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by Bob Allgeier

If everything goes according to plan, this issue of the **sitzmarke** will be knocking your lights out! We've had color in the past, here and there, but this issue is the first with a nifty color picture in COLOR! We have placed highly in national ski club newspaper (magazine) competition in the past but lost first place in the last few years due to the lack of color. We're a high class outfit now!

Actually, we recovered a large, OLD, bad debt and therefore, will not be running over budget. Save this one since it may well be a collectors' item!

In other news, several trips have gone and come by now and there was, on the first trip, a low number of injuries, but they were all pretty tough. Dislocated shoulders and broken bones are a lot more serious than sprained ankles. What to do? The first thing is run, exercise, anything! Try to be

in shape and you won't be as tired and won't fall as badly. That is, unless you're young and gorgeous. Second, don't trust your rental ski shop adjustment entirely. Ask your roommate and check binding release "forces" before going up the lift. Please be careful.

Aspen Traditional Trip had a soft waiting list and now is an unusual chance to get on this very popular trip. Trip Chairman, **Jim Plummer's** phone number appears elsewhere in this outstanding publication. Also, don't neglect **Copper II**. That mountain is unusual; the left side (top to bottom) is expert, the middle (top to bottom) is intermediate, and the right side — you guessed it. **Everybody** gets to go to the top, look at that magnificent valley and get back down again.

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Departure will be late Sunday evening, allowing half a day of morning skiing before leaving. This trip is almost two-thirds full. So, come join us for a most challenging and exciting trip. Deposit of \$50. is now due with balance due on January 8, 1979.

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DO YOU KNOW THE TRAFFIC RULES OF THE SLOPES?

- All skiers shall ski under control. Control shall mean in such a manner that a skier can avoid other skiers or objects.

- When skiing downhill and overtaking another skier, the overtaking skier shall avoid the skier below him.

- Skiers approaching each other on opposite traverses pass to the right.

- Skiers shall not stop in a location which will obstruct a trail or loading or unloading area or impede the normal passage of other skiers and shall not stop at a point where they are not visible from above.

- A skier entering a trail or slope from a side or intersecting trail shall first check for approaching downhill skiers.

- A standing skier shall check for approaching downhill skiers before starting.

- When walking or climbing in a ski area where skis are worn, the climber or walker shall keep to the side of the trail or slope.

- All skiers shall wear safety straps or some other devices to prevent runaway skis.

- Skiers shall keep off closed trails and posted areas and shall observe all traffic signs and other regulations as prescribed by the ski area.

NOTE: The above "Courtesy" Code is the result of the combined efforts of national ski organizations including United States Ski Association, National Ski Areas Association, Professional Ski Instructors of America and the National Ski Patrol System System, so that you may enjoy skiing more.



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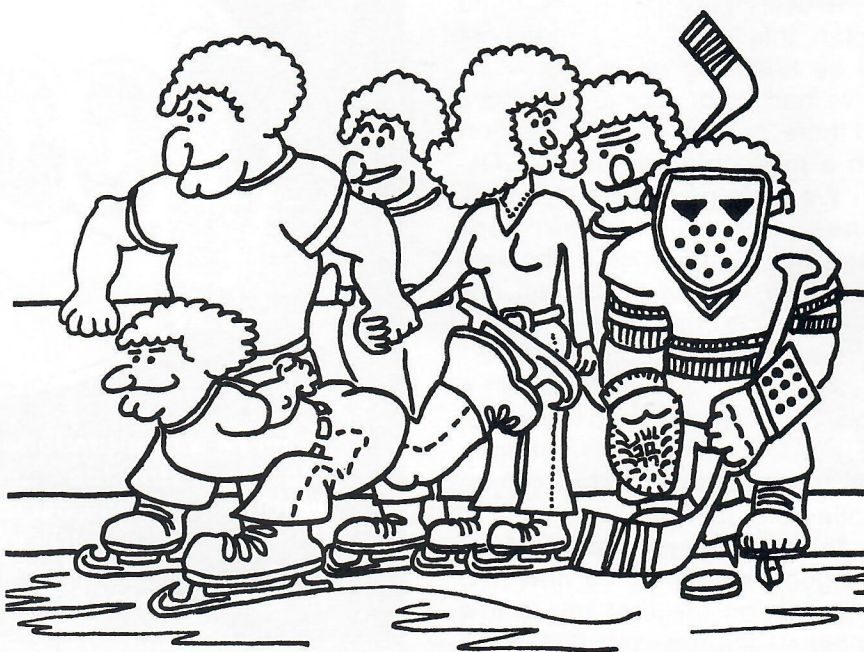
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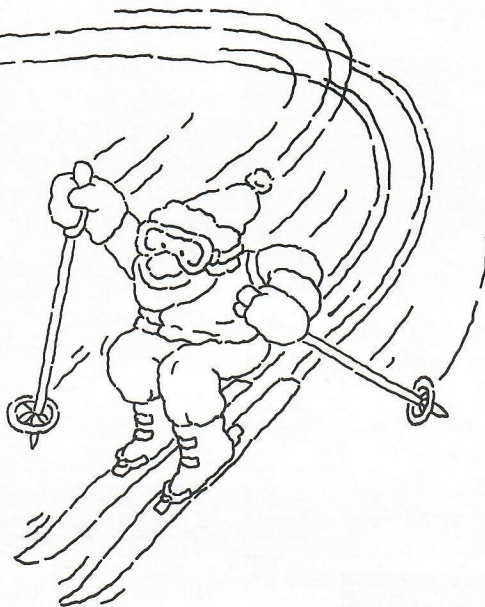
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every skier. With 10 novice, 30 intermediate, and 24 expert runs, one might be content enjoying their 6½ days of skiing at Park City. But for those of you who are interested, the Alta and Snowbird ski areas are easily accessible with a continuous shuttle service throughout the day. To inspire the daring skier, Park City offers such exciting extras as **night skiing** on the longest night lighted run in the Rockies, and **helicopter skiing** for both the intermediate and expert powder skier, and mostly for fun, regular NASTAR races.

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What more could one want after 6½ days of skiing (day and night), access to other ski areas,

parties, swimming, parties, sauna, NASTAR races, and of course, parties, except to return to Houston on Saturday, March 31, and get some R & R.

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cocktail parties and then try to explain why you are not going on Space City's only 1978-79 trip to Vail.

Our early departure on March 31 will insure arrival in Vail in time for the enthusiastic skier to spend a half day warming up those edges for another full seven days of skiing. First time beginners can ease into skiing with a half day lesson at Vail's excellent ski school. Those wishing to recuperate from the flight to Denver and two hour bus ride to Vail can build a fire in their condominium living room fireplace, stock the kitchen's refrigerator with delicacies or spend the afternoon browsing through the 120 shops and boutiques in Vail Village.

From the time of arrival until our departure on the evening of April 7, our palates will be delighted by the variety of food and drink available in Vail's 70 bars and restaurants and our spirits lifted by the comraderie of SCSC friends. An investment of \$349 for

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See Craig or Marcia soon to reserve your seat on this flight to delight.

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vail - no snow! salt lake, here we go!!

by Judy Combs

72 SCSC skiers staged a repeat performance in reverse of last year's Thanksgiving trip. Cancellations and rescheduling found our group bound for Salt Lake City on November 22nd for a 3-day weekend of fun and skiing. As punctual and conscientious skiers, everyone arrived early (especially **Charles Beaudrot**, who flew in from New Orleans) to avoid the holiday traffic and to get the best seats in the bar. Well almost everyone arrived early, **Ted Widmer** and **Woody** and **Dick Tottenham** have some tales to tell about the battle of the freeways. As the bars became extremely crowded and the food lines longer, it was obvious that something was amiss. After some conferencing between **TC Roy Nice** and Texas International representative, **Stan Sabel**, it was announced that the computer was fallible and there would be a slight delay. 3 hours and 15 minutes later, according to our official time keeper, **Roy Caviness**, we were on our way. Complimentary cocktails and champagne was provided aboard the TI flight to Salt Lake City. After a slight wait for our second bus and a shorter bus ride, we arrived at the Hilton Inn, our lodging for the weekend. We were met by **Andy Wigent**, who had come up earlier. Everyone gathered in the lobby to receive room and roommate assignments before collecting their luggage and adjourning for the night after a very long day. **Ike Hoffman** discovered that he made it to the hotel, but not his skis. This was only the beginning of the lost ski phenomenon.

Most of the group opted to take the early bus to Park City Thursday morning. The remainder slept in and caught the late bus. All except **Rick McDowell**, that is, who missed them both. He blamed it on his telephone?! **Pam Holden**, **Carol Hollas**, **Bridget Kulcak**, **Dawn Trammel**, **Phyllis Percy**, and **Sharon Phillips** enrolled in the ski school. Lucky ski instructors!



Mike Hughes, Gayle Davies, Rex Ritz, Diane Barney and Ted Widmer are ready to start out the day.

Gathering at the Summit House for lunch and warming were **Rex Ritz**, **Lee Ramsey**, **Vicki Schaffer**, **Rachel Pabst**, **Lanny Lamb**, **Roger Holzman**, **Diane Barney**, and **Virginia Kolter**. **Steve Kroger** was seen sleeping as the rest headed back to skiing. **Gordon Wise** saw a real mogal mouse. Despite assistance from **Sy Liebergot** and **Jim Plummer**, he was unable to capture it. Sy's horn was heard periodically on the slopes. While drinking beer in the Rusty Nail bar, we found out that two of our group had been injured. **Sharon Phillips** with a broken leg and **DeeDee Marsh** with a broken arm. **Sue and Dale Allbritton** provided their car to transport the injured, and **Jim Hendrix** graciously volunteered to drive them down the mountain.

A cocktail party was held before everyone headed out to find various places serving turkey and trimmings. **Barbara Bartlett** arranged for the group to surprise **L. E. Richey** with our version of "Happy Birthday." **Jan Livingston**, **Chris Ginn** and **Dale and Sue Allbritton** will long remember being serenad-

ed by mariaches at the hotel coffee shop while eating turkey dinner. **Tom Bousquet** enjoyed his visit to the jacuzzi. He described it as "wall to wall bodies."

Long lift lines greeted skiers at both Alta and Park City on Friday. **Judy Stuckey** found it necessary to make a loan from **Woody Tottenham**. Where do you keep your money, Judy? **Bill Blackstone**, known as Mandrake, proved that you can take a successful jump nine out of ten times. It's the tenth one that will get you and Bill, who was last seen calling for a doctor. **George and Donna Abdo** witnessed **John Vetter** skidding all the way down Belmont. Are you really ready for those black runs, John? **Agnes Guthrie** instigated a snowball fight while waiting for a lift that was temporarily out of order. **Morna Simon** and **Rick McDowell** added their names to the injury list, both with shoulder injuries. **Donna Lindsey** documented Rick's accident with a photographic expose. **Karen Berndt** added her skis to the lost collection that day.

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THE GREAT PIZZA WAR IS OVER



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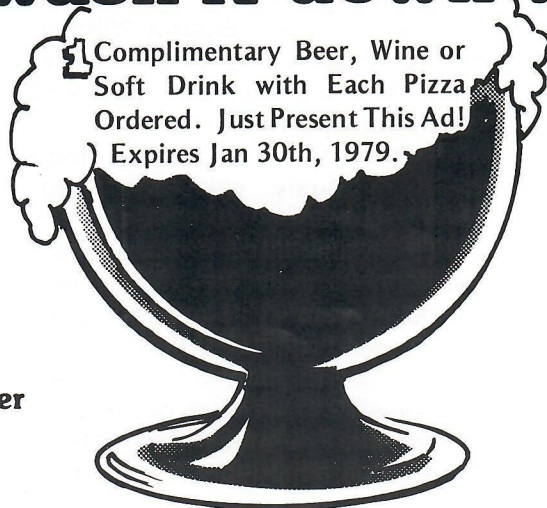
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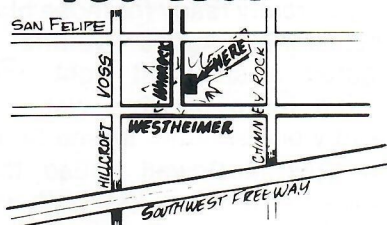
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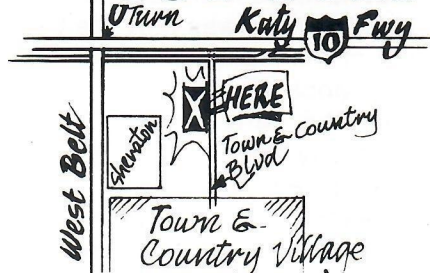


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Several of Salt Lake City's restaurants and clubs were sampled by our group. **Sy Liebergot, Tania Andrasko, Bob Olsen, Bobbet Cross, Jim Plummer, and Pam Holden,** being good skiers and health addicts, walked eleven blocks to the Steak Company. They also save \$1.62 cab fare!! **Ron Schmidt, Ira Sanborn, Sharon Phillips, Lanny Lamb, Ike Hoffman, Bill Doolittle, Tom Bousquet,** and - **Judy Combs** enjoyed dinner and dancing at the Thirteenth Floor. **Dick Tottenham** holds the record for worst use of booze. He broke four bottles after drinking his first drink with dinner. The great race was duplicated by **Roy Nice, Shirley Martin, Jerry Worley, Marcia McElravy, Jan Livingston** and **Chris Ginn** as they raced up and down the same hill on their way to dinner.

The plane ride home had a few points of interest. The passengers participated in various games. **Sue Allbritton** and **Jan Livingston** each won a bottle of wine for having the most credit cards. **Lee Ramsey** won for having the biggest hole in his sock. **Ira Sanborn** wanted to claim injured when he heard that all the injured were being given a bottle of champagne. **Robert Dickerson, Bill Eldridge, and Bob and Terri Hawley** passed the time by playing backgammon. **Clint Johnson** attempted to catch up on his reading but somehow got

distracted by the stewardesses. **Ike Hoffman** demonstrated another of his talents by assisting the stewardesses in serving. The group arrived in Houston at 2:45 p.m., Sunday afternoon. Our luggage came an hour and a half later on another plane, minus two sets of skis. Another episode in the case of the missing skis. Many thanks to all those who assisted me with the parties and in loading the luggage and skis.

YEA PARK CITY!



Sharon Phillips showing off her ski injury.



Tania Andrasko, Agnes Guthrie, Jim Plummer, Woody Tottenham, and Pam Holden are all smiles after a day of skiing.



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The ski tourer uses a light, flexible, tough ski, made of wood together with a light soft boot which is attached to the ski allowing the boot to pivot vertically. This enables the tourer to move with a kick and glide method, much like an ice skater. Complementing this gear are light springy bamboo ski poles, and waxes that enable the skier to ski straight up hills and to glide forward as well.

Touring equipment is much lower in cost than Alpine gear. A complete outfit (skis, boots, poles, bindings, and waxes) of the best quality will retail for under \$90.00. The Nordic skier's wardrobe usually consists of knickers, over-the-knee wool socks, sweater and a windshell. Colder weather additions would include down jacket, stocking cap, gloves, net long-johns, and nylon gaiters.

• TYPES OF SKIS

There are three common categories of touring skis. The most popular is the traditional touring ski, about 58 mm wide at the binding. The least common is the racing ski (46-50 mm width) which is extremely light weight. A new design called the turlett or turlangrenn (50-53 mm) combines the structural design and quick response of the racing ski with the strength of the standard touring ski. The result is a ski that is light, lithe, responsive and very tough.

• WHAT KIND OF SKI FOR WHOM?

To begin with, we must consider flotation - the ability of a ski to keep you on top of the snow. On paper, it's a function of surface area, so the wider ski should offer a pronounced advantage. In practice, it's a function of length of ski, and flexibility of the tip and shovel area. A ski is not a snowshoe. A ski is swung forward with horizontal motion and follows a gliding tra-

jectory. The flexible, lightweight ski will ride high across the snow. In deep fresh powder, as encountered in the Rockies, therefore, the standard touring (or mountain ski) offers more flotation. This is a result of an unusually flexible tip and shovel section design that rides up and over the snow, packing it along a gentle inclination, as opposed to a stiff tip that bucks the snow and pushes it ahead and requires more thrust and momentum. The flotation needs of most skiers are met by lightweight skis. The deep powder (Rocky Mountain) skier will require a traditional touring ski, as will a backpack skier.

There are other considerations besides flotation. The lightweight skis are narrower, of course, and in deep snow, they will rock a bit more than say the traditional touring ski. Thus, the backpacker, whose balance is already upset by a heavy pack, may well find that the wider ski offers a more stable platform. The wider ski is also of use for the unathletic beginner with weak ankles.

• SKI LENGTH

The cambering and flex pattern of a good touring ski of a particular length is carefully matched to the average weight of the skier who should use that length of ski. This design is based on the rule that an individual of average

weight for his height, should use a ski 30cm (1 foot) taller than he is.

• BOOTS

Boots come in three general styles; mountain touring, which are heavy, often double-laced boots requiring a cable binding; touring, which are ankle-height, lightweight, and can be used with cable binding or toe bindings; and lightweight touring, below-the-ankle boots for use with toe bindings only.

• BINDINGS

Nordic touring technique requires that the heel be free to lift off the ski with maximum freedom of foot movement and yet enough control. This flexible connection between ski and feet makes Nordic skiing inherently safer than Alpine skiing.

• POLES

Nordic poles should be springy to give a bit of a whip which helps push the skier forward. These poles are generally made of bamboo or special fiberglass. The correct length pole should come up to the armpit of the skier.

The best way to find out about Nordic ski touring is to visit a ski shop, chat with the dealer, get a book or two on the subject, and talk to people who have experience in the sport. A whole new sport is open to the adventurous winter sportsman - just over the slope.

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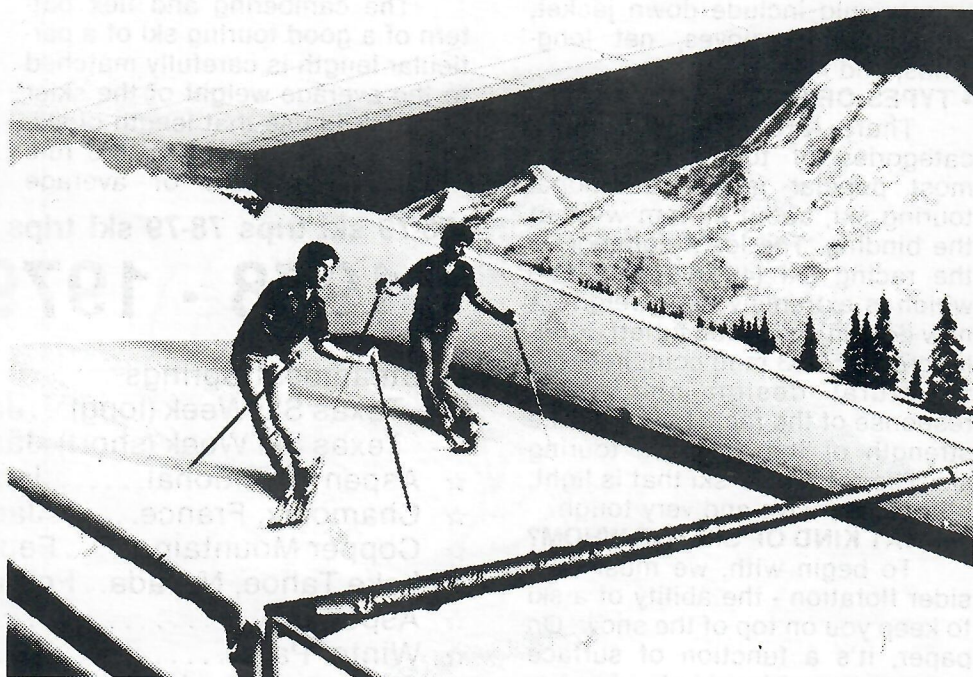


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big bend river expedition

On September 1st, Memorial City Parking lot was a scene of people, bags and high spirits as the Space City Ski Club embarked on the first Big Bend River Expedition. As everyone loaded onto the bus **Jim Benefield** and **Bob Marwin** bid farewell with a bottle of champagne and Jim was shown a token of appreciation while standing behind Whitewater Experience's **Don Green** when he was being gifted with a pie to the face enabling Jim B. to wear a new toupee of whipped cream home. Even though there was a delay in taking off, time was quickly made up by the refusal of the bus to go in reverse and ever pressing forward. Arriving at Lajitas, a continental breakfast was gobbled down and stories told of how **Judy Allen** had fended off 6,000 Mexican nationals at the put-in point and even though it hasn't been recorded into history, Judy is still shouting "*Remember Lajitas*".

After a few leisurely hours in the sun our first campsite at Kong Peak loomed ahead and we prepared ourselves for a virgin sacrifice. After several inquiries we discovered that a Cuban could not be used and **Mo Granda** will once again be seen on the slopes. A peaceful evening was interrupted when everyone heard a frustrated **Tom Mercer** and **Marty Matras** attempt to put up a tent. Daybreak brought laughter when we discovered that only midgets could get into the tent since only two poles were used. **Barry Kumins** with his usual ability to participate above and beyond the call of duty did his official last act for the Club when he fell overboard while demonstrating a draw stroke for the people on his raft. **Leslie Holmes** with her own rendition to *Key To My Heart* brought a new admiration to the canyons. Thank you, Leslie!

The second day brought Rock Slide Rapid, in which some rafts went down backwards, some went

sideways, some hit rocks and one consisting of **Tom Mercer**, **Barry Kumins**, **Leslie Holmes**, **Beth Nolan**, **Ron Bartosh**, **Nancy Worst**, **Randy Clemmenson**, **Larry Friedman** and **Susan Spurlock** went through without a hitch. Thanks to **Charles Dutton** for photographing the great raft race through Rock Slide, and proving that last guys finish first.

The second campsite was at beautiful Fern Canyon where a sing-a-long was lead by **Jay Castille** and **Ron May** with a special guest appearance of that famous stage personality, **Mr. Gary Calloway**, providing the entertainment of the evening. Not to be outdone however, **Hank Faulkner** provided his own entertainment (that he shared with everyone) by bringing his Mexican Hot-Nuts to go with the several gallons of wine that was on the trip. Reports of the next day were that **Don Greene** and **Neal Stilley** went into Fern Canyon for the night looking for a close encounter and getting high off of Upper Fern Canyon water, while everyone back at camp found their own close encounter of the hang-over kind. After a slow start, everyone pulled themselves together and watched **Merlyn Harger** get on all fours to fight Shadow, the wonder dog, over Merlyn's rubber ducky. With a few fierce growls from Merlyn and vicious eye exchange, Merlyn came out the winner and Shadow hasn't been the same. Shadow has since been seen spending listless hours just wandering around town.

With everyone on the river, war maneuvers were practiced as all the rafts hid behind rocks and anything they could find at Terlingua Creek to make war on **Ron Smith** and his crew. But the element of surprise was in Capt. Smith's favor as his crew quickly ate up all their extra goodies and drank their last beer and cleverly proceeded to use the container as

a Kamikaze cannon. After a long and enduring battle, Capt. Smith proved again that last guys finish first by taking survivors (**Don Green**) and crossed the finish line while the attacking forces were left futally bailing out their rafts and wondering where **Ralph Norton** came from.

At the take-out point, everyone pitched in and helped get the equipment loaded on the bus while Dorothy Bell had the hardest task of all by keeping the beer from the thirsty pack of newly acquired river rats until it was cold. **Lou Schultz** explored the depth and darkness of an out-house and successfully found his car keys that he dropped in a mysterious place. We won't tell how Lou recovered his keys, but would like to know why he has been wearing gloves lately?

When everything was on the bus, it was off to Luna Vista for a Mexican feast and group pictures. After eating, drinking, dancing and a few games of pool, it was a tearful farewell as we left Neal, Gary and Don Green at Luna Vista and started our way home. The bus ride home was not without merriment as **Tom Mercer** amused everyone with his dramatizations in charades and as the rain came down on the desert, we all repeated Don Green's last words, "*Remember, it doesn't rain in the desert*". We arrived at 5:15 in the morning and everyone managed to get their gear and head for home to either go to sleep or get ready to go to work. **Larry Friedman** actually woke up when we arrived in Houston, after being asleep the whole trip.

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