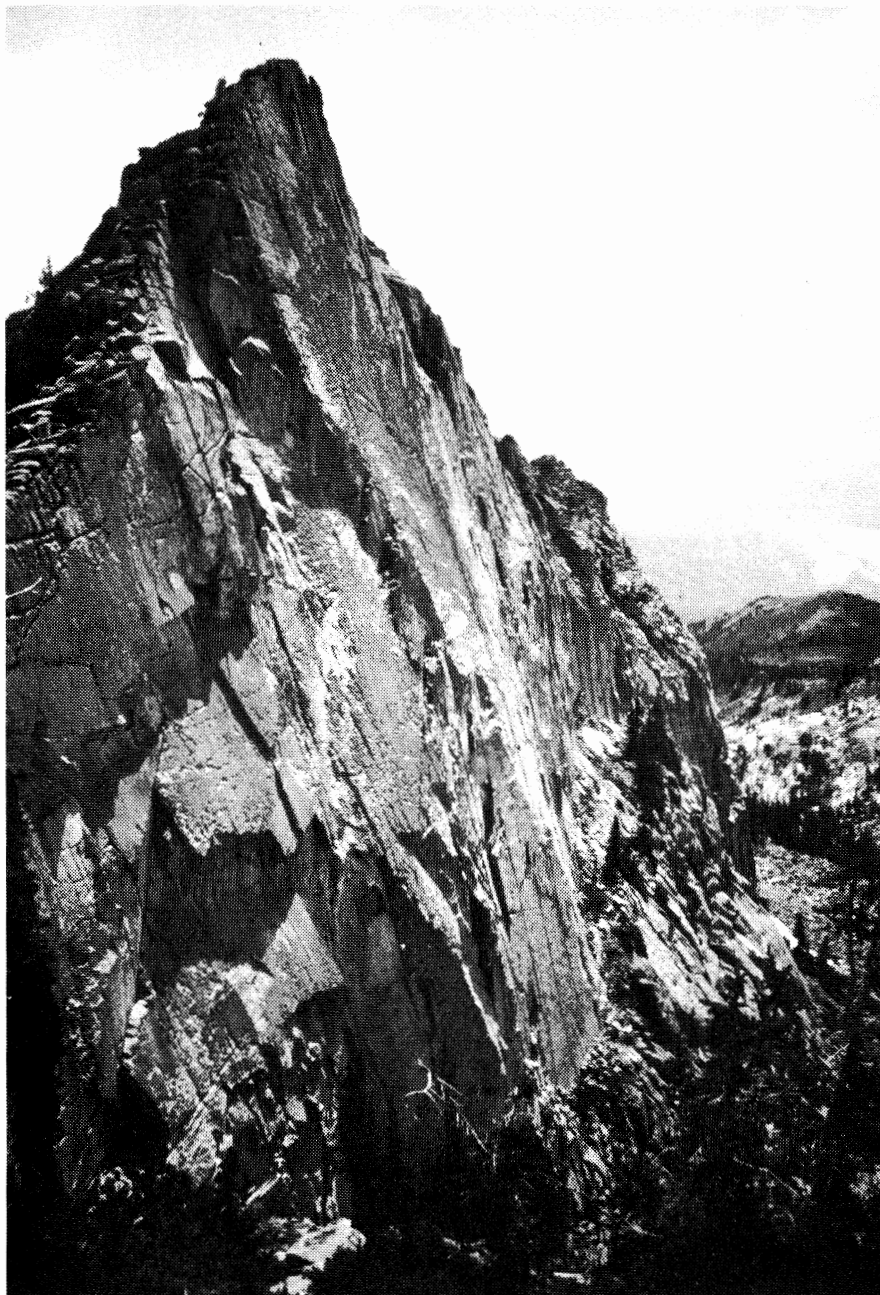


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(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

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.

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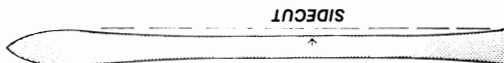
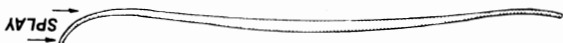
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3. The pins protrude from the binding and fit into holes in the boot to keep it in place and from moving side to side.
4. The area of the ski that curves upward from the shovel to the tip.
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

BIKING

Nov.
3 Spring City
10 Slick Rock
11 Strawberry

18 Goshen Canyon
25 Big Mountain

Dec.
1 Wallsburg

HIKES

Nov.
3 Generic
4 Generic

10 Generic
11 Generic

LODGE

Nov.
3 Work Party

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23 Leader's Choice

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VOLLEYBALL

(Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M. at Highland High School, 2166 S 1700 E)

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

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

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

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.

Sat. Nov. 3

LODGE WORK PARTY. See Lodge Director's column for more details.

FOUNTAIN GREEN - SPRING CITY LOOP BIKE RIDE (MOD). This 46 mile ride is a tour of Northern Sanpete Valley. Along mostly rural roads and old highways, we'll tour the communities of Wales, Chester, Spring City, Mount Pleasant and Moroni. The terrain is easy flat to rolling. We'll cycle past literally thousands of Norbest's finest, as contemporary Sanpete Valley is noted for its turkey industry. Early on, it was the center of early Mormon settlement; indeed, the entire town of Spring city is on the National Historical Registry. We'll stop at a cafe for lunch. Meet Elliott (968-7357) at the Park and Ride off I-15 at 5300 South at 8:00 A.M. to carpool, or at Fountain Green Park (Center Street and 300 West), Fountain Green, at 10:00 A.M. Helmets required. Mountain bikes are not appropriate on this ride.

GENERIC YEAR END HIKE. If, and it's a big if, the weather stays nice, there can be excellent hiking after the deer hunt. If you're interested, give Jerry Hatch a call at 467-7186.

Sun. Nov. 4

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Mon. Nov. 5

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For information call Doug at 269-1833.

Sat. Nov. 10

GENERIC YEAR END HIKE. If, and it's a big if, the weather stays nice, there can be excellent hiking after the deer hunt. If you're interested, give Jerry Hatch a call at 467-7186.

Nov. 10-11

Sat.-Sun.

SLICK ROCK BIKE RIDE (MOD). Can't ski yet because of lack of snow? No local mountain biking because of cold weather and hunters? Try a weekend at Moab exploring the slick rock country. Meet your leader Lade Heaton at the Rim Cyclery in Moab Saturday morning at 9:15 AM for an all day Slick Rock ride, back to Moab for Saturday night and then regroup again on Sunday morning at 8:30 AM (at Rim Cyclery) for a half day ride before returning to Salt Lake. Trip planning meeting on Monday November 5th at Lade's house; 2156 South 200 East, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM or call Lade at 487-7686(H) or 466-7008(W) for more details.

Sun. Nov. 11

GENERIC YEAR END HIKE. If, and it's a big if, the weather stays nice, there can be excellent hiking after the deer hunt. If you're interested, give Jerry Hatch a call at 467-7186.

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR BIKE RIDE (MOD). This 59 mile ride is from Heber to Strawberry Bay Marina. We'll ride up Daniel's Canyon 2,494 feet over 17 miles) and then cycle down to the marina cafe for lunch. Meet Elliot Meet Elliott (968-7357), at the K-Mart/Regency to carpool at 9:00 AM, or at Wasatch High School in Heber (100 East 600 South) at 10:00. Helmets required. Mountain bikes are not appropriate on this ride.

Mon. Nov. 12

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For information call Doug at 269-1833.

Sat. Nov. 17

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (NTD) One of the famous team of WMC hiking directors, Hatch & Wooldridge or Wooldridge & Hatch will lead off the first ski tour of the year, which may turn out to be the first hike of the ski tour year. This TRIKE (tour or hike) will be led by Mr. Jerry Hatch (467-7186) at 9:00 A.M. from the mouth of Big Cottonwood. Bring your skis and hiking boots.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. Second Annual Birthday Tour and Gourmet Dinner. The official opening of the Hunt For Powder. Call to find out where Kira Kilmer will begin the search. Pieps practice and basking in the sunshine for lunch is the back-up plan if the brush still shows through on the slopes. Mill Creek Inn is the dinner venue. Call 596-1836 at the office, 364-5044 at home late evenings.

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

Sun. Nov. 18

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (NTD) Tom Walsh (969-5842) will lead another unknown TRIKE (tour or hike) to some destination decided 5 minutes after 9:00 A.M. Meet Tom at the mouth of Big Cottonwood at 9:00 A.M.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Join Vince Desimone (1-649-6805) on this ski tour (which may be a hike) to above Bear Hollow - the site proposed for the olympic ski jump and bobsled runs. Drive directly to the Seven Eleven on the road to Park West (on the south side of the road that goes in to Park West) at 10:00 or carpool from the Regency/Kmart on Parleys Way at 9:00.

GOSHEN CANYON BIKE RIDE (MOD). This 46 mile ride is a loop from Payson to Mona. We'll dissect West Mountain, ride past Keigley Quarry and spin through Genola Valley. After regrouping in Goshen, we'll cycle through Goshen Canyon and then drop down into Mona for lunch at the Oxford Cafe. This ride features wonderful vista's of Mount Nebo, and tours some of the Utah's finest orchards. The terrain is flat to hilly. Meet Elliott (968-7457), at the Park & Ride off I-15 at 5300 South (West side) at 9:00 AM to carpool, or in Payson at Payson Park (200 South 100 East), at 10:30. Helmets required. Mountain bikes are not appropriate on this ride.

Sun. Nov. 18

SUNDAY SOCIAL. Y'all come to the Not-Quite-Annual Cajun/Southern Pot Luck at Cindy Cromer's, 816 East 100 South. Call Cindy (355-4115) if you need help with recipes. The party starts at 6:00 P.M. Bring your own beverage and cup.

Mon. Nov. 19

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For information call Doug at 269-1833.

Thu. Nov. 22

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (NTD) Trudy Healy (943-2290) will lead a slow comfortable pace to one of her early season favorites, probably Lower Silver Fork. If no snow, give Trudy a call, otherwise meet her at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 A.M.

Fri. Nov. 23

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Meet Jim Piani (272-3921) for an exciting tour or hike and help him find a place where there might be snow. Meet Jim at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 A.M.

Sat. Nov. 24

SCOTTS PASS SKI TOUR. (NTD) Tom Silberstorf (468-5734) will try Scotts Pass for snow. If no snow, maybe he will hike to Scotts Pass or somewhere else. Better bring hiking boots in case. Meet Tom at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 A.M.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Or hike depending on conditions. Remember those hiking boots in case the snow is brown and very brushy. Meet Marty Barth (532-6423) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 A.M.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call Larry Larkin at 486-9060 for meeting place. The tour will start at 8:30.

Sun. Nov. 25

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Terry Rollins (467-5088) will look for some more difficult skiing in the Wasatch. Pieps and shovels required and skins are preferable. Meet Terry at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 A.M.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call George Westbrook at 942-6071 to register.

BIG MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE (MOD). This 33 mile ride goes up Emigration Canyon, snake past Little Dell Reservoir, and then climbs to Big Mountain summit. This ride features a potpourri of twisting alpine roads, a climb of 3,290 feet, and excellent views of the Wasatch. We'll return to Crompton's for lunch. Meet Elliott (968-7357), at Sunnyside Park (1730 East Sunnyside Avenue), at 9:00 AM. Helmets required.

Mon. Nov. 26

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For information call Doug at 269-1833.

Sat. Dec. 1

NORWAY FLATS UINTAS SKI TOUR. (NTD) Ken Kraus (363-4186) will take a group of skiers to one of his favorite trails in the Uinta foothills, 11 miles east of Kamas. Meet at the Regency Theatre parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30 A.M.

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

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call Peter Braam at 583-3105 to register.

WALLSBURG BIKE RIDE (NTD). This is a 28 mile ride from Heber to Wallburg. We'll tour the town of Charleston, meander around Deer Creek Reservoir, and ride to the heart of Round Valley. The terrain is easy flat to rolling. We'll stop for lunch at the Round Valley Inn. Meet Elliot (968-7357) at the K-Mart/Regency to carpool at 9:00 AM, or in Heber at Wasatch High School (600 South 100 East), at 10:00. Helmets required.

Sun. Dec. 2

CATHERINES PASS SKI TOUR. (NTD) Ski with Anna to popular Catherines Pass. There should be snow by now so no hiking please. Pieps and shovels are smart but not required. Meet Anna Cordes (467-9430) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 A.M.

SCOTTS PASS SKI TOUR. (MOD) Join Ray Duda (268-0182) on this MOD tour to enjoyable Scotts Pass. Pieps and shovels are always a good idea but not required on this tour. Meet Ray at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 A.M.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call George Westbrook at 942-6071 to register.

EASY SNOWSHOE TOUR/HIKE. (NTD) Call Doug Stark at 277-8538 for information on trip location and showshoeing. Meeting place is at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:30 A.M. Enjoy this winter in the mountains on snowshoes. No special skills required. For snowshoe rental locations call Doug Stark at 277-8538.

Mon. Dec. 3

VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For information call Doug at 269-1833.

Sat. Dec. 8

GRIZZLEY GULCH SKI TOUR. (NTD) Try to keep up with Monty on this modest tour with excellent views of Mt. Superior and Twin Lakes. Pieps and shovels not required but safety conscious skiers alway take them along. Meet Monty Young (255-8392) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 10:30 A.M.

DESOLATION LAKE SKI TOUR. (MOD) Gary Berg will take the long easy route to Desolation Lake via Mill D. This is a safe route but pieps and shovels make it safer. Meet Gary (485-6778) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 A.M.

Sat. Dec. 8

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call Rolf Doebbeling 467-6636 to register.

Sun. Dec. 9

SCOTTS PASS SKI TOUR. (NTD) Try Scotts Pass with Brett & Lynette Brooks (266-1708). The snow should be getting deep and Scotts may be a good bet on some powder. Pieps and shovels not required, but... Meet Brett & Lynette at the Harmons Park and Ride at 900 East and 7200 South to catch the bus up the canyon at 9:00 A.M.

GREENS BASIN SKI TOUR. (MOD) Greens Basin will be white by this time. Join Chris Biltoft (359-5645) at 9:00 A.M. at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) Don't forget your pieps and shovel.

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

Sat. Dec. 15

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call George Westbrook at 942-6071 to register.

Sun. Dec. 16

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR. (MSD) Call Milt Hollander at 277-1416 to register.

Mon. Dec. 24

POWDER PARK SKI TOUR. (MOD) Deep powder at Powder Park. Jim knows the best places. Join Jim Piani (272-3921) at 9:00 A.M. at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) Pieps and shovels required and skins a good idea.

Dec. 24-25
Mon.-Tue.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT THE WMC LODGE. Hosted by Barbara Jacobsen (943-3715) and Leslie Woods (484-2338). The lodge will be open from 4:00 P.M. December 24 until 7:00 P.M. December 25. Activities:

* CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY AT THE LODGE. Join the fun and come party with us on Christmas Eve for a "Trim the Tree" party, friendship, Christmas caroling, and laughter. Bring an ornament for the tree and a \$5 gift to exchange (suitable for male or female.) We will be staying overnight so if you wish to do the same, you will be charged a \$3 lodge fee. Also, we need someone to donate a CHRISTMAS TREE with stand and get it up to the Lodge by Christmas Eve! Let us know!

* CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE LODGE. Downhill skiing, cross country skiing, and showshoeing are some of the unplanned activities for the day. OR, just sit by the fire, warm your toes, drink coffee, and roast chestnuts all day.

Dec. 24-25
Mon.-Tue.

* POTLUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE LODGE. Dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 4:00 P.M. Turkey and ham provided by the WMC and cooked by your gracious hostesses. RSVP for a potluck breakfast (only for those who plan to sleep over) and also the potluck dinner no later than December 14th. Call Barbara (943-3715) or Leslie (484-2338) for details and reservations.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1
Mon.-Tue.

CELEBRATE NEW YEARS AT THE LODGE. Hostesses will be Barbara Jacobsen (943-3715) and Leslie Woods (484-2338). The lodge will be open from 6:00 P.M. December 31 until 4:00 P.M. January 1. Activities planned:

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER AND DANCING AT THE LODGE. Potluck dinner starting at 7:30 P.M. with dancing to a "Boom Box" or Rob Snow, "time Lord of Rock & Roll", (FINAL PLANS WILL BE IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE RAMBLER) 8:30 P.M. until ??? Barb and Leslie will be staying overnight again. Why not you too in case you've had a little too much liquid refreshment! Also, bring your favorite card games.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and Wick Miller's "CRACK OF NOON" ski tour are a few of the possibilities for fun.

Feb. 1-3
Fri.-Sun.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TOUR WEEKEND. A repeat of last year's highly successful tour at Cedar Breaks National Monument and the Dixie National Forest. Join Ken Kraus (363-4186) on this fun trip.

Feb. 15-18
Fri.-Mon.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI AND SNOWSHOE WEEKEND at the north rim of the Grand Canyon. Organized trip with snow transportation and staying in a yurt or lodge. Meals available. Reasonable rates. Contact Christal Sysak (943-0316). Register early.

CONSERVATION NOTES

by Janet Friend

The Informational Scoping Meeting Open House on the proposed Brighton Ski Area Master Plan was held September 19, 1990, at the Forest Service office. There were several workers in attendance to answer our questions and they had a very informative spread of information. The skier per day capacity will greatly increase according to Boyne USA Resort people who own Brighton Ski Resort.

To put this Master Plan into effect would make significant impacts on the environment at Brighton. The Forest Service will do the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) over the next several months, followed by another open hearing. Read up on this, folks. We spend a lot of time in this canyon, and our Lodge sits right in the middle of it.

One comment was the owners keep making changes in the Resort Master Plan and that causes us to be uneasy. The auto parking will not be increased, although there will be a lot for 250 cars over on the Heber side in Midway.

Some of these proposals, if approved, seem almost to require a change in our Canyon Master Plan and possibly in the National Forest Plan of 1985. This we do not want to do. To amend our Canyon Master Plan for this would be a severe setback to saving our canyons. This we must not allow.

ERRATA

Janice Huber's column was mistakenly put under the Kayaking Coordinator's heading in last month's Rambler. The Kayaking Coordinator is Marlene Egger.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

It is time to start thinking about next year's WMC Governing Board. Being on the board is a lot of work but it is also a satisfying opportunity to contribute to the club. We especially need to get some of the more recent members to join the board to bring some new ideas to the club.

If you are interested in running for a board position, give a member of the nominating committee a call. This year's committee consists of:

Tom Silberstorff (468-5734)
Janis Huber (486-2345)
Terry Rollins (467-5088)

NEW MEMBERS

Dan Harrison	Edgar Webster
Lynn Christensen	Terri Cornett
Rosemarie Platke	Magdaline Quinlan
David Morris	Larry Averett
Jennifer Harrington	Steve Glaser
Bill Strickler	Larry Newman
James Elwell	Joseph Parchesky
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FROM THE LODGE DIRECTOR

by Vince Desimone & Kathy Klein

WORK PARTY: NOVEMBER 3

Special skills are needed for a few tasks. If you are experienced in one of the following please call me so the job can be discussed and appropriate materials can be purchased:

Electrical wiring
Plumbing
Masonry
Spray painting

Special skills are not necessary for most tasks. Just come in your work clothes with a willing attitude prepared to have fun and make a contribution.

Our "second home" needs continuous work to keep it in good condition, clean and presentable for use by members and guests. There are always plenty of things to be done and you can work where you feel you have the most talent and interest. Work parties start at 10 A.M. and continue as long as participants wish. Lunch is provided for workers. Most tools are provided; however, if you have a special hammer, rake, or other tool, then bring it along.

Work parties are really a lot of fun and are satisfying. It's easy to get to know club members when working along side of them.

If you are interested in helping out with any of the projects please contact Vince Desimone at 1-649-6805, or just show up.

If you wish to schedule use of the lodge for private functions contact Kathy Klein at 272-8059. The club makes the lodge available at cost to non-profit community groups if sponsored by a club member.

PREPARING FOR A TRIP TO THE LODGE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Barbara Jacobsen

Probably a lot of you are wondering how to prepare for an outing at the Lodge. Since we are encouraging people to spend the night on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, here is a list of things to bring:

1. Sleeping bag and pillow.
2. Food, drinking water, any kind of liquid drinks. (instant coffee, tea, hot chocolate, pop).
3. All utensils, (knives, forks, spoons, plates, cups, etc.), pots, pans (if you plan to cook).
4. Plan for your own meals unless otherwise specified as potluck.
5. All personal items, plenty of warm clothes, appropriate foot wear.

The road to the Lodge is closed in the winter. REMEMBER--the only way to obtain access is on skis, snowshoes, or by walking. You will need to pull a sled or whatever for hauling belongings up to the Lodge.

GREEK & CARIBBEAN SAILING TRIPS PLANNED

by Vince Desimone
Sailing Coordinator

Demand to repeat the highly successful 1990 Virgin Islands Caribbean sailing trip has been great. Now is the time to commit to next year's trip to assure your place in our fun in the sun. Sail boats have been reserved for July 1 thru 11, 1991.

Optional will be a two day pack trip in to the El Yunque Caribbean National Forest. This is a unique tropical rain forest in Puerto Rico.

A full color narrated video tape on the 1990 Virgin Islands trip was presented at the October 17 WMC annual meeting and is available for loan.

Cost for the 1991 trip is anticipated to be about \$600 plus transportation. The total cost of the 1990 trip was less than \$1200 including air fare. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit is required to hold your place on sailing trips so send your deposit now and avoid being one of the disappointed.

Greece is our destination for two weeks at the end of September and beginning of October 1991. We will spend 10 days sailing between the Greek Islands and the rest of the time touring Athens and other points of interest. The cost, including airfare at current rates, will be \$2200 plus food.

Contact Vince Desimone at P.O. Box 680111 Park City, Utah 84068, or phone 1-649-6805 concerning these trips.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS AT THE BEAUTIFUL AND RUSTIC W.M.C. LODGE

HOSTED BY
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DECEMBER 24 & 25: Join the fun and come party with us on Christmas Eve for a "Trim the Tree" party, friendship, Christmas caroling, and laughter. Bring an ornament for the tree and a \$5 gift to exchange (suitable for male or female.) We will be staying overnight so if you wish to do the same, you will be charged a \$3 lodge fee.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Downhill skiing, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing are some of the unplanned activities for the day. OR, just sit by the fire, warm your toes, drink coffee, and roast chestnuts all day.

POTLUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER with all the trimmings will be served at 4:00 P.M. Turkey and ham provided by the WMC and cooked by your gracious hostesses. RSVP for a potluck breakfast (only for those who plan to sleep over) and also the potluck dinner no later than December 14th. Call Barbara (943-3715) or Leslie (484-2338) for details and reservations.

We need someone to donate a **CHRISTMAS TREE** with stand and get it up to the lodge by Christmas Eve. Let us know if you can help!

Lodge hours will be: 4:00 PM. December 24 until 7:00 PM. December 25, 6:00 PM. December 31 until 4:00 PM January 1.

NEW YEARS EVE: Potluck dinner starting at 7:30 P.M. with dancing to a "Boom Box" or Rob Snow, "time Lord of Rock & Roll", (FINAL PLANS WILL BE IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE RAMBLER) 8:30 P.M. until ??? Barb and Leslie will be staying overnight again. Why not you too in case you've had a little too much liquid refreshment! Also, bring your favorite card games.

NEW YEARS DAY: Downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and Wick Miller's "CRACK OF NOON" ski tour are a few of the possibilities for fun.

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WASATCH PEAKS IN WINTER

by Dave Smith
and George Westbrook

It was because we had been climbers that when we began skiing we used the skis to also climb mountains. Alpine ski touring* and ski mountaineering are now our favorite recreations. Fortunately, the Wasatch Mountains provide some of the country's best terrain for alpine touring. Further, the vast majority of this terrain is readily accessible to the day tourer. Thus, one can enjoy challenging skiing in the back country without the need to carry a heavy pack.

Alpine tours typically involve skiing a variety of snow conditions and types of terrain. Indeed, the challenge of skiing the entire mountain and all the snow conditions that it may throw at you is one of the chief joys of this type of touring. A typical day will almost always include some good snow, but may also include some snow that is trickier than Utah's finest. Thus, the ability and endurance to handle a variety of conditions is highly desirable.

We have decided to climb as many local summits as possible this winter (see table). Some of these peaks are climbed fairly often as WMC ski tours. Indeed, Box Elder, LonePeak, Monte Cristo (Mt. Superior), and the Pfeifferhorn have all been scheduled club tours in the last few years. Several others, notably Mt. Timpanogos, American Fork and Broad Fork Twins, and North and South Thunder Mountains are not infrequently climbed during "private" tours involving club members. However, as far as we are aware, a number of these peaks have not been climbed under winter conditions by club members. If anyone has information concerning club winter climbs (or any winter climbs) of these peaks, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Most of these peaks would be MSD tours and would obviously have to be limited to those who have appropriate knowledge, equipment, mountaineering and skiing skills, and endurance! If you are interested in joining us, please let us know. Although most of the summits do not require technical climbing skills, familiarity with an ice axe and self arrest technique is very desirable. While one does not have to be an expert skier, difficult snow conditions can combine with steep and/or rugged terrain to make the skiing very challenging.

Please call either Dave Smith at 278-6515 (home) or 486-2100 (work) or George Westbrook at 942-6071 (home) or 882-6129 (work) if you're interested. Also, is anyone interested in the Tetons or Wind Rivers??

WASATCH MOUNTAIN PEAKS OVER 11,000 FEET

PEAK	ELEVATION
Mt. Nebo (North Summit)	11,928
Mt. Nebo (South Summit) *	11,877
Mt. Nebo (Middle Summit) *	11,824
Mt. Timpanogos	11,750
Mt. Timpanogos (Southeast Summit) *	11,722
American Fork Twins (West Summit)	11,489
Mt. Timpanogos (North Peak) *	11,441
Broads Fork Twins (East Summit)	11,330
Pfeifferhorn (Little Matterhorn)	11,326
White Baldy (between White Pine and Red Pine)	11,321
O'Sullivan Peak (Sunrise)	11,275
Lone Peak	11,253
Mt. Nebo (North Peak) *	11,174
Red Baldy (1 mile southwest of American Fork Twins)	11,171
South Thunder Mountain	11,154
North Thunder Mountain	11,150
Monte Cristo (Mt. Superior)	11,132
Dromedary	11,107
Box Elder Peak	11,101
Mount Baldy	11,068
Provo Peak	11,068
Sugarloaf	11,051
Peak 11,044 (3/4 mile northeast of Provo Peak)	11,044

* Using Veranth's criteria " a point is considered a distinct summit if it is at least 200 feet above the saddle connecting it to the next peak on a ridge."

Sources: Hiking the Wasatch, John Veranth, The Wasatch Mountain Club, 1988.

USGS Maps: Aspen Grove, Draper, Dromedary Peak, Mona, Nebo Basin, Orem, and Timpanogos Cave.

TRIP TALK

KINGS PEAK BACKPACK

Labor Day Weekend 1990
by Barbara Jacobsen

We arrived at the Henrys Fork Trailhead on Thursday evening where we proceeded to have a very "Happy Birthday" for one member of the group. Gingerbread and drinks were inhaled by everyone.

The next morning we had a major catastrophe when the butane curling irons wouldn't work, and Ray built a fire to warm our hung over bodies. While standing around the camp fire, we observed a Mamma and Baby moose. By that time Frank and Brian arrived and by 9:15 AM. we were all headed to Dollar Lake. At Elk Horn Crossing, Norm refused to acknowledge the wisdom of the leaders and fell into the creek rather than stroll across the bridge which he didn't believe was there. We arrived at camp without further incidents and "happy hour" followed for the next three days.

The next morning the ascent to Kings Peak began. The honeymooners decided to do other fun things instead of struggle to the top, so we left them behind at Anderson Pass. The "race" to the top began with Barbara and the guy she picked up from Oklahoma bringing up the rear.

After extreme exertion we scrambled to the top, and the arrival of Frank's friend and eight year old daughter eradicated our smugness. Because we wanted to save time and get back to "happy hour", we scree-skied down the death-defying chute.

When we got back to camp, we found out that we had been invaded by Bob, Joe, and three brook trout. "Happy hour" commenced once again with Leslie preparing the trout for appetizers and Louise roasting many, many marshmallows. A wide variety of topics were discussed that night such as intellectual "gutter talk" or more commonly known as "smut".

According to Norm, the rains began at exactly 2:07 a.m. Sunday morning. It's amazing what Amaretto and aspirin can do to your metabolism. Despite the rain, "happy hour" continued through breakfast as we drank and ate everything in our packs. We finally realized the rain was here to stay, so we packed up and hit the trail about noon.

Each person had their own image of paradise at the end of the trip. To some it was McDonald's and flushing toilets, to others it was burgers, oreo malts, and Mountain Men.

A solution to the sheep and boy scout problem would be the reintroduction of the grizzly bear in the Uintas.

Participants were Trip Leaders Barbara Jacobsen and Leslie Woods, Frank Atwood, Brian Barkey, Joe Parchesky (a new recruit), Norm Probanz, Louise Rausch, Rob Rogalski, Bob Sherer, Carol and Mark Wielkiewicz (the newly weds), and Ray Williams.

CASTE SYSTEM ON RIVER REVEALED!!

by Donna Kramer

A startling revelation from the River Gods occurred on the Lodore Canyon river trip in August 1990! River gods are inexplicably two-faced. On that hedonistic adventure in July known as the "Main Salmon Boating trip", the gods reaped the great sacrifice of the Kramer tent. Then in Lodore they benevolently shared their wisdom and humor with me!

The gods spoke through Lani Benson, a guitar-strumming Texan whose accent evokes magnolias on a sultry summer night. 'Twas on the Main Salmon trip I met Lani. When he introduced himself, it took six seconds for the four syllables of his name to roll out melodiously. This Pan-like fellow with guitar, instead of flute, immersed himself into life on the river.

Lani had 4 other river trips in July. One was an 11 day trip repeating our same 98 miles on the Main Salmon. He had a permit for Lodore Canyon. I planned a deliberately idyllic retreat.

Nineteen people formed the entourage at Gates of Lodore. Six of us were from Salt Lake. Susan Lynn, who spent as much time in the water as in the raft; Carol Milliken, the paddler who never fell in; Steve Susswein, paddle boat captain who mutinied; Ken Workman, kayaker and second paddle boat captain; myself, trip coordinator, and 8 year old Jessica, who collected snakes, frogs and rocks. The other 13 were from Idaho. Boats of varied shapes and colors blossomed: colorful kayaks, a sky-blue mini-catacraft, a yellow full-size catacraft with lime green racing stripe, a brown oar rig, a small orange paddle raft, the WMC's bright red paddle raft, and 2 yellow and red inflatable kayaks (one newly acquired by yours truly)!

Before our journey began, Lani explained the caste system on the river. "In lowest rank are 'porters' - those who may also tie on gear with supervision. Next are those who carry gear, tie it on, AND hold a paddle. Above these are kayakers. Above kayakers are Boatmen. Boatmen are highest ranked with two exceptions. One is the trip leader. And the ultimate authority, the demi-god who communicates directly with the river gods - the PERMIT HOLDER!"

I shivered. On the Main Salmon I was the permit holder. Yet I naively failed to communicate directly with the river gods. The consequence was that in a fit of pique, the gods absconded with my tent!

Each morning our self-proclaimed demi-god gave us communiques. One was, "No woman shall wear a bra. No man shall wear underwear." The next morning one of the "offensive" garments flew from his kayak to prove at least one person had obeyed the pronouncement. Further sacrifices were not necessary!

The sun warmed our skin. The river cooled our feet. Herds of bighorn sheep, a 3 point buck with 3 does and 3 fawns, ringtail cars, bunnies, snakes and river nymphs joined us from time to time. We had more than a few "rocky" encounters in the rapids and immersed ourselves in the river frequently.

The fourth evening was impromptu costume night. Creativity was the keynote. Roman gods and goddesses appeared, along with nymphs and sprites. From the lengthening shadows appeared the incarnation of river fantasy! An oarswoman garbed as a female gladiator led her conquest. At the end of her rope meekly followed a kayaker bound at his wrists, shackled at his feet. He was paraded around the campfire, then led back into the darkening woods. (No, I was not involved with this!)

On our last morning Lani shared another tidbit of knowledge. "Did you realize," he intoned, "that you learned in kindergarten everything you really need to know the rest of your life?"

--No shoving - no hitting. If you shove or hit, someone gets hurt. And sooner or later, you will get hit back!

--Hold hands when you cross the street. You may think you can do it alone. But it's safer and easier to hold hands when you go across.

--It's o.k. to make a mess. Just clean it up yourself!

After six days in the Canyon of Lodore, we emerged relaxed and tanned, with renewed respect for the challenges wild creatures can survive. As always on the river, new friendships were forged that will lead to more adventures. Join us on one sometime!

LAKE HARDY TO RED PINE LAKE

July 14, 1990
by Tom Walsh

"... and there is no new thing under the sun." Ecclesiastes, The Bible.

If this variation of that old WMC classic, the Beat-out, is not new, then no one seems to know about it being done before. The idea was to do the Beatout hike but avoid the rigors of Bells Canyon. Thus the hike was planned to begin via Lake Hardy, then intersect the normal route (doing it backwards) thence to the trailhead at the White Pine parking area in Little Cottonwood Canyon. It looked good on paper.

In reality the hike was much better than the planning concept. Leader Cassie Badowsky met the participants at the Park and Ride at 7200 South and I-15 at the hour of 7:30 on Saturday morning. A car pool of 4X4s headed out toward the Schoolhouse Springs trailhead and jeep road just north of Alpine. It was decided to drive up the jeep trail to the upper trailhead near the First Hamongog. The road normally is passable with attentive driving, but weather recently eroded it so only height clearance 4x4 vehicles could negotiate it. Several truck loads of campers from some local youth group presented a challenge to Scott and Robert's driving skills, with their simpering about how they could not get around us without falling off the mountain. Rather than back up about a mile and a half, we jockeyed back and forth with lots of hand signals, pleading, and coaxing until they were safely past.

The hike began at the First Hamongog, with an immediate right turn through the meadow to the Lake Hardy trail. What a great day! The glaring summer sun could have been oppressive, but the air cooled with the altitude gain, so temperatures never got extreme. Cassie lead with a steady pace, pulling the closely bunched group up the trail like a rag-tag caterpillar. Presently we passed through the foothills and brush into open granite and pine that is characteristic of the upper Lone Peak area.

Around the approach to Lake Hardy were rounded granite slabs which presented the options to friction straight up or to scramble circuitously among them. Rustling water percolating from the lake hinted that we were near. Cresting the last slabs and approaching the lake was beautiful, with a panorama of whitish granite slabs rising height above the smooth water.

We were apprehensive about finding the lake trashed out and damaged by overuse. In fact it was not too bad; it showed about the same amount of impact as Red Pine Lake.

A few swims occurred, lunch happened, relaxation was on the agenda. Lake Hardy and its alpine bowl is so beautiful that a person could be lulled into staying for hours just to absorb it. However we had a full day ahead so we took off straight up the slabs toward a false peak on the horizon right in line with Chipman Peak. Small patches of snow were on standby waiting for snowball throwers to indulge in their childish behavior. Mike Budig estimated that 190 snowballs were thrown.

Summiting Chipman Peak was almost too easy - wasn't this supposed to be a challenging hike? We savored the moment at the top before setting off toward the Pfeifferhorn on a ridge run. However, there would certainly be no running on this ridge. It soon got quite rough with jumbled boulders and flakes arrayed berserkly which made scrambling hard. We spread out in groups of 3 to 5. Experienced hikers coached the less speedy to get the whole group across the ridge safely. The first half of the ridge from Chipman to the Pfeifferhorn took skillful and attentive scrambling on severe exposure. We got a break on the second half, which was easier and more like fun.

Summiting Pfeifferhorn was great! We were surprised by three other WMC club members who had done a mountaineering climb of the north side. We all arrived at the same time for another lunch. Relaxing with sandwiches and looking back on that ridge extending back to Chipman Peak confirmed the challenge of this hike. Some parts of the ridge are as difficult as any hiking route in the Wasatch.

GREENS BASIN HIKE

August 25, 1990

by Julia Anne Mueller

LAKE HARDY TO RED PINE LAKE

(continued)

By now it was deep in the afternoon and the skies were darkening with clouds, so it was time to leave the peak. The descent from Pfeifferhorn seemed routine compared to the exhilaration of the Chipman part of the hike. With all due respect to the Pfeifferhorn, the Lake Hardy and Chipman area overshadows anything else in the Wasatch for scenic grandeur. The snows of June were gone from the Pfeifferhorn, so the descent was entirely on loose rocks and grass. The entire Red Pine valley was verdant and blooming.

The first hikers to reach the terminus at the White Pine parking lot and trailhead arrived at about 6:00 in the afternoon. Where had time flown? It must have passed while having fun. This exploratory hike was a huge success. Planning and preparation was great: Cassie had already spotted cars at the terminus before most of us had even assembled at the starting point. Driving up to the First Hamongog saved lots of time and energy that was better spent on top.

Participants included: Steve Carr, R. Scott Berry, John Ackerman, Carolyn Clark, Norm Pobanz, Robert Turner, John Gerlitz, Dale Thompson, Michael Budig, Ton Netelbeck, Tom Walsh, George Westbrook, Tom Munn, Laurie Jess, Ray Wenger, and leader Cassie Badowsky.

I could hardly wait for morning to come. A novice hiker, I qualified on two previous hikes and this one yodelled "fun" from the pages of the Rambler.

There is a large group in the parking lot but we quickly divide into separate sections, car pool and are on our way to the trail leading to Greens Basin. The air is fresh, untainted, cool.

The path begins steep, easing to gradual elevation. It is in good condition, no slipping or sliding. Giant pines along the way hide invisible birds that sing. Squirrels play tag, ignoring our presence. Yellow, white, and lavender wildflowers sway in the breeze. Orange trees intermingle with the living giants.

Greens Basin is surrounded by pines and aspen. Marmot holes pocket the clearing. Trails of grass hug the earth, bedding for the deer. To the right is the graveyard of the trees. As I step over them, orange decay oozes from their trunks and pink fungus clings to the remaining bark. The splintered top of a pine tells of a fire that exploded in their midst. An old doe's skull lay on the blackened earth.

This is a place of peace, of rest, of tranquility. Silence whistles in the wind.

Hidden from view of the meadow is an old miner's cabin. Tree trunks form the sides, stacked without a nail. The top, reinforced recently with plastic. The door, plywood and hinged.

I enter on my knees. There is no room to stand. The entrance and floor of the cabin are filled with leaves and twigs. In the shadows, a fireplace on the right, a sleeping area on the left.

The group leaves the mountain on a winding, rocky wagon trail, downhill in sections and narrow on curves. Grass thrust blades stand in the center of the path.

GREENS BASIN HIKE

(continued)

We walk by a cabin where a rusted mining car on narrow tracks, attached in front to short, flat, wooden planks. The owner explains the mines are being closed with dynamite and he found his treasure before it could be destroyed.

The hike was an adventure, not only into history and its past but into the world of wildlife, sounds, odors, trees, flowers, views of incomparable, and ourselves - a glimpse of where we have been and where we are going.

Thanks Duane, for the gift of increased awareness of the marvels of nature and the skills to reach our destination.

Participants: Diane Hodgson, Larry Averett, Julia Ann Mueller, Jane Chesley, Marilyn Felkner, Rosmane Platke, Sarah Livsey, Vera Hamlin, Sandi Hardman, Chuck Ranney, Hannelore Janke, Cherry Wong, Sandy Rawson, Virginia Paulson, David Paulson, Rose Novak, Dolores Taylor. Leader: Duane Call.

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REUSABLE INSTANT GRATIFICATION

TRYING TO BRING A LITTLE MORE WARMTH INTO YOUR LIFE

by Frank Atwood

On WMC hikes this summer, I've tried to cultivate a reputation of instant gratification by providing caramels, Starbursts, and Poloroid pictures to fellow hikers. This winter, I'm trying to enhance my instant gratification image with a reusable feature. I'm distributing reusable heat packs ideal for warding off hypothermia blues and Christmas stocking stuffer anxieties.

The instant gratification: the heat packs are sealed plastic envelopes containing a good grade sodium acetate salt solution and a stainless steel coin. When the coin is flexed, the heat pack's liquid turns to a solid salt and generates heat at about 130 degrees F. It usually stays warm for about a half hour depending on how well the pack is insulated. My home experiments demonstrate that the pack can increase the temperature of one pound of room temperature water by about 3 degrees Fahrenheit.

The reusable feature: the pack is recharged by boiling in water for 6 minutes. The salt solid returns to being a clear liquid.

Although listed retail is \$4.95, I am selling the hand warmers to WMC members at \$4.00 plus \$0.25 tax. Call me for more information, 583-9990. I hope I've succeeded in bringing a little more warmth into your life.

TETONS CAR CAMP

Sept. 28-30
by Jason Kato

I met with Mike Budig and Norm Pobanz Thursday and we left after 5:30 P.M. in Mike's white Subaru wagon. The weather was partly cloudy and seemed to be getting worse but cleared up along the way. Thank goodness! We had dinner at Wendy's and stayed overnight in Alpine Canyon. It took me some time to set up my tent in the dark but Mike and Norm just had their sleeping bags out and slept away! Zzzz....

The next morning we had breakfast at Bubba's in Jackson Hole. I certainly liked the western atmosphere. We had to wait awhile since they were serving a large bus crowd. But the service was so efficient that we didn't have to wait too long. After a good breakfast we headed to Signal Mountain Campground on the shores of Jackson lake. After going around in circles trying to find the other members we selected a good campsite and met with the others later.

The weather was nice and we started our day hiking around Leigh Lake. After lunch we started to do a hike off the beaten path to Indian Paintbrush Canyon. It was gradually uphill and down led by Norm Pobanz who was like a mountain goat finding the right path through the bushes and trees. We also saw some Grouse or Fool's Hens close up which I have not seen before. We then came across the damp side of the lake which was kind of like a rain forest going through the damp vegetation and mud and slipping from time to time. It was an experience I'll never forget. We then reached the beaten path to Indian Paintbrush Canyon but hiked back and picked up firewood on our way back to camp. Vince Desimone and Linda Wilcox arrived later in the evening.

Early the next morning after breakfast Mike, Norm, and Vince headed for Cascade Canyon to Avalanche Canyon which is a difficult 20 plus mile hike. Along the way they saw more moose than people: 6 moose compared to 5 people. They also saw 2 deer and 2 pikas which is a member of the rabbit family. They said it was a good cross country trail on the way up Cascade Canyon and boulder hopping in Avalanche Canyon on the way down.

I went up Indian Paintbrush Canyon with Phyllis Robison but I only reached up to Holly Lake about 2 miles from the divide. I had my lunch break and took my time down, but Phyllis was determined to go beyond the divide. On the way down I noticed a Woodpecker pecking away on a big tree which was kind of neat to see.

I arrived back at the Leigh Lake parking lot and a few minutes later Mike and Norm came by to pick me up. We were wondering when Phyllis would be back and when we drove to where she was supposed to be there she was, just on her way back from her long 19 mile hike! Mike and Norm also told us on our way back to camp that they saw 7 or 8 elk 50 yards off the road. Also on the same day Carole Dinan and Linda Wilcox hiked around Taggart and Bradley Lakes and Dennis Tolboe also hiked up Paintbrush Canyon.

On the last day after breakfast we broke camp and said goodbye to everyone going on to see Yellowstone. The three of us did our last short hike in Granite Canyon. We saw some people on horseback and observed a lone bull moose in the distance. The aspen trees were bright yellow and the weather just perfect. We had lunch at Arctic Circle in Soda Springs, Idaho before heading back to Salt Lake. It was nice to see the fall colors on the way back also.

MT. AIRE HIKE

Sept. 3, 1990
by Phyllis A. Papan

Twenty one of us headed out on a short but STEEP hike. On Monday morning, LABOR DAY, I expected just a handful of people to show up because it was a holiday. However, we had a good crowd and the weather couldn't have been better. It was chilly to start off with, but warmed up once the sun was on us.

After walking up a short distance, Duane Call gave us the history of the old picnic table. It was made by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) approximately 1935ish. It is so well made that it will last forever. Thank goodness it was sturdy because all 21 of us got on it for a group photo.

A group went on ahead while others took their time on this steep hike. We regrouped at the saddle. What I find nice about this hike is that even if you only make it to the saddle, you at least feel like you have made it to the top because you can see two valleys. The view is breathtaking. Last year when I did this hike I was a newcomer to hiking and I couldn't make it to the top. But I still felt good about making it to the saddle. So if any of you out there want to go on a nice hike, I recommend this one. I enjoyed it so much that I will lead this one again.

A few went on to the summit while a few of us caught our breath and snacked at the saddle. This hike, because of its steepness, was led mostly from behind. I am not a fast hiker, so I encouraged a leisurely pace. As a result, I was one of the last to get to the top. On the last part of the climb, John Hail found and caught our mascot and pet for the trip. It was a "horny" toad. As we reached the top, several people wanted to know just why it was called a horny toad. We figured it was because he was breathing hard. That could be said of a lot of us after a steep hike.

Not to be outdone by Lyn Nall's hike the day before. I baked brownies to share. Everyone was pleased and wanted to know when my next hike was.

The view at the top was gorgeous except for the highway. Somehow it seemed out of place and sort of took away from the beauty and serenity of the view. After visiting for a while and exchanging snacks, some people were ready to head down. Some of us wanted to stay and enjoy the beauty of the view and good company for a little longer.

We eventually did go home, but not until we lingered a bit longer at the bottom. This was the first time I have been a leader. I really enjoyed it and several people shared the same feeling. It convinced me that I will have to lead a couple more next year.

Participants: Sharon Allhands, Steve Mash, Sandra Staker, John Hail, Joan Proctor, Leslie Mullins, Patricia Billings, Julia A. Mueller, Leah Mancini, Mark Jones, Floyd Durrant, Lyn Nall, Chuck Gregg, Tom Wood, Nila Horton, John Shavers, George Healy, Amy Morton, Kristie Price, Duane Call, and the leader and scribe, Phyllis Papan.

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THE END OF THE THURSDAY NIGHT HIKES

September 6, 1990
by Phyllis A. Papan

This is a short but sweet tribute to Dale Green and his Thursday Night Hikes. September 6, 1990 was our last Thursday Night Hike of the 1990 season. It was a sad occasion, however we did party.

We met at the usual place, Storm Mountain. We crossed the street and climbed up a short distance. We had to start partying before the sun went down, and this time of year it was going down fast.

Everyone brought goodies to share: homemade brews, champagne, brandied dates, homemade cookies, vegetables, fruits, and on and on. We ate like kings. We asked Dale how long he had been leading the Thursday Night Hikes. He told us 21 years officially. Some of us found that hard to comprehend. We toasted Dale as the sun set and the sky turned golden and pink. We thanked him for his unfailing loyalty and unselfishness of all those nights for all those years.

We salute you DALE!



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LONE PEAK

June 30, 1990
by Scott Adkins

I'm a new member to the Wasatch Mountain Club, and I have to admit that I had some misconceptions about the club in the beginning. You see, I thought that joining the club would be a great way to meet people who would lead me on hikes and I'd never have to be lost again.

Now I realize that what the Wasatch Mountain Club really does is bring lots of people together so that we can share our different opinions of how to get to wherever we are going. Hopefully, the odds of getting lost can be reduced along the way.

Take for example our hike up Lone Peak. First, we met really early (6:30 A.M.) at the park and ride in Big Cottonwood Canyon. From there, we were to drive to a service station at 10600 South and reconvene. But when I got there, no one else was there. So I waited for awhile, then decided to try and find the trail head, perhaps everyone was there? Nope.

But, after a while, some folks showed up, then our leader arrived, and I felt a lot better.

We then started the drive up the movie road (so called because it was supposedly a service road for some location filming of *The Guns of Navarone*), which was an adventure in and of itself. We discovered lots of different deeply rutted roads going off in all directions, one toward Alpine (wrong!), and finally one that everyone thought seemed right.

After nearly rolling by Bronco II, we decided it was time to walk.

I guess you could say the hike began then. It was nice, steep, hot, and dusty. We had a road to follow. We were on the way.

Then the road ended. No trail. What to do? Bushwhack of course. We bushwhacked up to Draper Ridge, following the philosophy of the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. There's the top, bee line to it.



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LONE PEAK

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At the top of Draper Ridge is a trail, and after a short walk (mercifully level) on this trail, we rounded a bend and there it was - magnificent, the Cirque, those sheer walls, the spectacle of it. We were all elated.

We replenished our water bottles with snow (Lone Peak is one of those climbs that no amount of water you bring will be too much), and then hiked our way into Bells Canyon. No, not Bells Canyon. Someplace else. But not right. So, we back-tracked. Someone had Hiking the Wasatch but it was awfully vague, and in fact, we wondered if John Veranth would really have been any help if he had been there.

So now it was time to share opinions on how to get to Lone Peak, and through trial and error, we found our way across a boulder field, and to the bottom of the Cirque. Breathtaking. I really recommend that everyone hike at least to this point and experience the magnificent sight of these huge rock walls and stare up at the tiny little peak, and wonder what it would be like to stand on it.

So while the rest of the group debated the best way to climb up, I fell back on the philosophy of "the shortest distance between two points...", and in this case the shortest distance to the top was straight up the face. It was actually a fun scramble. Yes, very exposed, but not as scary as you might think. I ended up on a rock ramp to the right of the peak and then it was a cakewalk to the top. (I actually did this with another daring soul - please forgive me but I've forgotten your name. It was a fun scramble though - wasn't it?).

Finally the top. Four o'clock. Time for the obligatory photo of Sir Hilary on the summit, then let's see how lost we can get going back down.

We made it back fine. We saw a rattlesnake, then we shared a nice discussion about how their venom breaks down one's muscle fiber so that it can never recover. We got back to our cars at about 9:00 P.M. Thank God we got an early start.



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LONE PEAK

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Lone Peak is a great climb. It's a very scenic mountain, and though it's a long, hot trip, the majesty of the peak makes it all worthwhile. If you're into taking pictures, I strongly recommend it. And if you decide to hike with the Wasatch Mountain Club, don't be shy about expressing your opinion on how to get to the top. That's what these hikes are all about.

Lots of neat people made this hike, I don't remember anyone's name except Cassie, 'cause I see her name in the Rambler all the time. I've also forgotten who led the hike, but come to think of it, we all shared in that role. Thanks to everyone for a great hike and a memorable day.

LEWIS & CLARK ALIVE AND WELL!

September, 1990
by Janet Friend

Montana was the place for the Mike Budig - Ken Workman led backpack for Autumn 1990. Warm, clear, big sky country made hiking the Lewis & Clark Trail area a fun adventure. The Bitterroot Mountains are the Continental Divide, so our ups and downs over some very steep areas had us occasionally slipping into Idaho. We set out from Wisdom, Montana, along the Lewis & Clark Highway, until the turn off to the Boulder Creek Canyon area. This is at the base of Trappers Peak.

Five days on the trail gave us a real respect for these mountains. Boulder Lake, 10 miles in by pack, sits in a beautiful granite basin, and was our base camp. This lake full of trout, with a shore full of elk, goat, and other tracks, gave us company. This is a moist climate, with green grass, bushes, and lots of berries. No sage brush grows here.

Our day hikes were in search of new lakes with strange names and different colored trout. Our fishermen did very well.

LEWIS & CLARK ALIVE AND WELL

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The day we searched for Canyon Lake became a steep, vertical adventure. After climbing up, standing on the continental divide in a fantastic hanging meadow full of tamarac trees, and arguing over which way the cute little lake drains (we decided it drains both ways - Atlantic and Pacific!), we circled around in back of the peak to find our lake of the day. Well, the back side turned out to be almost vertical, with alternating streaks, up and down, with boulder fields, and fir trees and bushes. Must not lose altitude, of course, so contour we go. Hanging on to trees, one after another, and grabbing these tough bushes, always hanging on! The deep root system of vegetation that lives in boulder fields is amazing. At times we were swinging on vines like Tarzan.

Finally, we spotted the clear blue lake down on a shelf like amphitheater. The mass of raspberry bushes near shore made a sweet delight. Enjoyed the fishing and sunning on a rock while we studied the massive geological structure that this lake sat in. Goat country for sure! Getting back out of there was another athletic triumph, using arms, legs, and deep rooted brush, with occasional cliffs with nothing tangible but a foot hold. A real tribute to the modern leather hiking boot with stiff toes, heavy soles, and a lot of band-aids! Lewis & Clark lost horses in these hills. I see why!

Kyle had his guitar along and made the evening campfires a delight with his music. The stars and violet sky radiated onto all peaks and reflected in the lake and on our tents. A beautiful time and place to be alive - this Montana wilderness.

Participants: Janet Friend, Andy Giles, Kyle Williams. Leaders: Mike Budig, Ken Workman.

HENRY MOUNTAINS

September 22-23, 1990
by Howard Wilkerson

The Henry Mountains, south of Hanksville, Utah, are a 44 million year old range formed by an igneous intrusion. The highest elevation, on Mt. Ellen, is over 11,500 feet. The summit provides one of the most outstanding views of the Colorado plateau to be had anywhere.

MOUNT ELLEN: A 26 mile long road exists from Hanksville up to Bull Creek Pass, elevation approximately 10,400 feet. However, the road gradually deteriorates, though most passenger cars should be able to get close to Sawmill Basin. A trailhead, with register, is present in Sawmill Basin, and Tom Wood hiked the trail to one of Mt. Ellen's summits earlier in the year.

However, since we had my 4WD truck and Aaron Jones felt confident in his 4WD Toyota Tercel, we opted to drive up to the pass. Our hike started at noon, at 10,400 feet, and with a cool temperature of 46 degrees. The summit was only two miles and a 1,000 foot elevation gain away, making for a rather leisurely pace suitable for numerous photography stops.

Donn Seeley's narration described the scenery: Dirty Devil River, Capitol Reef, Waterpocket Fold, Circle Cliffs, Straight Cliffs, Kaiparowits Plateau, Fifty Mile Bench, Table Mountain, Boulder Mountain, LaSal Mountains, and Thousand Lake Mountain were all visible.

Tom Wood, with his degree in botany (hiking committee take note) identified some of the trees and plants.

The register on the peak started in 1963, recording an average of less than one party on the summit per year for several years. Presently, there is usually more than one party per weekend during the summer. The most unusual entry was a watercolor sketch of Mt. Pennell, which is visible to the south. Also, one of us read aloud a surprising number of comments that were quite critical of one of the hiking guidebooks written by a Utah author.

SWETT CREEK: On Sunday, at Donn Seeley's suggestion, we did a loop trip down Swett Creek, a classical red rock canyon. Swett Creek is in the Little Rockies Wilderness Study Area, and is mentioned in various guidebooks. The topography is complex, due to the tilting of the sedimentary beds by Mt. Hiller and Mt. Holmes, and the collision of the drainages from the above two peaks.

MT HOLMES: We considered hiking up to the jagged peak of Mt. Holmes, which is less than 8000 feet high, and within a reasonable distance of the paved highway. However, all the visible summit routes appeared quite protected from hikers by cliffs offering excessive exposure. Finding a route to the summit may be a bit interesting.

Participants: Howard Wilkerson, Jerry Hatch, Donn Seeley, Charles Lesley, Aaron Jones, David Parry, Tom Wood.

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Dec. 24-25

Mon.-Tue.

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Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Mon.-Tue.

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