

# *The Rambler*

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# Wasatch Mountain Club

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# CLUB ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER 1982

## HIKING - GENERAL COMMENTS

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**Ratings:** The higher the number the harder the hike. Hikes rated 4.0 or less are easy.

**Exposure:** This means travel on rock ridges which does not involve technical climbing skills but where there is a chance of a serious fall if the hiker is careless.

**Questions:** Call the trip leader or the hiking director.

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- Thurs. Sept 2      EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MTN PICNIC AREA, Big Cottonwood Canyon after working hours. Technical climbing on short quartzite cliffs around the picnic area and environs. Food (hamburgers) and beverages provided by club member volunteers at cost. Good climbing practice, opportunity to meet other climbers, and enjoyment of great social experiences. New climbers should be able to beg or plead with experienced leaders to let them follow on a rope.
- Thurs. Sept 2      THURSDAY EVENING GENERIC HIKE. Destination - Unknown. Rating - More than the usual Thursday hikes. Equipment - a flashlight is a must and sweaters, boots (not tenny-runners), desired. LEAVE at 6:30 PM from the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood. Leader: Dale Green. Sorry, no phone calls for generic hikes.
- Fri-Mon Sept 3-6      WIND RIVERS BACKPACK. Leave Friday night and return Monday night. Will be an easy to moderate trip. Exact location to be determined by leader Mike Budig. Register at 328-4512. Group size will be limited.
- Fri-Wed Sept 3-8      TETON WILDERNESS - YELLOWSTONE BACKCOUNTRY. Will cross Yellowstone Lake by boat to southeast arm and hike to headwaters of Yellowstone River, ascend to Two Ocean Creek where waters of one creek divide and flow into two oceans. Cross continental divide - skirt Absoroka Wilderness. Descend via headwaters of Snake River to Morian Junction. Contact leader Sam Allen, 942-3149.
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Cover: The July 3rd work party at the lodge -- a big THANKS to you!

Photo: Alexis Kelner

- Sat. Sept 4      DESOLATION TRAIL - 22 miles. Rating Long. Start in Millcreek, end at Solitude via Bear Trap. Start at 7:00 AM. This will be a long hike at a relatively fast pace. Register with leader Bob Holley - work, 581-7741; home, 359-7083.
- Sat. Sept 4      UPPER RED PINE. Rating 5.5. Meet at Big Cottonwood Canyon (Geology Sign) at 9:00 AM. Leader: Trudy Healy, 943-2290.
- Sat-Tue Sept 4-7      MOUNTAINEERING HIGH CAMP IN THE WIND RIVER MTNS. Cirque of the Towers. This camp will be for technical climbing in one of the best places in the Winds. Lots of good, solid granite with a variety of nearby routes and spectacular scenery is what makes the Cirque live up to its reputation. Bill Shepard is the leader. The backpack approach to the Cirque is long (9 miles) and tough (crosses the Continental Divide). Bill will stay through Tuesday and may go up a day early. You must register (266-5459 home or 272-9283 work, leave message with secretary) since we will be required to have a group permit with a limit on the number of climbers.
- Sat-Thurs Sept 4-9      WIND RIVERS - PEAK LAKE BACKPACK. Ann Cheeves will be going in at Green River Lakes and will be staying for a few extra days. Those who wish can come out earlier. To register, call Ann, home 533-9074, work, 582-5200.
- Sun. Sept 5      SUNDIAL. Rating 8.5. Some exposure (not the weather). This popular hike will start at 8:30 AM at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon (Geology Sign). Leader: Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.
- Mon. Sept 6      MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. Cancelled: Labor Day.
- Thurs. Sept 9      THURSDAY EVENING GENERIC HIKE - LAST ONE OF THE SEASON. See September 2 schedule for details.
- Thurs. Sept 9      EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MTN. PICNIC AREA. After working hours.
- Sat. Sept 11      GILBERT PEAK. Rating 15.0. Leave Friday night, car camp. Climb 3rd highest peak in the state on Saturday, weather permitting. Register with leader, Dale Green, 277-6417.
- Sat. Sept 11      DOUGHNUT FALLS VIA KESSLER PEAK. Rating 6.0. Michelle's favorite hike will start at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, 9:00 AM. Leader, Michelle Perkins, 295-6475.
- Sat. Sept 11      TIMPANOGOS VIA TIMPONEKE TRAIL. Rating 14.0. Flowers should be at their peak. Meet leader Mike Budig, 328-4512 at Perkins Cafe, 100 West 7200 South at 8:00 AM.
- Sat. Sept 11      CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE LODGE. As in previous years we start the fall musical season with a concert at our Brighton lodge. This is the time when the leaves are beginning to turn and the evenings become crisp. Head for the warm lodge and join your friends for an evening of listening and merry music making. The price of \$3.00 per person (performers are exempted) covers snacks and the one dollar

lodge fee. Beverage will be available at cost. Time: 8:00 PM. (Call Karin Caldwell at 942-6065 if you have any questions.)

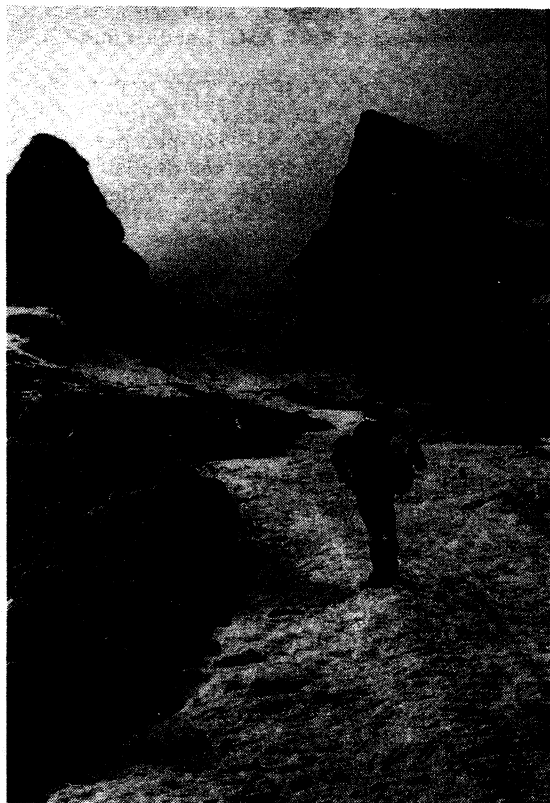
- Sun. Sept 12 TWINS VIA STAIRS GULCH. Rating high. Register with leader, Diane Schoenberg. 763-2055
- Sun. Sept 12 OLD PARK CITY HISTORICAL HIKE. Rating 3.0. Leader Lyman Lewis, 1-649-9632, will visit old Park City mines, mills, dumps, whore houses and other places of interest. Meet Lyman at 9:30 AM at the Park City Golf Course.
- Sun. Sept 12 BICYCLE RIDE - 30 miles. Meet at Alpha Beta in Park City at 9:30 AM, picnic at Rockport, hot tub afterwards. Leader of the ride and hot tub owner: Bob Wright, 649-4194.
- Mon. Sept 13 MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. Meet at the "stairs" in Memory Grove for a ride up City Creek Canyon which is closed to cars. Meeting time CHANGED. Meet at 6:15 PM. Group will leave at 6:30. Distance approximately 16 miles round trip. Leader: Wally Fort, 534-0915.
- Thurs. Sept 16 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MTN. PICNIC AREA. After working hours.
- Sat. Sept 18 LODGE WOOD GATHERING. The Club's Lodge Wood Gathering is of paramount importance. Call Alexis Kelner (359-5387) well in advance of the gathering and pledge your participation. Two crews of workers will be needed, one in the Uintas, cutting wood and the other at the lodge cutting, splitting, and storing. The Uintas crew should commit a full day with an early morning start. The crew at the lodge should commit for the afternoon and evening. Lodge will be open for member's use through Monday, noon.
- Sat. Sept 18 POPULAR BREAKFAST RIDE TO CROMPTONS. Meet at 9:30 AM at Foothill Village Shopping Center. Leader: Bob Geer, 273-3058.
- Sat. Sept 18 TRAIL CLEARING. Upper portion of Mill B North Fork. As an alternative to the lodge work party you have an opportunity to finish the trail maintenance job the club started earlier this year. For a satisfying workout meet at the Mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:30. Call John Veranth, 278-5826 for information.
- Sat-Sun Sept 18-19 UPPER MULEY TWIST - CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK. This is one of the finer hikes in the southern portion of the park. There will be a car camp near the trailhead and plenty of time to explore the canyon. Register with Ned Hardin at 272-1954 (home) or 583-3773 (work).
- Sat-Sun Sept 18-19 UINTAS BACKPACK - CUBERANT LAKES. Probably easiest backpack of the year. Leaving SLC Saturday morning. Lakes located northwest of Mirror Lake. Children welcome. Register with Allen Olsen after Sept. 8 but no later than Sept 15. Home, 272-6305, Work 363-2661.

- Sun. Sept 19 LAMBS CANYON FROM PARLEYS. Rating 3.0. Meet at the Bagel Nosh (3900 South and Wasatch Blvd.) at 9:30 AM. Leader: Rick Bliss, 969-9685.
- Mon. Sept 20 MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. Meet at the Bagel Nosh at 3900 South and Wasatch Blvd. Ride Parley's Canyon to Geo. Washington Park, 16 miles rt. Meeting time 6:15 PM, leaving at 6:30 PM. Leaders: Bob Geer, 272-3058 and Bob Wright, 649-4194.
- Thurs. Sept 23 EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MTN. PICNIC AREA. After working hours.
- Sat. Sept 25 BICYCLE RIDE. Porn 64 - translated: Pig out ride north; 64 miles. Meet at Sugarhouse Park at 9:30 AM. Leader, John Peterson, 277-8817.
- Sat. Sept 25 WOODCHUCK PARTY AT THE LODGE. Hopefully all wood gathering was completed last week and is now at the Lodge for splitting and storing. So all you Woodchucks, come during the day for this fun work activity and then plan on spending the evening with a fun party. Potluck (assigned below) at 7 PM. Dancing to live music the "Silver Lights" at 9 PM. Beverage at nominal cost. Members \$3.00, non-members \$4.00 to be collected at door. Anyone interested in staying over night or for more info call Pat Peebles, 266-7257.
- A-E Salad  
F-H Chips and dip or Hors d'Oevre  
I-L Rolls or bread and butter  
M-R Main Dish  
S-Z Dessert
- Sat. Sept 25 BIG BEACON FROM GEORGE'S HOLLOW. Rating 3.5. Meet at the north end of Ft. Douglas Cemetary at 9:00 AM. Leader: Dale Green, 277-6417.
- Sat. Sept 25 WHITE BALDY. Rating 9.0. Meet at the geology sign at mouth of Big Cottonwood at 8:30 AM. leader: Elmer Boyd, 969-7814.
- Sat-Sun Sept 25-26 WESTWATER CANYON RAFT/KAYAK. Intermediate/Advanced. We will be running the same stretch of river both Saturday and Sunday. Send your \$20 deposit to Chuck Reichmuth, 4214 College Drive, Ogden, Utah 84403 (phone, 621-3834). Work party Monday September 20, 5:30 PM at the storage Center.
- Sun. Sept 26 DROMEDARY PEAK. Rating 10.5 with exposure! Register with leader: Walter Hass, 534-1262.
- Sun. Sept 26 HONEYCOMB TO WOODLAWN MINE. Rating 3.0. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 AM. Leader: Wally Fort, 534-0915.
- Sun. Sept 26 RED PINE. Rating 5.0. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 AM. Leader: Jerry Willett, 776-0880.

- Mon. Sept 27      MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDE. Meet at Hoogle Zoo parking lot for a ride up Emigration Canyon to Little Mt. and back. Meeting time 6:15 PM and leaving promptly at 6:30. Distance approximately 16 miles rt. Leader: Jim Piani, 943-8607.
- Thurs. Sept 30      EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MTN. PICNIC AREA. After working hours.
- Sat. Oct 2      SNAKE CREEK PASS. Rating 3.0. Meet at the geology sign at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 AM. Foliage should be near maximum color. Leader: Jim Mallon, 1-882-5492.
- Sat. Oct 2      THANE PEAK. Rating 6. Meet Miss Gardner at the geology sign in Big Cottonwood at 9:00 AM. Leader: Sue Gardner, 533-8185.
- Sat-Sun Oct 2-3      OVERNIGHT BIKE TRIP TO THE HOMESTEAD. Parleys, Park City to the Homestead Saturday. Return Sunday via Provo Canyon. Lodging @ Homestead \$12-\$20 per person. Swimming and harvest moon hayride. Registration and deposit due leader by September 15. (Register after September 8). Allen Olsen, 272-6305, home or 363-2661, work.
- Sun. Oct 3      MILLCREEK RIDGE RUN. Rating 4.0. Aspen colors should be at their best. Meet at the Bagel Nosh (3900 South and Wasatch Blvd. at 9:00 AM). Leader: Norm Fish, 487-0937.
- Sun. Oct 3      BOX ELDER. Rating 9.0. This is not an easy hike. Meet at Perkins Cafe, 100 West & 7200 South at 8:00 AM. Call John for carpool from city center/university area. Leader: John Muellmer, 467-7519.
- Thurs. Oct 7      EVENING CLIMBING AT STORM MTN. PICNIC AREA. After working hours. Yes, folks, we climbers still do it in chilly October!
- Fri-Mon Oct 8-11      MAZE BACKPACK. This four day trip into the Maze section of Canyonlands entails 80 miles of dirt roads, half of which is extremely rough, and a short backpack to a base camp with ample water. Four wheel drive vehicles are needed so please sign up early. Four wheel drive owners will be compensated at 25¢ per mile for gas, wear, and any damage which might occur to their vehicles. All members will share in the cost which will be about \$30. This is a beautiful area and one you will not soon forget. Send your \$20 deposit to Chuck Ranney at 940 Donner Way #470 SLC, 84108 or call 583-1092 for information.
- Sat. Oct 9      TWIN LAKES PASS. Rating 2.0. Leader needed. Call Norm Fish, work 539-5565 or John Veranth, 278-5826.
- Sun. Oct 10      GRANDURE PEAK FROM CHURCH FORK. Rating 3.5. Meeting at the Bagel Nosh (3900 South and Wasatch Blvd.) at 9:00 AM. Leader, Mike Hendrickson, 942-1476.
- Sun. Oct 10      BIG WATER VIA DESOLATION TRAIL. Rating 7.0. This may be the last hike of the season. Meet at the Bagel Nosh (3900 South and Wasatch Blvd.) at 8:00 AM. Leader: Bob Holley, 359-7083 (work).

Fri-Sun Oct 22-24

NEEDLES DISTRICT CAR CAMP/BACKPACK. This year's traditional Canyonlands fall car camp will be based in the vicinity of Devils Kitchen allowing hiking in areas we normally don't get to from Squaw Flat. A four wheel drive will be used to bring water and other fluids over Elephant Hill so packs will be light. For information call John Veranth, 278-5826.



scending from Leigh Lake to CMS camp on Mt. Moran up the snowfield outlet of Felling Ice Glacier. East Horn (11,465) on the right and West Horn (11,605) on the left. The Felling Ice glacier between the East and West Horn. The climber is Carroll Mays on the club's Fourth of July weekend trip to the Grand Teton National Park. Photo: Lew Hitchner





## WMC BULLETIN BOARD

**WMC BULLETIN BOARD:** This new feature of the Rambler will be provided on an as-needed basis to air notices, comments, ads, etc. Please try to keep items brief. Ads can be submitted only by WMC members. There is no charge. Subject matter will be strictly limited to club activity related items. (For used cars, houses, counseling, etc., see the Daily Planet Classified). Mail your bulletins to: 3155 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106, Attn: Rambler Editor. Deadline for the Rambler is the 15th of each month.

**SAM THOMAS**, long-time WMCer, has been very ill lately and was recently hospitalized. Sam, we wish you a speedy recovery.

**FOR SALE:** Maruishi, 23-inch, 12-speed bike with rack. \$175.00. Oscar Robison, 943-2500.

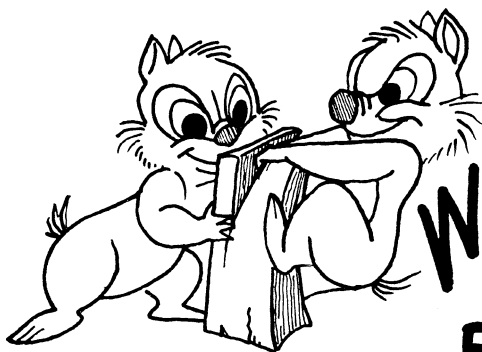
**NOTE FROM RAFTING DIRECTOR:** We have a permit to run Westwater on Saturday, September 11 and need a permit for Sunday, September 12. Call Kerry Amerman, 943-6322.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER:** Dolly Lefever has traded Salt Lake City for Saudi Arabia as her home, and consequently will be unable to attend WMC Board meetings. The Board of Directors has appointed Sam Allen to complete the current term as WMC Secretary.

**UTAH WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION** fund raiser with Ed Abby. October 1, 1982, 7:30 PM, South High School Auditorium, \$6.00.

**POLITICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP:** The workshop will be wholly financed, and largely organized, by a group known as Americans for the Environment, a non-profit and tax-exempt organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. Fourteen Utah environmental groups are acting as local co-sponsors. The Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, September 19 at the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge and will run from 12:00 noon until 5:00 PM. For more information, call Alan Miller, 393-9621.

**TUESDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL CONTINUES:** 6:30-dark @ Westminster College. For information call Norm Fish, 539-5565 (work).



**SEPT 25  
SATURDAY**

# **WOODCHUCK PARTY**

**POT LUCK - 7:00 PM**

**DANCING - 9:00 PM**

**(THE SILVER LIGHTS BAND)**

**AT THE WMC**

**LODGE**

**MEMBERS - \$3.00**

**NON-MEMBERS - \$4.00**

**DRINKS AT  
COST**

**FOR INFO. CALL  
PAT PEBBLES  
266-7257**



**(STORE WOOD DURING DAY**

**& CELEBRATE AT THE PARTY)**

**MOUNTAINEERING RAMBLINGS**  
by Lew Hitchner, Mountaineering Director

Well, the mountaineering season is drawing to a close as Fall and early season snow storms make life on the crags too hazardous for us mere mortals. Rock climbing on the local granite, of course, still can go on for quite a while before the routes really get iced up by winter storms. Actually Fall is one of the nicest times to climb since temperatures are much more bearable than in mid-summer. Hope you have been out on the peaks of the Winds or Tetons this summer. The club has one more weekend mountaineering high camp scheduled for the Cirque of the Towers in the Wind River Mtns. on Labor Day weekend. After that I hope you will continue to keep your climbing skills honed on the steep and sheer walls of the LCC granite as long as the weather is agreeable (remember, "Fear is a cardio-vascular activity").

A situation all Utah climbers should be concerned about is the possible loss of access to the climbing routes at the Gate Buttrass in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Currently it is not definite that this will happen, but it is a possibility. See the article elsewhere in this Rambler for more details.

There are plans to repeat last Fall's leisurely Grand Teton Natl. Park climbing/hiking/reveling trip sometime in mid September. Last year the hearty group combined such activities as getting lost while trying to find a climbing route on a pinnacle near Storm Point, having lunch with an inspiring view on Lunch Ledge after giving up on finding the route, partying til a late hour at Jenny Lake Campground with a personal appearance by Diana Ross, and doing a long but beautiful hike up Indian Paintbrush Canyon and down Cascade Canyon. At the time for submitting the Rambler schedule no date nor leader was determined for this year's trip. Call Mountaineering Director Lew Hitchner at 583-2439 if you are interested in going.

Thursday nite climbing with burgers and beverages will continue at Storm Mtn. through the month of September and on into October as long as weather conditions stay hospitable.

Coming events to make a note of:

Wind Rivers High Camp (Labor Day Weekend Sept. 4-7) -- Cirque of the Towers. The old favorite -- fantastic rock, scenery, campsites, and, hopefully, good weather.

Climbers Fall event (middle September) -- a relaxing weekend in the Tetons.

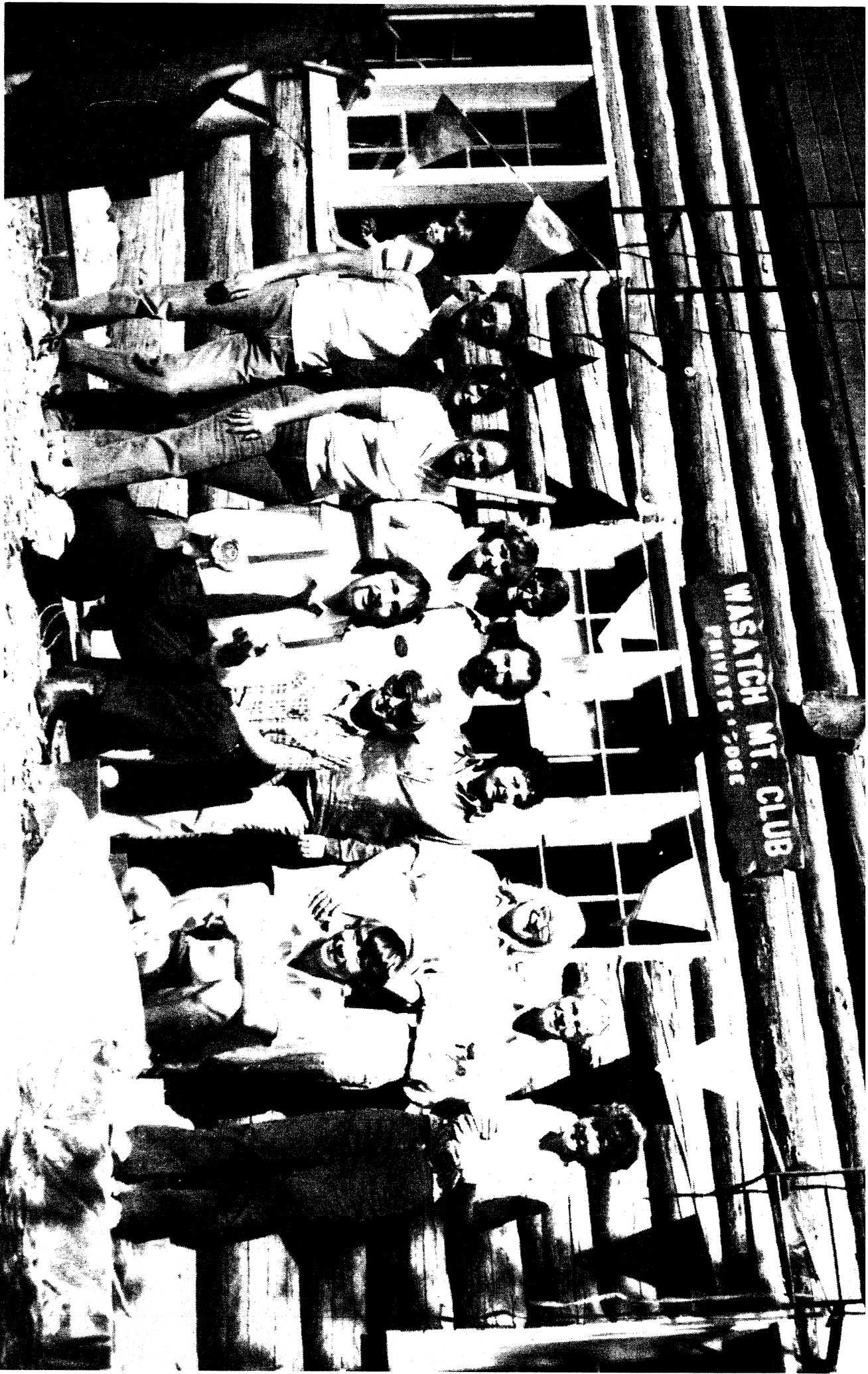
**OPEN LETTER TO THE WMC**

I was the "victim" who fell during the Coalpit Gulch hike on June 5. This letter is to thank the members of the group for an excellent job of first aid and of quickly obtaining rescue. By the time I regained consciousness, much splinting and other work had been completed, and a rescue party had already been contacted.

Had the situation been handled poorly, I would not necessarily have survived. My greatest appreciation to all concerned.

Sincerely,

Gordon J. Swenson



July 3, 1982 Independence Day Carnival Work Party

## ALERT TO THOSE INTERESTED IN SAVING ACCESS TO WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING AND HIKING AREAS

An article which appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune on June 17 detailed a possible threat to access to the rock climbing routes in the Gate Butte area of lower Little Cottonwood Canyon. The land around the Gate in the floor of the canyon is privately owned by the Whitmore estate, who have been the owners since 1920 and have never objected to public access through their land. However, since they pay taxes on the land with no return on their investment, they are now interested in selling the land.

Although the article mentioned the possibility of condominium development (aaagghhh!!!) as an alternative, it also stated that the family is very interested in preserving the land for public use. Through the estate's representative, Mr. Keith Dillard, they have been negotiating with the Trust for Public Lands. TFL is an organization which helps to negotiate sale of private lands which have established or potential public use opportunities to public agencies such as the Forest Service or local governments. The Mountain Club has met in the past with a TFL representative regarding purchase of land around the Mt. Olympus trailhead. The expertise and effectiveness of the Trust for Public Lands impressed us very much.

The Mountain Club has not made any contact with the Whitmore family representative as yet, so the current status of negotiations is unknown to us. However, be prepared for a call to arms in the near future if we discover the situation looks bleak. If necessary a coalition may be formed to help prevent the development of the land (Timberline Sports among others is very interested in supporting such an effort). Contact Mountaineering Director, Lew Hitchner at 583-2439 if you have any further information or are interested in helping to preserve access to the best climbing in the Wasatch.





**FROM THE HIKING DIRECTOR**  
**by John Veranth**

The appeals for volunteers to lead backpack trips have met with excellent response. This month out of town trips are scheduled for almost every weekend. Keep calling! October and even November are good times for Southern Utah trips.

With the recent budget cutbacks, volunteer help for trail maintenance is more important than ever. Since the club is a heavy user of local trails we should do our share on trail maintenance. Hopefully, we will have a large turnout for the trail clearing hike scheduled for September.

A number of hike leaders have mentioned problems with inadequate footwear on hikes. Dress street shoes are never acceptable. Running shoes are adequate only for easy hikes on good dry trails. For most hikes a sturdy hiking boot with lug soles is best. If you have questions regarding footwear or any other equipment contact the trip leader or the hiking director.

Occasional problems seem to occur every year with leaders not showing up at the meeting point. If you cannot lead a trip you are scheduled for, please try to find a substitute. If you cannot get someone else to lead, please let the hiking director know. If you decide to cancel because of weather or trail conditions and the meeting place was published, please show and let everyone know the trip was cancelled.

**HELP SUPPORT!**  
**1982 Ru-Dshe Konka Expedition**

In the Fall of 1982 Fred Becky will lead an American expedition to Central China to climb Mt. Ru-Dshe Konka in the Minya Konka Range of Sichuan. This will be an "alpine style" expedition with some of America's top alpine climbers. Your support is needed to make this expedition a success.

T-shirts (\$11.00) and more information are available at Timberline Sports and Holubar in Salt Lake City, also by writing the Expedition. Donations of \$50 or more receive a complimentary T-shirt.

Make your tax-deductible donation payable to:  
Chinese/American Mountaineering and Expedition Foundation

Mailing Address:  
1982 Ru-Dshe Konka Expedition  
1398 Solano Avenue  
Albany, CA 95706

**CONSERVATION NOTES**  
**by Peter Hovingh**

The Bureau of Land Management is soliciting comments on its recommendations on Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) in Utah. Comments are due by September 30, 1982 at the Wilderness Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management. Information gained from the public will be used in finalizing the Wilderness Study Areas, which will be the basis for a statewide environmental impact statement. The EIS is scheduled for completion in late 1984.

The following factors were used in studying each of the WSAs"

- (1) What is the quality of the area's wilderness characteristics?
- (2) Could the area be effectively managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics?
- (3) What energy and mineral resources have been identified or have the potential to exist within the area?
- (4) What other resources or uses of the area would be affected if the area were designated wilderness?
- (5) What social and economic effects would either designation or rejection of the area as wilderness have upon local areas?

- (6) What do the local, state, and national publics have to say about designating or not designating the area as wilderness?
- (7) How would the wilderness characteristics of the area be affected if the area were not designated as wilderness?
- (8) Is the recommendation for or against wilderness consistent with land-use related plans of other agencies, i.e. federal, state, county, and Indian tribes?

If you should be exploring any of the proposed wilderness areas this autumn or this coming year, your assistance in gathering field data would be very useful for expanding the Wilderness System in Utah. For more information, contact Utah Wilderness Association (359-1337). Numerous places in Utah go begging for observant visitors!



The July 11th "expedition" to Mt. Raymond (see the trip write-up in the August Rambler) Photo: Hank Winawer





Gary Tomlinson (capt.), Chuck Reichmuth, Irene Shilling, Tom Silberstorf, Mike Budig, Cheryl Barnes and Ned Harden trying to not get eaten by the Warm Springs Rapid on the Yampa River.  
Photo: Mike Dege

# TRIP Talk talk talk talk

## **Twin Peaks/Broad's Fork** by Richard Randall

Somehow the trip notice in The Rambler made no mention of the 11.0 rating or of the fact that ice axes would be a good idea, and so a large and mixed group assembled Sunday morning, July 11, for the Twin Peaks hike. It was soon decided to divide the group; those prepared for the long, steep snow fields at the head of Broad's Fork and those who would be happier amidst the alpine greenery below. The peak baggers were: Peter Hansen, leader, Dave Morris, Steve Sponaugle, Matt and Robin Wetherbee, Bev and Richard Randall, Shelley and Mike Piepkorn, Jim Nicol, Don Gray, Mark and Lauren Ibsen, and Dan Hunter. These comprised the Broad's Fork contingent: Laurie Bell, Linda James, Alana Jairos, Chun Chau, Kim Durrant, Randy Baker, and Jim Wood.

Even before the car pooling had been organized dark stories began to circulate about a hawk gone berserk that attacked hikers in Broad's Fork. Don had heard about it at Holubar. Another hiker had heard it from a friend. At the trailhead our leader confirmed our worst fears -- the stories were true! Somewhere ahead of us was a hawk that came screaming out of the sky to pluck off your hat or your hair, that might sink its razor-like talons into the pliant meat of your shoulder or punch out your eye in an instant.

But one must take what comes. It will be a sunless day indeed when a WMC group is intimidated by a mere hawk! So it was with courage and dignity that we set forth. Oh, I admit that when we came

upon the 3' square cardboard sign in the trail, hastily lettered in frantic orange spray paint "CAUTION HAWK WILL ATTACK" we may have pulled our caps a little closer to our ears and checked to see that our sunglasses were secure, but we trucked gallantly on behind our leader who waved his ice ax before him like a scepter and in due time the peril shrank to insignificance beside the Colombine and Gillia and sweet vegetable smells of summer.

On the resting rocks just into Broad's Fork a "B" group leader was appointed and we said our farewells and set off for the lofty summits above.

About here a conversation arose about the place of women in mountaineering. One old chauvenist lamented that he could remember the day when hearty men alone would be on this trip, but he was promptly lit upon and put quickly in his place by Robin and Bev.

We made our way, panting and rest-stepping, up the snow field to the ridge and gazed with awe down and to the South and with dismay up and to the West where the East Twin loomed huge and rocky and imposing (and mostly unfinished).

But we made our way there too, and ate our lunch and poked through the mailbox and named the peaks and drainages all around. All that remained was the West Twin, the one that Peter had told Robin was just three minutes away. Three minutes! There was dissent. Maybe ten minutes, but not three. No. No way! Peter leaped to the challenge. He could make it, he said, in less than three

minutes. The stage was set. The bet was on. The Casio was punched into stopwatch mode. Peter assumed the sprint position on the melting cornice. All eyes were pinned upon him. All ears awaited the start. Go! He was off, long legs churning across the snow. Down he went into the saddle, clearing the rocks at breakneck speed -- over, around, to the left, to the right, then began the ascent to the West Twin. And then...he...slowed...down. The Watchers yelled to him! His labored reply came back, "I'm Gonna Die!" But he mounted the other side and when he finally gave the high sign on the west summit the stopwatch display was frozen 2:36. Let this feat be duly recorded in the archives for it will not soon be repeated.

Most of the group ventured onto the West Twin (albeit not so quickly as Peter) and back again. And then the helicopter came.

It was the Life Flight chopper from the LDS Hospital and we watched as it dropped a litter to a group of hikers on a spur below us and then circled while they strapped their injured member on. It came gingerly in and hovered just touching with one wheel while the victim was loaded aboard and then it peeled away and the group below us gave a cheer.

We frolicked on the snow field on the way down. Peter and Dave made the standing glissade look easy. Don learned that his gore-tex pants are faster than wool. Mark showed us that the slopes can be negotiated with a measure of grace even without an ax. Jim took pictures. And Bev was heard to remark that she made the whole trip without breaking a nail.

#### **Kessler Peak Via Mineral Fork by Hank Winawar**

On Saturday, July 31st, 16 hearty souls launched their assault on Kessler Peak under the mountain goat pace set by leader Charlie Keller.

We were forewarned that there would be some heavy brush and loose rock along the way and that the 13 of us with shorts might be battle-scarred. Since we considered ourselves seasoned WMCers, we were undaunted.

The Mineral Fork trail was open to both foot and motorcycle traffic and we all wondered why Charlie had cautioned us to be prepared for brush and rocks. At the appropriate moment (only our intrepid leader knows), we charged off the main trail and directly into deep, thick woods. The "Keller" trail was born. After forging our way through the jungle (without machettes), we came to a beautiful outcropping which we cautiously traversed. At this point, two in the group decided that river running and happy hours were far less work and turned back, probably to plan for their next white water adventure.

We moved on and up. The rock scrambling was challenging and the view of the rugged mountains to the east and the distant valley to the west were breathtaking.

At the top of Kessler was the mailbox and original notebook placed there by our leader in 1966. After some corny and philosophical entries into the book by members of our expedition, hearty lunches, and enthusiastic resting, we started our return to civilization. Apparently Charlie has run these mountains for many years, because the side trip to the stone cabin 1/4 of a mile off the trail (what trail?) was even more remote.

What a view! Although the roof had long since collapsed, the stone walls were still straight as an arrow. The picture window in front opened up to an unbelievable panorama of snow covered peaks and rugged terrain. We all speculated about life up there a hundred years ago.

Back at the outcrop, high atop a waterfall, Bob Meyer tested the theory of gravity. His theorem that a plastic water

bottle travels faster than a water fall was proven.

We made our way back to the trail head, but not until Paul Rubinfeld, tried to outrun biting insects (and lost).

The jungle, the scrambling, the scenery, and the enthusiastic club members made this one of the most enjoyable trips.

Mountain goats included Dale Green, Fred Goebel Fadden, Paul Rubinfeld, John Riley, Bruce Taylor, Bob Holley, Don Mayer, Chuck Reichmuth, Bob Meyer, Angela Tan, Irene Schiling, Kim Durrant, Randy Baker, Jim Nicol, leader Charlie Keller, and Hank Winawer.

### **Pfeifferhorn by Marin Sands**

Six and one "almost" made the annual fearless trek up the Pfeifferhorn on July 31, 1982 in a respectable 3 1/2 hours to the summit. The six full members included Gale Blatenburger, Steve Negler, Mike Hendrickson, Bruce Nibley, Marin Sands, and our adept trip leader, Andy Schoenberg ("beautiful mountain" in German, quite apropos for the day's delights). The "almost" was Ann Cheeves who had intended to depart with the group but an extra hour of sleep won out. Nevertheless, she treked past the main party a few hundred yards after we descended the summit.

The day and scenery were gorgeous, the cloudless views of Red Pine and Upper Red Pine Lakes, and the surrounding peaks spectacular. For half the group it was the premier visit to the Pfeifferhorn, but certainly not the last. Conversation ranged from the expected (other mountain club expeditions and recent river trips) to the unexpected (the meaning and computation of standard deviation). Sidelights included a bit of glissading with and without ice axes (which were carried by several to the peak and used by none, since the snow has melted) and a brief bath in the stream. All and all a

delightful day. The only complaint was biting lady bugs.

P.S. Andy promised to pack a 1/2 gallon of champagne when he leads his next trip. Sign ups, anyone?

### **Bear Trap Canyon Raft/Kayak Trip by Paul Siegel**

Eight intrepid souls showed up for the Bear Trap work party on July 19 with but one a repeater from last year (did somebody know something we didn't?) We still did not have a leader but as it turned out Bill Adams had a note pad and decided to innocently write down everybody's name -so of course he became trip leader. Plans were set, assignments made, hopes were high.

We made the 430 mile drive in 10 1/2 hours, pulling into the Red Canyon rock ground at 5:30 AM. Most of us simply threw out a bedroll and zonked out. By 6 AM it was raining. Some put up tents while muttering under their breath while others slithered under picnic tables. The rain didn't last very long and wasn't very hard - just long and hard enough.

Bill Adam's brunch that late morning was just the ticket -- eggs benedict, fresh fruit and champagne. Bill promised to stir rather than blend his hollandaise sauce next time -- gave some excuse about "time" or something.

Being as it was now nearly mid-afternoon, our bellies were full, our spirits were higher, and we were sort of well-rested, someone suggested we run the Madison River thru Bear Trap Canyon. Capital idea!!

After the initial challenges of getting to the put in point, actually getting the boat in the water, and enduring the disbelieving looks of several powerhouse employees, we were ready for the river and its forbidding canyon. Paddle rafters included myself, Michelle "I mix 'em and fix 'em" Perkins, Brad "The Guide" Yates,

Tom "Front Roller" Dixon, with Bill "Grizzly" Adams at the helm the first day and yours truly "a Bear for a Moose" on the helm the second. Our wild-eyed bunch of kayakers included Larry "Go For It and Have One Waiting" Hardebeck, Kina "Throw Caution to the Wind" Kilmer, Bob "The Yellow Hornet" Spier and Gail "Earth Mother" Blattenburg, the last a late add-on to our group.

The canyon is beautiful and rugged and supposedly infested with rattlers of which we didn't get to see nary a one (shucks!), although Larry H. pursued a garter snake until it jumped into the river and swam for its life across current and rapid.

Of the three major rapids encountered "Kitchen Sink" was far and away the most awesome. We took long scouts both days and I, being new to paddle captaining and knowing that prudence was the better part of valor, deferred this particular rapid to the skilled Bill A. who was not happy with his runs on either day because we were occasionally backwards or bumping into rocks. However, the rest of us were delighted both days because we had thrilling rides and were never upside-down or inside-out.

Our second day's assault of the river managed to begin only about an hour earlier than the 1st day due to Omelette Frittatas by yours truly, minor repairs to

the raft, and a lay back, mellowed-out approach to life in general. However, the second day was particularly note worthy due to a torrential downpour which occurred the last hour on the river and which required emergency hypothermia measures back at camp. The antidotes for goosebumps included six in a 2-person tent, Golden Cadillacs, gin and tonics, 151 proofs, and assorted appeasers of assorted types, tastes and textures. All this was followed by the entree Boef Provencal prepared by our gastronomical duo Michele and Larry, who had fashioned a slow-cooking oven and began the meal earlier that day.

The fine repast renewed energies so off went 7 of the 9 (Bob and Kira were the prudent, although later regretful, ones who remained) to Norris, Montana (pop. 87 3/4?) which features a saloon with a dance floor and on that particular weekend — live music by the Cow-pie Cow-boys?? Being as Brad Yates was 19 and hence legal in the state of Montana, he had decided to celebrate with his first-ever legal blitz-out. Folks, when Brad sets his mind on something, he darn well does it!

Sunday and the marathon drive home arrived all too soon. The trip was a clear success due in no small measure to a beautiful roaring river, Norris local color, and the fine comaraderie among all participants.

John Mason setting up the "P.U." on the Desolation Canyon River Run.  
Photo: Dan Fennrich



# Wasatch Mountain Club

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/REINSTATEMENT and RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION QUALIFICATION FORM

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PLEASE  
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PARTNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only if he/she desires membership)  
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OCCUPATION: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

The Wasatch Mountain Club's membership year is March 1 to February 28. Those joining in January and February are granted a leeway to join for the next membership year beginning in March. Those joining from Sept. to Dec., join for 1/2 year.  
REINSTATEMENTS (for former members): Unless all back dues are paid, a \$5.00 reinstatement fee must be paid instead of the entrance fee. The dues listed below apply.

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I hereby apply for ☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ REINSTATEMENT in the Wasatch Mountain Club.

INSERT YEAR

For the membership year \_\_\_\_\_, enclosed are my dues as follows:  
(Checks ONLY: cash NOT accepted. Your cancelled check is your receipt.)

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I agree to abide by the Wasatch Mountain Club rules and regulations as specified in the Constitution and Bylaws and as determined by the Governing Board.

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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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