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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 our natural areas including their plants, animal and bird life.

COVER PHOTO:

Old photographs of WMC members, their bus, their lodge, taken about 1930 and submitted by Stan Sattelberg.

We're looking for short bios of members who have met and married through WMC trips.

Outdoor Research

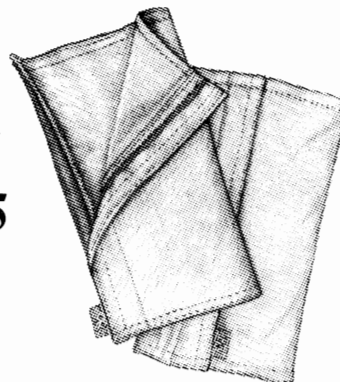


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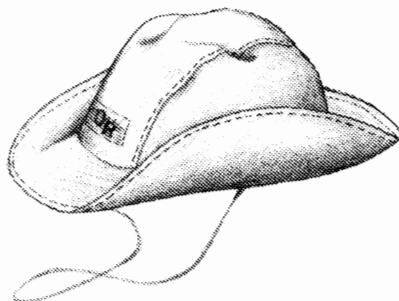


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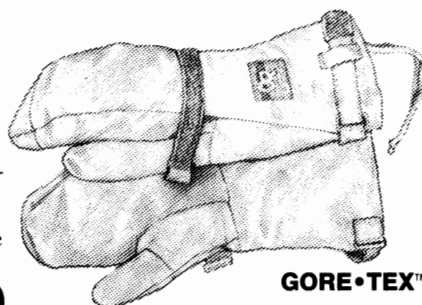
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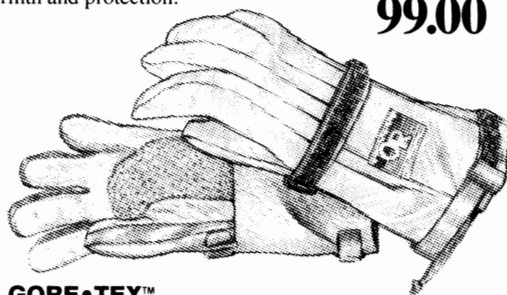


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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER

DECEMBER 1968

BY DALE GREEN, HISTORIAN

In an answer to a letter from Herb Lund last month about the correct elevation of Mt. Timpanogos, Dale Green quotes from an old letter (1954) received from the USGS Topographic Division: "After checking our records, we find that the elevation of Mt Timpanogos was reestablished by adjusting the mean of several vertical angle readings. The elevation to the nearest foot is that shown on the map - 11,750 feet. Elevations of the three peaks which constitute Mt. Nebo were established in the same manner..."

The new mapping dropped Timp's elevation 258 feet from 12,008 feet. The biggest loss in remapping was Mt. Peale near Moab. Shown for years on maps as 13,089', it dropped 368 feet to 12,721'. Kings Peak, our state's highest, rose from 13,498' to 13,528'.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

(from Board of Directors' Minutes)

Guy Anderson gave a report regarding the construction of a Ski Tow at Brighton. The Forest Service through Mr. Tangren had given the WMC verbal permission to construct a Ski Tow on the Great Western Slope. It was further stated that Mr. Tangren and the Forest Service were ready and willing to work with the Club on any other projects they may have in mind or may have in the future. Chas Morton reported he knows of someone with a portable tow which the Club might obtain.

Approval was given for the purchase of Fire Insurance on the Lodge for the amount of \$5,000.

Pinky Petersen sent in this interesting historical note from a Daughters of the Pioneers Magazine which quotes from the Deseret News:

August 17, 1883. "The Twin Peaks. Three Gentlemen Make the Ascent to the Summits. On Wednesday, Dr. J. R. Park, Prof. Joseph T. Kingsbury and Mr. Orson Howard, made the ascent to the Twin Peaks in the Wasatch range. The trio started from the base at 6 o'clock in the morning and climbed the canyon known as Little Willow, in the vicinity of Little Cottonwood. They made a detour in search of the most feasible route, and unfortunately lost their way, getting into a fearfully rugged locality, covered with rough and precipitous rocks, and were consequently compelled to do some fierce and desperate scrambling. This incident occasioned some delay. The travelers kept determinedly at work, however, being resolved to reach the summit; or in the language of the modern novelist, 'perish in the attempt.' Observations were taken every hour, the party being eight hours in reaching the top of the peaks. The party had a couple of Aneroid barometers along, and according to that instrument the southeast corner of the Temple Block was ascertained to be 4,212 1/2 feet above sea level, and the summit of the more elevated of the peaks 11,050 feet. At 1:30 o'clock the temperature was 70 degrees Fahr. The three gentlemen made the descent safely and arrived at the base of the range at 7 o'clock p.m., in good shape, but considerably fatigued.

"The whole formation of the mountain is simply a mass of brown quartzite [sic], with here and there occasional stratifications of slate. The summits of the peaks are entirely devoid of vegetation, but there are growths of fern a short distance below, where there are also large bodies of snow. The best route for the ascent is up the Little Willow Canyon, keeping to the right after the head of the canyon is reached."

One must assume that Dr. Park and Prof. Kingsbury are the same distinguished gentlemen connected with the early years of the University of Utah. Most interesting is their use of the name "Little Willow Canyon." Old timers always knew it by that name and in fact a geologic formation is known as the "Little Willow Series" for its exposures in the canyon. For reasons unknown to me the US Geological Survey changed the name to Deaf Smith Canyon after initially using "Little Willow" on the first editions of the topo map.

This was not the first ascent of Twin Peaks by white men. That occurred just a few days after the pioneers entered the valley in 1847. I have read the account several times but have never kept a permanent copy. If anyone knows where such may be obtained, please call Dale Green, 277-6417.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SKIING/SNOWSHOEING

December

- 4 Desolation Ski Tour
- 4 Powder Park/Leader's Choice Ski Tour
- 4 Millcreek Snowshoe Tour
- 5 Catherine Pass or Leader's Choice Ski Tour
- 5 Leader's Choice Ski Tour
- 5 Bountiful Foothills Snowshoe Tour
- 11 Leader's Choice Ski Tour (NTD)
- 11 Leader's Choice Ski Tour (MOD)
- 11 Leader's Choice Ski Tour (NTD)
- 11 Leader's Choice Snowshoe Tour
- 12 Mill Creek Ski Tour
- 12 Wolverine Bowl Ski Tour
- 12 Leader's Choice Snowshoe
- 18 Brighton to Catherine Ski Tour
- 18 Days Fork from Alta Ski Tour
- 18 Powder Park Ski Tour
- 18 Wolverine Bowl Ski Tour
- 18 Alta-Albion Basin Snowshoe
- 19 Desolation Lake Ski Tour
- 19 Uinta Leader's Choice Ski Tour
- 19 White Pine Ski Tour
- 19 Desolation Lake Snowshoe
- 24 Upper Greens Ski Tour
- 24 Bountiful Foothills Snowshoe
- 25 Scotts Pass Ski Tour
- 26 Leader's Choice Ski Tour
- 26 Millcreek Road Moonlight Ski Tour
- 26 Pfeiferhorn Ski Tour
- 26 Reynolds North Face Ski Tour
- 26 Scotts Pass Snowshoe
- 31 Lake Mary Ski Tour
- 31 Leader's Choice Snow Pit Practice & Teleturns

January

- 1 Crack of Noon Trip to Lake Mary Ski Tour
- 2 Alta to Lake Blanche Ski Tour
- 2 Leader's Choice Ski Tour
- 2 Uinta's Ski Tour
- 2 Leader's Choice Snowshoe
- 8 American Fork Twins from Alta Ski Tour
- 8 Dog Lake Ski Tour
- 8 Desolation Lake Ski Tour
- 8 Greens Basin Via Days Fork Ski Tour
- 9 Violin Lessons at Powder Park Ski Tour
- 9 White Pine Ski Tour
- 9 Reynolds Peak Exploratory Loop Snowshoe

SOCIALS

December

- 2 After Work Social
- 8 After Work Social
- 16 After Work Social
- 25 Christmas Day at the Lodge

January

- 22 Nominations Banquet and Dance
- 30 7th Annual Spaghetti Supper

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES INSTRUCTION

December

- 3 Open House at the Lodge
- 4 Open House at the Lodge
- 4-5 Work Parties at the Lodge
- 4-5 Downhill Ski Technique—Call Bruce Giffen
- 11-12 " " " (485-4011)

January

- 8 Avalanche Class
- 9 Audrey Kelley Clinic

VOLLEYBALL

- DATES:** Mondays Dec. 6 and 20
MEET: Highland High School
 2100 S. 1700 E.
 Girl's Gym
TIME: 6:30 pm
FEE: \$1 Member \$2 Non members
CALL: Ross Martin 364-4006

TRAILS COUNCIL OPENING

The Utah Recreational Trails Advisory Council is looking for two volunteer members according to Wasatch Mountain Club member Bob Stoking. One will represent Utah hikers and the other will be an at-large member.

The Trails Advisory Council, an advocacy group for non-motorized travel throughout the State, is appointed by the Utah State Parks Board. The Council advises the Board and is supportive of legislative efforts to obtain trail funding. Meetings are held at least quarterly and occasionally as often as eight times a year in various locations.

Further information can be obtained from Stoking, who is the cross country ski representative on the Council, by calling 466-4980. A letter of interest can also be submitted to:

John Knudson, Trails Coordinator
Utah Division of Parks and Recreation
1636 W. North Temple Suite 116
Salt Lake City, Ut. 84116
Phone: 538-7355

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Dec. 4-5, 11-12**

Bruce will be unavailable after the 12th of December.

Winning The Avalanche Game is the latest videotape for anyone who ventures into the snow covered backcountry terrain. This 55 minute production blends advice from 15 avalanche professionals and avalanche survivors on the topics of:

- who gets caught in avalanches and why
- how to read avalanche terrain
- testing snow stability
- route finding for safe travel
- changing human perception to avalanche perception
- what to do when an avalanche hits, rescue procedures

This video investment of \$19.95 is a good reminder before going out to enjoy the snow and ice covered mountains and may save your life. Proceeds also fund the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center

**Order forms available at the WMC office
or write to:
Wasatch Interpretive Association
P.O. Box 526246**

A REMINDER:

The Audrey Kelly Ski Clinic at the LODGE will be held on Sun., Jan. 9th beginning at 9:30 am for beginning and intermediate cross-country skiers.

Classes: On understanding equipment, dressing for outdoor winter conditions and tips on waxing.

A hot lunch is included in the fee of \$6.

Parking is limited at the Lodge with Brighton skiers taking up space, so meet and car pool from the west side of Hillside Plaza at 8:30 am. Bring cross-country skis, poles, boots and wear appropriate clothing for a day in the "colder" snow weather. Any questions??? call Harry Kimbrough (485-1483).

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee have found the following individuals who are willing to run for the offices and directorships as indicated. Incumbents are marked by an * asterick. The term of office is March 1, 1994 to February 28, 1995.

President	Jerry Hatch*
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Membership	Linda Kosky*
Boating	Gene Jarvis
Conservation	John Veranth
Entertainment	Mary Ann Losee*
	"Sam" Kievit
Hiking	Donn Seeley*
Lodge	Rich Osborne*
	Bob Myers*
Mountaineering	Kyle Williams*
Publications	Jean Frances*
Co-Publications	Vacant & Looking
Ski Touring	Vacant
Bicycling	Frank Luddington
Information	Michael Treshow*
Trustee	Leslie Woods

Please contact one of the following committee members if you or anyone you know is qualified and would like to run for any of the above positions. Your help and interest would be greatly appreciated.

Hank Winawer	277-1997
John Shavers	467-7558
Julie Jones	278-4753
Joyce Schelstraete	263-9043

From Lodge Directors

The Lodge Directors are trying to replace the last electric stove. If you have an extra one that is in good working condition, one you would like to donate to the Lodge, please call Rich Osborne at 1-647-0205.

REI Free Clinics

**Contact Marty Stum or Kelly Davis
486-2100.**

Clinics Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm
Note Holiday Treats 6-7 pm

Dec 7 Cross Country Ski Tuning and Waxing: Jeff Schmidt and Chris Allaire of the Solitude Nordic Center. Learn to tune, wax, clean and preserve your Nordic equipment, plus a demonstration of ski preparation and care.

Dec 14 Avalanche Safety: An impressive slide show, video and lecture on safe snow travel by the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center.

Dec 21 Holiday Food Tasting Treat: Between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, sample tasty holiday treats by REI's Camping Department.

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, boating, skiing, etc., director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Those activities sent directly to the *Rambler*, without approval, will not be published

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.

Dec 2 **SOCIAL: After Work Social—5:30 pm.** Come share in the holiday season with WMC
Thu friends. Those of you who joined us last year will remember this festive event. For further
details, call Phyllis Anderson (943-8500) or Cassie Badowsky (278-5152).

Dec 4 **SKI TOUR: DESOLATION LAKE (NTD+)** Meet Bob Hannon (261-5826) at
Sat Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am. Plan on pizza and refreshments for apres ski. Back country
skis and boots required.

Dec 4 **SKI TOUR: POWDER PARK/LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Tom Walsh (969-
5842) Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am. Bright and colorful snoods are recommended
for the tour but not for apres ski. Skins, pieps, and shovels are required.

Dec 4 **SNOWSHOE TOUR: MILLCREEK (NTD)** Go snowshoeing with Gaynell Danielson
(531-7652 W 266-4622 H). Join Gaynell at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center rear
parking lot at 9:30 am for an enjoyable snowshoe up Millcreek Canyon.

Dec 3 & 4 **FAMILY OPEN LODGE NIGHT** Rich Osborne (647-0205) will host informal open
Sat-Sun nights at the Lodge (translation: He will unlock the door) for members and their families
and guests who wish to stay overnight. Rich will open the Lodge about 5:00 pm Friday
and Saturday evenings and lock it up at 3:00 pm on Sunday. Bring your own water, food,
and games. Snow is on the ground so bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Admission
is \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

Dec 5 **SKI TOUR: CATHERINE PASS OR LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD+)** Phyllis
Sun Anderson (943-8500) Phyllis will lead this classic tour from Brighton. Must bring hot
drinks for Phyllis. Skins required, pieps and shovels recommended.

- Dec 5 Sun **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD-)** Carrie Clark (583-1205). Carrie hopes to find enough snow in the Uintas for a long but not too steep early season ski tour. Call to register and for further info.
- Dec 5 **SNOWSHOE TOUR: BOUNTIFUL FOOTHILLS (MOD-)** Call Clint Lewis (322-8318-W or 295-8645-H) for more information. Explore a new area on snowshoes on this moderate trip.
- Dec 8 Wed **SOCIAL: After Work Social—5:30 pm.** Come share in the holiday season with WMC friends. Those of you who joined us last year will remember this festive event. For further details, call Phyllis Anderson (943-8500) or Cassie Badowsky (278-5152).
- Dec 11 Sat **SNOWSHOE: LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD)** Join Mark Jones (486-5354) on this easy snowshoe tour in the nearby mountains. Meet Mark at 9:30 am at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center rear parking lot.
- Dec 11 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Call Sue Berg to register for this trip (576-0532). Sue may cancel if there's no snow, so call! Pieps, skins, and shovel required.
- Dec 11 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD)** Meet Dee Ann Dorman (359-3639) at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am. An easy tour. Bring hot drinks. Skins recommended, no track skis.
- Dec 12 Sun **SKI TOUR: MILL CREEK (NTD-)** Meet Kathy Keeler (572-2676) at Olympus Shopping Center at 10:00 am. Novices, beginners, and incompetents. Kathy is gentle, patient, and tolerant. Length of tour is dependent on participants. Track skis are OK.
- Dec 12 **SKI TOUR: WOLVERINE BOWL (MOD+)** Dave Morris and Theresa Overfield (359-6274) Wolverine the hard way. Be prepared for a good time and pray for powder! Pieps, skins, and shovels required.
- Dec 12 **SNOWSHOE: LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD)** Meet 9:30 am Hillside Plaze, south of the bank. Call Christine Allred (261-8183) if the weather is bad: she's a sunshine lover!
- Dec 16 Thu **SOCIAL: After Work Social—5:30 pm.** Come share in the holiday season with WMC friends. Those of you who joined us last year will remember this festive event. For further details, call Phyllis Anderson (943-8500) or Cassie Badowsky (278-5152).
- Dec 18 Sat **SKI TOUR: BRIGHTON TO CATHERINE PASS (NTD +)** Mike Budig (328-4512). This is an NTD+ trip with skins required. If weather & snow conditions are less than favorable, pieps & shovel will be necessary. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.

- Dec 18 Sat **SKI TOUR: DAYS FORK FROM ALTA (MSD)** George Westbrook (942-6071 or 882-6129 day). Call to register for this 12.0 rated MSD tour. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 8:00 am.
- Dec 18 **SKI TOUR: POWDER PARK (MOD 7.0)** Dale Woodward (288-9471). Make some turns with Dale at one of the powder parks up Mill D North Fork. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 18 **SKI TOUR: WOLVERINE BOWL (MOD)** Will McCarvill (943-5520). This has been an outstanding trip in years past. You will need to purchase a one ride ski pass from Brighton. Pieps, skins, and shovel required. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 18 **SNOWSHOE: ALTA—ALBION BASIN (NTD+)** Leisurely snowshoe in the Alta area. Meet Doug Stark (277-8538) at the Hillside Plaza (7000 S. 2300 E.) behind the bank at 9:00 am.
- Dec 19 Sun **SKI TOUR: DESOLATION LAKE (MOD 5.5)** Monty Young (255-8392). Monty will lead this tour via Mill D North Fork. Skins, shovel, and pieps required. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 19 **SKI TOUR: UTAH LEADER'S CHOICE (Easy MOD)** Wick Miller (649-5996). Generic carpool at Parley's K-Mart, 8:30 am. Meet Wick at McDonalds Park City exit at 9:00 am. We'll go where the snow is.
- Dec 19 **SKI TOUR: WHITE PINE (MOD)** Terry Rollins (521-0072). Pieps, skins, & shovel required for this 8.0 rated MOD. Depending on snow conditions Terry may opt for another location. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 19 **SNOWSHOE: DESOLATION LAKE (MOD)** Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will lead this moderate snowshoe up Mill D. Although about seven miles, it is not too steep. Join Norm at the Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 24 Fri **SKI TOUR: UPPER GREENS (MOD+)** Jim Piani (272-3921) Pre-Christmas Santa and Reindeer hunt. Have you been good this year? Jim knows!! Only those who have been good should show up for the best powder tour! Pieps, shovels, and skins required. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 24 **SNOWSHOE: BOUNTIFUL FOOTHILLS (NTD+)** Explore the foothills above Bountiful on snowshoes. After the trip join Clint and Ruth Lewis (322-8318 w—295-8645 h) for a Christmas Eve social.
- Dec 25 Sat **SKI TOUR: SCOTTS PASS (NTD)** Tom Silberstorf (255-2784) requests no track or light touring equipment for this 4.0 rated trip. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.

- Dec 25
Sat **SOCIAL: CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE LODGE** Come join Randy Klein for a day of skiing at the Lodge and spend the night. Wake up to ski again the following day. The Lodge will open at 2:00 pm Saturday and close at 4:00 pm Sunday. **Dinner Saturday night:** Bring a potluck dish and the Club will provide the meat. **Breakfast and Lunch:** Bring a potluck something for this also along with a gallon of potable water and beverages of choice. Cost: \$2 to cover food costs, plus \$3 for those overnighing in the Lodge. For further info, contact Randy Klein (943-5755).
- Dec 26
Sun **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD+)** Jeff Barrell (278-3510) is willing to go a long way to find some GREAT powder. Skins, shovel, and pieps required for this 8.0 or higher leader's choice. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 26 **SKITOUR: MILLCREEK ROAD MOONLIGHT SKI (NTD)** Ms Sam Kievit (277-1789) is looking for hot tubbers to join her on an easy trek up Millcreek Road under a nearly full moon. Call Sam to volunteer your hot tub. Meet at the Olympus Hills Mall north parking lot (behind theaters) at 6:30 pm.
- Dec 26 **SKITOUR: PFEIFFERHORN (MSD)** George Westbrook (942-6071). Depending on the snow conditions, this could turn out to be an MSD+. Please call George to register. Pieps, shovel, and skins are required. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 8:00 am.
- Dec 26 **SKI TOUR: REYNOLDS NORTH FACE (MOD)** Call Tom Walsh (969-5842) to register and help remind him how to get there. Pieps, skins, and shovel required. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 26 **SNOWSHOE: SCOTTSPASS (NTD+)** Howard Wilkerson (277-1510) says that there are outstanding views of Brighton plus other good scenery from the pass. Meet Howard at the Hillside Plaza at 10:00 am.
- Dec 31
Fri **SKI TOUR: LAKE MARY (NTD)** Join Phil Fikkan (583-8499) for a fun trip past the Lodge and Lake Mary. Track skis are not suitable and skins are necessary. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Dec 31 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE—SNOW PIT PRACTICE & TELETURNS (MOD-)** Call Jim Frankenfield (1-800-289-4403) after Dec. 24th to register—calls will be returned after Christmas. Jim will lead the group to some good telemark area and will demonstrate snow evaluation techniques. Jim completed his thesis on the physics of snow & avalanches. Last year he did an excellent evaluation of the snow conditions at Big Water Gulch. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Jan 1
Sat **SKI TOUR: CRACK OF NOON TRIP TO LAKE MARY (NTD)** traditional tour will be led by our esteemed Ski Committee Coordinator Clint Lewis (295-8645). He promises to be sober for this NTD. Track skis and low cut boots are not acceptable for this trip. Skins are highly recommended. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 12:00 pm.

- Jan 2 **SKI TOUR: ALTA TO LAKE BLANCHE (MSD)** George Westbrook (942-6071).
Sun This is rated at 14.0. George requires you call to register. This will be an early start to get back before dark. Skins, pieps, and shovel required. Meeting place is Hillside Plaza. Call George for meeting time.
- Jan 2 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Ken Kelley (649-3520) will lead this trip and select an area near Brighton. Bring skins, pieps, and shovel. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Jan 2 **SKI TOUR: UINTA'S (MOD)** Rating MOD due to length not steepness, so no pieps or shovels required. Meet at Parley's K-Mart 8:30 am, then pick up leader Cheryl Soshnic (649-9008) at the Park City McDonald's exit at 9:00. OH! bring towel for hot tubbing!!!
- Jan 2 **SNOWSHOE: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Clay Benton (277-2144) will find an interesting place to snowshoe on this moderate trip. Meeting place is Hillside Plaza (7000 S. 2300 E.) behind the bank at 9:00 am.
- Jan 8 **Avalanche Class: The annual Avalanche Class sponsored by the WMC will be held**
Sat **at the Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 South on Foothill Dr. Classes start at 8:30 am and go until about noon followed by a lunch break and practice with pieps and pit digging. Class will regroup at the Hillside Plaza at 1:00 pm to go to the Spruces, then end about 3:30 pm. More info from the Ski Directors on page 14 .**
- Jan 8 **SKI TOUR: AMERICAN FORK TWINS FROM ALTA (MSD 12)** The Caldwell's (942-6065) will lead this trip. Snow conditions will determine the route, please call for the specifics. Register with the leaders—car spotting.
- Jan 8 **SKI TOUR: DESOLATION LAKE (MOD)** Dallas Chopping (292-6298) Skins, shovel, and pieps required. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Jan 8 **SKI TOUR: DOG LAKE (NTD)** Gary Lindstrom (532-1259) This trip starts at Mill D North Fork and is rated at 4.5. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Jan 8 **SKI TOUR: GREENS BASIN VIA DAYS FORK (MOD)** Chris Bilotft (364-5729) This trip will go up Days Fork and then across rather than zig-zag up the main road. Bring skins, shovel, and pieps. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Jan 9 **AUDREY KELLY CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINIC: Meeting at the Lodge at 9:30**
Sun **am. Instruction for beginners and intermediate skiers plus tips for the outdoors and waxing. \$6 fee includes hot lunch. Bring cross-country skis, poles and boots and dress appropriately for a day outside. Please give Harry a call (485-1483). He can use assistance, help, and participation. Car pool from Hillside Plaza, south of the bank at 8:30 am as parking at the Lodge is limited now that Brighton is open.**

- Jan 9
Sun **SKI TOUR: VIOLIN LESSONS AT POWDER PARK** (MOD 7.0) Brian Barkey. (583-1205) Some folks say that one needs practice to do the violin concerto on the mountain. Here's your chance! The self proclaimed mountain maestro "Brian Barkey" will offer violin lessons for those adventurous enough to follow! Pieps, skins, and shovels required. Violins optional. Meet at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am.
- Jan 9 **SKI TOUR: WHITE PINE** (MOD 8.0) Meet Leslie Woods (484-2338) at Hillside Plaza at 9:00 am to carpool to the trailhead. Pieps and shovels required.
- Jan 9
Sun **SNOWSHOE: REYNOLDS PEAK EXPLORATORY LOOP** (MOD) Knick Knickerbocker (565-0910) does not recommend this trip for beginners. He plans a different descent down Reynolds Peak and feels it will be a strenuous snowshoe experience. Meet Knick at the west side of Hillside Plaza parking lot behind the bank at 9:00 am.
- Jan 22
Sat **SOCIAL: MID—WINTER BANQUET AND DANCE** Put on your dressiest of duds (or whatever makes you feel festive!) and come join us for this annual event: **The Awards and Nominations Banquet.** Our agenda includes presentation of awards, nominations to the 94/95 Board, dining, dancing, fun!!! Cost: \$18 per person. Place: Double Tree Hotel, 215 W. South Temple. Music: Wind River Band. Reservations must be received by Jan. 15. (See reservation form on page 23). For further details, call Mary Ann (278-4587) or Phyllis (943-8500).
- Jan 30
Sun **SOCIAL: SPAGHETTI PARTY AT VINCE DESIMONE'S** 7th annual pasta party: no children or pets, \$5/person, coffee and hot chocolate provided. Bring other drink choices. For further information, call the man with the pasta pot, Vince (649-6805). Directions: Take I-80 to Park City exit, turn left at Meadows Dr. (a short distance before the Radison Hotel, drive to the crest of the hill, turn left and up the hill to the "T", turn right and look for the U.S. flag flying high!

WMC SKI TOUR RATINGS EXPLANATION:

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 piep 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 are always required.

FROM THE SKI DIRECTORS

Clint Lewis and Norm Fish

AVALANCHE CLASS

**8:30 am Saturday, January 8, 1994 Zion Lutheran Church
1070 Foothill Drive**

An Avalanche Class sponsored by the WMC will be taught by Bruce Tremper of the US Avalanche Forecast Center. The class is open to the public. A donation of \$5.00 is requested to defray the cost of giving the class and for coffee and doughnuts.

The class is designed for persons who have no prior knowledge of avalanche conditions and backcountry safety. Material to be covered is as follows:

- °Route finding
- °Hypothermia
- °Reasons for avalanches
- °Snow mechanics
- °Back-country safety
- °Avalanche beacon (Pieps) usage
- °Snow pits
- °Avalanche avoidance

The class will consist of two parts. The morning half will be a lecture, then at 1:00 pm we will meet at Hillside Plaza to carpool to the Spruces (weather permitting) for outside practice using Pieps and other beacons. Bring your own lunch or eat at a local restaurant. Bring WARM clothes for the afternoon. Skis will not be needed but bring your Pieps or Ortovox if you have one. For the morning session, enter the building from the West entrance for downstairs (rear of building).

This class is for all skiers and snowshoers who might venture into the back-country during the winter.

Schedule information on Activity Page 12.

SAVE A LIFE, BRING A FRIEND!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Feb 4-6 **La Sal Mountains (Mt. Tomasaki) Backcountry Ski Tour:** William McCarvill is leading this tour for experienced backcountry skiers only. The group will stay in the Mt. Tomasaki cabin maintained by Tag-A-Long Tours in Moab. Snow cat transportation provided into (but not out). A guide will be with the group the first day. Special Note: Will intends to drive to Moab Thursday, Feb. 3 and stay in a motel. The group will ski out Monday afternoon Feb. 7 and return to SLC that night. A \$50 deposit is necessary to hold a reservation and is non-refundable unless another person takes the slot. Call Will for details ASAP (943-5520).
- Feb 18-21 **NORTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON TOURING/SNOWSHOE TRIP:** North rim of the Grand Canyon ski touring/snowshoe trip. Three night stay at Kaibab Lodge cabins or Yurt. On Thursday, Feb. 17th we car-pool to Jacob's Lake Lodge just south of Kanab to catch the newer high speed snowvans on Friday morning for the ride to Kaibab Lodge, returning the morning of Feb. 21st. The package price for Kaibab Lodge includes lodging, excellent meals, non-alcoholic beverages, ski clinics and other goodies. Yurt \$390.00 per person, cabins \$495.00 per person double occupancy. A deposit of \$100.00 for the Yurt and \$125.00 for the cabins is required and is non-refundable unless someone else takes that slot. Balance required on Dec. 15th. Space is limited: for more info call Dallas Chopping (292-6298).
- Mar 10-13 **Sun Valley Idaho Ski/Snowshoe Trip (3 nights).** Come and join us for some fun in the snow at Sun Valley Idaho. We plan to alpine (downhill) ski for 2 days or ski 1 day and snowshoe 1 day. Sleeping arrangements have been made for 3 nights in 3 condos at Ketchum, Idaho (Sun Valley Ski Resort. **LIMIT of 16.** Call Knick Knickerbocker (364-6521 W, 565-0910 H) or Mark Jones (486-5354) for more information. A deposit is required to hold your reservation....**call early to register as this trip will fill fast.**

FROM THE SKI TOUR COMMITTEE

Parking: For tours meeting at the Hillside Plaza (7000 S. 2300 E.) be sure to park *south of the bank* where parked cars will not interfere with shoppers.

Ski Tour Participants Responsibilities: It is suggested that each tour leader read the following to the group before starting the tour:

"It is your responsibility to be prepared for this ski tour with proper clothing, food and equipment. It is also your responsibility to stay with the group! The Tour Leader suggest/requests on the uphill climb that the uphill skier never lose sight of the person following. In this way the group **Will stay together** and be able to help any skier with problems. **DOWNHILL PORTION:** Before starting we will form groups of 3-4 skiers with equal ability with one of the group members chosen as group leader. The Tour Leader will note the group leaders' names **BEFORE** starting downhill. During the downhill portion, each group **MUST STAY TOGETHER.** We will regroup at the selected locations on both the uphill climb and downhill run."

MINUTES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 27, 1993

Alexis Kelner provided the Club with a slide show of what one mountain club, the Oregon Mountaineers, a club with 3000 members, had done with their lodge. The lodge sleeps up to 85. They market themselves to church groups, school groups and like WMC require that there be a sponsoring member for any group. A full-time, paid caretaker is in residence at the lodge at all times. The lodge itself is bright, well appointed with a large, modern kitchen capable of feeding up to 250 in an evening, and group shower and lavatory facilities. The Mountaineers have also had disputes with the Forest Service.

Rich Osborne provided an update on the lodge and our struggles with the Forest Service (FS).

*FS permit expired 5/92. As a result, WMC must reapply rather than being granted an extension on the permit. This has opened the door for the FS to require a different set of application standards, such as an Environmental Assessment, any property within 300 feet of the sewer line must hook up, etc.

*The latest estimate of hookup cost is \$12K-15K.

*Two springs have been identified within 500 feet of the lodge which could possibly provide water year 'round. However, the water may be coming from an abandoned mine shaft, a use which SL County recently ruled as illegal.

*No water shares appear to be available for purchase.

*While the Solitude Improvement District denies that we are a dry lot, SLC threatens to sue WMC if the stream in the back is tapped for regular use.

*The forms requesting a 20 year lease from the FS are being completed with a timed schedule for sewer hookup for gray water disposal, and an

indefinite schedule for development of water service.

PROPOSAL:

Add a third qualifying activity which would be a service activity. The purpose is to involve more people in lodge work parties. Karin Caldwell stated that it had been tried in the past, but was deemed impractical since too many people's membership applications were left on hold waiting for a service activity.

*A lodge improvement fund was recently set up with \$50K.

*Gross revenues from the lodge in 1992 were \$5K. Gross revenues next year are likely to be \$8K-10K with anticipated expenses of \$20K. '93 revenues = \$4K. *\$3.75 of each member's dues supports the lodge.

PROPOSAL:

In the future, a paid general contractor or service manager who is available M-F/8-5 will be needed to meet and supervise contractors.

Bruce Tremper and Mike Herrick of the Wasatch Interpretive Association showed a soon to be completed and released video on Avalanche Safety. A donation solicitation will be made at the November Board Meeting.

Randy Long voiced a complaint about out of town trips being filled before being announced in the *Rambler*.

Milt Hollander presented information about the SL County Commissioner meeting Nov. 17 on proposed development in the gun club area and a move to down zone the area from Millcreek Canyon to 5300 South. Ann Weschler offered to write a letter to Gov. Leavitt supporting allocation of one-half million dollars to be split between Trails and River Enhancement.



WASATCH FRONT FORUM

Mountain Recreation in the Wasatch

Tuesday, December 14, 1993
First Unitarian Church (569 S. 1300 E.)
7:00 p.m. slide presentation
Social hour follows program

Recent battles over the use of the mountains along the Wasatch Front are but the latest developments in a long history of canyon issues. Alexis Kelner, long time conservation activist and author of numerous publications on skiing history, the Olympics and cross-country touring, will present an entertaining and informative slide show entitled "Mountain Recreation in the Wasatch". With the aid of his beautiful photographs, he will describe the pleasures, perils and preservation of recreation in our local canyons.

An extended social hour celebrating the holiday season will follow.

This is one of the 1993-94 series of meetings sponsored by the Wasatch Front Forum, an organization created to provide a forum for Utahns to learn more about the natural history of the Wasatch Front and the legal, political and social issues facing public land managers and local governments. Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month (except during the summer). WFF is not intended to provide public hearings on projects, but rather to involve interested people; it will enable you to find out more about what is going on in our nearby mountains and to ask questions about new proposals. WFF is supported by the Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Wasatch Mountain Club, Great Salt Lake Audubon, The Utah Nordic Alliance, the Utah Mountain Bike Association, the Utah Wilderness Association, and the Citizens' Committee to Save Our Canyons. Watch for notices of future meetings.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping the Wasatch Front Forum, or if you want to be on the mailing list, please call Tom Berggren or Ann Wechsler at 467-9295 (Sierra Club) or write c/o P.O. Box 58671, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0671

FROM THE LODGE DIRECTORS

by Robert Myers and Rich Osborne

The Lodge work parties continue to be well-attended, therefore we are planning to have them throughout the winter months. The work started on the porch, repairing of doors, mortaring the logs, building cabinets, cutting wood, and general housecleaning are the major on-going projects.

Rich plans to open the Lodge on an informal basis throughout the year, so if there are specific dates you'd like to see the Lodge open, or if you would like to host an open night at the Lodge, please call Rich at 647-0205. Admission is \$5 per person (\$15 per family on designated family nights).

We want to thank both Chuck Gregg and Craig Green for donating refrigerators to the Lodge. We only need to replace one more stove. Call Rich Osborne at 647-0205 if you have an extra electric stove that you would like to donate to the Lodge.

UPCOMING LODGE WORK PARTY WEEKEND—Dec. 4th and 5th

We anticipate more work on the porch, exit doors, mortaring the logs, building cabinets, and housecleaning. **Lodge workers will be served a free lunch.** Those who work at least 6 hours on Saturday get to stay the night for free. GET involved with our work parties: Call either Rich (647-0205) or Bob (486-9209). See December 3rd and 4th Lodge Overnights on Activity Page 8.

The Lodge Directors are consolidating all of the records, blueprints, and other documents related to the Lodge and are in desperate need of some filing cabinets. So if you have a heavy duty, commercial grade filing cabinet that is collecting dust and you would like to donate it to the Lodge, please call Rich Osborne at 647-0205.



Donn Seeley and Tom Walsh in pink hats helping medics carry WMC President Jerry Hatch Life Flight helicopter. Photo by Aaron Jones

FROM THE PRESIDENT

AN ABBREVIATED HIKE

by Jerry Hatch

I had just barely put my old Nikon away after having taken a picture of the vast wall of Notch Peak and was anxious to get to the summit, which I figured was about fifteen minutes brisk hiking from where I was. I was fated never to make it to the top, however. Stepping up onto a large boulder, I slipped on some gravel, and fell. It was a fall of only a couple of feet, and my first reaction was annoyance with myself for being so clumsy, but as I started to get up, I noticed blood dribbling down my right thigh. Examining the wound more closely, I could scarcely believe my eyes. There on my leg was a ten inch long laceration, and it was deep: The gray tissue of the muscle could be seen along most of the length of the wound.

It was then that I became afraid. Here I was horribly injured in the middle of nowhere. I wondered if I was going to die, (how could this be happening to me on such a beautiful afternoon, ... and on such a seemingly innocuous hike?). I pushed the panic back, and concentrated on yelling to the rest of the group, who were only a few minutes behind me. **THANK GOD I WASN'T ALONE!** The first person to reach me was Mohamed Abdallah who took a look at my leg and muttered, "Oh you poor guy,!" and immediately pulled out his first aid kit. (I didn't have one, I'm sorry to say.) In another few minutes the rest of the Miller Canyon group arrived on the scene; Tim and Donn Seeley were able to pull enough stuff out of their kits to completely cover the wound. They also assured me I wasn't going to bleed to death.

Tim took charge of the first aid since he had a first aid certificate and did a magnificent job. While he was treating me, Tom Walsh and a couple of other folks dug out a shelf in the hillside so I could be made as comfortable as possible. Oddly enough, I wasn't in much pain, but I was nervous about going into shock. Tim was very careful to monitor my pulse and respiration, and gladly reported I didn't seem to be in any difficulty.

When the hikers who were coming up from Sawtooth Canyon arrived, I was covered with space blankets and warm clothing. There were about a dozen people in that group and they all tried to be as helpful with encouraging remarks often. (Ah! the good old WMC! sic....to the rescue!) One of them told me their leader, Wick Miller, was hurrying down to get help. (I later found out that Wick managed to get down from the top of the peak to the trailhead in a little over an hour.)

I had fallen at about 1 pm and at 2:30, Donn sent everyone except himself, Tim, Tom Walsh, and Aaron Jones back down Sawtooth Canyon. These four men stayed with me even though they knew there was a chance they'd have to spend the night on the mountain. As the shadows lengthened, they kept me amused with clever conversation and began to gather firewood. I stared out at the peaks of the northern House Range and watched the contrails of passing jetliners. My leg had started to hurt and I was getting cold—still it was wonderful to be alive.

At about 5 pm a canary yellow Cessna began to circle around us. One of the guys explained that this almost certainly meant the helicopter was on its way, and at 6:05 a green and gold Life Flight helicopter set down about a hundred yards from us. By that time dusk had turned the vertical west face of the mountain to a gentle amber. The medical team and pilot were clearly impressed by the magnificence of the scene. I was even more impressed by how close they had landed to the edge. While they were loading me in, I pleaded with them to be careful; (what I didn't need was a longer, far more serious fall). We took off at 6:15 and they landed at LDS Hospital at 7:20.

I was very lucky; my leg didn't get infected and I am now well on the road to recovery. To all you folks on the Miller and Sawtooth Canyon Hikes, thank you.

FROM THE BOATING DIRECTOR

by Randy Klein

It's time to send away for river permit applications for the 1994 boating season. You don't necessarily have to lead the trip, so don't worry about your perceived lack of qualifications. To discuss which rivers might be appropriate for your skill level, call me at 943-5755. Note that some deadlines for getting permit applications back to the river managers are earlier this year (see the addresses and deadlines in the information table).

Normally, we recommend you apply for between 15 people and the maximum trip size allowed. Or, you can say something like, "Applying for 25 people, but will accept as few as 8". The trip leader can always reduce the number of participants a month or so prior to the trip if it looks like the signup rate will be low. If you have other questions when filling out your applications, be sure to give me a call.

At the Nov 11 meeting, we established some rough time periods for launch dates for several rivers: Desolation, June 8-15; Hell's, July 15-20; Lodore, May 26 or June 15-23; Yampa, May 20-26; Rogue, Aug 3-10; Main Salmon, July 6-8; Middle Fork, June 15-23; San Juan, May 26 or 27, Aug 18-Sep 3; Westwater, July 2 and 3, any Sat. or Sun. in Aug. or Sep. (especially full moon weekends asks Janet Embry - and put a Saturday as your first choice for Westwater). Note we are recommending launch dates, not trip duration with the dates in this paragraph.

RIVER PERMIT APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR 1994 PERMITS:

CATARACT CANYON

Canyonlands National Park
125 W. 200 S.
Moab UT 84532
801/259-7167
System: FCFS
To Agency: After Jan 1

DESOLATION CANYON

Bureau of Land Management
900 N. 700 E.
Price UT 84501
801/637-4584
System: Lottery
To Agency: Dec 1 - Jan 31

GRAND CANYON

Grand Canyon National Park
Box 129
Grand Canyon AZ 86023-0129
602/638-7843
System: Wait List
To Agency: Feb First Time/Jan to Renew

*HELL'S CANYON

Hell's Canyon N.R.A.
Box 699
Clarkston WA 99403
509/758-1957
System: Lottery
When: Dec 1 - Jan 31

LODORE AND YAMPA

Dinosaur Natl. Monument
Box 210
Dinosaur CO 81610
303/374-2468
System: Lottery
To Agency: Dec 1 - Jan 31

SPLIT MT. DAILY

Same Address & Phone as Lodore
System: FCFS By Phone
To Agency: Mar 1 or after
(automatically included with any
Lodore or Yampa trip)

RIVER PERMIT APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR 1994 PERMITS:

ROGUE

U.S. Forest Service
14335 Galice Road
Merlin OR 97532
503/479-3735
System: Lottery
To Agency: Jan 1 - Feb 12

***MAIN SALMON**

North Fork Ranger District
Box 180
North Fork ID 83466
208/865-2383
System: Lottery
To Agency: Dec 1 - Jan 31
Send SASE with App. Request

***MIDDLE FORK SALMON**

Middle Fork Ranger District
Box 750
Challis ID 83226
208/879-5204
System: Lottery
To Agency: Dec 1 - Jan 31

SAN JUAN

BLM: San Juan District
Box 7
Monticello UT 84535
801/587-2141
System: Lottery
To Agency: Dec 1 - Jan 31

***SELWAY**

West Fork Ranger District
6735 West Fork Road
Darby MT 59829
406/821-3269
System: Lottery
To Agency: Dec 1 - Jan 31

WESTWATER CANYON

BLM: Grand Resource Area
885 S. Sandflats Road
Moab UT 84532
801/259-4421 or 259-8193
System: Lottery
To Agency: Dec 1 - Jan 31

Notes: Some lottery rivers have a "call-in for open dates" system after the drawing, but you usually must have applied for the lottery or FCFS to qualify for call-in dates.

FCFS is First Come First Served.

SASE is Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope.

*Only send to one of these 4 addresses (the application is for all 4 rivers).

HOUNDS TOOTH TRIP TALK

by Christine Allred

"If you look east over your shoulder about 80th South on Wasatch Blvd it really does look like a hound's tooth," Hank Winawer assured the small group who had joined him for an autumn trek nearly straight up the west facing slope of the Wasatch mountains. Most of us took his word for it as we were too busy catching our breaths and flexing leg muscles to ask questions.

Hmmmm, two hiking choices today—Hounds Tooth rated just above a 5 and Church Fork Peak at 5.7. Gotta' lot of other stuff to do in the afternoon and Hound's Tooth is steep, but it says short. We should be up and back about noon—leave plenty of time to buy trick 'n treat goodies, fix a scrumptious potluck entree and get my costume for the WMC Halloween party tonight.

There is no trail for this particular hike; we started from King's Hill Drive where it intersects with Golden Oaks and went up, up, up to a ridge that provided a spectacular view of the valley. The sun had topped the mountains and provided some warmth in addition to our exertions; off came some of those layers which had felt so good a short time before at the gathering place. At this time, Hank warned each of us to pick a reference point so we'd hit the right cul-de-sac on the way down and avoid having to hike through the subdivision to find the cars.

Two tall, straight arrow gold and green Lombardy poplars at the edge of a home with timbers lacing the stucco finish provided one point as well as the water treatment ponds that Hank said should be at approximately 10 o'clock as we faced the valley.

Our route included some bushwhacking and picking our way around and through scrub oak, tall dried thistle bushes with spikes still in tact, living dark green leafed Mt. Mahogany as well as its sun bleached and wind scoured remains, balsam root plants that had dried up to a crisp crackly tan, a bit of scrambling hand over hand on rock outcroppings, frequent stops to admire the view, and much encouragement from Hank who kept urging us on, saying it would get easier.

On our next rest stop, we looked down into Deaf (Def?) Smith Canyon and speculated on how it got its name—old timers spelling of someone's name? Perhaps an old codger who had discovered, lived and died there? Since it was Halloween could we expect to have a ghostly companion join us? Two male Easterners,

Roland Hill and Geoff Hardis, ventured the explanation that Utahns couldn't spell or pronounce words in the normal way—look at Tooele, by gad!

Hank now assured us the steepest bit was over; from now on "no big deal", at least until the last 1,000 feet or so to the base of the Tooth. Hah! You could have fooled Dana Green and I; we mumbled that mantra as we continued up. Julia McDougal echoed this refrain. A prospective member, she too had chosen this hike as the easier selection of the day.

"How many who start this hike actually finish it," someone asked our intrepid leader. Oh, about two-thirds, he replied. All six of us made it!

How many people do it more than once, queried another? After some mathematical cogitations, Hank calculated he's been leading Hound's Tooth every spring for 10 years and had an average of 20 people each time—or 200. Maybe 10 percent had ventured again. They must have been hardy souls, or maybe it's like child birth. If birth mothers didn't forget some of the agony, most kids wouldn't have younger siblings.

Lunch was at the base of the Tooth which up close is a large whitewashed outcropping of rock. There looked to be some challenging climbs up the south face. We spotted a Golden Eagle soaring on thermals just below our perch; there was a Sharp-shin Hawk, a Red-tail Hawk, a Townsend Solitaire and other small birds sited or heard, but no four legged critters. The view into the valley was unparalleled as we spent some time picking out landmarks and remarking on how different everything looks from this altitude.

Mike Stowe lead the first part of our descent; sometimes going down is harder on the legs, knees and feet than going up. At various points we did stop to check for the directional landmarks picked out while on top of the first ridge; sure enough, we were too far south and had to make a correctional traverse.

Down at the bottom and all accounted for in WMC tradition, I wondered how many of us would repeat come April or May when Hank leads his traditional Spring scramble to the Tooth. If Dana Green, Roland Hill, Mike Stowe, Geoff Hardis, Julia McDougal and I show up, that will make a 100 percent repeat from this outing and shatter Hank's record.

*You are cordially invited
to the Wasatch Mountain Club's
Mid-Winter Banquet and Dance*

SAT., JANUARY 22

*Doubletree Hotel
215 West South Temple*

\$18.00 per person

6:00 - 7:00 *Social Hour*

**7:00 - 9:00 *Dinner, Presentation of Awards, Nominations
for 1994/95 Governing Board***

9:00 - 12:00 *Dance to the music of the Wind River Band*

Reservations should be made by Jan. 15. Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club. Send Check(s) and reservation form to M. Losee, 4239 South 1500 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84124.

RESERVATION FORM • MID-WINTER BANQUET AND DANCE

Your name _____ Number of individuals attending _____

Check(s) enclosed in the amount of _____

TRIP TALKS



CRYSTAL CAVE TRIP

October 24, 1993

by Dallas Chopping

On October 24, Dale Green lead the following members on an extraordinary adventure into the world of spelunking at Crystal Cave: Monty Young, Vince Desimone, Linda Wilcox, John Vidic, David Christensen, Brad Yates, and Dallas Chopping. At an old mine entrance, Dale equipped many of us neophytes with hard hats, lights, coveralls, knee pads, etc. Once equipped, we walked 500' into the mountain and into a hard rock mine shaft, where the cave system began.

Dale lead us through various sections of Crystal Cave explaining the geological features. We saw where the geothermally heated water had scoured passages in the cave walls leaving beautiful deposits of limestone and helictites which looked like small unicorn horns protruding from the walls. We learned about limestone rafts that had formed

on the surface of an underground pool. When the water dried up, the limestone raft broke up into small sheets that looked like dull pieces of glass laying on the bottom of the cave. Before leaving, other beautiful formations were seen and discussed. The vandalism by rock collectors graphically pointed out the need to protect these treasures for future generations.

Since this was my first tour of an undeveloped cave, I found my emotions running the gamut: from being terrified of crawling through a small orifice or crack where a green monster was surely lurking, to the exhilaration of seeing a gorgeously decorated grotto that only God and nature could have made. All of the members were very grateful to Dale for leading us on this excellent adventure.

NOTCHPEAK

October 23

Cut to the bone. But: All's well that end's well. Or: The Saga of Hobble-Along-Hatch.

by Wick Miller

By now, most everyone in the Club knows about the accident. I was leading the (regular) Notch Peak contingent, while Donn Seeley was leading the Notch Peak Variation. I was within 15 feet of the peak and registration mailbox when I heard my name being called. All I heard at that time was "Wick, come down." I tried to find out the problem, because I was upset by having to come down when I was almost at the top. It was a beautiful fall day, no wind, and I was looking forward to a leisurely lunch, a beer, good company, and the opportunity to explain to Ursula why the country was in better hands this year with Willie, than it was during the last Notch Peak hike when George was in charge.

As I approached the saddle below, little by little information starting filtering up. It seems the Variation group was about 15 minutes away from joining our trail, when Jerry Hatch slipped on some steep scree, and a sharp rock cut his thigh to the bone.

I had left my car at the Park and Ride lot where we met in SLC, and had come with Dana Green and Arnie Nestel; neither of whom were near by when I got the word of Jerry's accident. But Frank Prosser was near by, and he had his car at the trail head. Time was 1:30 pm. We were at the parking lot trail head in just a little over an hour later, after hitching a ride for the last mile with a hunter in a 4X4. I usually like to enjoy my hike down Notch Peak and enjoy the scenery. But this time I came off the mountain faster than I every had before (and hopefully faster than I ever will again), and about all I saw were my toes. It took about the same amount of time to get into Delta. We called 911 at

the Chevron station. In about two or three minutes Deputy Sheriff Forest Roper arrived. He called Life Flight in Salt Lake, got a small plane in the air right away to find exactly where Jerry was. He also got the wheels in motion to bring in a Gamma Goat, just in case the helicopter could not land close to Jerry. A Gamma Goat is a six wheeled thing, double articulated like an ant, with huge wheels that can go right over boulders one or more meters high. We drove out to the trail head faster than I have ever gone before, and when we arrived people were coming down off the mountain, so that Deputy Roper could get an up date on Jerry's condition, and an exact description of his location. Time: about 5:00 pm (I think).

The updated report: Jerry was resting comfortable (or as comfortably as could be expected). Donn Seeley, Tom Walsh, Aaron Jones, and Tim Seeley had stayed behind with Jerry. Nurse Janet Friend inspected the first aid job, and pronounced it as not being in need of any improvement. Various hikers had left flashlights, blankets, and other stuff behind just in case they had to spend the night on the mountain. Susan Sweigert and Randy Klimes arranged to get a car as close as possible so that when Donn and his group got down they would not have to hike as far in the dark.

The helicopter landed near about 6:10. A ten minute stretcher ride (Donn, Tom, Aaron, and Tim, along with the pilot and a medic, carried the stretcher) with Jerry inside.

When Deputy Roper got the word via radio, he called off the Gamma Goat. Donn, Tom, Aaron, and Tim were down off the mountain in short order.

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They had day light for about half the trip, then finished up in moonlight (full moon was seven days away) and flashlight. By the time we were in Delta Jerry was at Holy Cross Hospital, and by the time we got to Salt Lake, Jerry had been sewn up and released.

I was most impressed with how the Club responded to the emergency, particularly how Donn Seeley handled the situation. And I was most impressed with the Millard County Sheriffs's Department, and particularly how deputy Forest Roper handled the situation.

The prognosis: Jerry will fully recover. Who knows, maybe he can crutch ski this winter.

The Notch Peak Nineteen: Zig Sondelski, Frank Prosser, Mohamed G. Abdallah, Sheryl Hogan, Jean Steward, Dana Green, Janet Friend, Sherry Handy, Ursula Jochmann, Arnie Nestel, Kyle R. Jones, Dale Woodward, Christine Allred, Janet Chatwin, Mary Ann Losee, Sharon Coons, Jean & Mike Binyon, and Wick R. Miller. The Notch Peak Variation Eight: Donn Seeley (Leader), Jerry Hatch (Victim), Susan Sweigert, Jim Zinanti, Tom Walsh, Aaron Jones, Tim Seeley, Randy Klimes.

The Rambler Editors are looking for short, true adventures of people who have met, fallen in love, and eventually married through WMC activities. Send your article to Jean Frances at 3124 Emigration Canyon, SLC, UT 84108. We'd like to publish some of them in the upcoming issues.

VAN COTT PEAK

October 31

by Tom Sernka

Thinking wistfully as a biologist that I might find a fossil in Cephalopod Gulch, I joined up eagerly with an intrepid group of hikers bound for Van Cott Peak by way of the Gulch. That was a golden warm Halloween afternoon added to the excitement we felt. Richard Zeamer, our fearless leader, briefed us on the last 10 million years of mountain building in the region and then we were ready to go. Not deterred by our enthusiasm, Richard insisted that we be properly recorded for our efforts. Several posed photographs, later we set off in three groups: the greyhounds led by Mohamed Abdalla, the turtles led by Cheryl Nelson Wall, and the rest of us in the middle led by Richard.

Although the hike is rated only 2.8, the ascent is steep and relentless in long stretches. Fortunately the weather was near perfect and turtles as well as greyhounds made it to the peak in good time. David Everitt latched onto my back pockets for that little extra assistance. Near the top Victoria Regan stopped suddenly to recall the lyrics of a Halloween ditty that she learned as a child—proof again of the power of inspiration in our magnificent foothills!

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The following crew: Anisa Hanania, Ken Engstrom, Modhamed Abdallah, Stacy Yamasaki, Juri Gulbis, Evelyn Slavnick, Jim Wardle, Lyn Christiansen, Tom Semka, Victoria Regan, Cheryl Nelson Wall, Jesse Wall, Terri Fitzsimmons, Lyn Nall, Betty Cluff, Chris Negus, Larry Schumer, Ben Everitt, David Everitt, Dolores Taylor and Conley Adams.

HAVASU CANYON BACKPACK GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

October 29—November 1

by Rob Seely

Every year I face the same dilemma—what to be for Halloween? Last year after my very unconvincing portrayal of Wayne Campbell from Wayne's World, I decided I should try something different for this year. So I dressed up as a backpacker and with the help of five similarly costumed WMC members, I partied for a few days and a few moonlit nights in the Grand Canyon. We ran into some other party people dressed as Havasupai Indians, stray dogs, and pack horses.

This was my first experience as a trip leader for the Club and as such I learned some valuable lessons. To start with, always check the condition of any dirt road before committing yourself and sacrificing your car's exhaust system to it. If you ever plan on doing this hike and are looking for a short cut to the trail head on Hualapai Hilltop, don't bother—there are none. But we did eventually make it to the trail head on Friday afternoon, although we arrived and started the hike in two separate groups with two hours between us. This was the result of an inadvertent separation earlier on the highway which I was relieved to later discover was not a mutiny attempt against the trip leader.

We all made the 10 mile journey down Hualapai Canyon to Havasu Canyon through the Indian village of Supai and to the Havasu campground without incident. Most of Havasu Canyon is on the Havasu Indian Reservation and the Indians collect a \$12 per person entrance fee and a \$9.00 per night camping fee. The money is supposedly used to support the Havasupai Government (satellite dishes) and to maintain the trails. Personally, I would have no problem with the fees if the "trail maintenance" included some degree of trash removal. The trail to

the campground receives very heavy use and has a slight resemblance to the shores of Lake Powell. However, such distractions are soon forgotten when one witnesses waterfalls launching almost 200 feet off a desert sandstone cliff into a blue-green pool of water surrounded by lush green vegetation.

On Saturday morning we all reunited as a group and discussed the agenda for the remainder of the trip. The original plan was to backpack down to the Colorado River where we would camp and return to Havasu Campground the next day. However, the Ranger for the Indian Reservation said no camping was allowed downstream from us, even though this is National Park Service land, and the National Park back country Rangers advised against hiking to and camping near the river because of route finding difficulties caused by flooding in recent years, although they made no mention of this when they originally issued me the permit several months earlier. What this meant was that we would have to camp at the campground the remaining two nights and do day hikes from there. This turned out to be a much more relaxed pace than was originally planned which was welcomed by many. Plus the campground itself wasn't too shabby, although I wouldn't recommend camping there at the peak of the season when it is filled to its capacity of 300 people. Still, Havasu Canyon is very wide (wide enough to fit an Indian village of 450 people) and the campsites are stretched out along about a half-mile of Havasu Creek with a somewhat reasonable amount of space between camp neighbors. Also, the spring fed creek runs year round providing the canyon with heavy vegetation, including cottonwoods, willows, and arrow weed, in an otherwise dry, desert region. This dramatic contrast is notice-

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able when you approach the lush green foliage of Havasu Canyon after hiking down Hualapai Canyon which is mostly dry with little plant life.

There are three major waterfalls within a short distance of the campground—Navajo, Havasu, and Mooney, with Beaver Falls another 3 miles down stream. At the base of these falls, as well as many places along the entire creek, there are milky blue pools of water created by travertine deposits in the stream bed and in the water which reflect the blue sky. On Saturday we all hiked to Mooney and Havasu Falls. Mooney Falls is the highest in the canyon measuring 196 feet. Tow tunnels have been blasted through the cliff and chain supports have been installed to help you climb down to the base of the falls.

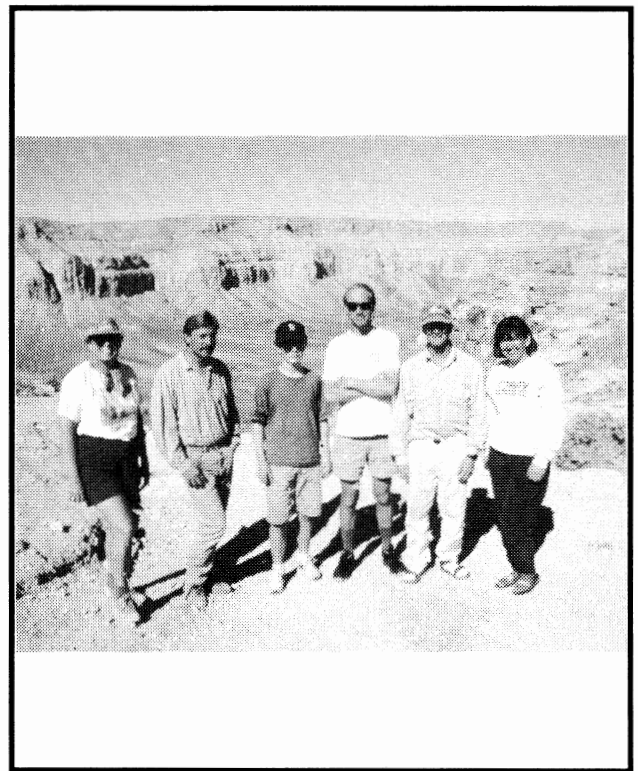
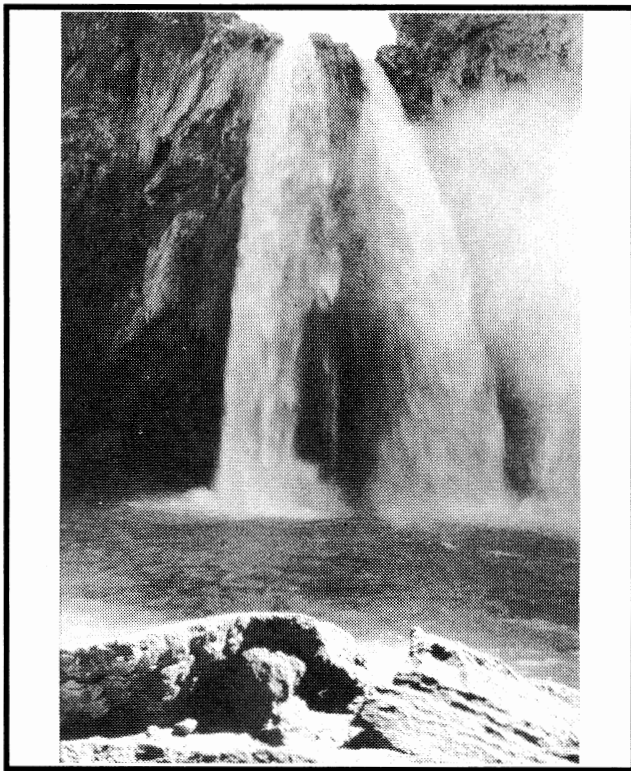
With a base camp now established, we were all free to explore the surrounding areas at will. Four of us hiked up Carbonate Canyon a short distance and others hiked back up Havasu Canyon. The next morning, the seekers of adventure (Elliot, David, and myself) decided to conquer the three mile trek to Beaver Falls despite horror stories told by a fellow hiker who had major route finding difficulties. We later concluded, as we were enjoying Beaver Falls, that this must not have been a particularly smart hiker. Several stream crossings were required and we had to negotiate our way up, down, and around the eroded creek bank in many places, but that's all part of the "canyoneering experience" that is not without its rewards. For example, I don't think that for even one minute I ever longed to see the colorful display of trash that was so common up stream.

We hiked up Beaver Canyon for a mile or two and then headed back to camp where we learned of Julie and Larene's adventure. They found a trail that headed up the side of the canyon to the top of the cliffs looking down on Havasu Creek and the waterfalls. They followed this trail for several miles as it continued along the top of the canyon offering superb views.

The next morning arrived about two hours after we started hiking out of the canyon. This was a splendid 10 mile jaunt with only about 2000 feet elevation gain (mild for the Grand Canyon). At the end of the trail our cars awaited us and drove us home. Now, the most significant information I can impart to you readers distraught and deranged enough to make it this far in my write up is this: Havasu Canyon is the recipient of infrequent but devastating flash floods (one completely destroyed the Indian village in 1910). Although these floods don't usually pose a threat to the prepared hiker, they greatly alter the canyon's terrain—most significantly the falls. Their size and the course of their current has changed dramatically in recent history. See them soon, for they might not exist in their present beauty for long.

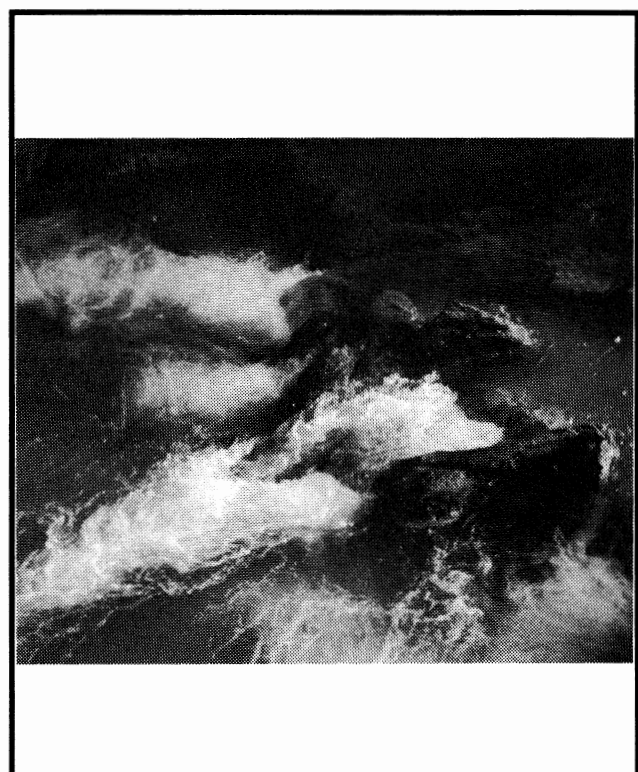
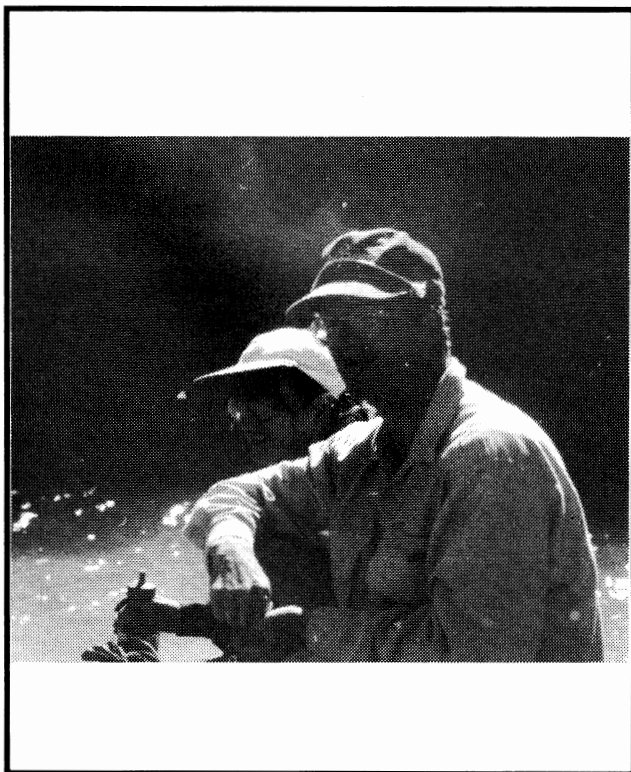
Now I'm faced with just one troubling question: What the hell am I going to be next Halloween?

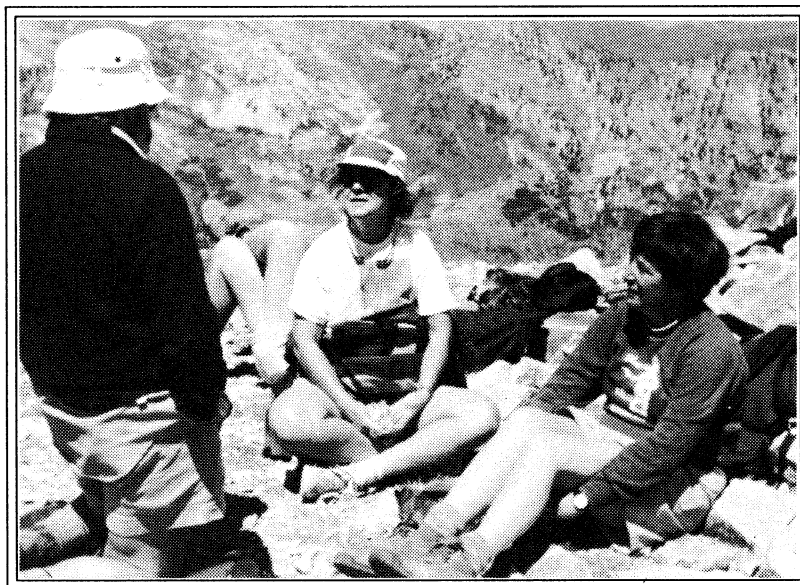
Participants: Julie Jones, Larene Miller, Elliot Thompson, (previously The Sand Lizard), David Keffer (Reader of Strange Books), Chuck Todd (The Thinker), and myself, Rob Seely (previously Wayne).



Havasu Canyon Backpack Trip—top, bottom left, and right photos by Rob Seely.

Larene Miller's photo of the Havasu Canyoneers.





L to R: Pat Billings, Wan-Jen Horng, Conley Adams and Dolores Taylor. Photo by Randy Long

MAYBIRD LAKES

August 28, 1993

by Randy Long

The small, pristine lakes in Maybird Gulch were the objectives for hiking Wasatch Mountain Clubbers Conley Adams, Pat Billings, Wan-Jen Horng, Dolores Taylor and myself. Does this sound like a news media heading? Maybe not, but when I say pristine, I mean that and more: very spectacular with the Pfeifferhorn looming at the head along with other high peaks in an isolated part of the Wasatch Range. Bordering the area are large cliffs, knife ridges, giant boulder fields, several small lakes, and Little Cottonwood Canyon to the north. How could Maybird Gulch be anything else but,

“pristine and spectacular.” It has become another one of my favorite hikes.

Again we met at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon but with a little confusion as the new parking area still needs to be marked better. On the trail, although we stayed together, I had everyone regroup at the White Pine-Red Pine and Red Pine-Maybird trail junctions. After lunch at one of the lower lakes, most of us made the short scramble to the upper lake (the one with the cute little island). We hated to leave such magnificent scenery to return home.

SILVER ISLAND RANGE—COBB PEAK

by Howard Wilkerson

The Silver Island Range extends northeast from Wendover for over 20 miles. The range, remote and wild, has a strong sense of the primeval. Most of the range's composition consists of massive beds of limestone. The range is not high; the highest peak, Mount Graham is about 7500'; however, there is nearly 3000' of elevation difference between the peaks and the salt flats. The peaks are rugged and difficult to access.

Cobb Peak is 20 miles northeast of Wendover, and just over 7000' in elevation. The best access is the road (high clearance required but not 4WD) that goes up Silver Island Canyon and over a pass to the prospect pits (shown on the USGS quadrangle). From the prospect pits we ascended to the main ridge. Next, we traversed around the base of the peak on the eastern side until we found a slope that could be easily climbed to the peak. The total elevation gain, including extra gains/losses while traversing across ridges was about 2500' over about 3 miles. The rating system does not apply.

The Silver Island Range is rugged; the routes to any of the peaks will involve scrambling, loose rock, sharp limestone, finding abilities, and intuition on which routes to avoid. (Donn Seeley says route finding is a little like listening to the tumblers of a lock to pick the right routes). The dirt roads sometimes meander over the salt flats becoming bottomless in wet weather.

I will try some more exploratory hikes in the range next year, probably to Volcano Peak or Tetzlaff Peak.

THE GREAT WESTERN TRAIL

by Jean O'Connell Honn

The tenth was one of those beautiful October mornings that make us appreciate how lucky we are to be living in Utah. Ilka and Allen Olsen chose to introduce us to a section of the new Great Western Trail that will eventually traverse from Canada to Mexico. It enters Utah in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest near the head of Logan Canyon and exits into Arizona near Pine Hollow Canyon. The trail is open to hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders.

Twenty five hikers gathered at the K-Mart parking lot to arrange the shuttle. One group dropped cars near the Summit Park exit on I-80, then rejoined the group at the trailhead at the Big Mountain Pass, just above the Little Dell Reservoir.

Earlier in the year a few of us spent an enjoyable evening hiking the portion of the Great Western Trail in Mill Creek Canyon and were looking forward to see what the rest of it was like. We were not disappointed. This seven mile hike includes magnificent panoramas of the Uintas and other nearby mountains. The trail leads through aspen forests and high desert. If you don't count the mud when the frost melted, it's in excellent condition.

Our lunch stop on top of Bald Mountain, the highest point of the trip, provided us with lovely views of Morgan Valley and East Canyon. As usual, a Club trip is never without interesting conversations. We heard pleas for several important causes: the preservation of our foothills, the fight against breast cancer, and a reminder that our members are and must continue to be actively involved in working for their beliefs.

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Great Western Trail Hikers—photo by Terri Fitsimmons

A few orange hunters passed us, one with an elk stuffed in his saddle bags. I'm sure our noisy hikers scared off and saved the rest of the game they were stalking. Only a few shots rang out during our hike.

After lunch the ascents were two steps forward, one slide back. We held a massive mud removal upon arrival at the shuttle point but unfortunately a pair of Asolos had become indistinguishable from a pair of Merrills. Contact Ilka or Allen if you were involved in the switch.

This hike is definitely worth a repeat as is the section in Mill Creek Canyon. If you'd like more information on the Great Western Trail, stop by the National Forest Service office and pick up a brochure.

Besides our very capable leaders Ilka and Allen, the cast of characters included: Sherry Handy, Betty Cluff, Gloria Leonard, Bonnie Walsh, David Parry, Sebastian Knight, Ann Wechsler, Janet Chatwin, Stephen Cain, Craig McCarthy, Loraine Lovell, Ted Hemsley, Anne Stringfellow, Terri Firzsimmons, Kathy Wallentine, Nancy Phillips, Cyndy Griffith, Chris Negus, Fred and Sandy Zoerner, Marie Barton, Kathy Thomas and myself.

MORE VAN COTT PEAK HIKE

Oct. 31, 1993

same place, same crew, different scribe

You'd like this hike. It's different. There are NO trees. A few scraggly scrub oak reaching over the trail to claw our shoulders was the only thing so much as waist high. Betty Cluff said she hiked it one summer and got broiled without mercy. This is not a summertime hike. Thanks, Richard Zeamer, for scheduling it on such a mild, sun screening, yet warm day at 2 in the afternoon, and letting us sleep in. We gathered at the John A. Moran Eye Center parking lot at the extreme northwest corner of the University Medical Center. Just follow North Campus Drive past the hospital Emergency exit.

The trail rides the ridge line the whole way, at least as far as this hike went. You never lose sight of the valley. The ridge runs northeast between Dry Creek and Cephalopod Gulch.

On some hikes the faster hikers will pause at times to wait for us pokey ones. This time the hike was so short the last ones reached the top in less than an hour. When we caught up to their first pause, they

were sitting on their butts at, lo and behold, the top of Van Cott peak.

It's kind of a rock-jutting up cropping from which you can look over to Broadcase Peak across Red Butte Creek and think next time you'll hike up there. From Van Cott you can look down on the dam at Red Butte Reservoir and further down the creek lies the blue water at Red Butte Gardens. Toward the northwest, the ridge fell off precipitously into Dry Gulch and its south fork.

We also saw a carpet of grayish smog gently caressing and enveloping the valley with only the mini-skyscrapers of downtown and the still standing Murray Chimney poking through. Everyone took deep breaths. How come there's more loose rock strewn over the trail on the way down? All trails have loose rock. Not all trails have loose rock and go straight down at the same time. You'd think the rocks would slide down like my boots wanted to. (con't p. 34)



On top of Van Cott Peak, looking down into Salt Lake Valley. Photo by S. Knight

Van Cott Peak Hike

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The bottom third of our hike declined at an angle of, in my opinion, some 50 degrees. Heart-pumpin' on the uphill leg (with no switch-backs to ease the grind) and pussy footin' on the downhill leg. I still haven't developed total faith in my boot tread's anti-slipping and sliding talent, so I abandoned the trail and clambered down the less slippery grass and rocks covering that designed-for-mountain-goats stretch. A few took to zig-zagging back and forth to keep their footing.

I counted at least three varieties of tall dry grass that blankets that whole expanse of foothills. Richard and I compared notes and suspect they're foxtail, wild rye and hairgrass. Anybody know for sure?

Who all was there? This following crew: Anisa Hanania, Ken Engstrom, Mohamed Abdallah, Stacy Yamasaki, Juri Gulbis, Evelyn Slavnick, Jim Wardle, Lyn Christiansen, Tom Semka, Victoria Regan, Cheryl Nelson Wall, Jesse Wall, Terri Fitzsimmons, Lyn Nall, Betty Cluff, Chris Negus, Larry Schumer, Ben Everitt, David Everitt, Dolores Taylor, Conley Adams and scribe: Sebastain Knight.

YELLOWSTONE BACKPACK

Sept. 18-25, 1993

Under grey skies, seven WMC member began to trudge through the Yellowstone backcountry. The first night we camped along the eastern shore of the massive Yellowstone Lake. Distant car lights were visible that night as we gazed across the lake. However, by the next day, any remnant of civilization was becoming a memory as the trail began to veer away from the lake and towards the Thoroughfare area. We were treated that night to a vociferous display of elk bugling and coyote howling throughout the night.

Yellowstone Backpack

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The next morning, under beautiful blue skies, our group size dropped from seven to six as Steve Negler left the trip early (as planned) due to other commitments. The rest of us continued to follow the Yellowstone River into the heart of the Thoroughfare area. The Thoroughfare defines the word "wilderness" and at our campsite at Bridger Lake on the fourth and fifth nights we were further from any road than any other place in the lower 48 states. We had hiked about 30 miles and had covered half of the total distance of our backpack.

Over 150 years ago, mountain men frequented this area. Jim Bridger himself spent several nights at the lake named after him.

Our one layover day was used to hike up Hawks Rest, which afforded generous views of the whole Thoroughfare area, including Bridger Lake and distant views of the Tetons and one corner of Yellowstone Lake. The full splendor of Yellowstone in fall was apparent.

Yellowstone is a trophy case for nature's excesses and the falls reveal the best it has to offer. We enjoyed clear blue skies during the day and crisp clear nights, as we hike through fields of gold. Altogether we trekked about 60 miles with our packs, which we took off for the final time at Turpin Meadows with a clear and spectacular view of the Tetons.

The trip was a pleasure, a chance to hike with many good friends including Mike Roundy, Steve Negler, Susan Sweigert, Levi Todd, Susan Barney and Ken Workman. For Susan Barney, it was her first backpack and she proved up to the task and thoroughly enjoyed the wild country.

For me, Michael Budig, it was a chance to return to the Yellowstone country I consider home.

NOTICE!

The *Rambler* cannot accept any ad that is inconsistent with the purposes of the WMC or offends the sensibilities of club members. Send your ad (with a check enclosed if it is not a used sports equipment) before the 13th of the month to Sue deVall, 11730 South 700 West, Draper UT 84020 or call Sue at 572-3294 for information.

Classified Ads 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.

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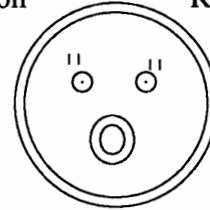
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FOR ANY MOOSE LOVER

November 10, 1993
by Knick Knickerbocker.

ATTENTION WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERS:

We need your help to stop the hunting of moose in the Big Cottonwood Canyon area. Please send a letter or postcard to Kay Gushee, 2144 East Applewood Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84121. She will see that your letter of concern gets to The Board Of Big Game Control along with other petitions she is circulating. Please send as soon as possible. She needs them no later than January 31, 1994.

Use the format and info below in your letter. Thank you. And Thank you from the Editors!

SAVE BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON MOOSE

To THE BOARD OF BIG GAME CONTROL:
I, the undersigned, request that all of Big Cottonwood Canyon and its drainage be made off limits to the hunting of moose. There is only a very small population of moose in this canyon and they do not represent a nuisance of any kind. In fact, viewing of moose brings great pleasure to property owners and visitors alike. PLEASE STOP THE KILLING!
Signed.

TO AND FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Editors:

Along with a handful of others, I just had my check to WMC returned. It was for T-shirts! Can you believe Linda didn't get the requisite minimum order of only 144 shirts? And here, Jean and I were so looking forward to proudly displaying the WMC logo on our bounteous respective breasts/chest. I'm really disappointed in the response or lack of it. With the popularity of T-shirts, I'd have thought there would have been *tons* of orders without more promotion. Maybe it's not too late. If you swamp the WMC phone machine with orders (easy Christmas gifts to all your kin) by Dec. 15, maybe we can get Linda to talk to the shirt folks again. HELP!!!!

Mike Treshow

Dear Club Members,

To those of you who submit hard copy articles, a request goes out to you to *PLEASE* use at least a 12 point font and double spacing. I am experiencing enough eye strain from computer work at work and doing the *Rambler*; I don't need the additional stress on my eyes that small, small print puts on them. Secondly, if you are an activity typist, you don't have to put the day (i.e., Sat/Sun) after the date: just the date is sufficient. I have to do a lot of juggling before it ends up the way it is printed so I add the days after I'm almost certain that there are no more changes to be made. Bolding the activity is a big help, but the dates are normal print. (Look at the Activity pages as a guide). Between activities, two paragraph returns are needed for when it goes into the sorting file. Please also include an Events at a Glance page for your activities. If you have any questions, please call me at 582-0903. Evenings are best and by 10:00 pm. Thanks for your help and for the many articles the *Rambler* receives. Keep those pictures coming too!

Jean Frances

ATTENTION!!

The Club position for Administrative Assistant is open again.

As the Club has grown, the work has increased. Finding volunteers to handle the volume of paperwork is becoming more difficult. This position allows us to better serve our members while allowing the directors to concentrate on providing continuity, setting policy and developing programs.

Requirements for the position:

1. Wasatch Mountain Club member only!
2. Must be experienced, proficient and have excellent skills in computer data entry.
3. Demonstrated skills in DOS, word processing, spreadsheets, and data base management a must.
4. Experienced with Macintosh and IBM compatible computer systems.
5. Excellent telephone and communication skills.
6. Ability to work independently.
7. Excellent office skills.
8. Must be able to work a flexible schedule.

Hours are "minimal" to possibly 40 to 80 hours per month.

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All interested parties, please send a letter of introduction and resume to:

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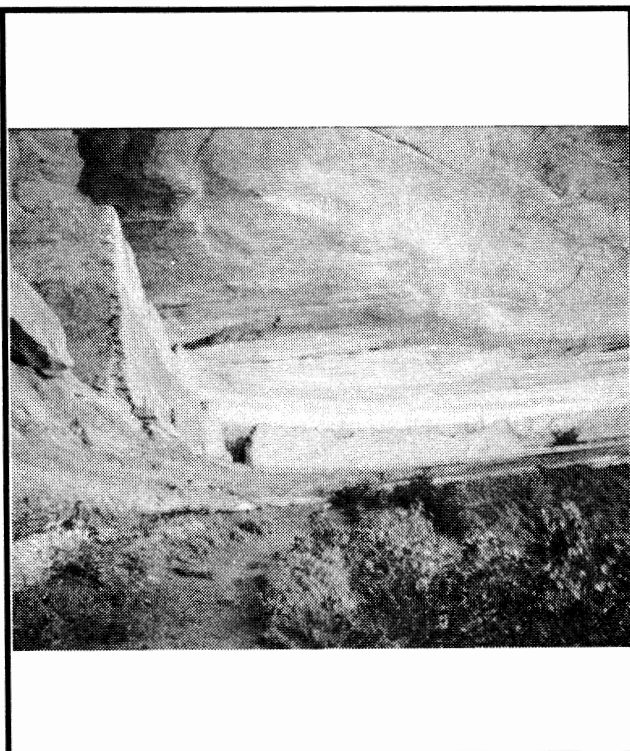
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Alexis Kelner	359-5387	Term Exp 95
Mike Budig	328-4512	Term Exp 96
Karin Caldwell	942-6065	Term Exp 97
O'dell Peterson	355-7216	Emeritus

OFFICE HOURS

Carol Rauba 363-7150
 Generally 9 am-2 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays



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PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS/REINSTATEMENT FOR PREVIOUS MEMBERS

RAMBLER SUBSCRIPTION FORM

DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please read carefully and fill out completely.

APPLICANT(S) NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ DAY PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE _____

I HEREBY APPLY FOR:

____ NEW MEMBERSHIP ____ STUDENT (30 years or younger)

____ REINSTATEMENT ____ COUPLE

I wish to receive the RAMBLER (The WMC Publication) YES ____ NO ____

Subscription price is NOT deductible from the dues.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for one year's dues and application fee (Mar 1, 19__ to Feb 28, 19__).

**** (CHECKS ONLY) Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club****

Remit: \$20.00 for student membership (\$15.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)

\$30.00 for single membership (\$25.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)

\$40.00 for couple membership (\$35.00 dues and \$5.00 application fee)

YOU MUST COMPLETE TWO CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION
THE ACTIVITY DATES MUST HAVE BEEN WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE APPLICATION

QUALIFYING ACTIVITY	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECOMMENDING LEADER
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the WMC. I am 18 years of age or older. I understand that outdoor activities involve risk, and that I am responsible for determining the suitability of my ability and equipment in advance of participating in any WMC activity. I release and discharge the WMC agents and representatives from all claims for property and personal injury sustained as a result of participation in WMC activities.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____
(signature required)

I found out about the WMC from _____

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO: MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
Wasatch Mountain Club
888 South 200 East Suite 207
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-4220

LEAVE BLANK

RECEIPT # _____ DATE RECEIVED _____ AMOUNT RECEIVED _____

(OR CHECK#) _____
BOARD APPROVAL DATE _____

ACTIVITY SURVEY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD...?

All of the Club's activity leaders are volunteers. You can be a leader too — just check off the activities you want to lead, and we'll give you a call. Help your Club and have fun too!

Hiking: ☐ easy day hike, ☐ moderate day hike, ☐ advanced day hike, ☐ car camp,
☐ backpack

Boating: ☐ trip leader, ☐ instruction, ☐ equipment, ☐ sailing

Skiing: ☐ NTD tour, ☐ MOD tour, ☐ MSD tour, ☐ out of town trip

Climbing: ☐ Wasatch climb, ☐ out of town trip, ☐ winter mountaineering

Bicycling: ☐ road bike tour, ☐ mountain bike tour, ☐ camping tour

Other outings: ☐ snowshoe tour, ☐ caving, ☐ other _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT...?

The Club also depends on volunteers for all the rest of its work. Some of this work is critical to the day-to-day functioning of the Club; some of it is important to our community; some of it is just fun. You can let us know how you'll help by checking off activities below.

Conservation: ☐ air and water quality issues, ☐ trailhead access, ☐ wilderness, ☐ telephone
tree, ☐ trail clearing

Socials: ☐ social host, ☐ party assistance, ☐ lodge host

Rambler: ☐ computer support, ☐ word processing, ☐ mailing, ☐ advertising

Lodge: ☐ general lodge repair, ☐ skilled lodge work

Information: ☐ public relations, ☐ membership help, ☐ recruiting, ☐ instruction

Would you like to participate on an activities committee? Which one?

Is there a special trip or activity you would like to lead?

What phone numbers can we use to reach you?

AVALANCE HOTLINE

USFS

364-1581

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