring dash through the rocks and holes, uneventful except for trip leader Jim Brown's unplanned exit from his canoe above Schoolboy Rapid.

Boats dried and flattened into neat little packages, we departed for Salt Lake at 4:00, arriving in Salt Lake 4-1/2 hours and six pizzas later on June 9.

Paddlers: Carl Cook leading Ann Felt, Megan McEnulty, Matt Felt, and Nancy Inaba. Marv Hamilton directing Tom Wood, Andy Child, Barbara Green and Marylou Fishburn. Drigg's own Lanny Benson, fresh from the Grand Canyon, organizing Emil Golais, Phyllis Anderson, Janet Embry, and Barney Lennartson. Brett Matthew was oared with Paul Trentelman swamping; Bernadette and Joe Martinelli shared Joe's Achilles oar rig. Canoeing ninjas: Rich Stone, Alan Gavere, Jim Brown, and Eileen Brown, who completed a flawless first solo. Rich Gregerson and scribe Kira Kilmer in the kayaks. Awards for best bathing suit collection go to Phyllis Anderson. Best Bikini: Marylou Fishburn. And to all the cooks: thanks for the brownies, stir-fry's, French toast, strawberry shortcakes, and wonderful fresh fruit.

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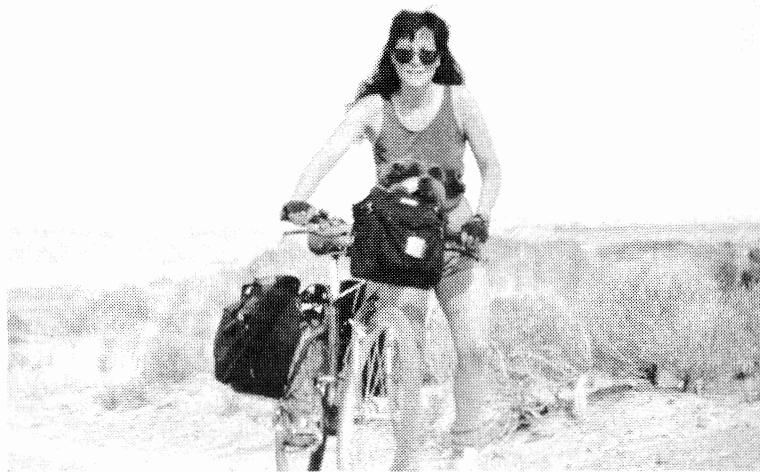
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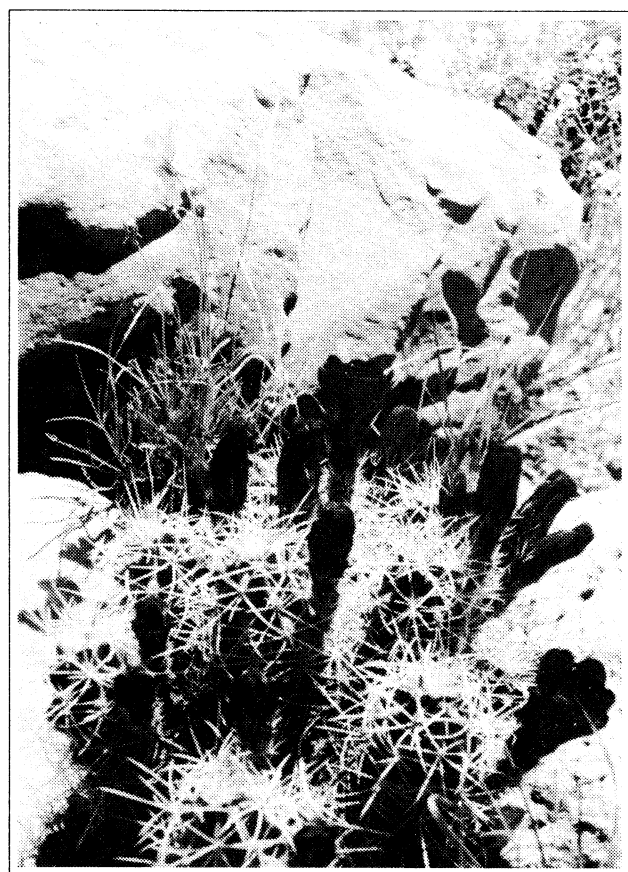
“Squirt Boater Extra-  
ordinaire” Tim Poole on  
the Moab Daily, June 1992.  
Photo by Liza Poole.

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“Beer Roll on Westwater” Joergin Pilz, Debbie Smith and upside-down Tim Poole,  
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### **OLYMPUS MALL PARKING**

It seems the folks who own the Olympus Hills Shopping Mall would prefer that we not use their parking lot. Consequently, we have another option. Except for the ok on Thursday evening hikes, we have permission to use the Skyline High parking lot, as long as we notify Beth Tripp (481-7122) of Skyline so she may inform the security personnel that our vehicles will be there. It would also be ok to leave a note on the windshields if an event is planned on a weekend. For the most part though, we'll try and schedule parking for activities at different locations.

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The *Rambler* cannot accept any ad that is inconsistent with the purposes of the WMC, or that offends the sensibilities of club members. Send your ad (with a check enclosed if it is not a used sports equipment) before the 13th of the month to Sue DeVall, 11730 South 700 West, Sandy UT 84070 or call Sue at 572-3294 for information.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Rambler Editor:

...Thanks for all the great work you've been doing. I like the layout of Events at a Glance and appreciate your striving always to improve.

Truly,  
Liza Poole

Dear Editors:

I like the new arrangement of the activity schedule very much. You see at a glance what's going on.

I was surprised to see my drawing of Double-O arch in the July issue of the *Rambler*, since all you could have had for reproduction was a xerox copy of one of the 50 illustrations I made for my forthcoming book: *On Foot in Five Continents*. The originals are with the publisher, and I use copies for stationery.

Sincerely,  
Trudy Healy





## HIKER EQUIPMENT REMINDER

by Randy Long, Hiking Committee  
Member

The club is still having some problems with participants not bringing enough equipment. Please remember that certain items are required (or should be), on ALL hikes, even short beginner-type hikes. These include, but are not limited to, proper footwear, pack, food, water, and possibly raingear. The leader may (and should) turn people away who come without these few items.

These basics pertain mainly to the easier and intermediate hikes; more gear is usually required on harder, advanced hikes. Skills such as rock climbing or map and compass may also be required on advanced hikes.

Remember that in the Wasatch, as with any mountain range, the typical day will dawn sunny and warm, but by afternoon, clouds can move in and turn into a down-pour in no time, so PLEASE be prepared.

Also: if you decide to go on to someplace else or turn back, be sure to inform the leader. It will be noted on the release form, and you will no longer be part of the activity.

One final note: If the leader requests regrouping, PLEASE WAIT for the rest to catch up, and this would mean giving them a rest as well.

We don't want to sound harsh, but remember these few items and practices mean safety and fun for everyone.

## WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

Membership applicants must participate in at least two Club outdoor or service activities, verified by the signatures of approval from the activity leaders. Yearly dues are \$25.00 single, \$35.00 couple. A \$5.00 initiation/reinstatement fee is charged.

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**WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB**  
APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS/REINSTATEMENT FOR PREVIOUS MEMBERS  
RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION QUALIFICATION FORM  
**DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Please read carefully and fill out completely.

APPLICANT(S) NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY APPLY FOR:

CHECK IF:

\_\_\_ NEW MEMBERSHIP

\_\_\_ STUDENT (30 YEARS OR YOUNGER)

\_\_\_ REINSTATEMENT

\_\_\_ COUPLE

DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE RAMBLER (THE WMC PUBLICATION)? SUBSCRIPTION PRICE IS NOT DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE DUES. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for one year's dues and application fee (Mar 1, 19\_\_ to Feb 28, 19\_\_).

\*\* (CHECKS ONLY) Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club\*\*

Remit: \$20.00 for student membership (\$15.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)

\$30.00 for single membership (\$25.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)

\$40.00 for couple membership (\$35.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)\

YOU MUST COMPLETE TWO CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION.  
THE ACTIVITY DATES MUST HAVE BEEN WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE APPLICATION.

QUALIFYING ACTIVITY	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECOMMENDING LEADER
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1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the WMC. I am 18 years of age or older. I understand that outdoor activities involve risk, and that I am responsible for determining the suitability of my ability and equipment in advance of participating in any WMC activity. I release and discharge the WMC agents and representatives from all claims for property and personal injury sustained as a result of participation in WMC activities. I am willing to serve the WMC in the following areas (please check):

**Your signature is required..**

\_\_\_ Service Project      \_\_\_ Lodge Work      \_\_\_ Conservation      \_\_\_ Rambler      \_\_\_ Thu. Night Hikes

\_\_\_ Hike Leader      \_\_\_ Boat Leader      \_\_\_ Ski Leader      \_\_\_ Social Assistant

I found out about the WMC from \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT(S) SIGNATURE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR  
Wasatch Mountain Club  
888 South 200 East Suite 207  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-4220

THIS PORTION FOR OFFICE USE ONLY -- DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

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