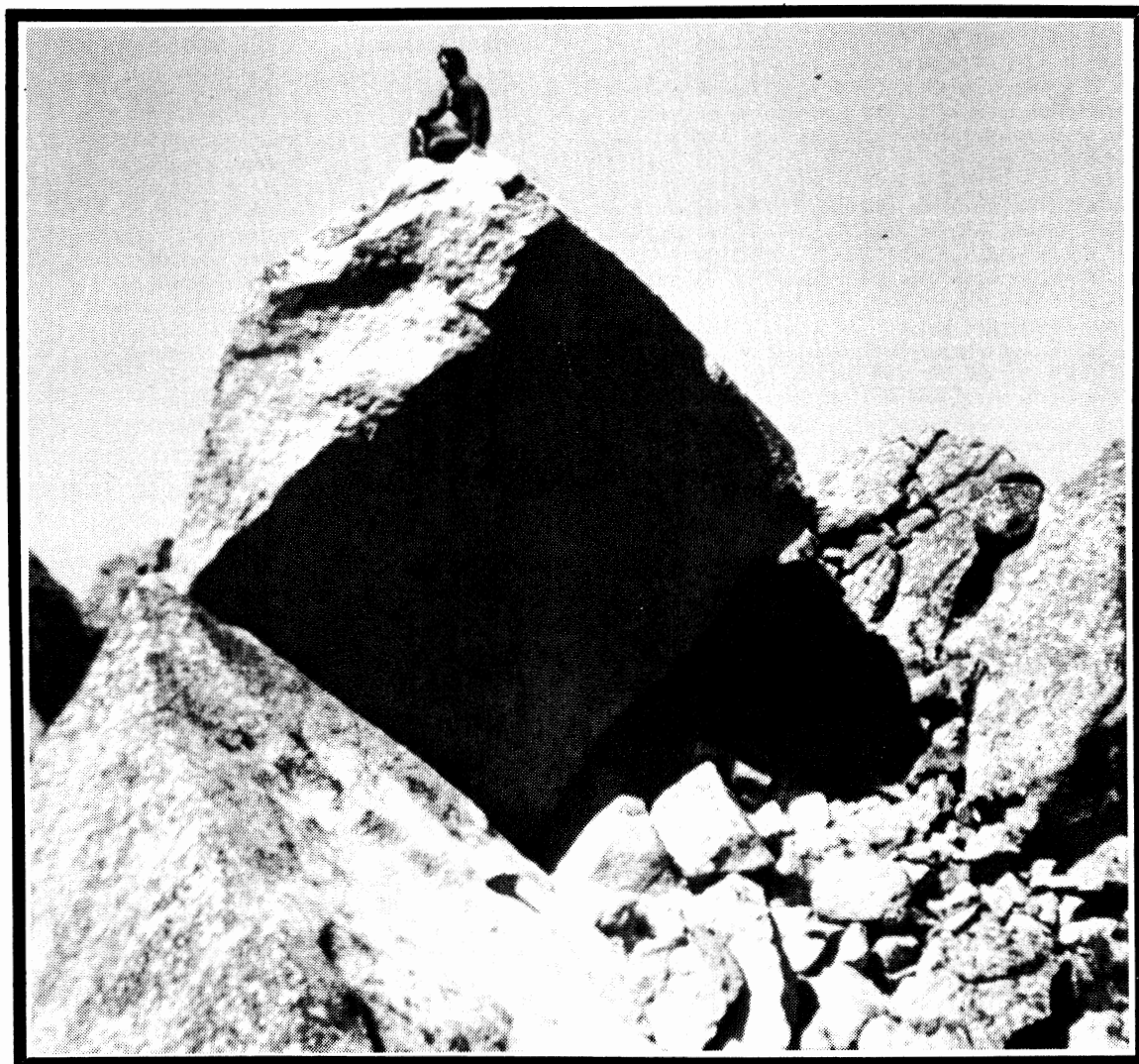


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WMC PURPOSE

(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.



CONSERVATION NOTES

by Janet Friend

This roaming reporter happened to ride south this week to backpack off into technicolor canyons on fire with autumn colors. The last of summer's warmth with indigo blue sky made the big Boulder Mountain area the place to be. We got onto the Burr Trail and drove about 30 miles. After the first few miles of sand traps and red rock switchbacks we came upon the newly widened and reworked gravel road. This beautiful highway went on and on thru the desert. We only met one other vehicle. When it came time for our turn off, that road was also newly scraped and graded for a few miles. Then we encountered the big machines at work strip mining a gravel pit. Our road disappeared. A kind man driving the biggest blade I've ever seen came to chat and said he'd plow open a road for us, but not before we'd gotten the lecture "Now what are you environmentalists up to!" Then he took our license plate number, just in case!

Our 4 wheeling caravan went on thru to our destination without problem. We just couldn't help wonder about the major road building activity and why they work Saturdays and Sundays out where the weather is nice all year. They have night lights for overtime - our highway taxes at work. Coming back out Sunday evening was the same encounter but we got thru after some conversation. The road they made was excellent - a work of engineering art, but again we only met 3 cars in almost 40 miles. Why such expense my female logic does wonder...

I do know though that the beauty of that area is one of Mother Nature's works of art. The whole world should spend a day walking Harris Wash or Silver Gulch. The narrow canyon walls have desert varnish like wood grain strips in 7 colors, hand painted by the master artist. Rock forms, clear running water, alcoves of fern gardens, deer tracks, wildcat tracks and

even Moki tracks or steps cut in rock by former human residents. It would benefit the soul of any who visit here. You need to do this on foot and its free for all - except the part where your highway taxes are at work! That makes it expensive scenery on the whole.

CAUSE TO CELEBRATE THE CANYONS

by Keith Johnson

A two year process to protect our canyons from excessive development has culminated in the adoption of the Wasatch Canyons Master Plan by the Salt Lake County Commission. The language of this approved plan is unchanged from that which was recommended by the Planning Commission prior to the last public hearing.

Even though a more preservationist document may have been desirable, rejoice in the adoption of this plan! Those who participated, fought hard for what we got! To help you rejoice, a party has been planned for the evening of November 18th. 7:00 P.M. at the WMC Lodge. (More information elsewhere in this issue). Come up and extend your support, appreciation and thanks to the Commissioners, Planning staff, the consultants and others involved.

TIME TO WRITE! Club members have often heard this phrase and have responded with comments to the County. Well, its time again to write. It may be very appropriate to lend support to the adoption of the Master Plan by writing a letter of appreciation to each of the County Commissioners or Planning Department.



FROM THE

PRESIDENT

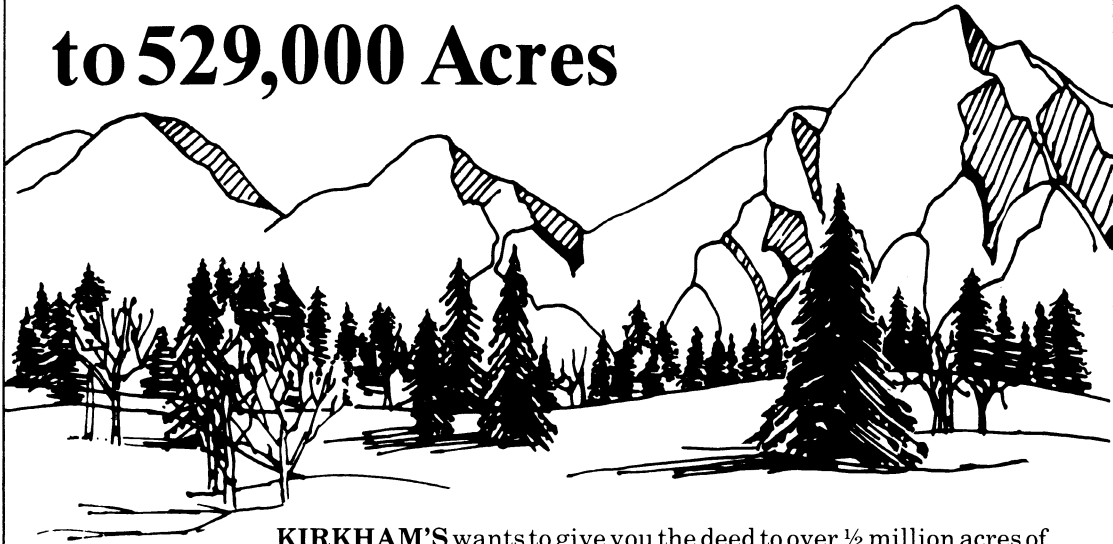
This is the transition season when hiking comes to an end and everyone starts thinking of skiing. The club has had another successful summer with a lots of good hikes, bike rides, river trips, and social activities. Have you ever thought of how this all gets organized?

The club is run by the Governing Board which consists of the officers, the trustees, and the program directors. The activity directors (Hiking, Ski Touring, Boating, Mountaineering, Entertainment) are responsible for their programs and generally have a committee to help them schedule activities and recruit leaders. The officers, (President, Secretary, Treasurer) are responsible for the administrative duties normally associated with these positions. Other directors (Conservation, Information, Lodge, Membership, Publications) are responsible for the things we all take for granted but that the club counts on every month. The trustees provide experience, continuity, and a financial check on the club. In addition to the responsibilities associated with each position, each officer and director is a voting member of the Governing Board which sets policy, approves expenditures, and handles other business matters. These jobs take a lot of time and personal commitment but every year there are people who care enough about the club to take on the responsibility. The members of the Governing Board are elected by the general membership at the February meeting and the new board takes office in March.

There are also activity coordinators that are recruited by the participants and confirmed by the Governing Board. A measure of the dedication of some individuals is that they hold both a Governing Board position and a coordinator position.

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CONSERVATION SOCIAL/MASTER PLAN
PARTY
NOVEMBER 18, 4:30 PM, LODGE

Two in one: See what success comes from our efforts and discuss what we can do now.

As promised in the October *Rambler*, there will be another conservation social. The purpose of this get together will be to inform club members of a variety of issues and to offer those interested an opportunity to begin to work on behalf of whatever issue concerns them. We plan to have a speaker update us regarding BLM wilderness.

Come up to the lodge at 4:30 to join in the discussion about future conservation efforts. Then beginning at 6:00 P.M., party to reward our previous successful efforts - the new Master Plan.

PLAN TO PUBLISH MONTHLY LIST OF
CONSERVATION ISSUES DELAYED

It was our intent to publish a list of conservation issues in each edition of the *Rambler*, beginning with the October issue. It has not been possible to compile information to meet an unusually early *Rambler* deadline. Consequently the current listing will not appear for November.

CALL THE CONSERVATION DIRECTORS
IF THERE IS AN ISSUE THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ON AND WISH
BOARD SUPPORT AND APPROVAL.

FROM THE

LODGE DIRECTOR

by Vince Desimone & Kathy Klein

Kathy and I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the use of and improvement of the lodge. The construction season has resulted in beautification of the patio/barbecue area. Log benches surround the area. Behind the benches a six foot planter strip contains over a hundred native plants,

some of which will bloom each month annually in the growing season. Special thanks to Leslie Mullins for providing the leadership. The stone wall is substantially rebuilt. Improvements have been made to the walkways and natural barriers constructed to discourage foot traffic in places it should not be.

Broken windows have been replaced and window trim and casing has been painted.

Firewood has been gathered along with a general cleanup of the grounds.

A survey of the site has been made to aid in planning and implementing future improvements, including a possible culinary water system.

The room over the kitchen had all of the old insulation removed, a "cold" roof constructed, and new insulation material placed. We hope to install wall sheeting in one of the remaining work parties.

Normal housekeeping activities have been conducted regularly to clean light fixtures, windows, floors, toilet rooms, etc.

Many of the above tasks have required real dedication by club members working on behalf of all of us. I would like to encourage each club member to treat the lodge as a special place - as their "second home." Anytime you are at the lodge and have a chance to do some little act of cleaning, tidying, repairing, will help reduce the amount of work that has to be done at work parties. If you or a group you sponsor rent the lodge, be sure to leave the place cleaner than you found it and haul out all of your trash, including ashes from the fireplace.

The club makes the lodge available to members and non-profit community groups sponsored by members at a nominal charge. We would like to continue to offer this community service. If you would like to arrange for use of the lodge, contact Kathy Klein. The number of calls she receives about the lodge is large. Your cooperation in keeping those calls to reasonable times of the day will be appreciated.

The following is a list of people who have worked on the lodge since my last report: Marc, Sue, Linda and Julia Hutchison, Susan Allen, Bob Myers, Floyd Sweat, Chet Borsch, Saraswati and Scott Tolboe, Kartar Singh Khalsa, Leslie, Emilie, & Casey Mullins, Andy Child, Ross Brooke, Thad and James Martin, Pat Berg, Alexis Kelner, Dale Green, Joan Proctor, Dave Minix, Bruce Giffen, Doug Kluender, Joyce Maughn, Dick Walter.



by Mark Bradakis

MOUNTAINEERING

As no doubt most of you know by now, there has been a midseason change of directors. I am taking over for Deb Read, who now has commitments elsewhere. For the rest of us, the days are getting awfully short, the evenings are getting cool, and one looks at the skis a little more often than the rope now. Thursday nights are winding down, and there are no more climbing trips planned.

Actually this year there were few climbing trips planned, but that, possibly, can be remedied. Think about what sort of trips you would like to see, what sort of places you would like to explore, and what, in general you would like to see happen with the Mountaineering group of the club. And bring those ideas, along with some of your climbing pictures from this last season to the end of the season slide show party. Details should be in the activities section of this issue.

Also in a few months there will be a chance to select a new mountaineering director, possibly a pair of co-directors if enough energy and enthusiasm can be found to inject into the club. So think about who might be willing and able to help out, to put some life back into this weary climbing group. But in the few months left before the next change of directors I will see what I can come up with. Who knows, I may even dig out all my old ice gear!

PARK CITY NORDIC CLUB



Reservations can now be made for exclusive or shared use of the Yurt in the High Unitas.

\$15.00/person or \$75.00/night

**Call Gaye Erickson-Stoner
at 336-2055 for rates & information.**

CONSERVATION SATURDAY!

AT THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB LODGE

You Are Invited to a

Master Plan

Celebration

TIME: Social 4-6 pm

Celebration 6 pm

DINING STARTS AT 7:00

DATE: November 18th, 1989

AGENDA: *BLM Wilderness Talk

*Trails Update

*Discuss Other Issues

*Refreshments

BRING A MAIN COURSE OR SIDE DISH

THERE WILL BE FREE NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS PROVIDED

FREE ADMISSION!

The Wasatch Canyons now have a Master Plan! Your efforts have paid off. Now it's time to celebrate our success. There will also be a short informal discussion of the terms of the plan and the need for continued public participation in the planning process. But the emphasis on this occasion will be on celebration.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

<u>Nov</u>		BACKPACKS	<u>Dec</u>
10 <u>Nov</u>	Wilson Mesa	BICYCLING	<u>Dec</u>
4 <u>Nov</u>	Fort Mountainville	BOATING	<u>Dec</u>
12 <u>Nov</u>	South Valley	HIKES	<u>Dec</u>
4 <u>Nov</u>	Leader's Choice	18 <u>Nov</u>	Leader's Choice
5 <u>Nov</u>	Leader's Choice	19 <u>Nov</u>	Leader's Choice
11 <u>Nov</u>	Leader's Choice	SKI TOURS	<u>Dec</u>
12 <u>Nov</u>	Leader's Choice	SOCIALS	<u>Dec</u>
23 <u>Nov</u>	Thanksgiving		

VOLLEYBALL

(Monday Evenings except Sept 4, 6:30 at Highland High School)

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

are welcome on ALL club activities, with these exceptions:

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

WMC SKI TOURS:

Here is an explanation of ski tour ratings:

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

WMC HIKES: The hike rating indicates the difficulty of the hike. Hikes rated under 5 are easy, 5-8 are intermediate, above 8 are difficult. A hike may be more difficult than the rating would suggest. Watch for the terms "exposure", "rock scrambling", "bush whacking", and "steep". If you have any questions about a particular hike, feel free to call the leader ahead of time. Please come to the hike with proper equipment: adequate clothing, footwear, food, water, and any special equipment required for that hike. You must sign the liability release form to participate in any hike, and you are expected to stay with the group during the hike.

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

Nominations Committee

Are you willing to serve on the 1990-1991 WMC Board? Give one of the nominations committee members a call and express your interest.

Donna Kramer	272-0418
Hank Winawer	277-2997
Ken Lovisa	485-0182

CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

NOTICE! CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF I-215, THE BELT ROUTE, WILL BE UNDERWAY WELL INTO WINTER. BE SURE TO ALLOW EXTRA TIME TO TRAVEL AROUND THE DETOURS IF AN ACTIVITY IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FROM BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON OR THE OLYMPUS HILLS SHOPPING CENTER. EVEN THOUGH LEADERS SOMETIMES WAIT A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE STARTING TIME FOR STRAGGLERS, THEY PROBABLY WON'T WAIT LONG ENOUGH FOR A FULL TRANSIT AROUND THE SIDE STREETS OF SANDY OR SUGARHOUSE. ALLOW SOME MORE TIME!

Sat. Nov 4 LEADER'S CHOICE HIKE. Jerry Hatch will chose an appropriate hike for the weather and interest of the group. Meet at the Hillside Plaza at 7000 S. and 2300 E. at 9:00 am. If weather looks ominous, phone Jerry at 467-7186 for hike info.

FORT MOUNTAINVILLE BIKE RIDE (MOD). This 48 mile ride is to the site in Alpine where early settlers constructed fortifications to ward off Indian attacks during the Walker War of 1853. We'll have lunch in a park, so pack a picnic or purchase lunchables at the nearby store. Meet Elliott (967-2908) at West Jordan's City Park, 7940 South 2200 West at 9:00 AM.

Sun. Nov 5 LEADER'S CHOICE HIKE. Gene Wooldridge will lead a suitable hike considering weather conditions. Meet at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center near the defunct Bagel Nosh at 9:00 am. If weather seems threatening, call Gene at 973-8073 for hiking plans.

Mon. Nov 6 VOLLEYBALL. Highland High School 6:30 pm. Meet at the girl's volleyball courts (walk through the basketball court area). The cost is \$1.00. Call Jim at 943-3321 for details.

Nov. 10-12
Fri.-Sun. EXPLORATORY BACKPACK to unnamed canyons on the east side of Lake Powell in the Wilson Mesa Area. Even though it is late in the year, weather ought to be tolerable, perhaps even pleasant in the daytime. Nights will probably be chilly. Volunteers are needed to lead and participate on this last backpack of the year. Phone Ron Ragalski at 942-8142.

Sat. Nov 11 LEADER'S CHOICE HIKE. Sandy Blackburn will lead a hike that will be agreeable with the majority of the group, so he says. Meet at the old Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 9:00 am. If weather looks questionable, phone 268-4655 to plan for the hike (or its cancellation).

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR & PIEPS PRACTICE. Craig Steury will lead a MSD tour to wherever there is snow and he is going to have a PIEPS practice at lunch or after the tour. Call Craig to register at 484-6079. Bring Pieps, skins and shovel.

BOATING WORK PARTY (Class 0). We need to clean the gear, patch the boats, and figure out what needs replacement for next year. We also need to work on the shed itself to hang lights and frames. Anyone is welcome to come and help out and meet some veteran boaters. We will start at 9:30 at 4317 South 300 West #8, right across from Zims.

YEAR END RIVER RATS PARTY (Class FUN). The lodge is the place to be for story telling, slide watching, and partying like we're on the river. Bring some slides and/or videos (NO WEDDING PICTURES) and stories to go with them. Put-in will be around 6:30 for a super potluck dinner (boaters always eat well.)

Sun. Nov 12

LEADER'S CHOICE HIKE. Gene Wooldridge will lead an easy to intermediate hike to wherever weather or snow conditions allow. Meet at the old Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center at 9:00 am. To plan in advance, phone 973-8073.

SOUTH VALLEY BIKE RIDE (MOD). This is a 42 mile loop around the southern part of the Salt Lake Valley. Our route will take us from the foothills of the Wasatch to the foothills of the Oquirrh. We'll cycle thru the towns of Draper, Bluffdale and Herriman, and past the site of Lark - a former Kennecott' "company town" - where only empty street and lonely trees now reside. There will be no formal lunch stop; we'll be stopping along the way in two parks, so bring snacks and munchies. Helmets required. Meet Elliott (967-2908), at West Jordan City Park, 7940 S 2200 W at 10:00 am.

CAVE EXPLORING TRIP. Tentatively, Crystal Cave north of Wendover is scheduled, if the weather cooperates. This cave has crawling and climbing involved. Hardhats and headlamps are required which may be rented from the leader. Limit is 10 members. Call Dale Green for details at 277-6417.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. NTD-MOD. Jim Nichol will lead a tour in Big Cottonwood. Skins preferred. Please call Jim at 261-5857 to register.

Mon. Nov 13

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at Highland High School (2166 S. 1700 E.). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. Call Jim for information at 943-3321.

Sat. Nov 18

LEADER'S CHOICE HIKE. Depending on snow conditions and local weather in the Foothills, Debby Mills will hike to the best available destination. Join her at 9:00 am at the west side of the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Phone 485-6323.

UINTA'S NORWAY FLATS NTD SKI TOUR. Ken Kraus wants to lead a pleasant tour in the Uinta Norway Flats if there is enough snow. Please call to register at 363-4186. Meet at the Parley's Way Kmart at 8:30 am.

KIRA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY AND LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. Come help Kira celebrate her birthday and search for good powder while you're at it. If you would like to participate in an apres ski dinner at an as yet to be determined restaurant (The Blind Miner or the Shallow Shaft, not Wendy's), please call Kira by Nov. 12 to reserve a spot. Otherwise, call Kira at 596-1836 (W) or 364-5044 to go skiing.

CONSERVATION SOCIAL. 4:00-6:00 pm. Come up to the Mountain Club Lodge prior to the Master Plan celebration and be updated on BLM wilderness issues, trail issues, and find out how you can help with conservation. Goodies provided. For more information, call Janet Friend at 268-4102 or Keith Johnson at 268-2453.

CLIMBERS END OF SEASON SLIDE SHOW AND POTLUCK DINNER PARTY. This will be held at the palatial estate of the current director, at 7:00 pm at 739 South Park Street (540 East) in Salt Lake. Be there to share some grub, some tales of daring-do and defend yourself against the possibility of becoming next year's director. Bring some slides, pictures, something to munch and a beverage of your choice. Call Mark or Karen at 364-3251 for more information.

Sun. Nov 19

LEADER'S CHOICE HIKE. Last year there was enough snow to ski on by this time of the month. If there is any hiking turf left, Tom Walsh will find it and lead an outing there. This might be one of the last hikes of the year. Meet at 9:00 am at the Hillside Plaza at 7000 S. 2300 E. Phone 969-5842.

MOD SKI TOUR. Kevin Oakes will lead a tour to find the snow. Call him in the evening between 6 and 10 to register and find out where he's going. 277-8742.

Mon. Nov 20

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at Highland High School (2166 S. 1700 E.). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. Call Jim for information at 943-3321.

Thur. Nov 23

THANKSGIVING DINNER will be hosted by Cassie Badowsky. She will cook the turkey and dressing and depend on you for the potluck side dishes. She can be reached at 278-5153 in the evenings or on weekends. If you can't reach her at home first then you may call her at work 328-9803. Those with reservations may show up at 2845 E. 5495 S. about 2 pm. This feast will have to be limited to WMC members only. Remember RSVP and BYOB.

MOD-MSD SKI TOUR. Patty Giffin has volunteered to lead a turkey day tour. Meet at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 am and ski till about 2:00 pm. Pieps, skins and shovels.

Fri. Nov 24

MOD LITTLE COTTONWOOD SKI TOUR. The fearless Ken Kelly wants to dance through the powder in the canyon of the steep and deep. Pieps, shovels and skins. 942-7730. Call for the time and meeting place.

OPEN LODGE NIGHT. Randy and Kathy Klein are hosting this lodge open house from 2:00 pm Friday until noon on Saturday. Stop by to get warm while skiing, or plan to spend the night. For those who do plan to eat supper at the lodge, call us at 272-8059 by Nov. 19th if you wish to join us in a potluck. As always, bring your own drinking water, kitchen gear, and warm sleeping bag.

Sat. Nov 25

MSD LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR IN BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON. Call Rolf Doebling for a most exhilarating day on the slopes. 467-6636. Pieps, shovels, skins and lots of energy are required.

CATHERINE'S PASS FROM ALTA SKI TOUR. NTD. Alain Bergeron wants to lead a tour to Catherine's, a most popular destination and guaranteed to have snow at this time of year. Skins or wax, but call for details at 538-0201. 9:00 am at the mouth of Big Cottonwood.

Sun. Nov 26

MOD SKI TOUR IN BIG COTTONWOOD. Jim Piani wants to go skiing, hiking or whatever. Please come and help Jim celebrate his retirement and life of leisure. Leader's choice. 9:00 am at the mouth of Big Cottonwood. 272-3921.

BEGINNER SNOWSHOE TOUR/HIKE. NTD. Call Norm Pobanz at 266-3703 for info on trip location (and or mode of travel) and meeting time and place. Enjoy the winter in the mountains on snowshoes. No special skills required.

SILVER FORK MINE SKI TOUR. NTD. Join Ray Duda for a leisurely tour to the lower Silver Fork area. Call Ray at 268-0182.

Mon. Nov 27

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at Highland High School (2166 S. 1700 E.). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. Call Jim for information at 943-3321.

Sat. Dec 2

MOUNTAIN CLUB SKI DAY AT THE LODGE. 9:30-11:30 am: telemark lessons on the lifts at Brighton, provided free by volunteer instructors (you pay for your own ticket). 3:30-4:30 pm: PIEPS clinic. During the day you will be able to use demo skis provided by Kirkham's and Wasatch Touring for one hour free of charge. Come and polish up your technique! If you have any questions, call the organizer, Walt Haas, at 534-1262 (H) or 581-5617 (W).

Sun. Dec 3

EASY SNOWSHOE TOUR/HIKE (NTD). Call Doug Stark at 277-8538 for info on trip location, meeting time and place and snowshoe rental locations. Ah come on Doug, have more faith in the snowpack for this time of year.)

Mon. Dec 4

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 pm at Highland High School (2166 S. 1700 E.). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. Call Jim for information at 943-3321.

Sat. Dec 9

BOATING PERMIT PARTY AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING. Boaters take note. It is time to plan for next year's permit applications. All those interested in boating next year are welcome. We will have information and instruction on how to obtain permits. Meet at 7:30 pm at Jeff Barrell's at 5429 South Woodcrest Dr. (1690 E) and bring your pencil.

AVALANCHE CLASS. 8:00 am at the Zions Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill. Free. An introductory class, no experience necessary. See announcement elsewhere in this issue. If you have any questions, please call Walter Haas at 534-1262 (H) or 581-5617 (W).

Sat. Dec 16

SKI SKATING CLINIC AT THE JEREMY RANCH. The Jeremy Ski Touring Center will provide instruction and a ticket to the course for \$10.00 (normally \$19.00--a great deal). There will be a one and a half hour clinic from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. We need at least 5 for the group rate. Also, Wild Rose Mountaineering will have demo equipment available at half price. You

can rent either Friday night or early Saturday morning. Got all that? Call Cindy Cromer by the evening of Dec. 13 to register at 355-4115.

Dec. 23-25
Sat.-Mon.

CHRISTMAS IN MOAB - DAY HIKES. Second annual event with Sandy and Geoff Freethey leading day hikes to scenic areas around Moab. Exploratory hikes will be moderate with rock scrambling a possibility. Evenings will be spent sharing good times and good food at Jean McDowell's house. Limit 20. Please call Sandy and Geoff to reserve a spot or for more information. 485-5989.

Sat.-Mon.
Jan 13-15

ALASKA MOUNTAIN SAFETY CENTER AVALANCHE CLASS. A 3-day advanced course with class instruction at the WMC Lodge and on-the-mountain training. Prior experience, such as the Dec. class, is highly recommended. Register with John Kortbawi, 485-7916. WMC members will receive preferential rate. Space is limited. Reserve your place now before the class is announced to the public.

Sat.-Sun.
Feb 3-4

BRIANHEAD SKI RESORT/BRISTLE CONE HOSTEL WEEKEND SKI TOUR. A weekend for NTD touring in a rustic cabin or plush accommodations in a mountain hotel. Reserve the time now for a fun out-of-town vacation. Call Ken Kraus at 363-4186 for details. Hostel participants should call by Dec. 30.

FUTURE OUT OF TOWN ACTIVITIES

David Minix (967-3864) would like to lead a trip into the Tetons from 3 days to a week in length. He wants to use Rendezvous Ski Tours and is open to yurts or snow camping or motel camping. He is flexible and open to group desires.

Steve Susswein (583-9322) is considering leading a hiking/backpacking trip over Christmas and New Years in Hawaii. Call and let him know if you're interested...

FROM THE

BOATING DIRECTOR

Jeff Barrell

The 1989 season will officially end with the River Rats Party on November 11 at the Lodge. It has been a good year with great weather, moderate flows, and fun times. Specifically, the club had 14 trips for a total of 33 river-days. The total number of participants on all trips was 308. The club trips are well attended and I believe we have an active and capable group of boaters. This year brought in \$1700 in boating fees and another \$1050 in rental fees. This may sound like a lot of money, but our budget planned for \$3000 in fees and expenses. This budget plans to sustain 4 paddle boats and two oar rigs, and can be changed year to year as needed. I will present the budget, our current balance, and some past figures at the River Rats Party for discussion.

This has been my third year as boating director, and it will be my last. I have been boating with the club now for 8 years and with all bias aside, I feel the boating group is stronger than ever. We are running more difficult rivers and are concerned more with safety than ever. We have active veterans and newcomers which is essential for future years. As boating director, I have learned some management skills that will aid me out in the real world. I will continue to boat with the club and help where I can. If you are interested in taking charge, contact myself for what is involved, or call Ken Lovisa to volunteer.

TRIP · TALK

MONUMENT PEAK

Sept 2, 1989
by Fred Nash

This little-climbed peak is the high granite point on the SW ridge from Twin Peaks to Little Cottonwood Canyon, and is best seen from around the east end of I-215. It has room for only 1 well balanced hiker at the summit.

Seven of us set out at 7:30 A.M. along the old mining footpath through the scrub oak near Golden Hills Drive at Wasatch Blvd. After two and a half hours of path finding and scrub oak stepping, we arrived at Point 7969 for a great view down into Little Cottonwood Canyon and across to those steep ridges forming the north ridge of lower Bells Canyon.

Quickly get your topographic map - you'll need it to understand the next paragraph.

On to point 8595, where the area abounds in granite points and steep little dropoffs (fortunately no one dropped off.) Finding the right route here is always tricky, but there is a useful deer-trail about 200 feet lower on the ridge which leads to point 8201, and so we picked our way along the sloping granite slabs north and below point 8901 toward Monument Peak (which sits at about 9600 feet.) The final 1000 feet toward the peak is steep, with plenty of rest required by all. All experienced a lonely 10 second sojourn on the summit, with plenty of advice from those looking on from a safer, sturdier perch a little lower.

Doug and Monty arrived at the summit first, and before the "slow" group arrived, decided to take the north ridge down - the last the rest of us saw and heard of them was about 500 feet lower on some rocky ledge, while trying to communicate with us whenever the wind dropped. We assume they made it, since their car was gone and there were no TV reports of drama in Deaf Smith Canyon.

Get your map again:

We continued on toward Twin Peaks, as far as point 9786 (this is also clearly visible from the valley.) From here we gingerly picked our way down, to the north, through pines and cliffs, over mountain goat droppings, crossed some quiet meadows, and finally intersected the Deaf Smith North Fork Trail at 8200 feet. Here there was finally clear drinking water, the first of the day.

We followed the trail out and arrived back tired at the cars at 6:30 P.M. In spite of it being the Labor Day long weekend, we didn't see anyone else all day, which added to the pleasure of this seldom done trip.

Participants: Doug Blount, Monty Young, Pat Kottcamp, Rhett & Lynette Brooks, Sherman Schorzman, Fred Nash (leader).

SUNSET PEAK

September 24, 1989
by Raymond Duda

Weather for the newcomer's hike was perfect: dry, warm and sunny. Little Cottonwood Canyon was in full fall color which made the drive up to Alta more enjoyable. Our hike began in Albion Basin just below the campground. We started off at a medium pace until we could assess the hiking skills of our party. This was a good group. Everyone kept together and we were able to hike at a brisk stride.

After a short pause at Catherine's Pass, we agreed to push on to Sunset Peak. At this point we separated into two groups. The first quickened the step while the second unit maintained a more casual pace and enjoyed the scenery. Although the mountains received a dusting of snow earlier in the week, we only encountered a few shady patches of ice on our way to the summit. The view from the top was about as good as they come. After a

leisurely lunch break and a group photograph we made an easy descent to our cars.

Qualifying activity sheets were signed for four potential members: Margaret Magee, Jaidene Anderlini, Linda McClure, and Robin Kral. Other hikers included Kat Reel, Richard Roberts, Ruth Zupko, Dan Blickman, Gary Rose and Sue DeVal. Leader responsibilities were shared by Loraine Lovell and Ray Duda.

POETRY HIKE

September 16, 1989
by Krista W. Warberg

A beautiful, warm morning made the annual poetry hike a pleasure for 14 lyrical hikers and one dog. After meeting at the Summit Park Cafe, Vince led us off somewhere above Summit Park. Because Vince could sense that we all wanted a challenge, he decided to lead us up the mountain without the use of some boring trail. We had a wonderful time stopping every so often to listen to Shel Silverstein, or selections from The Prophet, but nothing could top our own efforts at poetic creation. Here, for the first time in print, is our group poem.

Scrub oak razor's edge
Legs ahedge in a deserted deer bed
Golden leaves crushing underfoot
Invite sounds and smells of fall.

Mosaic sage, blood maple, aspen pyre
Nature's palette all afire.

We found the top and had to stop
Our destination we'll never know
On log where once a tree stood tall
now is a home for bugs so small.

The rocks with grey mouse mosses cling
Greet red and yellow lichen rings.

I wish I could put today in a bag,
Till some cold, winter morning
And pull it out when life's a drag,
When the weather is cold and storming.

As an extra bonus, Kristie Price came up with:

SPIDER POEM

by Kristie Price

A spider spun a shining web
From tree to shining tree
And now she's prob'ly spinning still -
Perhaps from you to me!

It's not the poem that Vince recalled
In form or line or letter;
It's not by e. e. cummings
But I think that mine is better!

We all enjoyed many, many poems from the old classics to some of the new free style stuff. We shared a lunch al fresco at the top and some even took a nice snooze in the sun. Among those who were privileged to share this memorable experience were: Vince Desimone (leader), Earl Cook, Linda Wilcox, Chante McCoy, Virginia Lattin, JoAnne Williams, Kristie Price, Don Hartmann, Doug Kluender, Kia Latham, Ann McDonald (moved back from Moab), Susan Stewart, (her dog - Jessie Stephen "Foster"), Bob Wright, Krista Warberg.

TEN MILE CANYON (BOOK CLIFFS) BACKPACK

Sept 9-11, 1989
by Joanne & Wick Miller

We planned a three day backpack, September 9-11, in Sego Canyon, which is part of the Wilderness Study Area in the Book Cliffs. First problem: nobody signed up, other than our dog Butch. But, being an officially sanctioned club trip, we went anyway. We had not been in the area before, so we contacted the Utah Wilderness Association. They suggested two areas, Sego Canyon or Ten Mile Canyon. We opted for Sego Canyon, and got the appropriate maps at the Federal Building. Second problem: we drove to the trailhead, only to find a locked gate with no trespassing signs. To get from that point to the Wilderness Study Area was only a short distance, but through the Ute Indian Reservation. Or,

alternatively, by bushwhacking down and up a canyon, which did not appeal to us, at least not with backpacks.

So we went to Ten Mile Canyon, which is not part of the WSA. It is in the State Roadless Area, and surrounded by the WSA. We had directions from the Wilderness Association, but not the appropriate maps. So, it turned out to be more of an exploratory trip than we had intended. In fact, we did not find the trail head until early the next morning, so in place of a backpack, it turned into a day hike. Ten Mile is a beautiful canyon, and we were there the right time of year for fall colors; perhaps a

week later would have been even better. It was the right time of year, with perfect weather, neither too hot nor too cold. We also had a fantastic view from on top of the Book Cliffs of the La Sals and the Red Rock Country to the south. Or it could have been fantastic, if it hadn't been so hazy and smoggy. It turned out that there was a special hunt in the Book Cliffs that week, and the roads were crawling with hunters in pickups. But once we got off the road, we left them behind.

Now that we know our way in and out, we would like to do this trip next year.

AVALANCHE!

WHO: The Wasatch Mountain Club in conjunction with the Alaska Avalanche School are sponsoring:

WHAT: A special Backcountry Avalanche Hazard Evaluation Workshop. Oriented towards experienced mountaineers and backcountry skiers who like to ski "the steep and the deep," this comprehensive workshop will focus on answering these bottom line questions: Is the slope safe?; What data are you basing your hazard evaluation decisions upon?; and, Do better alternatives exist? Training will cover the latest snow stability evaluation techniques, terrain analysis, the mechanics of slab failure, snow metamorphism, route selection, avalanche hazard evaluation/decision-making, and backcountry rescue. Training will be intensive with 33 hours of training packed into three days., Emphasis will be on practical application of key concepts relating to avalanche hazard evaluation and on learning by doing in the field. Cost is estimated to be \$175.00 including lodge fee and course material.

WHEN: January 13-January 15, 1990.

WHERE: Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, at the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge and surrounding mountains.

HOW: To register, contact: John Kortbawi evenings at (801) 485-7916.

A complete packet of information and pre-course materials will be sent to each participant upon registration. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited so **don't delay!**

**OTHER
REQUIREMENTS:**

Participants must be in good physical condition, able to ski or snowshoe uphill and down in variable terrain and changing snow conditions, and be prepared to remain in foul weather all day. Pieps, shovels, and avalanche probes are required.

NOVEMBER SKY CALENDAR

by Ben Everitt

MOON

First Quarter	Nov 6	Dec 5
Full Moon	Nov 12	Dec 12
Last Quarter	Nov 19	Dec 19
New Moon	Nov 28	Dec 27

MOONRISE

(times for 40 N, 112 W)

Saturday	MDT
Nov 4	12:30 PM
Nov 11	4:00 PM
Nov 18	10:30 PM
Nov 25	4:30 AM
Dec 2	11:00 AM

Source: Astronomical Almanac for 1989

Note on moonrise times: Add an hour for each day later than the given date, and another hour if you are in the mountains.

PLANETS: The planets, wandering slowly, are near where they were in October, except that VENUS, travelling eastward, has caught up with westbound SATURN, and they will be together in the sky on November 15. On November 2, the new crescent moon will again be just south of Venus in the western sky at dusk.

CLASSIFIED ADS

AD POLICY

Members may place classified ads for used sports equipment free of charge. Other classified ads require a \$5.00 donation to the WMC for up to 20 words with \$.20 per word over 20. Words of 2 letters or less will not count as a word.

Send your ad (with a check enclosed if it is not a used sports equipment ad) before the 13th of the month to Sue DeVall, 11730 South 700 West, Sandy UT 84070 or call Sue at 572-3294 for information.

The Rambler cannot accept any ad that is inconsistent with the purposes of the WMC, or that offends the sensibilities of club members.

USED EQUIPMENT

KARHU XCD-GT Backcountry/telemark skis. 200 cm. No bindings. \$65. Steve at 583-9322.

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RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION QUALIFICATION FORM

DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please read carefully and fill out completely. Your signature is required.

APPLICANT'S NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ DAY PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE _____

I hereby apply for ☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ STUDENT
☐ SINGLE membership in the WMC
☐ REINSTATEMENT ☐ COUPLE

I ☐ DO
I ☐ DO NOT wish to receive the *Rambler* (the WMC publication). Subscription price
is not deductible from the dues.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for one year's (Mar 1 19__ to Feb 28 19__) dues and application fee.
*** Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club (CHECKS ONLY) ***

Remit: \$20.00 for student membership (\$15.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)
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\$40.00 for couple membership (\$35.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)
(NOTE: These rates include the \$12.00 for the *Rambler* subscription)

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOR MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION
THE ACTIVITY DATES MUST HAVE BEEN WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THIS APPLICATION
qualifying activity _____ date _____ signature of recommending leader _____

1. _____

2. _____

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the WMC. I am 18 years of age or older.

I am willing to serve the WMC in the following areas: (please check)

☐ Service Project ☐ Lodge work ☐ Conservation ☐ Rambler ☐ Thurs Night Hikes
☐ Hike Leader ☐ Boat Leader ☐ Ski Leader ☐ Social Assist

I found out about the WMC from _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO: MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB
888 SOUTH 200 EAST, SUITE 111
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, 84111

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Receipt #: _____ Date Received: _____ Amount Recv'd: _____
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