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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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By John Veranth

Service Awards

Giving out the service awards at the nominations banquet is certainly one of the most satisfying things that the president gets to do each year. This year the coveted "Pa Perry" award went to Charles Lesley for his many years of behind the scenes work for the club.

Also, coffee mugs with the WMC emblem and the individual's name were given as service awards to individuals who made a special contribution to the club's activity programs. This recognition was given to the following individuals:

Janis Huber - Kayak roll practice sessions
Randy Kline - Boating safety & public information programs
Paul Horton - Mountaineering class
Bill Loggins - Entertainment committee
Chris & Mary Biltoft - Conservation and trail clearing
Elliot Mott - Bicycling trip leader.

Thanks

This will be the last President's letter for my term so it is time to say thank you to all who helped make the past three years as President a successful and satisfying time. I personally dislike phone soliciting so it was very gratifying to find how cooperative members were when I needed volunteers. The answer was usually a "yes" or a "I would like to help but I can't right now." Not once did I receive a rude or hostile answer when I told them I was asking for something for the Wasatch Mountain Club.

Each year's Governing Board has been a joy to work with. There has been a high level of cooperation, teamwork, and continuity. Special thanks go to trustees Dale Green and Karin Caldwell who frequently assisted me during meetings with advice on parliamentary procedures, the WMC constitution, and applicable precedents. Also, thanks to Milt Hollander who tirelessly attends daytime meetings on behalf of the club and to Alexis Kelner who undertakes numerous special projects.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER, FEBRUARY 1966

By Dale Green, Historian

"CODE OF THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB SOCIALIZER"

*I WILL NOT DRINK !...
 BUT IF I DO ...
*I WILL NOT GET DRUNK !...
 BUT IF I DO...
*I WILL NOT DO SO IN PUBLIC !...
 BUT IF I DO...
*I WILL NOT STAGGER OR FALL DOWN !...
 BUT IF I DO...
*I WILL FALL ON MY LEFT SIDE !...
 SO THEY CANNOT
 SEE MY MOUNTAIN CLUB BADGE..."

(The author of the above was not identified. If anyone knows for certain who it was, please contact me--DG).

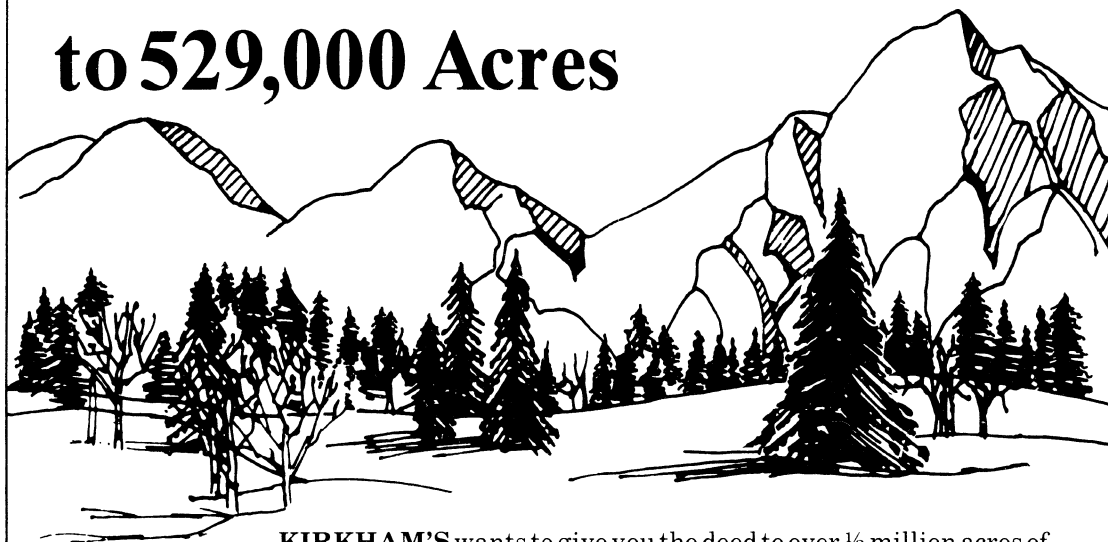
T.Q. Stevenson penned a major article on the first winter ascent of Mt. Owen in the Tetons by 3 WMC members and others. With him were Steve Swanson, George Lowe, Mike Lowe, Lenny Nelson and Jon Marsh. As you would expect, extreme cold and high winds made the climb very hazardous.

Registration with the Ski Mountaineering Director or at Club Headquarters was required for all outdoor activities. O'Dell's Shoe Repair Shop, 425 So. 900 West, was where the HQ phone was located. O'Dell, or Pete as most know him, and his wife Edith took phone registrations for over 30 years!

A referendum vote on the oposed 1972 Winter Olympics in Utah was to be taken at the upcoming Board elections.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SKI TOURS

February

2 Scotts Pass
2 Days Fork
2 Wolverine
2 Willow Lake
3 Millcreek
3 Willow Peak
3 Grizzley Gulch
3 Leader's Choice
9 Powder Skiing
9 Empire Canyon
9 Bear Trap
9 Downhill
9 Telemark

10 Catherines Pass
10 Red Pine
10 Leaders Choice
10 Desolation Lake
16 Mill D
16 Teach/Tour
16 White Pine
16 Greens Basin
16 Snow Basin
17 Wolverine Bowl
17 Norway Flats
17 Broads Fork
18 Leader's Choice

23 Moonlite Tour
23 Desolation Lake
23 White Pine
23 Mt. Raymond
23 Leader's Choice
24 Heber Canyon
24 Mineral Fork
24 Park West

March

2 Silver Fork
2 Beaver Creek
2 Reynolds Peak
2 Scotts Pass
3 Willow Lake
3 Unitas
3 Soldier Fork
9 Bench Creek
9 Broads Fork
9 Leader's Choice
9-10 Tuna's Yurt
10 Spruce's Walk
10 Maybird Gulch

10 Greens Basin
16 Beaver Creek
16 Brighton
17 Catherines Pass
17 Powder Park
23 Silver Fork
23 Bear Trap
24 Grizzley Gulch
24 Leader's Choice

SNOWSHOEING

February

9 Ogden Canyon
17 Leader's Choice
24 Scotts Pass

March

3 Bear Trap
17 Leader's Choice
24 Leader's Choice Unitas

SOCIALS

February

9 Valentine's Day Social
15 BoatingFilm/Video Social

MISCELLANEOUS

February

7 Pool Practice
14 Pool Practice
21 Pool Practice
23 Skating Clinic

28 Pool Practice

March

7 Pool Practice
12 Greek Islands Meeting
14 Pool Practice

21 Pool Practice
28 Pool Practice

VOLLEYBALL

(Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M. at Highland High School, 2166 S 1700 E, except 12/24 & 31)

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. 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 involves long ascents, steep or narrow descents. Pieps and shovel always required.

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.

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. 2
Sat.

SCOTTS PASS WITH OPTION SKI TOUR (NTD+). Join Gary Whitney (484-4020) on this tour to Scotts and possibly on to the ridge west toward Solitude depending on snow conditions. Meet Gary at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins preferred.

DAYS FORK INTO BASIN SKI TOUR (MOD). Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) will lead this tour into the basin of Days Fork. Look for some good powder on the open slopes. Join Mike at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

WOLVERINE PEAK SKI TOUR (MOD). Ski with Bob Wilson (277-7446) to the peak and hopefully have good snow for the trip down. Join Bob at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

WILLOW LAKE SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD). Ann McDonald (277-3870) will lead an easy-paced trip through the aspens to this beaver dammed pond. Bring a swim suit and join Ann afterwards in her hot tub. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM.

Feb. 3
Sun.

MILLCREEK FROM GATE SKI TOUR (NTD). This tour will start at the gate and go as far as you want up the road. Call Louise Hollander (277-1416) for meeting time and place. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

ANNUAL WILLOW PEAK AND BEYOND SKI TOUR (MOD). Powder skiing in the trees. Join Theresa Overfield and David Morris (359-6274) for this annual event past Willow Lake (across from Solitude) and on to the ridge. Join Theresa and Dave at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

GRIZZLY GULCH (PHASE 1) SKI TOUR (NTD). Join Tom Walsh (969-5842) for phase I of this fairly easy tour up Grizzly Gulch to the open slopes below Twin Lakes Pass. Survivors can progress to phase 2 at the Canyon Inn for refreshments and tales of the big head plant on the way down. Join Tom at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at the lower end of the Parking lot at 9 AM. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MSD). Call Dave Smith (278-6515) by the night before the trip. There is usually an early start.

Feb. 4
Mon.

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

Feb. 7
Thur.

POOL PRACTICE. 7:00-9:00 PM at Taylorsville High School (5225 South Red-
wood Road) at the pool. Cost is \$5.00. For information call Janis at 486-2345.

Feb. 9
Sat.

POWDER SKIING ON A MODERATE SLOPE SKI TOUR (NTD). Jay Jones
(363-3696 or 466-5555), our club member best known for teaching yoga, will lead
a tour to find powder skiing on the moderate slopes off the Dog Lake/Desolation
Lake Trail. Meet Jay at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300
East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps, shovels and skins recommended. Backcountry skis and
boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

EMPIRE CANYON AT PARK CITY SKI TOUR (MOD). Ski at Park City at the
best possible price, \$0. Join Leslie Woods (484-2338) for this tour just outside of
the Park City ski area boundary. Meet at the Regency Theater/KMart on Parleys
Way at 9:00 AM or at the Park City junction McDonalds at 10:00 AM.

BEAR TRAP SKI TOUR (MOD+). Join Rick McClain (Work 487-2112) for this
upper end MOD overlooking Desolation Lake. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shop-
ping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and
skins recommended.

DOWNHILL SKIING AT PARK CITY (MOD). For those of you who own a sea-
son pass or would like to spend big bucks for a lift ticket! All levels welcome! We
will break up into groups according to skiing ability and meet for a picnic lunch
near or in the lodge; and also get together at the bar for a beverage or snack after
skiing. Meet Lillane Schumann (home 561-3756, work 565-2442) at the plaza
ticket counter at 9:00 AM.

TELEMARK CLINIC (MOD). Tentative plans to ski at Alta in the Albion area.
Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM.
Instructors are needed. Look for more details in the February Rambler.

OGDEN CANYON SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD+). Ken Workman (1-825-3448)
plans to take snowshoers to Powder Mountain if conditions are right. Meet Ken at
9:30 AM at the Rainbow Gardens Cafe at the mouth of Ogden Canyon. Call Doug
Stark (277-8538) for carpool information from the Salt Lake area.

THE SECOND ANNUAL AS-CLOSE-AS-WE-COULD-GET-TO-
VALENTINE'S-DAY-SOCIAL. This will be a repeat of last year's affair com-
plete with Belgian Beer stew, chicken and homemade noodles and Laurie Leavitt's
marvelous selection of desserts. We'll start at 6:30 PM and the cost is \$3.00 for
dinner. Place: Leslie Mullins' house at 829 East 900 South. Bring your own bever-
ages and cups and we will again provide the kisses. Questions?? Call 363-0560.

Feb. 10
Sun.

DESOLATION LAKE SKI TOUR (NTD). The team of Allan and Ilka Olsen (272-6305) will lead this longer tour to Desolation Lake. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Skins recommended. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

CATHERINE'S PASS SKI TOUR (MOD). Clint Lewis will find good skiing on the moderate slopes above Catherine's Pass from the Albion Basin side and on to Supreme. Join Clint (home 295-8645, work 322-8318) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended. Also \$2.00 and safety straps for riding up the lift.

RED PINE SKI TOUR (MOD). Join Monty Young (255-8392) on a tour to this popular summer spot. Trip leaves from the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MSD). Register with Rolf Dobbling (467-6636) by the night before the trip. There is usually an early start.

Feb. 11
Mon.

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

Feb. 12
Tues.

GREEK ISLANDS SAILING TRIP--PLANNING MEETING. Contact Vince Desimone, 1-649-6805, to confirm exact meeting place and time (tentatively 7:30 PM at Vince's home)

Feb. 14
Thur.

POOL PRACTICE. 7:00-9:00 PM at Taylorsville High School (5225 South Redwood Road) at the pool. Cost is \$5.00. For information call Janis at 486-2345.

Feb. 15
Fri.

BOATING FILM/VIDEO SOCIAL. We will show a river safety video and assorted other boating footage. Time: 7:30PM at Jeff Barrell's house, 5429 South Woodcrest Drive. Jeff's phone: 278-3510. Bring a munchie and beverage of choice.

Feb. 16
Sat.

WHITE PINE LAKE SKI TOUR (MOD-). Join Janis Huber (486-2345) for this popular tour, part way to the lake. There should be some excellent open areas for some powder turns. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps, shovels and skins recommended. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

UPPER GREENS BASIN SKI TOUR (NTD+). Bill Rosqvist, last seen climbing the Grand Teton in December, will lead this tour to beautiful Upper Greens. Join Bill (295-0458) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM.

MILL D TO LITTLE WATER SKI TOUR (MOD). Myron Herrick (561-0472) will lead the group to the top of Little Water Peak. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAILS FROM SNOW BASIN SKI TOUR (MOD). After tour, will take a short trip to a nearby cabin for refreshments. From SLC take (new) Trappers Loop Road to Snow Basin parking lot, meet at 10:00 AM. Please register with leader Gibbs Smith (work 544-9800, home 544-0129).

TEACH AND TOUR SKI TOUR (NTD-). This will be the last class for this season. The tour will go on a gentle grade and will require the ability to walk on the skis. Join Norm Fish (964-6155) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM.

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.

Feb. 17
Sun.

LEADER'S CHOICE SHOWSHOE TRIP (NTD). Join Doug Stark for a leisurely paced trip in a local canyon. Call Doug (277-8538) for information of meet at 9:00 AM at the Olympus Hills Mall near the old Bagel Nosh.

NORWAY FLATS UNITAS SKI TOUR (NTD). Repeat of an earlier tour that was cancelled due to lack of snow. Ken Kraus (363-4186) will lead this tour to one of his favorite trails in the Unita foothills, 11 miles east of Kamas. Meet at the Regency Theater/KMart parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30 AM. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

BROADS FORK SKI TOUR (MOD). Arthur Griffin (363-1996) will lead this tour to the basin, with long north-facing slopes on the return. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended or good wax. Meet Art at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM.

Feb. 17
Sun.

WOLVERINE BOWL SKI TOUR (MOD). The tour will start at the Brighton Millicent lift to gain faster access to (hopefully) superb skiing in the bowl. Meet jim Piani (272-3921) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Pieps, shovels, and skins required.

Feb. 18
Mon.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD). Join Chet Morris (533-9090) on a tour to the best snow in the Wasatch. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended. Join Chet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. **PARKING NOTE--** Due to parking problems with Reams Food Store, park south of the bank which is in the south-west section of the parking lot.

NO VOLLEYBALL. Next volleyball session is February 25. For information call Doug at 269-1833.

Feb. 21
Thur.

POOL PRACTICE. 7:00-9:00 PM at Taylorsville High School (5225 South Redwood Road) at the pool. Cost is \$5.00. For information call Janis at 486-2345.

Feb. 23
Sat.

DESOLATION LAKE SKI TOUR (NTD). Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) will lead this long but fairly easy tour to Desolation Lake. Pieps, shovels optional and skins suggested. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 AM. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

WHITE PINE SKI TOUR (MOD+). Ski to White Pine in search of powder. Join Allan Gavere (486-1476) on this popular tour to the powder bowls the Snowbird wanted for downhill skiers. Meet at Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 8:30 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins required.

MT RAYMOND SKI TOUR (MOD+). Join the Caldwells (942-6065) on one of their more favorite tours, Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended. Meet at their house (3645 Golden Hills Ave. at 8:00 AM.

LEADER'S CHOICE (MSD). For the rest of the season call George Westbrook (942-6071) for MSD tours. MOONLITE SKI TOUR (NTD). Ski the Albion Basin road above Alta. Meet Alain Bergeron (538-0201) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 6:30 PM. (see Feb 18). Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

MOONLITE SKI TOUR (NTD). Ski the albion basin road above Alta. Meet Alain Bergeron (538-0201) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 6:30 PM. (See Feb. 18). Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

Feb. 23
Sat.

SKATING CLINIC for beginners. If you've wanted to learn cross-country skating, call Cindy Cromer (355-4115). She will have information about renting equipment. The clinic will be on Saturday morning at White Pine or Solitude depending on the race schedule and snow conditions. Registration is limited to 8.

Feb. 24
Sun.

HEBER CANYON SKI TOUR (NTD). This tour will be on the packed and gentle slope of the road up Millcreek Canyon unless the leader is overwhelmed to go somewhere else. Meet David Minix (967-3864) at the Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Mall at 9:00AM. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

LOWER MINERAL FORK SKI TOUR (MOD-). Trudy Healy (943-2290), one of our most experienced tour leaders, will lead this easy tour (except for the bottom). Join Trudy at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

PARK WEST to MILLCREEK SKI TOUR (MOD). Wick Miller (1-649-1790) will lead this tour up the Park West side and down the Millcreek road. Call Wick to register and to spot cars on the Millcreek side. Meet at the Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Mall. Pieps and shovels required and skins required.

SCOTT'S PASS SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will lead this nice snowshoe trip through the aspens and conifers to the scenic Scott's Pass. Conditions did not allow this in December, but now you can join Norm at 9:00 AM at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18).

Feb. 25
Mon.

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

Feb. 28
Thur.

POOL PRACTICE. 7:00-9:00 PM at Taylorsville High School (5225 South Redwood Road) at the pool. Cost is \$5.00. For information call Janis at 486-2345.

Mar. 2
Sat.

SILVER FORK SKI TOUR (NTD+). Gary Rose (261-8109) will lead this tour beyond the mine up toward the basin. The distance will depend on conditions and the ability of the group. Join Gary at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels optional and skins recommended. Back-country skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

BEAVER CREEK FAMILY SKI TOUR (NTD). Dave and Penny Smith (278-6515) will led an easy adult and kids tour in the Uintas. Co-leaders will be Penny and Sam (age 7). Ski at your own pace. Children must bring their own adult. Meet the Smiths at the Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Mall at 9:00 AM. Call Penny for information on the kids tour and for pre-registration.

REYNOLDS PEAK SKI TOUR (MOD). Reynolds Peak, a favorite this year will be led by Anna Cordes (467-9430). Join her at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

UPPER SCOTTS PASS (Jupiter Ridge) SKI TOUR (MOD). Join Jim Piani (272-3921) for some great powder just out of reach of the downhill skiers. Join Jim in taunting the downhillers at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300E) at 9:00 AM. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

Mar. 3
Sun.

WILLOW LAKE SKI TOUR (NTD). Willow Lake is short but a little steep for NTD. For this reason, skins are are suggested. Join Robert Wilson (277-7446) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18).

UINTAS WOODLANDS SKI TOUR (MOD). J. Dewell (295-2754) will lead a tour somewhere in the Uintas. Join him at the Regency Theater/KMart Parking Lot on Parleys Way at 8:00 AM.

SOLDIER FORK SKI TOUR (MOD+). Join Kyle Williams (H 487-9309) (W 298-2184) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18). Pieps and shovels required and skins required. Call Kyle for car shuttle instructions.

BEAR TRAP SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD). This beginner/intermediate snowshoe trip has meadows, gullies, conifers, and the unexpected, a domestic sheep one year. Joyce Sohler (487-6536) will lead the group from the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18).

- Mar 4
Mon. VOLLEYBALL. 6:30 P.M. at Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). Mon. Follow the signs near the gymnasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For information call Doug at 269-1833.
- Mar. 7
Thur. POOL PRACTICE. 7:00-9:00 PM at Taylorsville High School (5225 South Redwood Road) at the pool. Cost is \$5.00. For information call Janis at 486-2345.
- Mar. 9
Sat. BENCH CREEK (UINTAS) SKI TOUR (NTD). Ski the Uintas with George Swanson (466-3003). Meet George at the Regency/KMart parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.
- BROADS FORK SKI TOUR (MOD). Jim Byrne (582-5631) will lead this very popular summer hike and not so heavily used ski tour into the basins of Broads Fork. Pieps and shovels required and skins required. Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18).
- LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD). Join Charles and Emily Hall (277-1555) on a surprise tour to somewhere. Meet them at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18). Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.
- MAR. 9-10
Sat.-Sun. SKI TOUR TO TUNA'S YURT (NTD) OVERNIGHT AT THE YURT. Nestled in the Uintas near Beaver Creek is a yurt belonging to the Utah Nordic Alliance. We'll leave from Salt Lake Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. You can ski to the yurt, check out the accommodations, and return home Saturday. Or, spend Saturday night with a few club members at the yurt and return Sunday afternoon. Reservations for both the day tour and the overnight are necessary. Call Cindy Cromer (355-4115) for information about costs, the meeting place, and terrain. Only 5-6 people can stay over- night. Deposits are due February 23.
- Mar. 10
Sun. SPRUCES WALK SKI TOUR (PRE-NTD). This tour will be for beginners to introduce them to Xcountry skiing. There will be little if any hill climbing. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested. Join Monty and Shirley Young (255-8392) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18).
- MAYBIRD GULCH SKI TOUR (MOD+). Craig Stery (484-6079) would like pre-registration for the tour. Pieps and shovels required and skins required.
- GREENS BASIN SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD). There is more than one way to the beautiful hidden meadow. Gerry Powelson (1-756-3004) knows the way, so meet him at 9:30 AM. Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) (Feb 18).

Mar. 14
Thur.

POOL PRACTICE. 7:00-9:00 PM at Taylorsville High School (5225 South Redwood Road) at the pool. Cost is \$5.00. For information call Janis at 486-2345.

Mar. 16
Sat.

BEAVER CREEK (UINTAS) SKI TOUR (NTD). Jerry Hatch (467-7186) will lead this fairly easy tour to Beaver Creek. Join Jerry at the Regency/KMart parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:45 AM. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

BRIGHTON to MIDWAY SKI TOUR (MOD). Ken Kelly (1-649-3520) will lead this annual event to the other side. Register by Wed. 3-13 for car pooling. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) (see Feb 18). to bus to Brighton. Pieps and shovels required and skins required. After the tour, go to the Homestead for hot tub and dinner.

Mar. 17
Sun.

CATHERINES PASS or LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (NTD+). Join Leslie Woods, one of our telemark instructors, for this tour to Catherine's Pass or somewhere. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested. Pieps and shovels required and skins required. Meet Leslie (484-2338) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18).

POWDER PARK SKI TOUR (MOD). Powder at Powder Park. Meet Martin Gregory (582-2403) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18). Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

LEADER'S CHOICE SNOWSHOE (MOD+). Clay Benton (277-2144) will lead this more difficult snowshoe tour in the local canyons. Join the snowshoers on St. Patrick's Day at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18). Pieps and shovels suggested.

Mar. 21
Thur.

POOL PRACTICE. 7:00-9:00 PM at Taylorsville High School (5225 South Redwood Road) at the pool. Cost is \$5.00. For information call Janis at 486-2345.

Mar. 23
Sat.

SILVER FORK SKI TOUR (NTD). The sun should be shining on this easy tour with Dennis Tolboe (485-6023). Meet Dennis at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18). Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

BEAR TRAP SKI TOUR (MOD). Larry Steward (277-2894) will meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18). Pieps and shovels required and skins required.

Mar. 24
Sun.

GRIZZLEY GULCH SKI TOUR (NTD). Join Kyle Williams (487-9309) on the open slopes below Twin Lakes Pass. Meet Kyle at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18). Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

LEADER'S CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD). Meet Phil Triolo (467-7209) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000S 2300E) at 9:00 AM. (see Feb 18). Pies and shovels required and skins required.

LEADER'S CHOICE UINTAS SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD). Joanne Miller (1-649-1790) will lead snowshoers into a beautiful area of the Uintas. Carpool at KMart/Regency Theater parking lot on Parley's Way at 8:30 AM and meet leader at Park City junction McDonalds around 9:00 AM.

Mar. 28
Thur.

POOL PRACTICE. 7:00-9:00 PM at Taylorsville High School (5225 South Redwood Road) at the pool. Cost is \$5.00. For information call Janis at 486-2345.

FUTURE OUT OF TOWN ACTIVITIES

JULY 1991 CARIBBEAN SAILING TRIP--WINDWARD ISLANDS --JULY 18-30, 1991- 10 days on dates to be selected by those interested. Contact Vince Desimone (1-649-6805).

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1991 GREEK ISLANDS SAILING TRIP, 15 days. Contact Vince Desimone (1-649-6805).

JULY/AUGUST 1991 MOUNT WHITNEY (14,496 FT) (13.3 POINTS) Hiking Expedition. Subject to an April 30 camping permit notification, preferred expedition dates are July 23 through 28. On the return from California, we'll try to hike Boundary Peak, the highest peak in Nevada, or Wheeler Peak. Varying degrees of participation are acceptable. To comment or to get on the May/June more-details-mailing-list, call Frank Atwood at 583-9990. To participate, mail a \$75 deposit, refundable until July 19, or 4 days prior to departure, to #1007, 470 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102. See full length article in February's Rambler for more details.

***FUTURE ACTIVITY
MOUNT WHITNEY
HIKING EXPEDITION
July/August 1991**

by Frank Atwood, Trip Leader

The Mount Whitney hiking expedition is scheduled for July/August 1991. Subject to obtaining a Forest Service camping permit by April 30, preferred plans are: depart SLC July 23, 6PM, start hiking Whitney July 25, maybe camp overnight, and return the 28th. When possible, we'll car camp or crowd into motel rooms. If the weather is bad, we'll postpone a day or two. On the return from California, we'll try to hike Boundary Peak, the highest peak in Nevada, or Wheeler Peak.

Additional trip/travel information:

(1) Trail Difficulty: Strenuous, especially to those not acclimated to high altitude. Altitude sickness can be a problem. Mount Whitney is the highest (14,496 ft) peak in the contiguous USA. The trail is 10.7 miles long with 6,016 ft of elevation gain and approximately 6.7 trail miles above 10,000 ft. This equals 13.3 points. Kings Peak, the highest (13,528 ft) in Utah, has a 12 mile trail with 4,068 ft elevation gain and 8 trail miles above 10,000 ft. This equals 11.9 points. However, Mt. Whitney has a better trail and more solar out-houses than Kings Peak.

(2) Transportation Costs: Whitney Portal is 570 miles from SLC. At \$0.25 per mile, transportation cost equals at least \$285.00 for the round trip by car. Expect \$100.00 per person. Minimum possible transportation cost is \$60.00 per person assuming a rented full 12/15 person van. A sincerity/earnest deposit of \$75.00 is required to cover the cost of transportation; it's refundable until July 19, or 4 days prior to departure.

(3) Overnight costs: To be determined --- either a motel room split about 6 ways or camping. My preference is the crowded motel room.

I need to know from those participating if you would like to do the peak in one day or two. These plans are subject to change and availability of the camping permit. To comment or get on the May/June more-details- mailing-list, call Frank Atwood at 583-9990. To send a deposit, mail to #1007, 470 South 1300 East, SLC, UT 84102.



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CONSERVATION NOTES

by Keith Johnson

THANKS TO A FRIEND AND CHANGING OF THE GUARD

I want to express my thanks to Janet Friend with whom I have shared the position of conservation director. As many of you know, Janet is a supportive, caring person who is concerned about the wilderness areas from which we derive so much pleasure.

Welcome John Veranth to the position. I am certain that he will perform as competently and professionally as he has in the position of Club president. Good luck to you, John.

TOPICS AT WASATCH CANYON COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Over the past months, many committee meetings have been cancelled for lack of agenda items and it was recently decided that the committee would schedule meetings on a quarterly basis. The only items on the agenda for the January 17, 1991 meeting were U.S. West's presentation concerning an underground cable project in Big Cottonwood Canyon and Alta Ski Lift's proposal to install a radio antenna on forest lands near the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

The next meeting is set for March 21, 1991 at 3:00 PM in room N-3005 of the Salt Lake County Government Center.

MEDIATION PROCESS TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES OVER HELI-SKIING CONTINUES

Over a hundred people were in attendance during the first meeting in the mediation process. During this meeting, which is to be the only meeting open to the public, issues of concern were discussed and 19 potential spokespersons for the back country touring point-of-view were identified. These 19

people will meet and select three of their number to engage in the actual mediation process. The three who are selected will then meet with three representatives from the helicopter ski business/enthusiasts, along with group facilitators trained in mediation skills. It is hoped that concerns, conflicts and differences between these user groups can be expressed, heard, and resolved during mediation meetings in coming weeks.

FOREST SERVICE WANTS IN-PUT REGARDING ALTA SKI LIFT PROJECT

Alta Ski Lifts have proposed a project to "improve" existing ski terrain served by the Wildcat, Germania and Sugarloft chair lifts. "The intent of the proposal is to improve access and provide an easier and safer machine-worked run for beginner and intermediate skiers from the top of the lifts."

The proposal includes: 1) the construction of a new road from the Keyhole area connecting to the existing road entering Glory Hole cat track from below; 2) terrain modification, including borrowing soil from an area near the top of Sugarloft lift to smooth terrain and make up material balance for the project below Keyhole; 3) cutting and filling above the head of the Glory Hole cat track would be widened from a 20 foot width to 50 foot width; 4) removing loose boulders below the Glory Hole cat track to the Cecret Lake turn. An existing snowmaking line in the same area would be buried. The blasting of two large rock outcroppings between Cecret Lake turn and the Monkeys Hump is also proposed.

TO COMMENT OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE SALT LAKE RANGER DISTRICT (6944 South 3000 East, SLC 84121) PRIOR TO JANUARY 31, 1991. If you have questions, you may phone Dave Ream or Kim Vogel at 521-5042.

CONSERVATION NOTES

WILDERNESS BRIEFING BOOK UNVEILED

A publication in which the Wasatch Mountain Club invested a good deal of money was presented to the press and the public at a press conference presided over by Congressman Wayne Owens and members of the Utah Wilderness Coalition executive committee.

"Wilderness at the Edge" is the title of this briefing book. It contains "a citizen proposal to protect Utah's canyons and deserts." The 400 page book is filled with photographs, maps and detailed descriptions of each parcel of wilderness within the 5.7 million acres of land that the UWC proposes to preserve. The introduction to the text was written by Wallace Stegner.

It is hoped that the briefing book will make a major impression upon Congress.

BROADCASTS ABOUT THE OUTDOORS AND ENVIRONMENT

Life is filled with little twists and turns. Life in the broadcast industry is no exception. Just when I get my thoughts flowing from cerebrum to tongue-tripping less over my left molars, KALL Radio goes and changes its format. The future of all the talk shows in the same time slot as my program is in question. The station has decided to move music programming into this hour Monday through Friday. Will "The Utah Outdoor Show" be on at a new time or a new station? As they say, stay tuned and find out!

BOULDER MOUNTAIN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

by Bill Patric

The Forest Service intends to let a big chunk of North America's highest forest become two by fours. If you're familiar with Boulder Mountain - an 11,000 foot plateau just east of Capitol Reef National Park and north of the Escalante Canyons on the Dixie National forest in southern Utah--you'll understand why the Utah Wilderness Coalition is dead set against this absurd proposal, and if you've yet to experience the "throne of the Colorado Plateau" we hope you'll still join us in our opposition if you hope to find more than stumps and roads when you do make that Boulder trek.

Live timber has never been cut on Boulder Top. As more of us are discovering the mountain's magnificent views, abundant alpine lakes with "world class" trout fishing, deer and elk range, rare plants, untapped hiking and camping opportunities--all the rugged solitude and drama of what has been called "a piece of Alaska floating above the Utah desert"--there's no need to start now. Especially when just 15 years ago the Dixie planners were calling this a "marginal commercial forest" with "low volumes per acre, poor timber quality and poor access." Suddenly this stunted, slow growing spruce is a high priority on the Dixie's timber plans. Something doesn't add up ...

The Forest Service is currently accepting comments for the Noon Sale, the first of a series of five timber sales proposed for the next few years that would remove more than 16 million board feet from Boulder Top. Please send the agency your concerns now ...

*Request that an area analysis be conducted to properly address cumulative impacts to this unique fragile resource.

*Insist that regeneration can be insured before trees are cut.

BOULDER MOUNTAIN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

(continued)

*Demand an end to below cost lumber sales (the Dixie National Forest lost nearly three-quarters of a million of your dollars in 1989 alone).

*Express your opposition to the Noon Sale and your reasons ...

*Support a "no action alternative".

Logging is an appropriate multiple use of the Dixie National Forest, but not on Boulder Top. The Forest Service is failing to recognize the outstanding natural values of the resource the outstanding natural values of resource it's charged with protecting.

As an avid hiker, camper, lover of Utah's wild high country, please help us stop the Dixie's massive misguided Boulder Top timber initiative. It's your mountain--it needs your voice!

Please send your Noon Timber Sale comments as soon as possible to:

Mr. Marvin Turner, District Ranger
Teasdale Ranger District,
Dixie National Forest
P.O. Box 99
Teasdale, UT 84773

Copies sent to the following individual will also be very helpful:

Mr. Hugh Thompson
Forest Supervisor, Dixie National Forest
P.O. Box 580
Cedar City, UT 84721-0580

and

Mr. Stan Tixier
Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service
Region 4
324 25th Street
Ogden, UT 84401


For more information about Boulder Mountain issues please contact (and send a copy of your letters to):


Bill Patric
Utah Wilderness Coalition,
Boulder Mountain Project
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HELICOPTER SKIING IN THE WASATCH

by Wick R. Miller

The permit issued by the Forest Service to the Powderbird Guides for helicopter skiing in the Wasatch area is up for renewal next October. In place of the usual procedures, the Forest Service is trying to use a mediation process between the Powderbird Guides and the backcountry users. There was a huge turnout at the first meeting (January 10) called by the Forest Service: 180 backcountry users. Many of them expressed skepticism because mediation suggests compromise; the overwhelming majority did not want compromise, but instead simply wanted them OUT, since the helicopters fly in an area very close to a major metropolitan area that is heavily used by non-helicopter skiers. There was a realization, however, that termination of the permit is unlikely, and that mediation might offer a chance to clip the Powderbird's wings, with the ultimate goal of phasing out helicopter skiing. In the meantime, we can work toward limiting activities in terms of days, times, and areas that are open to helicopters, restrictions on the number of skier days, and advance notification of dates for specific destinations. There may well be other ways we can mitigate adverse helicopterian effects.

Since the large turnout made it difficult to organize in an efficient fashion, an executive committee was picked (through self-selection). The meeting did, however, allow for the expression of concerns so that important issues did get identified. Names, addresses, and phone numbers were collected so those at the meeting can be kept informed of developments.

The executive committee met January 14 and selected the following people to represent the backcountry users at the mediation table: Howe Garber, Rick Steiner, Steve Lewis, and Cathy Collard, with Dave Smith as an alternate.

If you were not able to be at the meeting, and you have specific concerns or suggestions, and want to keep abreast of developments, you should call Rick Steiner at 582-5067 or Wick Miller at 1-649-1790.

FEBRUARY SKY CALENDAR

by Ben Everitt

MOON

Last Quarter	Feb 6	Mar 8
New Moon	Feb 14	Mar 16
First Quarter	Feb 21	Mar 22
Full moon	Feb 28	Mar 30

MOONRISE

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Est. Local Time</u>
Feb 2	10:00 PM
Feb 9	4:00 AM
Feb 16	8:00 AM
Feb 23	12:30 PM
Mar 2	8:30 PM
Mar 9	2:30 AM
Mar 16	6:30 AM
Mar 23	11:30 AM
Mar 30	7:30 PM

NOTE: Moonrise times are for 40 degrees north latitude, 112 west longitude. Add about an hour for each day later than the given date, and another hour if you are in the mountains.

SOURCE: The Astronomical Almanac for 1991

PLANETS: I can report that the midnight ski on December 31, viewed from the Lodge in Brighton, was absolutely beautiful. The light of the full moon on the snow was indeed blue, but bright enough for skiing. MARS, was high in the west, near the Pleides, and JUPITER, high in the east in the constellation CANCER. JUPITER is at opposition about February 1, and will be at its brightest and at the top of the sky at midnight. MARS, wandering eastward among the stars, will be near Aldebaran, the red eye of the Bull, on February 22. VENUS, bright lady, holds forth in the evening sky at dusk, and SATURN, returning from behind the Sun, will be dimly visible in the low east at dawn.

Hawkwatch International to Speak at General Membership Meeting.

Hawkwatch International has been doing migration season studies of birds of prey along six flyways in five western states. These studies include bird counts and banding. Several WMC members have been participating as volunteers in these studies at the sites in the Wellsville and the Goshute mountains.

In a single fall season, as many as 16,000 raptors in 16 species have been counted at the Goshute Mountains in the Great Basin. Since birds of prey travel long distances and inhabit a wide range of environments, the health of migratory populations can be an early warning of ecosystem change.

The speaker is Steve Hoffman who currently works in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He received a master's degree in Wildlife Ecology from Utah State University in 1979. For nine years he worked as an endangered species biologist for Fish and Wildlife Service. He will bring a slide show and a live red-tail hawk to accompany his discussion of migratory raptors and the Hawkwatch International program.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By Julie Jones, Membership Director

It is almost time for all members to renew their membership in the Wasatch Mountain Club. Our membership year runs from March 1st to February 28th. Membership can only be renewed by using the Membership Renewal form that will be mailed to all members around the 1st of February, 1991.

The New Member Application Form on the back of The Rambler will not be accepted for membership renewals.

To accomplish this membership renewal task, I will need assistance from about 6 members to help assemble the renewal packages and to help mail them. I also need the use of a postal meter machine so that we won't have to lick 1300 stamps. If anyone has access to a postal machine that we can buy postage on and use, please contact me. If you are interested in helping with the renewal project one night near the end of January, please give me a call at 278-4753.

FROM THE SKI TOUR DIRECTOR

AUDREY KELLEY MEMORIAL SKI CLINIC

by Norm Fish

Audrey Kelley for many years provided the Mt. Club and the cross country ski community with a valuable service in the form of beginner classes. The Mt. Club hopes to continue the tradition and will expand the classes to all levels of backcountry skiing including telemark instruction. The clinic this year was a great success with 50 people attending. We hope to attract a larger group next year by advertising the availability of beginner classes to anyone, not just Mt. Club members. This year the cost of the food was not advertised in advance, and many people did not bring donation money. For those who

attended and did not contribute toward the food, please send a check to the Wasatch Mountain Club, 888 South 200 East, Suite 111, and indicate that it is for the Audrey Kelley Clinic. The cost for the food was \$4.00 to \$5.00 per person.

The Audrey Kelley Memorial Fund is still alive and will be used to buy food for the clinic next year, prior to the donation. Those wishing to contribute to the advancement of beginner classes may contribute to the Wasatch Mountain Club 888 South 200 East, Suite 111, and indicate that it is for the Audrey Kelley Clinic.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 1991

GART BROTHERS

5600 SOUTH 900 EAST

7:00 PM

AGENDA:

SPEAKER -- STEVE HOFFMAN OF

HAWKWATCH INTERNATIONAL

"EAGLES, HAWKS, AND FALCONS:

EARLY WARNINGS OF ECOSYSTEM CHANGE"

PRESENTATION AND TALK WITH SLIDES AND

A LIVE REDTAILED HAWK

From the Managing Editors

FROM THE NEW MANAGING EDITORS

!*** HELP ***!

by Leslie Mullins

We have done our best to return all photos held by the previous Rambler editor, Pat Beard, however, we still have a few photos that have no names on them, thus, we cannot return them. If you submitted a photo and you never got it back, but would like to, please contact Leslie Mullins at 363-0560, evenings and we will see if we've have your photo.

THIS IS THE PART WHERE WE NEED

YOUR HELP: After years of excellent service, David Vickery can no longer provide the PC's for typing at his office.

THANKS, DAVID!!

So, we are looking for someone who might be able to provide PC's and/or Macs at an office one night a month for several typists ***or*** any individual with a PC (and Word Perfect 5.0 or higher) or a Mac (and MacWrite or Microsoft Word 3.02 or 4.0) who could do typing in their office or home. Please call Magdaline at 521-5738 after 5:30PM (or her machine) and she can talk technical with you.

We'd love to hear from you! Thanks!

SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO THE RAMBLER

by Magdaline Quinlan

The standard rules and methods for submitting articles and photos to the Rambler (see at the end of this article) are still in effect, however I would like to encourage the following changes. These are not mandatory changes, but are applicable if you do have the capability to do so.

The Rambler is now being produced on a Macintosh using Ready, Set, Go (a desktop publishing software package). I would like to encourage, then, those of you who have either a PC or a Macintosh to submit your information to the Editors on a floppy disk rather than in paper format. This will save us much typing time and would be greatly appreciated. If you do submit articles this way, I would like the following guidelines to be followed:

1. The preferred software, but not the must have software, is either WordPerfect v.4.2, 5.0, or 5.1 for PC users and MacWrite v.4.6 or higher or Microsoft Word v. 3.02, 4.0 or higher.
2. Please save your document as an ASCII text file (synonyms: DOS text file, non-document file, text file with line breaks)--PC users--or as a text file (synonyms: DOS text file, non-document file, text file with line breaks)--Mac users.
3. You can use either a 5 1/4 or a 3 1/2 floppy disk.
4. Please identify which file is the document you are submitting, especially if you have saved other documents on that disk and you don't want to remove them.
5. If you can, please include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope or a Self Addressed Mailing Label.
6. This last item is **mandatory** if you **mail** your disk to us. To ensure that the Post Office will not zap your disk, i.e., subject it to magnetic beams, etc. which may delete everything on your disk, label the envelope: **MAGNETIC MATERIAL, HAND STAMP.**

If you have any questions, comments, etc., give me a call, after 5:30 PM, at 521-5738. And, of course, we will still accept typed, double spaced, submissions.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO **THE RAMBLER**

(continued)

IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE: Articles, preferably typed double spaced, must be received by 6:00 pm on the 15th of the month preceding publication. Mail or deliver to the WMC office or to the Editors. Include your name and phonenumber on all submissions.

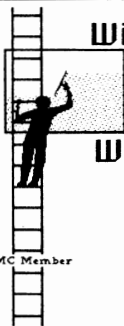
IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT A PHOTO: We welcome photos of all kinds: black & white prints, color prints, and slides. Please include captions describing when and where the photo was taken, and the names of the people in it (if you know). **Photos will not be returned unless requested and accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.**

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SCUBA DIVING UPDATE

by Bob Sherer

Plans are now being made for the sail/dive expedition to the Windward Islands in July. The Windward Islands are inclusive of Martinique at the north and Grenada to the south. We will sail from St. Lucia (loo-sha) to Carriacou (carry-koo), visiting many islands in between searching for the perfect beach. Contact Vince Desimone and reserve your place. The diving promises to be spectacular. We will again dive from our 43' yachts and also do some rendezvous dives with the locals. For more information contact Bob Sherer, 967-0218.



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WINDWARD ISLANDS SAILING TRIP

JULY 18 - 30, 1991

by Vince Desimone,
Sailing Coordinator

This year's Caribbean sailing trip will start in Marigot Bay, St. Lucia with cruising in the Windward Islands from Martinique to Grenada. This is a change from original plans to sail the Virgin Islands again. The trip is estimated to cost \$1,500 including air transport.

Currently three 43' boats are reserved and will be captained by WMC members. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your place on sailing trips. So send your deposit now and avoid being disappointed.

Contact Vince Desimone, P.O. Box 680111, Park City, Utah 84068-0111 or phone 1-649-6805 concerning sailing trips.

GREEK SAILING PLANNING MEETING

by Vince Desimone,
Sailing Coordinator

Cynthia Orr of G.P.S. Charter Co. will be in Park City to meet with persons interested in plans for the WMC Greek Islands sailing trip to take place for two weeks at the end of September and beginning of October. The meeting is TENTATIVELY set up for Vince Desimone's home at 7:30PM February 12, 1991. Call to confirm the exact meeting time and place, 1-649-6805. Cost of the Greek trip is estimated to be \$2,500 plus food.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB VIRGIN ISLAND TRIP June 14 - 25, 1990

by Vince Desimone

NOTE: This article is a summary of the June 1990 Virgin Islands sailing trip taken by 24 WMC members. It is presented in a series because of length. To participate in the Summer 1991 Caribbean sailing trip or the Fall 1991 trip to the Greek Islands, contact Vince Desimone at 1-649-6805.

SHIPS' LOG

Sunday, June 17

A slow start with weather typical of most mornings during our stay, i.e., a rain squall just before dawn, then a nice sunrise accompanied by bird song, clouds scurrying across the sky and later burning off for clear blue heavens. Generally, Christine found sleeping upstairs in the cockpit preferable to the closeness of the main salon, and sometimes Ray Wenger used the other side. On CHARISMA, Vince and Linda had the fore cabin with Earl and LL in the aft which provided the couples in our group with some privacy, although privacy became less important and comfort more so as doors were left open to allow air to circulate.

After sausage and pancakes on board SEA YARN, Tony, Dave and Leslie took the dinghy over to a group of black rocks at the edge of the bay to snorkel, where Dave spotted an octopus. Others snorkeled around a small island named Watermelon Cay. There were at least three different kinds of coral, some brightly colored tropical species and large schools of little silvery colored fish -- literally thousands forming underwater "clouds." Some swimmers learned why Fire Coral was thus named as small scratches could be extremely painful and it was easy to be scratched. First the water softened skin after a short time in it, the action of the waves jostled the swimmer around, and there is a magnification factor of 25% while under water which makes you think everything is larger and further away than it actually is.

LL and Christine disdained the dinghy to swim back to the boat, a fairly long distance, but made easy with use of a snorkel which lets you put your head down in water for a streamlined silhouette and fins which provide a great increase in power over bare feet.

Sail time again, over to Soper's Hole where we planned to clear customs into the British Virgin Islands. The trip over turned into a mini-race among some of the boats. At least, CHARISMA planned it so and they tacked and weaved their way into the Harbor before either WHITE WINDS or KOKOMO. SEA YARN had sailed off in another direction with Tony at the helm.

Today a lot more was learned about sail technique, although there seems to be so much experience needed to recognize what is meant by pillowing, soft spots, keeping on course, trimming sails to catch enough -- but not too much -- wind, the exaggeration needed to tack correctly.

Once in Soper's Hole, the three boats decided it was too crowded, reversed course and headed for Great Harbor on Jost Van Dyke Island, where SEA YARN's crew had already arrived, and finding the Customs Office closed until one o'clock, decided to pig out on hotdogs while waiting for the rest of the fleet to arrive.

We then checked in at the "veddy British" Government House, a colonial styled white painted miniature of a building. Black civil servants, who took their time about it, had us fill out forms and show passports. Earl declared himself captain of CHARISMA so that he could get the fancy certificate the British Government handed out to captains (Vince already had one from a prior trip). Though SEA YARN was the first to arrive, they were the last to clear customs. The last official to look them over got started giving his views on the roles of Church and government in respect to the poor. The crew wondered if they would ever get out of there. Since we were clearing customs on Sunday, an "overtime" surcharge was added to our \$4 per person per day cruising tax. Also, not all boats paid the same weight fees even though they were identical. The more impatient you were with the bureaucracy, the higher your fee and the longer it took to clear.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB VIRGIN ISLAND TRIP

(continued)

Since this port had an "official" function, it appeared a mite more prosperous than some of our other stops. Generally, houses are painted a bright pastel color with white trim or white with bright trim. There is a great deal of foliage, but not as many flowering plants as expected. Some commercial establishments were de rigueur -- open air restaurants and bars, pointing to the inhabitants' dependence upon the tourist trade.

One such place was "Foxy's," a truly unique place. Foxy is a black man who sits in his open-air bar with guitar in hand, strumming lightly as he sings about local and national happenings -- or just makes up ditties based on his guests. He has quite a repertoire and patter interspersed with enough off-the-cuff to keep it fresh. When Foxy learned we were from Utah, he made up a song about snow and said that the only "snow" found in the Virgin Islands comes from Columbia in the form of white powder. Foxy was an atlas of information on places and events around the world. His establishment was the most "movie picture" like place of its kind that we saw, with thatched roof, tables, chairs and benches in the sand, a hammock slung between two trees, a bar made of boards across some barrels. In such places, the drinks are usually kept in a large picnic cooler such as found under the Coleman brand.

After a quick captains meeting while still at Foxy's, it was decided to remain there for the night. Upon returning to the boats, Vince and LL put on scuba gear to check on everybody's anchor. Earl was out in the dinghy and had to row back to Charisma due to motor trouble, and from then on there was continual trouble with that motor, and its replacement, and the crew was leery of going anyplace or very far. Once they tried to palm it off for WHITE WINDS's but they didn't get away with that maneuver. The dinghy soon came to be called "The Danghy," kind of a euphemism for a stronger name.

Monday, June 18

Captain Dave tried out the first of his ingenious wake-up calls as he fired up the engines to start the refrigerator. The engines had never started so roughly and one by one, his crew wandered up to the deck to the clunk-clunk-clunk of the motors. Breakfasts of yogurt and granola, with the added treat of banana-papaya pancakes whipped up by LL and Ray on board CHARISMA. We were all eating well but learning that serving sizes as listed on packages are very misleading. For instance, we'll run out of granola very early because nobody sticks with recommended 1 oz. servings (about 1/4 cup). CHARISMA had plenty of English muffins to fill the breach since Vince bought out two or three bakeries (in Utah) and brought them with him -- intending them for the whole flotilla, but somehow they stayed aboard his ship. Later, it was found that the pasta package mixes would grow like Topsy and watermelon lasted for days. Vince was a stickler for eating what had already been opened before going on to something else, so his crew found leftovers served at every meal until finished!

Leaving the bay at 8:30 a.m., Bob was at the helm of SEA YARN as they sailed toward the next anchorage to the music of Christopher Cross (again). CHARISMA's crew had a training run with Linda Wilcox, LL and Christine in complete charge of the boat preparing for another race with an all-woman crew. Yesterday's effort was still on their minds as WHITE WINDS had duly noted that their motor had been on during the "race" to Soper's hole (just idling, Vince said) giving them the advantage. Christine was at the wheel and found that keeping a frisky sailboat on course is difficult what with waves and a hifting breeze. Just when the telltales were on the lines and the jib in the right position, something would shift or a course change was needed. The object is for the pilot/helms-person to pick an object ahead and then keep the boat pointed that way. Then the crew trims the sails to take advantage of the wind to get us there. Sailboats are slow to respond and neophyte sailors often react too soon, over correct and findthemselves correcting back the other way.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB VIRGIN ISLAND TRIP (continued)

We anchored at Green Cay on Jost Van Dyke where the divers were finally able to "get under water." This was the perfect image of a desert island-- small and circular, surrounded by sandy beaches with palm trees rising from the center. You could just imagine those two guys sitting there waiting for someone to rescue them that you see in all the cartoons. Of course, there was a lively discussion trying to determine the source of the description of "Desert Island." Is it because it appears to be a desert or because no one lives there, or because you can always find a Sara Lee pie near by? This was a question pondered often by the crew of SEA YARN.

The CYC boat was waiting for us there to repair CHARISMA's dinghy and KOKOMO's missing main sheet shackle pin. WHITE WINDS set their anchor and then couldn't seem to find neutral and proceeded to back 360 degrees around their anchor. When they finally settled down, along came KOKOMO and narrowly missed catching WHITE WINDS's anchor line on their prop. A great show for CYC.

Divers suited up and formed buddy teams of Bill and Tony, Leslie and Dave and Bob and Barb. Everyone was surprised at how simple it was to jump off the back of the boats and start diving. Tony, Bill, Bob and Barb started to snorkel through the channel to Green Cay while Leslie and Dave headed off in the opposite direction. Barb spotted this long yellowish-green thing sticking out of a cave and thought she had been the first to discover the nurse shark when she noticed Tony and Bill swimming above. At one part of the reef, there was suddenly a stream of large granite boulders from which there was no coral growing or fish swimming near by. They seemed almost eerie in the darkness with all the color and beauty surrounding them.

Captain Dave was an extremely patient skipper and his crew soon became proficient at their rotational sailing positions of Helm, First Crew, Second Crew, Third Crew, Chief Whiner and Assistant Whiner. They soon figured out that First Crew was actually only one person, however they had some problem with remembering "Who's on First," until

the order was firmly established and Leslie suggested the list be placed in a prominent place for everyone's benefit. They practiced a few jibes but seemed to have a problem getting the phrase right to tell the crew they were about to come about -- ready about, jibe ho, tally ho or whatever. They were sailing with their rail in the water and waves breaking over the bow when Captain Dave informed them that the boat actually moved faster with an even keel. The crew replied: What do we care? This is a hell-of-a-lot more fun!

It was Ute's turn at the helm. The first and second crew were ready at their positions to make a successful tack. Ute gave the command for ready about and SEA YARN almost came to a dead stop as she turned the helm. After three attempts, still unable to maintain enough speed to bring the jib around, Bob investigated to find they had snagged a marker buoy dead center and were dragging a crab pot across the channel. The line was cut and they sailed on. (I think they should have "rescued" the crab before they cut the line, don't you?)

Cane Garden was a larger community with air available for the divers to refill as necessary. KOKOMO's crew went ashore for a look-see while the coals were getting ready for chicken kabobs. Bob ordered the girls off SEA YARN for shore leave, and Tony tagged along to pick up some ice and more Heinekens. They ran into WHITE WINDS's crew at the pink beach restaurant called Rhymers where they were having dinner. After a rum punch with them, they returned to their boat where Bob and Dave were preparing beef kabobs.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB VIRGIN ISLAND TRIP (continued)

After dinner, Val, Bill & Janet, as well as the crew from SEA YARN, went ashore to see the famous steel drum band. These drums were made out of a section cut from a 50-gallon drum with the top concaved to give different tones, hung on strings so they would ring, and played with two mallets. Amazing music.

Ute got Dave to give her a push on the tire swing outside the restaurant. Some of us walked along the beach under a starry sky. Steve, Shirlyn and Joan opted to listen to the music from the deck of KOKOMO. Steve's leg hurt too much for walking and Shirlyn and Joan were trying, without much success, to get him to sit down and keep the leg up!

(More to follow in the March Rambler)

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SEA TO SHINING SEA BICYCLE TRIP STAGE 3

by Bob Wright

Twenty-two of the Wasatch Mountain Clubs hardy cyclists embarked on stage 3 of our coast to coast ride ready for a change from last year's unending plains of eastern Montana and North Dakota.

Most of the group flew to Grand Forks, where we picked up the sag wagon, and started exactly where we left off in Grand Forks the year before. The weather was perfect and it was all down hill and a tailwind with a few exceptions, especially on the north end of Lake Michigan where a ride along the beach produced sandblasted legs.

We roughed it, with a motor home carrying our gear and a few beat riders from time to time. We camped in state parks most of the time interspersed with a few motel stops. Shared group cooking and sag wagon driving helped to integrate the group. Food was excellent with a dutch oven, and the Lake Superior Whitefish was delicious.

There is indeed a great blue ox in Minnesota, and a huge statue of Paul Bunyan also, which many of our ladies looked up at admiringly.

It was so nice to be riding through forests and along the shores of many beautiful lakes, including the south shore of Lake Superior, the crystal clear and not so cold largest of the Great Lakes. Marquette, Michigan found us exploring the Maritime Museum with many artifacts from the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

The daily routine was supplemented with a canoe trip down a lazy upper peninsula river. Wildlife was somewhat scarce due to a rather noisy group of paddlers. Macinac Island was a unique tourist trap, with no automobiles, hundreds of horses, and the world's busiest street sweepers. A bike path encircled the island for 8 miles and gave some sense of the past beauty of the island.

At Sault Saint Marie, where Lake Superior empties into Lake Huron, we enter Canada. Riding a tour boat through the locks accompanied by supertanker sized ore ships was a fascinating experience.

We continued along the north shore of Lake Huron along a somewhat traumatic highway 17 (no shoulder, lots of trucks) until we turned south onto Manitoulin Island, and ended our trip at Little Current.

After a memorable champagne farewell party, (you had to be there), we sagged off to Sudbury for the hardest part of the trip - flying home, entailing four airports, fouled up tickets, and foot races to catch the plane.

The total two week ride was 1030 miles, the longest day was 113 miles, but we had plenty of time to sightsee and pig out. Nobody loses weight on a WMC bicycle trip!

Almost all of the original group that started at Bellingham, Washington 2 years ago made the trip along with a few newcomers.

Next year - it is onward to Bar Harbor, Maine, and from there, who knows??

The riders: Guy Benson, Steve Carr, Rich, Julie and Colin Gregerson, Kent Hugus, Bob Jones, Sam Kingston, Lyman Lewis, Frank and Joyce Luddington, Marion McMichels, Ceil Meade, Jerry Nibley, John and Mike Peterson, Lois Shipway, Mike and Jean Binyon, Denna, Heather and trip leader Bob Wright.

ANNUAL HANGOVER TOUR

January 1, 1991
by Wick Miller

Lake Mary Overlook or Bust! We did it again! We left at the Crack of Noon on New Year's Day! Twenty plus hardy skiers made it to the Overlook! Earl Gray and Jim Beam helped us welcome the New Year! All those who made it up also made it down!

Christmas in Yellowstone

December 21-29, 1990

by Liza Poole, Photos by Steve Susswein & Tom Silberstorf



Photo by Steve Susswein

The first contingent of vehicles gathered Friday night in Rexburg, ID. In the morning as we congregated for breakfast, we found temperatures had dropped to -27 F. Getting the Cherokee started became a team effort. But with the warmth of the sunshine came the promise of a beautiful trip.

Saturday afternoon, we arrived in Gardner, Montana, and checked into our home away from home at the Absaroka Lodge -- a friendly new motel on the banks of the Gardner River. We played "who gets the kitchenette" briefly before settling in and casing the town.

Sunday was sunny and a bit warmer, climbing to -5 or so. We skied from Tower Junction to Tower Falls, stopping at Calcite Springs overlook for a dose of "vista" and glimpse of a bighorn sheep herd. At the falls, we hiked through a small group of mule deer and down the trail to the base of the falls. Here, we saw a fascinating phenomenon as the slush being carried over the falls clogged its own path, resulting in a very dynamic gigantic snow cone.

As we ate lunch at the ice cream stand (closed for the season), the park ranger cruised by, grooming the ski trail - the only snowmobiles allowed on this

road. This made for smooth gliding all the way back to the cars. Our new tradition of hot cider and/or mulled wine was started when we returned to the motel.

Monday was a mild day, with a tour around Upper Terrace, then a hike around the Lower Terrace of Mammoth Hot Springs. After bounding back down the hill through the snow drifts, we noticed we'd lost our leader Janis and our scout Mike. Apparently enthralled by the scenery, they'd hiked right on past the end of the walkway. (That's easier than you think with everything blanketed in snow.) Later, we milled around the Visitor Information Center (although there was very little information about the visitors there), and saw a couple videos. In mid-afternoon, we piled into the vehicles and headed out to the Main Event-- Chico Hot Springs.

Christmas in Yellowstone (continued)

As we soaked in the pool and the moon drifted overhead, the relaxed conversation was punctuated with dips in the snow bank at water's edge. Steve "broke the ice" with a brief recline in it, then John tossed some around, then Martha buried herself. Tim sat in it, then got a picture of my snow angel making. There was due laughter and head shakes, but it was a fascinating sensation.

But none could compare to the wonderful five-star dinner that followed. The cozy atmosphere, dear companions, and delectable cuisine provided two hours of sensational pleasure -- sizzling mushrooms, tinkling glasses and china, warm candlelight, aroma of rich foods, and at last the carnival of flavors dancing in our mouths. The entire day was a study in the art of leisure.

The tour of the day for Christmas was the Blacktail Plateau, with four miles of gentle upward trail through meadows and two miles of moderate slope down through burned timber. The charred forest carpeted in snow was startlingly beautiful. John managed to ski all but the first mile on oneski. Those of us breaking trail didn't even realize it until we stopped for lunch (where Martha treated us to Christmas songs on her recorder.) It just goes to show you a broken binding is certainly no burden for those who truly love to hike. And we obviously hadn't skied hard enough if we had the energy to launch Hobbs welcomes (as in Calvin & &).

Back "home", we had a big, family-style (but without the relatives) turkey dinner. The really nice motel owner generously let us use the vacant managers' apartment for the feast. We all ate until our eyes popped, and Craig got there just in time to nab the last serving of stuffing. Unfortunately, Theresa (the mystery person) was sacked out and would have to do with left-overs, arguably the best part.

We slept that one off and arose at our usual 7:30 Wednesday, awakened by the last arriving members of the party, Chris and Dennis, ready to take on Lamar Valley. This is where the buffalo roam. The deer and antelope were playing just outside the North entrance. In the valley, the elk herds stretched over the entire valley floor. As we drove through, the herds began a rapid, single-file ascent into the surrounding woods. We spotted coyotes

trotting over the fields and trouncing unseen critters. On skis, we struck out across the valley toward a couple buffalo. We circled around toward the Lamar River itself, then back up the valley.

To finish out the day, we drove to the end of the highway, Cook City. And it was a moose-rich drive, spying four of the homely fellows amongst the pines. Apparently, they prefer the deep powder of the higher elevation. (I know some people like that.)

We gave up on squeezing in another tour or the steep & deep stuff and went for hot cocoa and pie instead. Dinner at the Mammoth Inn Restaurant -- another gourmand treat -- and Chico Hot Springs soak were the order of the evening for most, while Tim and Liza hopped to every bar in town (all five were within two blocks of the motel, except the Best Western which didn't count.)

Thursday was the "Ski tour to Hell". We crammed into a snowcat at the Mammoth Inn and rolled out to Indian Creek. Temperatures had started dropping again toward zero, and the wind had picked up. But we were prepared, at least on the outside -- Tom's list of spare stuff dwindled as he and the rest of us donned nearly everything we'd brought. Pieps, shovels? Sure. You never know -- one minute you stop to wipe your nose, the next the snow's drifted right over you.

The beginning of the trail to Bighorn Loop was nice enough, but as we came out of the woods to the edge of the meadows, we began cutting our own trail. The drifts got deeper, the visibility faded, the trees creaked and moaned in the wind. Breaking trail seemed an exercise in futility. Even the special blue and green waxes weren't holding anymore. We turned back at the "Caution! Steep Descent" sign officially making it the only "steep" and deep powder we took on. The warming hut was a great comfort, which gave us time to prepare for the ride back. Our courageous snowcat driver crossed the blank white spaces between the road markers and crept along the rock wall of the pass. We made it back without frostbite and in good spirits; we had successfully skied our butts off. The mulled wine sure hit the spot that night.

Christmas in Yellowstone (continued)

Friday, Dennis and Chris had intended to get to Tower Falls, but having missed the turn in Mammoth, and with temperatures once again at -18 (high), they went for the Terrace tours. Meanwhile, the rest of us took a day off. We introduced Eyal and Ronit to ice skating. Some read books or wrote postcards in the Map Room at Mammoth Lodge; others went back to the Information Center. Steve, Eyal, Ronit, Tim and I had the bright idea to stop and check the Boiling River hot springs on the way back to the room, especially since every day we had brought along suits and towels in hopes of getting there. We managed to talk ourselves into a little soak, just to be able to say we've sat in a natural hot spring at -58 (with wind chill). It was delightful. Meanwhile, Craig couldn't pass up the Gardner Saddle Shop and ended up with a new lasso -- look out Karen.

With the awful weather reports about the next arrival of the Arctic Express looming on the horizon, we decided to head back a day early. So Saturday morning we rounded 'em up, but couldn't head 'em out until we lit a fire under the Cherokee. Just jumping batteries didn't do a thing, and even the old blow dryer in the carburetor trick didn't budge the pistons. So a heater and tarp working for an hour got the oil warm enough to help the plugs begin to go, and we were off -- as fast as the transmission fluid would flow, like "molasses in January".

The ride back to Utah was uneventful except for the flock of trumpeter swans that flew over somewhere between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. It gave me a chance to make notes for the trip report. Some stuff I didn't get in were Taki (the Israeli version of Uno), K-Bar Pizza-- yummy, brilliant "sun dogs" every other day, and the philosophy of LWW (last week's wax).

Trip participants: Mike Budig, Steve Sussman, Tom Silberstorf, Tim Poole, Liza Poole, Craig, Theresa, John Veranth, Martha Veranth, Eyal Katz, Ronit Katz, Chris, Dennis, and the laeder, Janis Huber.



Photo by Steve Susswein



Photo by Tom Silberstorf

LAKE BLANCHE HIKE

Saturday, October 13, 1990
by Randy Long

What better hike for one of the last weekends of the year is there than seeing the spectacular scenery around Lake Blanche? Well, Notch Peak, (one week later) is always meant to the "grand finale" but, Lake Blanche just couldn't be any better either, as the lightly snow-covered rocks and rugged peaks, along with the temperature, (a little cool at the lake, but not bad), and the leaves, made the scenery even more beautiful.

Misfortune caught up with us when we left the meeting place as Duane's car wouldn't start, making him ride with the leader, (the car started when we went home though). Even with that, we were on the trail before 10:00, and back by about 3:00.

Some of us went on to the other two lakes in the area, Florence and Lillian, while the rest, including the leader, were content with Blanche, and wondered why so many of the Wasatch lakes were named after girls, you know, Blanche, Florence, Lillian, Mary, Martha, and Catherine. Any answers out there?

The end of the hiking season came all too soon, and everybody really enjoyed this hike. Participants: Frank Atwood, Duane Call, Maggie Clark, Karen Deibert, Cheryl English, Del English, Meryl Heimerl, Lucy Jacobs, Annett Lanie, Bill Loggins, Jeff Long (no relation to the leader), Stephanie Seetoo, Christi Simpson, Bob Swain, Nancy Tueller, and Randy Long, leader and scribe.

CIRCLE ALL PEAK HIKE

September 29, 1990
by Randy Long

Circle All Peak was the easy hike for this Saturday. The leader, we had never been the last 100 yards to the peak, but had been up the West Butler Fork Trail several times, also discovered that contrary to it's name, this "peak" actually doesn't have a circle all the way around it, except for the higher surrounding peaks, that is. This peak is actually just a

little knoll at the abrupt end of the ridge between Butler Fork and Mill A Basin in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

With the help of the leader asking everybody to regroup at the junction where Butler Fork divides, the group stayed pretty close together (except for two who turned back) all the way up the steep, switch-backing trail, and everybody really enjoyed it.

PARTICIPANTS: Con Adams, Frank Atwood, Sharon Coons, Janet Frank, Marianne Faubion, John Hail, Kathy Henrie, Jan Mayer, Susan Moskey, Ruth Nowille, Chuck Ranney, April Spruis, Delores Taylor, Nancy Tueller, Tom Wood, and Randy Long, leader and scribe.

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CATHERINE PASS SKI TOUR

December 15, 1990
by Mike Treshow

I learned alot on this trip. Little jewels we all may-be know but don't always stop toe think about. One of the most important points we, leaders and participants alike, tend to forget is very basic: NTD means "Not Too Difficult". It does not imply that it is necessarily easy. It may be the easiest we've got (except for clinics and NTD-); but NTD's aren't always easy. This lack of really easy, begining tours is something which is being rectified.

A second point deals with equipment. Track gear is not suitable for backcountry. It's really a bummer all around to be turned back, or have to turn back someone, at the last minute. But better that than a disaster trip for all. And skins! I know we didn't used to "need" them, but they do make life alot easier and are now deemed essential even for most NTD's. There are "waxless" skis, of course, and these may be adequate under some snow conditions--but not all.

So much for the sermon. We enjoyed one of the great ski days for which may of us live. Blue skies, crisp air, a wind that died as we reached the pass, and over a foot of snow the night before. What more can I say? Oh yes! In all candor, I must attest to infallibility (so what else is new?) Coming off the pass and regrouping above Lake Catherine, an anonymous skier noted that he/she was without pack. Ho, ho! While contemplating our next move (a re-run was a definite, positive option with the great snow), someone noted the scandalous nakedness of my own back. Ho, ho. But alas, an astute Vince Desimone had noted the pack surplus at our lunch site and brought all down with him.

PARTICIPANTS: John Hail, Carol Masheter, Louise Rausch, Clint Lewis, Mike Eisenberg, Christine Allred, Trudy Healy, Brian Barkey, Floyd Durrant, Dierdri Farr, Julie Schmidt, Bill Loggins, Jerry Hatch, Vince Desimone and scribe/leader, Mike Treshow.

DAYS FORK SKI TOUR

December 12, 1990
by Brian Barkey

Minus 18 degrees fahrenheit: That's 50 degrees below the freezing point of water. That's what the Sunday paper reported the temperature in the mountains to be, and we were going skiing!

For some reason only three of us showed up, Kyle Williams (our leader), Monty Young and myself. Fortunately, the skies were clear and there was no wind, so despite the unbelievable cold temperature, it wasn't that bad.

I learned a few things about cold weather skiing. Rule #1, keep moving. Don't stop unless you're in the sun. Rule #2, sticky skin adhesive is not sticky when it's cold. Neither is tape, it has the consistency of old paper and it's just as sticky. Fortunately, Kyle had some tape stashed in his pack, where it was still relatively warm.

The trail was beautiful. The cold temperatures kept the snow soft and on the trees and the bright sun made everything sparkle. A few brave chickadees were about and there were many rabbit tracks in the snow. We found a great lunch spot. Thought the thermometer read 20 degrees, the sun made it warm. Kyle and I, expecting the worst, had brought only warm drinks. Monty, an optimistic soul, brought a complete lunch, sat down on a convenient log and enjoyed the sun.

After lunch we skied down through clean powder and trees (though I did strategically place some divots here and there). Somewhere down the hill Monty broke one of his trusty 10 year old poles. Must have been one of those snow snakes, or Wasatch Yeti's. Kyle's tape saved the day once again, and we completed the trip without further incident. At the trail head we practiced with our pieps and wondered why nobody else came along... sub-zero skiing is wonderful!

GRANITE PEAK

September 28-30, 1990
by Donn Seeley

I have to admit that it looked easy at first. Howard Wilkerson and I were going to ascend Granite Peak in the Mineral Mountains, a spectacularly rocky little range that separates the towns of Beaver and Milford in southwestern Utah. Granite Peak just happens to be at the center of a proposed BLM wilderness area described in the bill sponsored by Rep. Wayne Owens and by all accounts, including this one, is seldom visited. The peak is only 9,680 feet high, putting it a mere 2,600 feet above the BLM campground at Rock Creek. Despite a wet Friday evening, the morning sky was blue and clear; the Craig summit looked a little intimidating and there was not the slightest evidence of a trail, but we nonchalantly set out at a quarter after ten expecting to be on summit by early afternoon.

The beginning was promising. We chose a route that led into a northerly drainage that in turn provided direct access to the summit ridge. Some pleasant scrambling over hill and dale soon led us into the creek, and we walked it up about 10 yards and encountered an impassable chock-stone wedged between smooth granite walls. This turned out to be a premonition of the future....

We decided to escape up the northern wall of the canyon, with the intention of traversing on a convenient ledge well above the tangled growth and rocky obstacles of the gorge below. Unfortunately, the convenient ledge was a myth and after some bloody battles with mahogany we were forced back into the creek bed. We scrambled over a couple of waterfalls and through thick jungle to emerge in a clearing just above a small narrows. We took a break and observed that it had taken us an hour and a half to ascend the first 800 feet. That increased our determination and we decided to shoot directly rather than playing games with traverses or wasting time searching for easy ground.

A short but steep bushwack/scramble brought us to a second, more spectacular narrows, which held a number of very sizable Douglas firs and some scrawny yellowing aspens. After a false start, we found a channel through the brush that brought us out onto a curious little crenellated plateau. From

this park-like location we could look down upon Milford and up at the knife-edge ridge that was our destination. We did our best to pick a reasonable route up that would lead us to the summit, but after we began crashing out way up through the vicious mahogany, tumbled boulders, and loose dirt slopes, we realized that we hadn't a hope of keeping to a fixed course. The mountain grew steeper and steeper and I grew sweatier and eventually I was ready to bag it; but suddenly some tall granite slabs hove into view and we found enough energy to beat our way up to a little notch in the summit ridge.

By our estimation, the summit lay to the south of us along a ferociously spiky ridgeline, and we could see that travel in that direction was completely hopeless. We took a break for a late lunch and checked the time--it had taken us over four hours to reach this point and we were going to have to leave soon in order to make it safely back to camp before dark. I wandered around taking pictures, trying to get a good shot of the jumbled rocks to the south through the thick vegetation. I noticed that there was a little hill to the north of us that presented the possibility of a better view, but it was covered with more mahogany and neither Howard nor I were prepared to dive into that stuff again just for a few pretty pictures. Just the same, when we were getting ready to shove on down the hill we finally decided that it was worth investigating, so we packed up and started picking our way over the boulders to the top of the hump.

Imagine our surprise when the hump turned out to be higher than the crags to the south... We had blundered upon the official summit of Granite Peak, complete with USGS benchmarks and a little cross-bow-like marker rigged between two boulders with a length of rusty wire. A trick of perspective from below had caused us to see our unprepossessing pile of rocks as being lower than the vertical slabs of the south. It was acutely funny to get a break like this after hours of unrelenting struggle.

GRANITE PEAK

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The view from the top was awesome. far below us lay the fantastic foothills of the range, jagged granite blocks and ledges slicing up through a carpet of green, red, and yellow autumn forest. To the east we saw a dusting of snow on the crest of the Tushar range; to the north we could make out Mt Nebo in the very far distance, with Ibapah Peak and Wheeler Peak on the western horizon. We could easily see a hundred miles in every direction except south, where some innocent-looking fluffy clouds were gathering. In the northwest we were greeted with a unique profile view of the vertical west face of Notch Peak. A little ways to the north along the ridge, we could see the imposing Milford Needle, technically the high point of the mountain by two feet, but who's counting? We hunted through cracks and crevices for a register but found nothing until Howard spotted a plastic film can tied in a couple loops of wire on the summit marker. This proved to contain a label from a can of pears, and on the back of this label the register comments were scribbled. Howard borrowed my pen and put us down as the fourth group to arrive on the peak since 1979.

After another false start, that got us cliffed out, the trip down went considerably more smoothly than the trip up--thrashing downhill through a thicket is much less tiring than thrashing uphill. We eventually arrived at the place where we had originally come back down into the creek after an excursion in the mahogany and this time we decided to continue along the creek bed and take our chances with finding a route around the final chock-stone. Unfortunately, the brilliant red maple underbrush along the creek was nearly impenetrable, and after fighting it for awhile, we finally changed our minds and went off to take our chances with the mahogany. About this time the previously mentioned fluffy white clouds had become rumbling gray clouds directly overhead, and it began to rain, lubricating the granite just enough to make travel more interesting. We passed a very precariously balanced boulder of several tons perched at an angle on a smaller rock--I pretended to poke it with my finger while Howard watched from below, but I thought better of it after I noticed just how close the monster was to succumbing to entropy...

We jogged back to the campground as the lightning got friendlier and the rain revved up. Just as we crossed under the barbed wire fence and hit the home stretch, the rain turned to hail. We ended up sitting in the cab of Howard's truck, listening nervously as the ice pinged off the roof and coated the surroundings in a layer of white. The storm blew past quickly, however, and we had a lovely (but cold) evening.

The next day we decided that we'd had enough of adventure and *drove* to the top of White Pine Peak, the highest point in the Pavant Range. So there.

Thanks to Howard Wilkerson for persevering with this trip inspite of the fact that I was the only person crazy enough to join him...

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