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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.

COVER PHOTO: The Wasatch Mountain Club and Save Our Canyons have linked arms to do battle against Heli-skiing.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER, MARCH 1967

by Dale Green, Historian

Well over 100 people attended 1967's Nomination Banquet (not quite the number expected!) held at the Roadway Inn. Former Boating Director, Dave Cook, received the Pa Parry award for being "Chief River Rat" for four years. President Charlie Keller announced the purchase of a used bus, in excellent repair, to replace old El Tortuga, which had gasped its last.

This month's centerfold is a spectacular scenic photograph of the Pfeifferhorn-Thunder Mountain Area taken during winter.

After Ski Socials are in full swing every other Sunday. An extra event was added to be held at the Goldminer's Daughter hosted by the owners, WMC life members Jim and Alfreda Shane.

Ladies-free night skiing is held every Tuesday evening at Solitude. Passes for "girl watchers" are \$3.00. "Lounges will be open."

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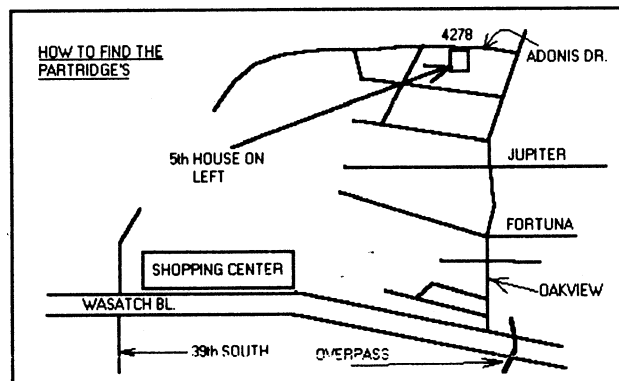
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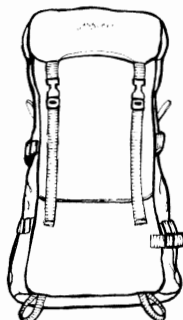


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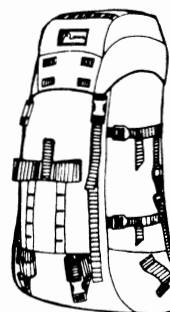
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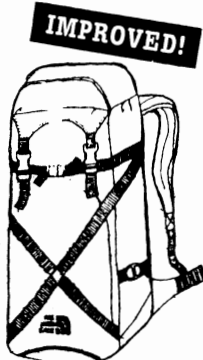
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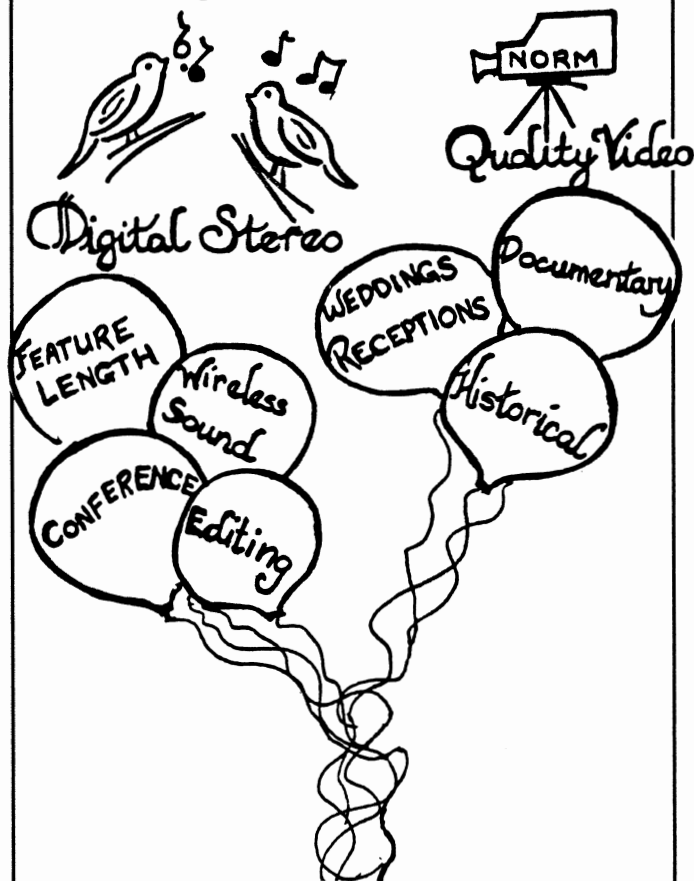
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SKI TOURS/SNOWSHOEING/ICE CLIMBING

March

1 Beaver Creek
1 Wolverine
1 Desolation Lake
1 Mt Nebo
1 Leader's Choice
5-9 Yellowstone
7 Scotts Pass
7 Powder Park
7 Brighton
7 Leader's Choice
7 Ophir SnowShoe
8 Spruces Walk
8 Bear Trap Fork
8 Leader's Choice
14 Desolation Lake
14 Brighton
14 Upper Greens
14 Leader's Choice
15 Leader's Choice
15 Leader's Choice
15 Powder Park

April

13 Boating Planning Meeting
18 Boating Equipment Work Day
18 New Boaters' Orientation

VOLLEYBALL

(Monday evenings at 6:30 PM, at Highland High School)

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

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

WMC SKI 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.

REMINDER

PARKING INFO: CANYON PARKING NOTE: Even days - down side. Odd days - up side. Check sign in canyon. **HILLSIDE PARKING NOTE:** Park on the West side of the parking lot, South of the bank.

THANKS!

Mar 1
Sun

BEAVER CREEK SKI TOUR (NTD) Sam (age 8) and Penny Smith (age ?) (278-6515) will lead an easy adult and kids tour in the Uintas. Ski at your own pace. Children must bring their own adult. Call Penny for information on the kids tour and for pre-registration.

WOLVERINE BOWL via MT. MILLICENT SKI TOUR (MOD) Join George Swanson (466-3003) on this classic tour via MT. Millicent. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

DESOLATION LAKE SKI TOUR (MOD) Garry Burg (485-4911) will return from the lake via a south traverse to reach NW facing open slopes, making this tour a MOD rating. Meet Garry at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:0 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

MT. NEBO SKI TOUR (MSD) This trip involves 7000+ vertical feet and will be approached from the west. Call George Westbrook (942-6071). There will be a stay in Mona the night before to avoid a long car ride.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MSD) Call Dave Smith (278-6515) to resister.

SOUTHEAST BIKE RIDE (NTD - 22 Miles). Time to get out those bicycles and start limbering up by biking in the southeast part of the valley. Meet Lade Heaton (466-7008) at Draper Park, 12500 S 1300 E at 10:30 am. Helmets required. Call if wather looks bad. Cycling Possibilities. Vol I, pg 20.

March 2
Mon

VOLLEYBALL 6:30 pm. at the Highland High School (2166 South 1700 East). follow the signs near the gynasiums. The cost is \$1.00. For info. call Doug, 269-1833.

March 5-9
Thur-Mon

SKI TRIP TO YELLOWSTONE. Drive from SLC March 5th. March 6-8 at the Snow Lodge cabins. Return to SLC the evening of March 9th. \$115 pp includes round-trip snow coach and 3 nights lodging at the cabin. \$50 deposit due to confirm your reservation. Maximum 12 participants. Currently there is one (1) space left on this trip, so call ASAP. Call Cassie Badowsky, 278-5153 evenings or 292-8687 during the day for more information and to register.

March 7
Sat

SCOTT'S PASS SKI TOUR (NTD+) Richard Conn (363-6035) will lead this WMC favorite. Meet Richard at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:30 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

POWDER PARK SKI TOUR (MOD) Join Martin Gregory (582-2403) to find excellent skiing on this popular tour. If the group is willing several runs will be made. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

BRIGHTON TO SILVER FORK SKI TOUR (MOD+) Does 2460 ft descent with only 1460 ft ascent sound good? Join Larry Eggar (944-0213) on this trip which should provide excellent skiing down Silverfork to the lower Solitude parking lot. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MSD) Call Rolf Doebling (467-6636) to register by the night before the trip.

OPHIR SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD) Explore a new area on the west side of the Oquirrh mountains on snowshoes with Tiger Funk (964-8758). Join Tiger at the parking lot on the northeast corner of 3300 South and State at 9:00 am.

WILLARD BAY BIKE & KITE (MOD - 37 Miles). This easy ride tours the rural areas west of Ogden to include the communities of Hooper, Warren and Plain City. At Willard Bay we'll have a picnic lunch, and test the winds...soooo...bring a picnic lunch and your favorite kite. The terrain is easy. Meet Elliott (968-7357) at the Park & Ride off 7200 South and I-15 at 9:00 am to carpool or caravan, or at Roy's Recreational Complex located at 2150 W 4700 S, Roy, at 10:00 am Helmets required.

March 8
Sun

SPRUCES WALK SKI TOUR (EL). 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. Meet Christine Allred, 261-8183, at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:30 am. Other NTD skiers are encouraged to come on this tour to help Christine with the beginners.

BEAR TRAP FORK SKI TOUR (MOD) Frank Davis (272-7217) will lead this tour. Meet Frank at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 am.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD) Leslie Woods (484-2338), an excellent telemark instructor, will pick the ideal tour for the current snow conditions. Join Leslie at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

SUNDAY SOCIAL: at Carole Nelson's home around 5:00 to about 8:30 or 9:00 pm Bring your swimsuit and towel for hot tub if you like. Potluck dinner and bring own liquid refreshments. Paper, plastic, and ice provided. Address is 3695 S. 7th E. Call Carole 268-6405 for further info.

March 8
Sun

WANSHIP - ECHO JUNCTION BIKE RIDE (MOD - 30 Miles). This delightful ride begins at the Spring Chicken Inn at Wanship and travels north through the western edge of Hoytsville, goes through Coalville, along the eastern edge of Echo and stops at the Kozy Cafe for lunch. Return will retrace to Coalville and then go on the eastern edge of Hoytsville back to the Spring Chicken Inn. Meet leader Rich Gregersen (467-6247) at 9:00 am at K-Mart parking lot on Parleys Boulevard for carpooling or meet at Spring Chicken Inn at 10:00 am to begin. Helmets required.

March 9
Mon

RAGRAI XX PLANNING MEETING. The 7 day tour across Iowa is from July 19th to July 25th. A planning meeting will be at the home of John Peterson, 5632 South Park Place East, at 7:00 pm. For more details call John at 277-8817.

March 12
Thurs

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING Meet us at 7:00 p.m. at Marie Callender's, 1313 South Foothill Drive (2200 E.) You are invited to become a member of the Entertainment Committee. If you want to host/hostess or coordinate a club entertainment activity please attend or call us in advance. At this meeting we'll schedule club lodge usage and the entertainment calendar. Carol Beasley 484-6617 or Frank Atwood 583-9990. See "From the Entertainment Directors".

March 13 - 15

WINDOWBLIND PEAK Said by some to be Utah's tallest free-standing butte, this impressive San Rafael summit is climbable by a moderate route. Basic technical climbing and descending skills are required of participants, but not leading ability. We'll drive down and camp after work Friday. Call Paul Horton (521-4296) to register. If the weather is bad, we'll reschedule for the following weekend.

March 14
Sat

DESOLATION LAKE VIA MILL D SKI TOUR (NTD+) Join Jim Byrne (582-5631). for this beautiful spring tour. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:30 am. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested and skins are also suggested.

BRIGHTON to MIDWAY SKI TOUR (MOD). Ken Kelley (1-649-3520) and Mike Budig (328-4512) will lead this annual event to the other side. Register by Wed 3-11 for carpooling (cars needed). Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) to bus to Brighton. Pieps and shovels required and skins required. After the tour, go to a hot springs to soak (dressing vans provided) Dinner will follow after soak.

UPPER GREENS BASIN VIA DAYS FORK SKI TOUR (MOD) Chris Biltorf (359-5645) will lead this classic by way of Days Fork. Expect open slopes on the top, excellent powder in the trees lower down. Join Chris at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins required.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MSD) Call Terry Rollins (467-5088) to register by Friday evening. Possible tours include Alta to Cardiff or Maybird.

March 14
Sat

LAKE CATHERINE SNOWSHOE TOUR (MOD). Get a good view of the high bowls and rugged peaks above Brighton. Meet Howard Wilkerson (265-2042) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:30 am for this snowshoe trip to a beautiful area.

BOARD GAMES II. The December session of snowboarding was successful so let's go at it again! Tom Walsh and Leslie Woods will work on basic techniques in the a.m., then shred in the pm, at Brighton. Call Tom at 969-5842 or Leslie at 484-2338 for information (call early, there may be a limit on participants. Also we may need to cancel if slope conditions are icy).

LAKE CATHERINE SNOWSHOE TOUR (MOD). Get a good view of the high bowls Saturday and rugged peaks above Brighton. Meet Howard Wilkerson (265-2042) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:30 a.m. for this snowshoe trip to a beautiful area

March 15
Sun

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (NTD+) Jay Jones (363-3696) the WMC member best known as a yoga teacher, promises an excellent tour with the destination based on the spring snow conditions. Join Jay at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:30 am.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD) William McCarvill (943-5520) will pick the tour best suited for the current spring snow conditions. Possible choices would be Red Pine, White Pine, or group censuses. Meet Bill at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

POWDER PARK SKI TOUR (MOD) Tom Silberstorff (255-2784) will lead this popular tour which should give great spring skiing. Join the group at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 South 2300 East) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

MILLCREEK SKI TOUR (NTD). Join Barbara Jacobson (943-3715) at the Fred Meyer (3215 S 3300 E) at 9:00 am. No DOGS please. Back country skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

BROADS FORK SKI TOUR (MSD) Call George Westbrook (942-6071).

MILLCREEK SKI TOUR (NTD). Join Barbara Jacobson (943-3715) at the Fred Meyer (3215 S 3300 E) at 9:00 am. No DOGS please. Backcountry skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

WESTERN HEBER VALLEY (NTD - 24 Miles). This ride is basically flat and tours the Heber Valley communities of Daniel, Charleston, Midway. We'll have lunch along the way at the Burgermeister or the Pizza Hut. Meet Lade Heaton at K-Mart parking lot at Parleys Boulevard at 9:00 a.m. to carpool or at 10:00 am at Wasatch High School, 100 E 600 S, Heber. Helmets required. For further info 466-7008. Cycling Possibilities. Vol 2, pg 22.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BIKE RIDE (NTD - 25 Miles). This ride is in to town to view Salt Lake's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Afterwards, we'll ride up Emigration Canyon to Crompton's for lunch. This ride includes two short hills in the Avenues, and then another gentle incline up Emigration Canyon. Meet Elliott at Sunnyside Park, 1730 east Sunnyside Ave. at 9:00 am Helmets required. For further info 968-7357.

March 20 - 29

SPRING BREAK CAR CAMP OR BACKPACK. This trip will go to and do what meets the desires of the participants. We can use just a few days on the whole week. We can car camp, do a series of short backpacks or a longer one. Places like The Maze or the Water Pocket Fold are possibilities. Call Alex Ranney (583-1092) to register and voice your preferences.

March 21
Sat

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MSD). Call Joergen Pilz (487-3619) to register.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD). Join Kevin Oaks (277-8742) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S 2300 E) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (NTD). Look for snow with Pat Kottcamp (537-1427). Meet Pat at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S 2300 E) at 9:00 am. Skins suggested.

March 22
Sun

PETE'S WALL SKI TOUR (MOD). Meet Kyle Williams (298-2184) at the Park & Ride (7200 South) at 8:00 am to ski (see Jan. Sports Guide "Wasatch Plateau") and help him shred "Pete's Wall", a locally famous north facing shot, with a car shuttle as a chair lift. Ski it 3 or 4 times with no climbing! Conditions may be variable so come prepared for anything. Pieps, shovels, and skins required.

SOUTH COPPERTON BIKE RIDE (MOD - 30 Miles). This spring ride goes through the southern Salt Lake County areas of West Jordan, South Jordan, Herriman, Copperton. Along the way we will stop at Dansie Memorial for a snack stop with whatever we have brought along. Meet Lade Heaton at West Jordan Park, 7941 S 2200 W, at 10:00 am. Helmets required. For further info 466-7008. Cycling Possibilites. Vol 1. pg 27.

BEAVER CREEK SKI TOUR (NTD). Join Stewart Harvey (583-9145) at the Regency Theater/K-Mart parking on Parleys Way at 9:00 am. Back country skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

SUNDAY SOCIAL from 6:00 to around 8:30 or 9:00 pm. Host Scott Harrison will serve a pasta dinner. Fettuccine and another pasta will be served. Bring one of the following to share: dessert, salad and dressing, or a pasta sauce. Also it's BYOB (Bring Your Own Booze or liquid refreshment). Paper, plastic, and ice provided. Address: 4636 S. Westview Dr., SLC. DIRECTIONS: Take 4500 S. to Wasatch Blvd. At Wasatch, go south (taking a right turn if going east on 4500S.), you will go past two streets and the third one (Oakcliff Dr.) is where you turn left. Go up this street till you get to Westview (just a short distance), Scott lives on NW corner of this intersection. Call Scott 277-9871 for more info.

March 28
Sat

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD). Join Tom Netelbeek (582-1381) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S 2300 E) at 9:00 a.m. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

KINGS PEAK SKI TOUR EXTRAVAGANZA (MSD). The peak is fairly long but the beautiful upper basin of Henry's Fork or Gunsight Pass is also the perfect destination for those with a shorter Uintas trip in mind. Call Larry (278-3269) or Steve Swanson (484-5808) for details. Pieps and shovels NOT required. Skins very helpful. Meet at the Regency/K-Mart parking lot on Parleys Way on Friday evening. Call for info. This is the "peak" of the season.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (NTD). Meet Phil Fikkan (583-8499) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S 2300 E) at 9:00 a.m. Skins are suggested. Back country skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

WEST WEBER BIKE RIDE (MOD - 62 Miles). This ride tours the rural farmlands west of Ogden. Over mostly flat terrain, this ride visits the communities of Plain City, Warren, Hooper and Syracuse. Along the way we'll stop at convenience stores for snacks, and then at a cafe for lunch. Meet Elliott at the Park & Ride off 7200 South & I-15 at 8:00 am to carpool or at Shady Lane Park in Pleasant View, 3100 N 600 W at 9:30 am. Helmets required. Mountain bikes are not appropriate on this ride. For further info 968-7357

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SAILING OPPORTUNITY. CRUISE the SAN JUAN ISLANDS, GULF ISLANDS, DESOLATION SOUND or wherever the wind blows in the northwest. Ken and Jane Kelley will be cruising their 36 foot Cruising Cal sloop from Oregon to the Queen Charlotte Sound this coming summer and fall. We would love to share this experience with other adventurers. Deep water sailing from Brookings, Oregon to Port Angeles Washington, Desolation Sound in July and the San Juans in August or September. Those interested please call 649-3520 to register for an exploratory meeting to be held at the Kelley's Brighton home on March 28th at 4:00 pm. Parts of this trip will be rigorous sailing. You will be expected to share operating costs of the trip plus make a contribution to the owner to cover ownership costs (similar to costs if we lease a boat).

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION COURSE AVAILABLE. Celestial Navigation, a review for those who would like to take a few sights. An introduction for those who wonder what Celestial Navigation is all about. We will meet at Ken and Jane Kelley's home in Brighton and take a few shots to get a feel as to the depth we will explore navigation. To register for this refresher/introduction course contact Kelley's at 649-3520.

March 29
Sun

SILVER FORK SKI TOUR (NTD). Join Dennis Tolboe (485-6023) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S 2300 E) at 9:00 am. Back country skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD). Meet David Wallace (466-2719) at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S 2300 E) at 9:00 am. Pieps and shovels required and skins recommended.

BOX ELDER SKI TOUR (MSD). Call George Westbrook (942-6071) to register.

GOURMET SNOWSHOE TOUR (NTD). Enjoy snowshoeing and delicious food with Leah Mancini (582-7912). Bring your gourmet goodies to share for this last scheduled trip this season. Join Leah at 10:00 am at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S 2300 E) for a stimulating experience.

UTAH STATE BOTANICAL GARDENS BIKE RIDE (MOD - 40 Miles). This ride ventures north from Salt Lake to North Salt Lake, West Bountiful, Centerville, Farmington, and Kaysville. We will stop at McDonalds in Centerville both going and coming to eat. Meet Lade Heaton at Utah State Agriculture Building, 350 N 1700 W at 10:00 am. Helmets required. For further info 466-7008. Cycling Possibilities. Vol 1. pg 35. (note: this route will coincide with a training ride for the MS Best Dam 150 ride. A great opp to meet other people and to extol the virtues of belonging to the WMC.

April 4
Sat

LEADERS CHOICE SKI TOUR (MOD). Call Sue Berg (485-6778) to register.

ROY TO LAYTON BIKE RIDE (MOD - 43 Miles). This ride is an 'out and back' course from Roy to Layton. The terrain is mostly flat. Lunch at a cafe. Meet Elliott at the Park & Ride located at 7200 South and I-15 at 9:00 am to carpool or at Roy's Recreational Complex, 2150 W 4700 S, Roy at 10:00 am. Helmets required. For further info 968-7357.

APRIL FOOLS TURTLES HIKE TO FOOL PEAK. Rating 7 or 8. It's the annual April fools pilgrimage to Fool Peak, east of Delta with Charles Lesley. Tenacious fools may choose to churn and claw their way through depths of snow to the 9712 foot summit. (See last year's stories in the July '91 Rambler), while more timid fools may allow for a lesser goal. Conditions vary considerably however, and the top may yet be available to all of us foolish enough to come. Plan for snow, a stupid look for the group photo, and on meeting foolishly early at 6:00 am at Bagel Nosh in the Olympus Hills Mall. To register your foolish intent, phone 364-2486.

April 5
Sun

NO SNOW, NO LEADERS, NO TOUR

SUNDAY SOCIAL at Gary and Betsy Tominson's home from 5:30 to 8:30 or 9:00 pm. Potluck dinner and bring your own liquid refreshments. Paper, plastic, and ice provided. Address: 10631 S. Wasatch Blvd., Sandy. DIRECTIONS: Go east on 10600 S. to 20th E. Turn left at 20th E. (it turns into Dimple Dell) and proceed to Deer Hollow Drive. Turn right at Deer Hollow Dr. (also go right at the fork) and stay on it till you get to Wasatch Blvd. Turn left at Wasatch Blvd, stay on it, and their home is the first one on the right hand side with a driveway and wall--house number is on wall. Call Gary or Betsy 942-5709 for more info.

April 5
Sun

MTN BIKE RIDE - STANSBURY ISLAND (MOD - 25 Miles) This ride circumvents Stansbury Island while going through juniper, cattle, cliffs, one 400' climb,, sandy beaches, evaporation ponds. Meet Lade Heaton at 9:00 am at Valley Fair Mall north parking lot for carpooling or at 10:00 a.m. at the beginning point which is: west on I-80 about 35 miles from Salt Lake to exit 84 (hwy 138), take the dirt road 4 miles north, past the salt evaporation ponds and for left at the first intersection. Helmets required. Bring snacks to eat along the way. For further info 466-7008.

April 8
Weds

EMIGRATION CANYON BIKE RIDE (NTD - 17 Miles). Meet Lade Heating across from Hogle Zoo at 6:15 pm for this traditional evening ride. Coffee at an agreed restaurant after. Helmets required. For further info 466-7008.

April 11
Sat

OVERNIGHT SKI TOUR. Call Kyle Williams (298-2184) to register.

April 12
Sun

GOURMET SKI TOUR (NTD- to MSD+) MSD+ skiers (hikers) must carry the NTD- hikers through the mud and flowers of what was supposed to be the '92 ski season, to the junction of the Red Pine and White Pine trails about 1/4 mile above the parking lot at White Pine. At the time of this writing, the hiking is better than the skiing, and we expect the Gourmet Tour to be held on a warm April day of about 80 degrees. Bring your sun bathing wear, and a dish to share. Gale Dick (359-5764) will again host this event. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S 2300 E) at 10:00 am. Pieps and shovels, what are they? Backcountry, track skies, sneakers, hiking boots, and thongs are acceptable.

April 13
Mon

BOATING PLANNING MEETING This is when we plan the boating trips for the entire summer, so it would be very helpful if permit holders and potential trip leaders could be present. The meeting is 7 - 9 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 S. Foothill Blvd. (west side of the street, around the back, downstairs).

April 18
Sat

BOATING EQUIPMENT WORK DAY Come see our new self-bailing oar rig and learn how to set it up. Also, help us work on gear that needs repairs. Meet at 9:30 am at the boating equipment shed, 4317 S. 300 W. #8, just north of Zim's.

NEW BOATERS' ORIENTATION If you're new to river running or just new to the WMC and want to find out how we run our river trips, come to Gart Brothers, 5550 S. 900 E. from 2 - 5 pm for an informal class and slideshow. Besides discussing trip logistics, we'll answer your questions about clothing, gear, whitewater, etc.

April 17 - 26

UPPER STEVENS CANYON BACKPACK. This long, moderately strenuous backpack will explore the Water Pocket Fold in the area of upper Stevens Canyon. If no one wants this long trip, we will do something shorter over the Easter weekend. Call Alex Ranney at 583-1092 to register and for information.

FUTURE EVENTS AT A GLANCE

MARCH--Open water certification classes begin March 11th and 13th. Call Bob Sherer, 967-0218 for details.

MAY. FAIRY MEADOWS, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Guided tour over glacier. Stay in huts. Estimated cost \$650. Call George Westbrook 942-6071 h or 882-6129 w.

JULY 4th WEEKEND. HIKING TRIP TO MT. ELBERT (14,431') COLORADO OR HIGHEST PEAKS IN COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA - July 4th Weekend Mt. Whitney was so much fun last summer that we decided to keep doing a good thing! Frank Atwood and Cassie Badowsky are planning a hiking trip to climb either the highest peak in Colorado, Mt. Elber, and a couple other 14-ers; or make a grand circle and do the high points in Colorado, New Mexico (Wheeler Peak 13,160') and Arizona (Humphrey's Peak 12,670'). Contact Cassie Badowsky, 278-5153, for more information..

LEWARD ISLANDS CARIBBEAN SAILING PLANNED, JULY 18-AUGUST 1, contact Vince Desimone for details, 1-649-6805 (see article on page 17).

JULY 24 WEEKEND SECOND ANNUAL MOUNT WHITNEY EXPEDITIONS. Call and leave your address in order to receive a more detailed letter. In mid-April, a Park Service lottery will determine overnight camping dates in July/August. Day hike schedule briefly: ETD SLC 6:00 pm, Thursday, July 23; ETD Whitney Trailhead 5 am, July 25; Victory Banquet in Bishop, CA, July 26; ETD Boundary trailhead 7 am, July 27; ETA SLC 6 pm, Tuesday, July 28. Frank Atwood 583-9990.

SAVE THE FUSS -- TAKE THE BUS to Grand Canyon Oct. 15 - 18, 1992. Organizer Carol Nelson has arranged for a bus from Salt Lake City to the North Rim on Thursday 10/15. Friday morning the bus will deliver hikers to the trailhead and take "lookers" over to the South Rim. It will provide transportation to dinner that evening for those who do not wish to eat at the South Rim. The bus will leave the South Rim Saturday morning for Salt Lake City.

Cost is \$46 round trip IF all 44 seats can be sold. Send your check to Carol at 3695 So. 700 East, SLC, 84106 to reserve a space. If the bus is not filled, she will return your money.

Also contact Carol for information regarding lodging reservations on the North Rim and South Rims. She is especially interested to hear from those of you who may have duplicate reservations on the South Rim and may not need them anymore.

Towards the end of July, Carol will have a meeting to discuss final plans, hand out the bus schedule, trail tips, locations for water and other hints to make your trip more enjoyable. Watch for that announcement!

**FROM THE
PRESIDENT:**

By Wick R. Miller

**Snake Creek Preservation Society
(or)**

How to Help Stop the Brighton Expansion

We thought the proposed expansion of the Brighton ski area into Snake Creek Canyon in Wasatch County had been nipped in the bud. But it appears that Brighton is once again planning to ask for zoning changes to allow them to expand, with ski lifts into Snake Creek, and a ridge top restaurant between Salt Lake and Wasatch Counties. There are a number of WMC summer hikes in this area, and every March we ski to Midway, followed by dinner at the Homestead.

YOU CAN HELP! George Hansen (654-4958) in Midway has formed the Snake Creek Preservation Society. George says "the Snake Creek Preservation is committed to work toward fair acquisition and preservation of the current access and usage of the canyon for the benefit of the public. Membership in the Society is free and open to any person wishing to support this canyon." Send the following to: Snake Creek Preservation Society, PO Box 356, Midway, Utah 84049:

Yes, I'm interested in the preservation of Snake Creek Canyon. By my signature, please enroll me as a member of the Snake Creek Preservation Society. (Include signature, name, address, phone, and, if under 18, age.)

Numbers are important at this point, and in particular numbers of people in surrounding areas (i.e. Salt Lake), to show that it is of interest to more than just residents of Wasatch County. The question of acquisition of this land will come up later, but right now numbers are important. So please join.

**FROM THE
MANAGING EDITORS:**

Welcome to the first edition of the Rambler brought to you by tri-directors Christine Allred, Jean Frances, and Chris Baierschmidt. Believe us, putting out this month's edition was no simple task due to factors too numerous to list but some of which we want to clear up for anybody who plans to submit material for publication. So, please take note and attempt to follow these suggestions. Your faithful editors will greatly appreciate the effort.

1) ALL activities must be approved by the individual governing board directors or coordinators prior to publication. That means, if you want to hold a party, get it approved by the entertainment director. The same goes for hikes, bike trips, kayaking, and rafting trips. Everything must be approved by the respective director or coordinator. Their names and phone numbers are generally listed in the back of the Rambler.

2) DEADLINES for all articles (Trip Talks, columns, etc.), activities, and ads must be submitted by the 15th of each month. We cannot promise your item will be published if submitted after that date.

3) COPY should be submitted on 3" discs (for use in our computer). The 5.25" discs may also be submitted, but is not preferred because we don't have access to translating equipment without it costing us time and money. If you cannot do this, please submit material on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, typed preferably.

4) EDITING is the responsibility of the writers and the editors. We will of course, check for typographical errors, grammatical mistakes, and clarity in writing (we want to make sure you get the intended message across). Please take your time when preparing a submission, and make a point to proof-read before dropping it at our door.

5) DROP OFF points are the office of the WMC at 888 S 200 E, suite 111 or in the blue box located near the front step of Chris Baierschmidt's house at 1398 E. Downington Ave., which is one block east of Westminster College off 1300 E at 1815 S. Submissions may also be sent through the mail. Zip codes are: 84111 (Rambler Office) and 84105 (Baierschmidt). Both are in SLC.

6) QUESTIONS????? The names and the phone numbers of your tri-directors are listed under the Governing Board. We would prefer to answer your inquiries over the phone rather than to toss out any material that may not meet the above requirements.

FROM THE BOATING DIRECTOR:

by Randy Klein

This is the time of year to be working on your pre river season conditioning (aerobics, upper body strength, flexibility, etc.). But most of you already know that, so I won't bore you with details. Call me (774-6239) if you want suggestions.

If you receive a river permit that you plan to share with the Club, please call me as soon as possible so that I can start to formulate a summer schedule in advance of the April 13 meeting.

National River Cleanup week is in May. Anyone interested in developing a Club event around this theme, give me a call by March 10 so we can put a notice in the April Rambler. Anyone who is interested in helping teach the new boaters' orientation or new trip leaders' class, call me soon. Finally, if you're interested in working on river conservation issues for the Club and to inform other members as necessary, call me.

In December, the WMC conservation fund donated \$200 to Idaho Rivers United and \$100 to Friends of the Bruneau.

FROM THE SAILING COORDINATOR:

LEWARD ISLANDS CARIBBEAN
SAILING PLANNED, JULY 18-AUGUST 1
by Vince Desimone

Join an adventurous group of WMC members sailing and exploring the Leward Islands of Guadeloupe, Dominica, and Martinique. Guadeloupe is a delightful combination of French, African and East Indian cultures which blend harmoniously on a lush island of dense forests, mountains and a 320' high waterfall. Dominica is a large island undiscovered by tourists where lush forests abound with brightly colored tropical flowers and birds. Martinique is very French in culture, cuisine and fashionable boutiques. Beautiful beaches and excellent snorkeling and diving abound at each of the islands.

It is not necessary to be a sailor to participate. You will be expected to be willing to assist and share in the chores on-board. Many have asked if we spend all of our time sailing. We average 5 hours under sail. Once at anchor, substantial time is spent on shore hiking, exploring, sight-seeing, shopping, beaching, snorkeling, diving or at other activities chosen. We typically eat out at restaurants about half of the evenings.

The WMC sailing program has been very popular and trips fill-up rapidly. We have had 2 boats in Belize, 4 in the Virgin Islands, 2 in the Windward Islands, and 2 in Greece. Deposits for the boats must be sent in 6 months in advance. It is difficult to add boats on short notice. In order to avoid disappointment you must register early. A deposit of \$25 is required to hold your place. The deposit is refundable until February 15th. After that time it is not. Cost of the trip including airfare, boats and operating costs is estimated to be \$1300 for a week's trip and \$1900 for a two-week trip. It is possible to start in one location and fly out part way through the two-week trip to join the trip enroute.

If you are interested contact Vince at 1-649-6805.

FROM THE SCUBA COORDINATOR:

By Bob Sherer

Shaker or Salt?

Steve Colgate's "Learn to Sail" program will not come this far West. I'm sorry. Wow! We have a lot of want to be sailors out there!

Scuba Certification classes begin Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 9, at Neptune. Call me As Soon As Possible. The dates are not firm and I need to know what everyone needs from the classes. I encourage everyone who already certified to complete the rescue diver certification.

Elsewhere in the Rambler is a revised scuba diving policy. I developed it for club member safety. I'm meeting resistance concerning parts of the policy, but refuse to continue as coordinator unless everyone can live by these rules. So, let me know what you think of it.

Scuba Policy for the WMC

The nature of scuba diving is one of beauty, wonderment, and at times DANGER. Safe diving is the basis for which the Wasatch Mountain Club diving policy is formulated. The responsibility of the scuba diving coordinator is to prevent accidents and to promote an enjoyable diving experience. The policy in effect is as follows:

The individual will have as a minimum requirement:

1. Certification card.
2. Refresher course if having not dived in the past six months.
3. Current log book.
4. DAN (Diver Alert Network) membership is REQUIRED.
5. Physical exam and E.K.G. if over age 50.
6. Dive knife.
7. Whistle.
8. No alcohol 12 hours before dive or four hours after dive.
9. The individual is responsible for his/her own equipment.
10. Borrowing equipment from a friend is not recommended.
11. Completed club membership application.

The dive leader's responsibilities:

The dive leader does not have to be a licensed divemaster. The dive leader must be familiar with the dive destination or must inform participants of exploratory nature. He/She will not accept the free slot if offered but will share the discount. The dive leader will assure the Wasatch Mountain Club dive coordinator that a licensed divemaster will be on site, along with an oxygen tank and a first aide kit. All Wasatch Mountain Club dive trips will need approval of the dive coordinator.

Other news from the scuba coordinator

1) The scuba parites begin in March. Let's try March 11, 18, and 25. Call me ahead of time.

2) CORRECTION: Sue Chalmers is a Wasatch Mountain Club member in Fort Lauderdale. She is also a member of a dive club with more than 600 members. The diving in her area is exciting, so if you're headed her way, give her a call.

3) I have the coconut telegraph from Margaritaville: It looks like Halloween in Key West is the place to be. It's called Fantasy Fest. Let's dive the Keys and party with Jimmy Buffet. We're going to stop in and see Mel Fishers' Museum, and whatever else we can fit it. Let me know what you want to do.

4) DAN membership insurance is there when you need it. An air ambulance ride with recompression treatment can cost up to \$30,000 without the insurance. But if you don't believe me, take a look at this quote from DAN's magazine "Diver Alert": "I feel deeply indebted to the gentlemen at DAN. I believe that without their help I would be a widow." So listen up, and pay attention to DAN. In addition, the diving that we do on the club sailing expedition will be in remote areas. I need DAN to get you quick treatment in the case something does go astray.

5) Look ahead to next winter: We plan a live aboard to Chincharro Banks in February/March 1993.

MARCH SKY CALENDAR

by Ben Everitt

MOON

Last Quarter	Mar 4
New Moon	Mar 11
First Quarter	Mar 18
Full Moon	Mar 25

MOONRISE

Saturday	Est. Local Time
Mar 7	8:00 AM
Mar 14	2:00 PM
Mar 21	10:30 PM
Mar 28	3:30 AM
Apr 4	6:30 AM

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
1992

FROM THE BICYCLING COORDINATOR

Rich Gregersen, outgoing Bicycle Coordinator, would like to thank all the ride leaders who helped make last season such a success. Guy Benson, Mike Dege, Pam Earle, Ralph and Donna Fisher, Bob Geer, Colin Gregersen, Bill Godlberk, Nancy Goodell, Anne Hanley and Angela Harding all took a turn.

Other leaders included Lade Heaton, Kathy Hoening, Bonnie Kaye, Sam Kingston, Frank Luddington, Elliott Mott, John Perterson, Jim Piani, Dick and Debby Walter as well as Bob and Denna Wright.

As bicycling coordinator for the past three years, Rich has enjoyed the enthusiasm of all who came out for the rides. He is passing his baton (bicycle pump style?) to Lade Heaton who was approved as the new leader on 2/5/92.

Lade has been riding with the club for two years; he led a number of trips in 1991 is looking forward to keeping those wheels spinning next season. He'll need lots of help, so please call him at 466-7008 to volunteer for both road and off-road trips.

FROM THE SKI TOUR DIRECTOR:

The Telemark Clinic was fairly well attended and came off as planned—ALMOST. Having 7 reliable instructors who volunteered to be available to instruct, I asked Dauphne Randell to take over in my absence. Allan Gavere called when circumstances prevented him from attending, leaving 6 including Dauphne. When 15 people showed up at the Hillside and no other instructors, Dauphne became a little nervous. Thanks to Kyle Williams and Rick McClain who happened to be in the area and who saved the Clinic from being a disaster. Also a special thanks to Dauphne who has instructed at every WMC ski class this year. Hopefully all instructors will show up next year including at least one of your Ski Tour Directors.

TRIP TALK

Dog Lake Snowshoe – January 11, 1992

You remember January weather -- INVERSION -- cold, gloomy and looking like it will storm any minute! Well, this Saturday was no exception and as we loaded up the cars and headed to Spruces Campground, I was well bundled up. This was my first try at snowshoeing and my first trip out of the muck all winter.

What a gorgeous morning it turned out to be as the 12 of us strapped on our snowshoes. We were well diversified -- beginners to well seasoned trekkers. And then there was Phyllis Papan who had first tried this in December and already had her own shoes.

With a little help from my friends, I figured out how to wrap those laces around my boots. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that I could walk as I was concerned about the "learning curve." The sun was out in full force as we started up the trail; it didn't take long for most of us to start stuffing parkas, extra sweaters, etc. into our backpacks.

We were not the only ones on the trail that day; cross country skiers were out in full force. Some looked as though they had never seen a snowshoe before, but I was glad for them when we passed some of the skiers trying to navigate the narrow packed down trail.

As we stopped at a fork to regroup, we decided the temperature must have been at least 40 degrees with a perfect blue sky. Nine of us continued up the trail and had lunch beside Dog Lake -- at least they told me there was a lake under all that untouched snow. After a nice rest, we strapped our shoes back on for a leisurely walk back down. One of our group said "Now I remember why I like snowshoeing!"

Thanks to Janet Friend for leading my first, great snowshoeing experience. The rest of the group included Joy Ray, Larry Hoskins, Leah Mancini, Sheila Clark, Mark Jones, Norm Pobanz, Tiger Funk, Phyllis Papan, Knick Knickerbocker, Marilyn Smith and me scribe Margaret Reed.

A Trip To The Other Side – December 7, 1991 by Brian Barkey

Usually when the Club skis somewhere other than the Wasatch, it's over towards the Unita Mountains. On this date, Milt Hollander decided to stop short -- at the top of Daniel's Pass, along the Strawberry Ridge where there are beautiful glades of aspen perfectly spaced for skiing!

Although it had not snowed for a week, temperatures had not risen above the freezing point so we had "settled powder" under our boards. Milt and Jim Gibson of the Heber Forest Service were our guides to this new area.

Some directions: follow the road past the camping Boy Scouts, avoid the families out getting Christmas trees and do not, repeat, do not go right at the corral. It took us about two hours to climb the gentle slope to the summit where we got a brief glimpse of the east side of the Wasatch.

The wind was blowing cold, so we found a more likely spot for lunch, then skied down through the aspens. Milt had some idea of leaving early, but a tempting hill deserved more than a single run as some of us climbed up several times to whizz down again.

A California visitor on this outing, Don Haynes, told me he was inspired to ski when he heard people whooping and hollering down Sierra hills; I think those same people might have been skiing with us today in the guise of Milt Hollander (leader), Bonnie Kaye, Jim Yehle, Hillary Coon, Bill McWhorter, Jerry Mitchell, Jim Gibson, Cassie Badowski Tom Nertelbeek, Scott Endicott, Mike Budig, Garry Gustafson, Tom Walsh and Brian Barkey.



DOG LAKE SNOWSHOE TRIP
Photo by Mark Jones



DOG LAKE SNOWSHOE TRIP

Photos by Mark Jones

Greek Odyssey - Sept 28 to Oct. 14,

TWA was our magic carpet from Salt Lake to Athens, Greece. Despite plane changes and layovers in St Louis, New York and Rome, we didn't lose a single piece of luggage! Participants included Vince Desimone, Linda Wilcox, Jerry Hambleton, Lee Hancey, Christine Allred, Janet Friend, Bernadette Clahane and Diane Robinson. Dave Townsend, Gill Gilligan, Steve and Shirlyn Morris, Sandy Dickinson and Lori Webb were part of the group.

Our Athens travel agency contact, Jordan, greeted us at the airport and guided us to a van for the short trip to the Hotel Parthenon at the foot of the Acropolis. It was hot and we especially enjoyed the cold drinks which the hotel provided during our short orientation meeting.

After cleaning up, napping for some of us, we gathered in the early evening to wander through the Placa, the old town market area. Cobbled streets, twinkling lights, outdoor restaurants, street vendors, some old ruins and excavations, souvenir shops, pottery, clothing and jewelry stores line the undulating streets which surround the Acropolis hill.

Dave, Diane, Lee and Jerry, Bernadette, Janet, Steve and Shirlyn were lured into the Diogenes Restaurant, a charming outdoor cafe, for a "small meal." At the hands of an adept waiter, the original hors d'oeuvre plate and shared meals mushroomed into a sample plate for each, individual meals, extras and several bottles of wine. Shirlyn said the meal was delicious and the wine cushioned the shock of the total bill.

Other members of the group used the time to begin some serious shopping, only pausing to sample some street vendor's wares. Gill, Lori and Sandy didn't get very far that night with all the things to see. Christine strolled ahead later catching up with Vince and Linda scoping out the cost of some Greek patterned blouses (Linda did her Christmas shopping in Greece.)

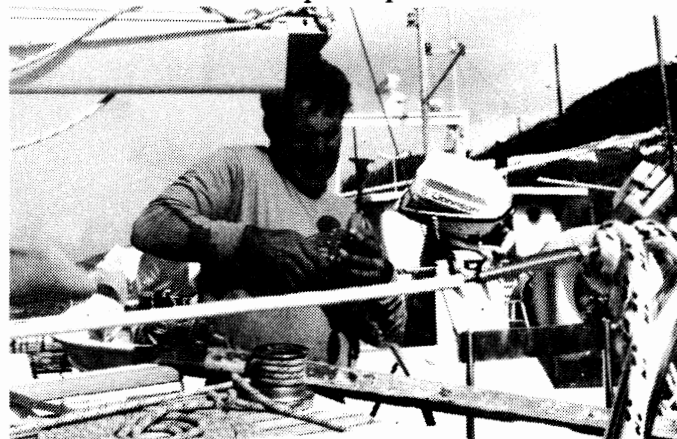
We were up for an early breakfast Sept. 30th -- hard (and dry) rolls, pound type cake, juice, ham and cheese slices, coffee or tea was the standard fare for meal included in our nightly fee. After two days at the start of our vacation, and a day on the tailend, Bernadette and Christine were convinced that bread not eaten one morning was just saved for the next! Or else the hotel food buyer patronized a "days and days old" bakery!

A bus tour of Athens, followed by a tour of the Acropolis was our morning agenda. As we were the first group on the bus, we had ample opportunity to see downtown Athens--lots of one-way streets required our bus to circle to reach other hotel and tour participants. Whenever we'd stop for any length of time to board passengers, Steve and Bernadette rushed off the bus to check out pastry shops--one of their favorite pasttimes during the remainder of the trip.

Helena, our guide, shared information on museums, government buildings, churches, the university, the national palace and gardens (where we watched the changing of the guard) before going on to the Acropolis, a low broad hill covered with magnificent temples.

As we walked up the Sacred Way, most of us were awestruck at the beauty, majesty and precision of these marble buildings. In what is known as the "Golden Age of Greece," Pericles erected the Parthenon to house a gold covered statue of the warrior Goddess Athena. A temple to honor the Unwinged Victory (so it couldn't fly away), the Porch of the Carytids, some pillars still standing for Zeus, the outdoor theater of Diogenes -- these were just some of the impressive sites.

After the group tour, we broke into smaller units -- some to wander further around the Acropolis and Placa, some went back to the Museums and parks that we had passed in the bus. Christine and Bernadette walked over to the Olympic Stadium opposite the National Gardens, jogged around the track, sat in the honored seats, inspected the entrance for the athletes and got a mini-feeling of what it must be like to participate in the Games.



VINCE GETTING IT TOGETHER!



DOING THE TOURIST SCENE.

Most of us reassembled after dinner to see the Music & Light Show from a hill opposite the Acropolis. We were transported back to the time of Athen's greatest glory as the Persian Wars and the Battle of Marathon was narrated to the illumination of the Acropolis buildings against the dark night sky.

The next morning, we checked out of the hotel, stacking our luggage depending upon which boat we were assigned. Vince was pretty strict about this as he understood our boats would be at different piers. Our hotel was down a narrow side street and the bus half a block away, so a friendly Greek porter bustled around and loaded all the baggage pell mell on a cart. Once again, we seperated out our bags; the bus driver loaded them in, took us to the pier and unloaded everything in one big pile. Fortunately, our boats were within easy distance so much ado about nothing.

Checkout on the boats was long -- and hot! Athens was in the middle of a heat wave, and the smog reminded us of Utah's January inversions.

We had arranged to have a Greek guide and captain join us to help with selecting routes, anchorages, recommend points of interest, restaurants, etc. George Sifonios is late 30-something, an attractive single man with a boyish manner. He was very quiet and not sure how to take such a rowdy group; he had a good grasp of English learned from a couple of years at school, TV and movie watching as well as reading a great deal. George was also a good mechanic and thought of himself as a captain, not a guide, which became more evident as we grew to appreciate his sailing expertise and knowledge of the Aegean Sea.

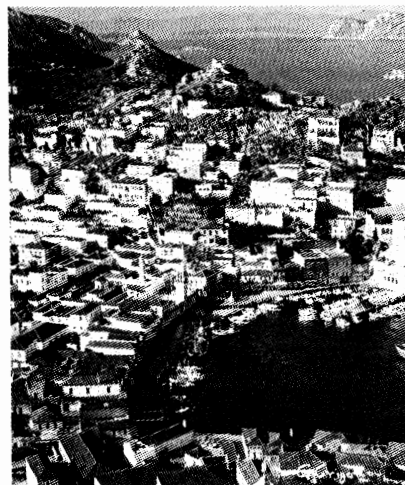
The Sonalis was home for Vince (our WMC captain), Linda, Christine, Janet, Bernadette, Diane and newly married Jerry and Lee. George accompanied the Sonalis crew. Crisdi II was captained by Dave with Gill, Sandy, Lori, Steve and Shirlyn as crew. We quickly discovered problems with each boat -- no towels for Crisdi II; the refrigerator, and later the stove, on Sonalis was inoperable.

There was little wind so we motored out of Piraeus Harbor bound for the first night at Souinon; George recommended we continue on to the island of Kea where we put in after dark. This was the first (of many) times when we appreciated having George along as he piloted Sonalis into an unbelievably tight spot between two other sailboats; then assisted Crisdi II to its berth.

Dinner was late, but great at Aristos "World Famous" taverna: family style Greek salad of tomatoes, red onion, green pepper and feta cheese with a vinegar and oil dressing, a cucumber yogurt dish, freshly fried mullet, calimari and smelt. And great, fresh, bread--all washed down with wine or soda pop.

Bernadette found her first Greek Island pastry shop--up some stairs just as it was closing. Gill and Lori accompanied her, and I think Dave and Sandy also made the journey. The rest of us oohed and ahhed over the delicacies they brought back and generously shared round.

Kea also harbored several other tourist boats; one contained members of a German hiking club, all male, having a gay old time. When they learned newly weds were part of our group, they performed another ceremony blessing their union and sealing it with a sprinkling of wine. The festivities continued loud and hilarious far into the night as all of us were in high spirits.



THE AMBIENCE OF GREECE

Future Events At a Glance:

May 8, 9, 10 Arches Car Camp--details next month.

May 15, 16, 17--Arches Car Camp (overflow from week before). A leader is needed for this trip; please call Noel de Nevers 561-6024 or 328-9376.

July 18 to Aug 1: Martinique, Dominica & Guadeloupe Sailing trip; Vince Desimone 1-649-6805 for details.

July 24th Weekend Second Annual Mt. Whitney Expedition--call Frank Atwood 583-9990 for more details.

August 1-8 Hike Colorado 14-er's--Long Peak, Mt. Elbert, Uncompahgre; contact Frank Atwood at 583-9990 or Cassie Badowsky 278-5153 (evenings) for information.

August 15 - 23 Bicycle Tour from Salt Lake to Fish Lake and back -- call Elliott at 968-7357 to register and get details.

Oct 15-18, 1992 Hike across the Grand Canyon. Information for Bus and South Rim reservations can be made with Carol Nelson 268-6405.

SAILING THE LEEWARD ISLANDS

Ye olde salt Vince Desimone doesn't need a press gang to fill his upcoming trip to Martinique, Dominica and Guadeloupe in the Caribbean Sea July 18 through Aug. 1, 1992. As of this printing, 18 people have sent in deposits to fill spaces on three boats--one of which may be a Catamaran.

Oh, Yo and a Ho, Ho--you can still get a part of this action as Vince will add a fourth boat if there is enough interest; call him at 1-649-6805.

Estimated cost of the trip will be \$1,300 for one week and \$1,900 for two; it is possible to start in one location and fly out half way through. Price includes airfare, boats and operating expense; the initial deposit is \$325 and can be sent to P.O. Box 680111, Park City, Ut. 84068-0111.

Better known as the Leeward Islands, this group has a delightful combination of French, African and English cultures blending with lush foliage, dense forests, mountain, waterfalls, tropical flowers and birds.

"You don't need to be a sailor to participate but there will be ample opportunity for those who want to learn to do so," Vince points out. "You will be expected to share in on-board chores." An average day might include 4 to 5 hours sailing, with lots of time left for snorkeling, exploring, shopping, as each night is spent at a shore-side anchorage.

Bob Shere, the WMC Dive Coordinator, will be leading SCUBA divers on several outings. Contact him for further information on this activity.



LOOKING FORWARD TO SAILING THE CARIB

AUGUST BICYCLE TOUR OF UTAH

This bicycle ride is a week long loop thru Central Utah to Fish Lake and back. Our itinerary is to leave Salt Lake the morning of August 15th and return the afternoon of August 23rd, with a lay over day at Fish Lake. This ride is designed for the accomplished cycling enthusiast who takes pride in carrying their own stuff, and who has the moxie to do so. There will be no sag wagon or support vehicles. Riders will need to bring their own equipment and camping gear as we'll be camping along the way in selected parks, KOA's, and forest service campgrounds. This 474 mile ride will average about 60 miles each day. Prior to August, there will be an organizational meeting and a couple of shorter week-end pannier tours to test equipment and packing techniques, and to acquaint riders with loaded bicycle touring. Registration is required by July 1st. Call Elliott at 968-7357 to register or for further details.

SAVE THE FUSS--TAKE THE BUS

Grand Canyon Oct. 15-18, 1992

Organizer Carol Nelson has arranged for a bus from Salt Lake City to the North Rim on Thursday 10/15. Friday morning the bus will deliver hikers to the trailhead and take "lookers" over to the South Rim. It will provide transportation to dinner that evening for those who do not wish to eat at the South Rim. The bus will leave the South Rim Saturday morning for Salt Lake City.

Cost is \$46 round trip **IF** all 44 seats can be sold. Send your check to Carol at 3695 So. 700 East, SLC, 84106 to reserve a space. If the bus is not filled, she will return your money.

Also contact Carol for information regarding lodging reservations on the North and South Rims. She is especially interested to hear from those of you who may have duplicate reservations on the South Rim and may not need them anymore.

Towards the end of July, Carol will have a meeting to discuss final plans, hand out the bus schedule, trail tips, locations for water and other hints to make your trip more enjoyable. Watch for that announcement!

TENNIS! ANYONE!!!!!!

Hey all you wanna-be Steffi's and Stefan's: let's get our 1992 Season WMC Tennis Round Robin league agoin' earlier this year-how about April if weather allows! This year we're even official under the benevolent auspices of Mike Treshow, the hiking director with me, Christine Allred, as your coordinator.

I'd like to hear from those interested; call 261-8183 to input "druthers" as:

1. How often do you want to schedule a get together, which weekend day and approximate time?
2. What should the expertise range be? It has been suggested that all players be rated as intermediate (3.00 to 4.00--no beginners please) to keep the mix and play fairly even. Non WMC members okay with me; how about you?
3. What should be our objective or tone? I envision a friendly competition--a chance to play with old and new friends. Keep your focus and a reasonable intensity, but leave the killer instinct at home for this event.
4. How or should we arrange for partners in advance? Maybe the best way would be to mix it all up each time depending upon who shows up--same sex, mixed doubles, singles, etc.
5. What rules should govern play, if any. I favor the minimum needed to keep a semblance of order.
6. Where should we play--same place all the time, or travel around the Salt Lake Valley? Previous get togethers have been at Liberty Park.
7. Do you want to follow the play with a potluck, social, go out for eats and beverages?

Anything else of pertinence?

Christine Allred

THE HELISKI DEBATE CONTINUES

Heliski complaint form now available By Wick R. Miller

Save Our Canyons has made up a Central Wasatch Heliski Complaint Form. It is now being included in material sent to ski tour and snow shoe leaders. Complaints can range from being buzzed to having the solitude of an outing being broken by the noise of the helicopter. We hope that all participants, not just the leader, will sign the form. In this way we can document conflict, and get the word out that the complaints are not just from "an elite group of backcountry skiers", but are from the masses of backcountry users.

Those following the heliski debate know that an appeal to the Wasatch Powder Guide permit is in the appeal process. The Ogden office of the US Forest Service is expect to either uphold the original permit, or to remand it back to the Salt Lake Supervisor's office; we expect this decision to be made sometime late this month. If the decision is upheld, we will probably end up in court; if it is remanded, the Salt Lake Supervisor will try to seek a compromise with all sides, or will start the process all over again. Representatives of backcountry users met with Salt Lake office January 28, and made

known the points that were dear to our hearts in any decision. These points are included in a Citizen Heliski Petition prepared by Save Our Canyons: "That not more than one heliski helicopter be allowed to operate in the Central Wasatch during the term of the next or current special use permit. That heliski helicopters not be allowed to fly in the Central Wasatch Region on the weekends [Friday-Sunday], or alternatively not be allowed to fly in regions of the Central Wasatch on weekends. That heliski operations be phased out of the Central Wasatch Region by the time the new Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan comes into existence." (If you want a copy of the petition, get in touch with me at 649-1790, or Gail Dick of Save Our Canyons at 359-5764.) There is also some fuzziness concerning the definition of "Central Wasatch" that needs to be clarified in the permit. Most important in our priorities is to phase out heliskiing in the Central Wasatch by the time the new Forest Plan is in place. We have also emphasized that we are not trying to put the Wasatch Power Guides out of business, but rather to get them out of the area of high conflict, namely the Central Wasatch. We encourage WPG to reshape and restructure its operations so that it can survive without the Central Wasatch.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

AD POLICY

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

NOTICE!

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

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

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