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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: Vince, Linda, Zig, Leslie, Kathy, Mike, Dale, and Hank before entering Cave Valley Cave (Photo by Leslie Mullins).

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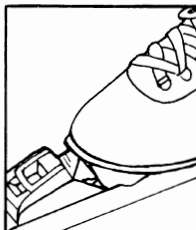
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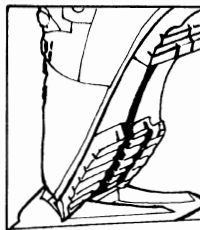
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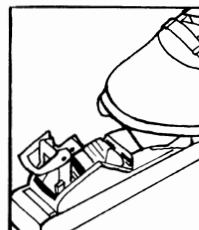


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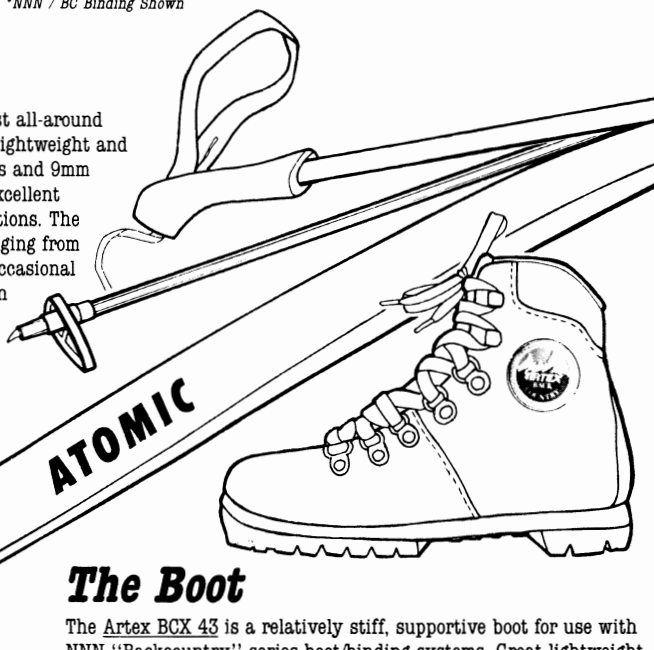
Integrated steering plates on skis interlock with two grooves in sole.



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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER

FEBRUARY 1968

by Dale Green, Historian

This month's cover is a beautiful blue silkscreened design created by Jen Giddings. Jen printed all 600+ covers by herself.

Carl Schwenk is leading this year's annual Washington's Birthday WMC invasion of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, for skiing with "gay abandon."

Winter Socials are again in full swing with events scheduled at Bob and Barbara Woody's, Tom & Mimi Stevenson's and Tom & Dottie Bintz's.

Lodge Director, Bob Bucher, reports on the latest saga repairing the coal furnace's "Stokermatic." (For the uninitiated, a stoker is a device which transports coal from a hopper into the furnace's fire). After Carl Schwenk spent a month pleading with Stokermatic, they finally sent some parts for our ancient machine.

Pat King describes a Thanksgiving backpacking trip to the Grand Canyon, descending the Hance Trail, traversing the Tonto Plateau to Horseshoe Mesa, and up the Grandview Trail. Participants were bowled over when Pat pulled a 10-pound turkey from his pack (supplied by Fred & Evelyn Bruenger) at river's edge for their holiday feast.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN THE WMC FEBRUARY, 1943

(From Board of Director's Meeting Minutes)

The lodge was rented to the YWCA for 2 weeks at a cost of \$100 or \$2.50 per person. They will cut their own wood.

All scheduled trips were discussed and approved by the Board before being presented to the membership. Scheduled in February were a Valentine's Party at the Art Barn, ski lessons at Alta, a moonlight hike into Brighton, and the Langlauf ski races at Alta (in March). Harold Goodro ordered 3 trophies at a cost of \$20 from Pa Parry to be awarded for the race winners.

The Club made \$2.50 from the ski lessons—the instructor receiving \$5.00 for the day.

Irene Geurts was appointed official Club Photographer and given \$12.00 for film. Her first duties were to take colored pictures of the remaining ski trips such as the Langlauf and Red Pine-Alpine tour.

Bills were paid, leaving a bank balance of \$315.89.

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FROM THE HISTORIAN

I am in the process of inventorying and assembling past issues of the *Rambler*. Eventually, several copies will be bound and placed in our library. To my dismay, several recent issues are missing. They are: MAY, 1987; MARCH, 1989; DECEMBER, 1990. I also need a few copies of the AUGUST, 1992 and SEPTEMBER, 1992 issues. If you have copies in good order (no marks other than the address label) and are willing to donate them, please call Dale Green, (277-6417), and arrange for their pickup. Thank you.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SKIING

February

- 6 Smith Morehouse Moonlight
- 6 Scotts Pass
- 6 Leader's Choice
- 7 North Fork of Provo
- 7 Reynolds Peak
- 7 Catherines Pass from Brighton
- 7 Pfeifferhorn
- 11-15 North Rim of Grand Canyon
- 13 Uintas Leader Choice
- 13 Wolverine
- 14 Leader's Choice
- 14 Desolation Lake
- 15 Uintas Norway Flats
- 19-21 Logan Canyon XC (Yurt)
- 20 White Fir Pass
- 20 Telemark Clinic
- 20 Norway Flats
- 20 Leader's Choice
- 21 Teach & Tour
- 21 Willow Lake
- 21 Leader's Choice
- 27 Silver Fork
- 28 Greens Basin
- 28 Norway Flats

March

- 6 Brighton to Midway
- 7 Leader's Choice
- 7 Co-op Creek
- 7 Leader's Choice
- 7 Triple Reverse
- 13 Leader's Choice
- 14 Greens Basin
- 14 Leader's Choice
- 14 Leader's Choice

SNOWSHOE

February

- 6 Leader's Choice
- 7 Little Cottonwood Canyon
- 11-15 North Rim of Grand Canyon
- 13 Ogden Area Leader's Choice
- 21 Scotts Pass
- 27 Mineral Fork

March

- 6 Mill Creek Canyon
- 7 Red Pine
- 13 Lake Blanche

SOCIALS

February

- 19 Scottish Country Dance

March

- 4 Entertainment Committee Meeting
- 21 St. Patrick's Weekend Party

SPECIAL EVENTS

February

- 10 Hiking Committee Party
- 17 General Membership Meeting
- 20 Telemark Clinic
- 28 Audrey Kelley Memorial XC Clinic

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VOLLEYBALL

Mondays, February 1, 8, & 22 (no volleyball on February 15) at Highland High (2100 South 1700 East). Limit 48 players. Cost: \$1.00 WMC Members, \$2.00 Non-Members. Call Duke Bush (467-4666).

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following people have accepted nominations for the indicated directorships:

President	Jerry Hatch
Secretary	Nance Allen
Treasurer	Tom Silberstorf
Membership	Linda Kosky*
Boating	Randy Klein*
Conservation	John Veranth*
Entertainment	Mary Ann Losee and Randi Gardner
Hiking	Donn Seeley*
Lodge	Rich Osborne and Bob Myers+
Lodge User's Rep	Scott Harrison*
Mountaineering	Kyle Williams
Publications	Jean Frances* and Christine Allred*
Ski Touring	Norm Fish* and Clint Lewis
Information	Mike Treshow
Trustee	Karin Caldwell

*Incumbent(s)

SORRY...IT WAS AN ACCIDENT

by Cindy Kidd

I have to apologize if your Rambler is a little later than usual this month. Normally, Jean Frances does the production for the Rambler, but I'm afraid she had a little mishap!

On Monday, January 11, Jean was shoveling snow—a job we all love! Due to reduced visibility and eight-foot-high snow banks, a van collided with Jean's rear-end. The result of this auto-pedestrian accident was a broken headlamp on the van and a mangled knee and fractured pelvis on Jean.

So, folks, your editor is out of commission for a month or two and off snow-shoveling detail for the rest of the winter. In the meantime, I'll be filling in for Jean.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB LODGE NEEDS HELP!

With all the snow this year, members need to expend some extra tender loving care to their "second home." Any time you are up Big Cottonwood Canyon, please take a shovel along and spend an hour taking snow off the Goodrow Annex or the Porch Roof. While there are no signs of structural problems at this time, we would like to keep the roof snow free just in case.

Our resident caretaker Deb Read has been doing a good job of shoveling but would appreciate some help. Call her at 1-649-2756 if you can assist. She may have an organized work party in the near future.

Thanks for your help.

Vince Desimone
Lodge Director

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.

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

MID-WEEK MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY Sue Berg (576-0532) is interested in organizing mid-week ski tours throughout the whole season. Please call Sue to set up anything of interest.

Feb 6 **SKI TOUR: SMITH MOREHOUSE MOONLIGHT (NTD)** Cheryl Soshnik (1-649-
Sat 9008) will meet you at Park City Albertson's parking lot (S.W. corner) at 5 pm. CARPOOLERS FROM SLC: Meet Carolyn Clark at the Parleys Canyon K-Mart/former Regency at 4:15 pm. Carpoolers will leave promptly at 4:20 pm. Dress warmly, bring head lamps, general touring skis. Bring warm drinks to warm Cheryl's insides and she'll warm your outsides (**HOT TUB PARTY!**)

Feb 6 **SKI TOUR: SCOTTS PASS (NTD)** Meet Sandra Taylor & Russell Wilhelmsen (583-
2306) at Hillside Plaza 9:30 am. Please bring skins & touring boots/skis. If it's sunny, we'll have a picnic, otherwise, we'll enjoy good powder.

Feb 6 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Meet at Bob Wright's (1-649-1228) 3886
Sat Holiday Curve, Park City at 10 am. (this is east side of highway, across from Park West). Bob doesn't know yet where he'll go, but it will be good with hot tubing after. Please call for more information.

Feb 6 **SNOWSHOE: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Knick Knickerbocker (565-0910) will lead this moderate snowshoe tour. Meet him at Hillside Plaza at 9:30 am.

Feb 6 **SKI CLINIC FOR ALPINE SKIERS:** Fun day for those who like gravity. Call Bruce for time and place (485-4011).

Feb 7 **SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK OF PROVO (NTD)** Meet Jim Bailey (261-5609) at Parley's
Sun Canyon K-Mart parking lot at 9 am. Track skis will work, skins not required. This is easy, rolling terrain about 2 miles in for lunch.

Feb 7 **SKI TOUR: REYNOLDS PEAK (MOD)** Jim Byrne (582-5631) will meet you at Hillside Plaza 9 am. This is always good for powder. Pieps, shovels, & skins required.

- Feb 7
Sun **SKI TOUR: CATHERINES PASS FROM BRIGHTON** (NTD+) Meet Tom Silberstorf (255-2784) at Hillside Plaza 9 am. Tom will lead a pleasant tour to a beautiful spot in the Wasatch. Pieps, shovels, & skins recommended.
- Feb 7 **SKI TOUR: PFEIFFERHORN** (MSD) Call Walt Haas (534-1262H or 581-5617W Ski Utah) to register. Walt will start early for this demanding tour with great rewards! Pieps, shovels, skins, & ski mountaineering experience required.
- Feb 7 **SNOWSHOE: LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON** (NTD-MOD) Leisurely snowshoe along the Red Pine trail or in the Alta area. Meet Doug Stark (277-8538) at Hillside Plaza at 9 am.
- Feb 11-15
Thur-Mon **NORTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON SKI TOURING/SNOWSHOE TRIP:** Three night stay at Kaibab Lodge Yurt. We car-pool on Thursday to Kanab and stay overnight at a motel and catch the Snowcoach on Friday morning at 7:15 am from Jacob's Lake Lodge to Kaibab Lodge. The Yurt has very limited capacity. Christel Sysak needs a \$41.25 non-refundable deposit **ASAP** to guarantee the space. For more info call Christel (277-9988) or (943-0316) after 7 pm.
- Feb 10
Wed **HIKING COMMITTEE PARTY:** The Hiking Committee is made up strictly of volunteers from the club. Come and socialize as you help the club decide on its 1993 schedule. If you want to help determine where next year's hikes and back packing trips go, join Don Seeley at 187 J Street, 7:30 for planning and light munchies. BYOB. Call Don (595-1747) for additional information.
- Feb 13
Sat **SKI TOUR: UINTAS LEADER'S CHOICE** (NTD) Dauphnee Randall (485-1483) will meet you at Parley's Canyon K-Mart parking lot at 8:30 am. This is Dauphnee's Uinta K-9 companion trip. Molly will lead, Dauphnee will bring up the rear. Track skis are ok, but you had better know how to ski. Dogs don't need skis.
- Feb 13 **SKI TOUR: WOLVERINE** (MOD+) Larry Larkin (486-9060) will meet you at Hillside Plaza 9 am. Great powder skiing in a high alpine bowl. Larry will lead from Brighton to Catherines Pass and up. Pieps, shovel, & skins required.
- Feb 13 **SNOWSHOE: OGDEN AREA LEADER'S CHOICE** (NTD-MOD) Ken Workman (1-825-3448) will meet snowshoers at the Rainbow Gardens Cafe at the mouth of Ogden Canyon at 9:30 am for a snowshoe tour in a new area. Call Doug Stark (277-8538) for carpool information from the Salt Lake area.
- Feb 14
Sun **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE** (MOD) Ken Kelley will meet (1-649-3520) at the first horseshoe bend on Guardmans Pass road at 10 am. Please meet and carpool from Hillside Plaza at 9 am. Come and ski in Ken's back yard! Pieps, shovels, & skins required.
- Feb 14 **SKI TOUR: DESOLATION LAKE** (NTD) Carol Wiens (272-3182) will meet you at Hillside Plaza 9 am. No track skis, skins preferable, pieps are not required.

- Feb 15
Mon **SKI TOUR: UNTAS NORWAY FLATS (NTD)** Joe Parchesky will meet (1-785-7066) you at 9:30 am at Highway 150 & US 189 at the cafe (Mt. Air just 1/2 block off Main Street on Highway 150) in Kamas. **MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:** Meet at Parley's Canyon K-Mart at 8:30 am to carpool. Joe lives down south, so he'll drive up from Heber. Folks from Salt Lake should meet at K-Mart and get going at 8:45 am to meet Joe in Kamas at 9:30 am.
- Feb 17
Wed **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS: 7:30 pm at Zion Luthern Church, 1970 So. Foothill Dr. Full page advertisement in the February Rambler.**
- Feb 19
Fri **SOCIAL: SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING:** Simple instructions will be provided for each dance. If you have enjoyed our annual John Muir Party, you shouldn't miss this evening. Music by Loch and Key. Dance from 8:00-11:00 pm. \$5.00 per person. First Unitarian Church, 569 S 1300 E. For additional information call Gail at (467-4081).
- Feb 19-21
Fri-Sun **LOGAN CANYON XC SKI (YURT) TOUR** Kyle Williams is leading a two night XC ski (YURT) tour in beautiful Logan Canyon. Total cost: \$45 and limit to 6 skiers. Phone Kyle (487-9309) ASAP to reserve a space. NOTE 6 IS THE LIMIT!! This trip is filled, but call to put your name on a waiting list.
- Feb 20
Sat **SNOWSHOE TOUR: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD)** Join Gayle Stockslager (582-1429) on this snowshoe through the dense conifer forest up the Bowman Trail in Mill Creek Canyon. Meeting place is near the defunct Bagel Nosh at Olympus Hills at 9 am.
- Feb 20 **TELEMARK CLINIC: (MOD)** Tentative plans are to ski at Alta in the Albion Basin area. Bring money for lift tickets. Meet at 9 am at Hillside Plaza. Instructors are needed. Please contact Norm Fish (964-6155) for information and to volunteer your services.
- Feb 20 **SKITOUR: NORWAY FLATS (MOD)** Tom Stephen (272-8532) will meet you at Skyline High at 8 am. Call leader to register.
- Feb 20 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MSD)** Call Allan Gavere (486-1476) to register by Friday, February 19.
- Feb 21
Sun **SNOWSHOE TOUR: SCOTT'S PASS (NTD+)** Meet Anna Cordes (467-9430) at 9:30 am at the Hillside Plaza. Anna will lead snowshoers through the aspens and conifers to the scenic Scott's Pass.
- Feb 21 **TEACH & TOUR SKI TOUR: (EL OR NTD-)** Meet Norm Fish (964-6155) at Hillside Plaza 9:30 am. This will probably be the last beginners class this season to help new skiers with basic skills. The tour will be on a gentle grade and will require the ability to walk on the skis. Back country skis and boots (not track skis) are strongly suggested.
- Feb 21 **SKITOUR: WILLOW LAKE (NTD)** Meet Jerry Hatch (467-7186) at 9 am Hillside Plaza. The lake will be frozen and the beaver dam will be hard to see.

- Feb 21
Sun **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Larry Stewart (944-0215) will meet you at Hillside Plaza 9 am.
- Feb 27
Sat **SNOWSHOE TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Join Clay Benton (277-2144) on this intermediate snowshoe tour. Meeting place is the Hillside Plaza at 9 am.
- Feb 27 **SKI TOUR: SILVER FORK (NTD)** Join Janet Chatwin (255-3732) at Hillside Plaza 9:30 am.
- Feb 27 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD)** Join Will McCarvil (943-5520) at Hillside Plaza 9 am. Pieps, shovels, and skins required.
- Feb 28
Sun **SNOWSHOE TOUR: MINERAL FORK (NTD)** Follow the mining road up Mineral Fork as far as the group wants to go with leader, Gerry Powelson (1-756-3004). Join Gerry at 9 am Hillside Plaza.
- Feb 28 **SKI TOUR: GREENS BASIN (NTD)** Meet Steve Carr (261-5787) at Hillside Plaza 9:30 am.
- Feb 28 **SKITOUR: NORWAY FLATS (NTD)** Meet Dennis Tolboe (485-6023) at the old Regency Theater parking lot 9 am. No dogs!
- Feb 28 **AUDREY KELLEY MEMORIAL XC-SKI CLINIC (NTD-)** Audrey Kelley gave her time and skill every year since Jan. 3, 1986 until 1990, to help beginning skiers learn the art of cross country skiing. The tradition continues. The clinic will be held at the Wasatch Mountain Club lodge. Morning coffee and doughnuts, and a light lunch and drink will be provided. All XC-skiers and to-be skiers, club members or not, are invited (bring a friend). A \$6.00 donation for the food will be collected at the door. Meet at the Hillside Plaza Shopping Center (7000 S. 2300 E.) at 9:00 am. Someone will direct the group to the WMC lodge. Call Norm Fish (964-6155) if more information is needed. Instructors and help with the food are needed (contact Norm).
- Mar 4
Thur **ENTERTAINMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:** come share your ideas for upcoming social events. Meet at Marie Callendar's, 1313 So. Foothill at 7:00. For further information call Randi Gardner (359-7611) or Mary Ann Lasse (278-4587)
- Mar 6
Sat **SNOWSHOE TOUR: MILL CREEK CANYON (NTD)** Newcomers are welcome on Duane Call's (485-2980) snowshoe tour in Mill Creek Canyon. Meet Duane at 9:30 am near the defunct Bagel Nosh at Olympus Hills shopping center.
- Mar 6 **SKITOUR: BRIGHTON TO MIDWAY (MOD)** Call leaders Mike Budig (328-4512) and Ken Kelley (649-3520) before March 1 to register. Try to fit in tradition of hot tub and dinner
- Mar 7
Sun **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD)** Meet Bill Franks (649-3364) at Hillside Plaza 9 am.

- Mar 7 Sun **SKI TOUR: CO-OP CREEK OR ELSE WHERE** (NTD to MOD+) Wick Miller (649 1790) will lead this tour. Salt Lakers meet at Parley's Way K-Mart parking lot at 8:30 am for generic car pooling. Then meet Wick at McDonald's at Kimball Junction at 9 am. You can go as far as you like, but Wick prefers to make it more of a MOD tour. You may need skins depending on snow conditions.
- Mar 7 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE** (NTD+) Meet Clint Lewis (295-8645) at 9 am Hillside Plaza. Experienced snowshoers welcome.
- Mar 7 **SKI TOUR: TRIPLE TRAVERSE** (MSD+) Call George Westbrook (942-6071) to register and for a very early start. Alta to Flagstaff, to Day's Fork, to Desolation, to Little Water, down Mill Creek, up to Murdock, down Lambs, over into Tolls and out at Summit Park.
- Mar 7 **SNOWSHOE TOUR: RED PINE** (MOD) Tom Walsh (969-5842) will lead this intermediate trip up the popular Red Pint trail. Join Tom at 9 am at Hillside Plaza for the snowshoe and afterwards at the Canyon Inn.
- Mar 13 Sat **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE** (MOD) Brian Barkey (583-1205) will lead this late season powder hunt. Meet at 9 am at Hillside Plaza .
- Mar 13 **SNOWSHOE TOUR: LAKE BLANCHE** (MOD+) See the WMC emblem (Sundial Peak) on this new more difficult snowshoe tour. Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will meet in-shape snowshoers at the Hillside Plaza at 9 am.
- Mar 14 Sun **SKI TOUR: GREENS BASIN** (NTD) Louise Rausch (583-3305) will meet you at 9 am at Hillside Plaza.
- Mar 14 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE** (MOD) Karen Perkins (272-2225) will meet you at 9 am Hillside Plaza. Pieps and shovels required.
- Mar 14 **SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE** (NTD) David Minix (967-3864) will meet you at Big Cottonwood Canyon at 9 am. This will be a very easy and slow paced tour.
- Mar 21 Sun **SOCIAL: ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND PARTY** Potluck Dinner sponsored by John Howe. 6:30-9:00 pm at the American Towers Party Room. Reservations required because space is limited to 50 people. Detailed information will be in the March Rambler.

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 so parked cars will not interfere with shoppers.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Mar 11-14 **STEAMBOAT SPRINGS SKI/SNOWSHOE TRIP** (3 nights) Enjoy winter fun in charming Steamboat Springs Colorado. Alpine and back-country skiing, snowshoeing and general winter time fun. Sleeping arrangements will be in four condos **Limit of 16**. Call Gloria Leonard (484-1240) or Mark Jones (486-5354) for more information. A deposit of \$40 holds your reservation....**call early to register as this trip will fill fast.**
- Apr 3 **SKI TOUR: (MSD)** The very **ANNUAL** Kings Peak tour is again at hand. Conditions promise to be excellent. It's an MSD tour because of it's length. The skiing is easy if snow conditions are good—no pieps or shovels are required—standard back country equipment and clothes work best. We will camp at Henry's Fork Trail Head, move out before sunrise and finish just on the cusp of blackness. Probably 1/3 of the folks will stop at Henry's Fork Basin, which is very scenic and a worthwhile destination, another 1/3 will stop on Gun Site Pass, which gives a panoramic view, and the final 1/3 will blast on to the peak. Call Larry Swanson (594-6859-w, 278-3269-h) or Steve Swanson (484-5808-h) for information and to register.
- Apr 13-14 **WINTER OVERNIGHTER IN YURT** Snow cave or igloo as the group may desire. No experience necessary but participants must meet the leader's expectations of physical condition and have proper equipment. If you are interested or would like to learn more, contact Vince Desimone (1-649-6805)

FROM THE SKI TOUR COMMITTEE

TO PROMOTE SAFER AND MORE FUN SKI TOURS, THE SKI TOUR COMMITTEE WILL REQUEST SKI TOUR LEADERS TO READ THE FOLLOWING TO THE MEMBERS OF EACH TOUR THIS SEASON:

"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!"

On the uphill climb:

The Tour Leader suggests/requests that the uphill skier never loses sight of the person following. This way the group will stay together and be able to help any skier with problems.

On the downhill:

The Tour Leader suggests/requests before starting, we form groups of 3-4 skiers with equal ability, selecting one from the group to be Group Leader. The Tour Leader will note the Group Leaders' names before starting down. During the downhill portion each Group must stay together. We will regroup at the selected locations on both the uphill portion and downhill run.

The above, together with "Tips for Tour Leaders" will be mailed with the Release Form to each leader.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summary of January Board Meeting

by Wick R. Miller

The WMC Board met on the last day of Christmas, Wednesday, January 6. Rudy Lukez, Chair of the Utah Sierra Club Chapter (and also WMC member) presented a suggestion that the Club join in with other Utah conservation groups to set up an E-mail hot line. Rudy's suggestion was recieved warmly. The Board will act formally once Rudy has a formal proposal; a proposal which Rudy hopes to have to us by next month.

Rudy Lukez also mentioned that the Utah Sierra Club Chapter is considering a mountaineering training course. The WMC has kicked around the idea for several years of training for Club leaders. If the Sierra goes ahead with such a course, perhaps this is the time for the WMC to once again think seriously about this topic, and perhaps join in with the Sierra Club.

Questions of the Club's rules and regulations came up. This is a serious topic which is discussed separately in an article by Dale Green (see page 14).

A number of other topics, mostly of a mundane nature, were discussed, and we left early to get home before being hit by what proved to be the Killer Snowstorm of the decade.

The board normally meets the first Wednesday evening of the month at 7:30 in the meeting room in the basement of the H&R Block Building (9th South and 2nd East). Non-board members are invited to attend as non participatory observers; but please be forewarned that most meetings are boring. Many of us get together before the meeting at 6:00 at the Shanghai Cafe (145 East 1300 South: Good Food Cheap, Good company).

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FROM THE SKI DIRECTORS

Clint Lewis and Norm Fish

The WMC February 20-March 14 ski tours had to be reduced below the number usually scheduled because the person doing the phoning for this period could not find leaders for all the scheduled tours. *If you wish to lead a ski tour this season and have not been contacted yet, please phone:*

Clint Lewis	296-8645 (home) or 322-8318 (work)
Ridge Williams	272-0969 (home) or 974-2924 (work)

Calls should be made ASAP, as March/April tours are finalized by February 10.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

by Dale Green

Every applicant for membership to our Club signs a statement: "I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the WMC." Because of an accumulation of problems with lack of leadership and members who want to act independently of the group, a committee has been formed to formulate new, enforceable rules for how we are to behave on Club outings. These should be published in the new membership manual next June. In the meantime the current rules are printed below. It is the intention of the Governing Board to publish these every month in the *Rambler*.

GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

1. In the event of any accident or rescue, the expenses incurred shall be the sole responsibility of the individual incurring said expenses whether or not said individual shall deem them necessary.
2. No person shall be permitted to carry or use firearms.
3. All persons will refrain from needless destruction of plant and animal life.
4. No short-cutting on trails.
5. The trip leader is in full charge and all persons will be governed by his decisions.
6. No person shall be allowed to participate in a trip if, in the opinion of the leader, he is not qualified and adequately equipped to successfully complete the trip.
7. Leave camps and trails in the same or better condition than found. Carry all non-burnable trash (cans, glass, foil, etc.) back out.
8. Obnoxious indulgence in alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated in connection with club functions.
9. Children can be taken on hikes with permission of leader in advance.

HELI FREE WASATCH CAPS AND BUMPER STICKERS AVAILABLE

New Heli Free Wasatch Caps are available in over 10 different colors and designs. New Bumper Stickers are also available that address the Save Our Canyons Issue or the Heliski Debate: Heli Free Wasatch, Quiet The Noise In The Canyon, and No! Noise In the Canyons: all designed by B.J. Nicholls of Salt Lake.

Get a cap and a bumper sticker and educate others as to the current noise and user conflicts in our busy Salt Lake Canyons. Catch the vision of greater solitude and quiet in our canyons, for in time, silence in the skies will become a reality!

Caps and bumper stickers are available from Milt Hollander (277-1416), Steve Lewis (943-7334) (**Please don't call him at the office**), Allan Gavere, Bob Athey, Mike Tate, Barbara Turner and from a few others. There is absolutely no profit made on any of the caps or stickers. If the truth be known, they are sold and distributed at a loss—but it's a bigger loss if folks don't catch the spirit and sport the "helicopter repellent gear."



WASATCH FRONT FORUM

Canyon & Trailhead Access Along Salt Lake County's Wasatch Front:

Interplay of Public Right of Way Verses Private Development, Ownership and Right to Privacy

Tuesday, February 9, 1993
First Unitarian Church (569 S. 1300 E.)
Program starts promptly at 7:00 PM
Refreshments following the program

Large areas in both the foothills and upper canyons of Salt Lake County are historically reached by routes crossing strips of private land. Many landowners have not objected or have acquiesced and allowed the public to cross corridors of private land for years, but that can change. Others seek to limit or lock the public out of historical access points and cite the need for privacy and concern for liability and wish to avoid noise, litter, vandalism, large groups and parking congestion. A further existing and escalating force compromising public access is the residential development that continues to span the base of our local mountains. Recently a network of citizens working with federal, state, county and municipal planning and zoning agencies have recognized a growing need for legally established canyon and trailhead access - public easements and rights of way - along the Wasatch Front.

This evening program will begin with a color slide presentation by Stephen Lewis showing over thirty canyon and trailhead access points, followed by a panel discussion with Jim White, Forest Service Recreation Coordinator, who will address the report of the "Front Access Team" task force and provide his perspective on maintaining access to public lands, Cal Sneller, Salt Lake County Planning Commission Staff member, who will outline the role of zoning and planning commissions in the public right of way and easement process, Jim Byrne, Chair of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee, who will outline proposals for a trail system along the Wasatch Front and explain why strong public participation is needed, and Dennis Caldwell, a nearby neighbor of Deaf Smith Canyon, who will discuss how the public can work with government officials and landowners in trailhead access conflicts. The program will conclude with questions and commentary from the audience.

This is one in a series of meetings sponsored by the Wasatch Front Forum, a newly formed 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. 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 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 363-9621 (Sierra Club)
or write c/o P.O. Box 58671, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0671

Chevron and the Forest Service Assault the Uintas

Gary Macfarlane
Utah Wilderness Association

Take a hike or ski to Hell Hole Lake inside the High Uintas Wilderness. Remember the path up Main Fork—undeveloped roadless terrain adjacent to the High Uintas Wilderness (it ought to be part of the wilderness)—because it may not be that way for long. In fact, its wildness will vanish with the winter snows if Chevron and the Forest Service have their way. Chevron, with support from the Forest Service, is proposing to build four miles of road up the Main Fork and onto a ridge overlooking the Stillwater country. Once there they'll level a couple of football fields of forest for a drill pad. Of course, the impacts listed in the recently released draft EIS are claimed to be minor. Five caterpillars, 2 road graders, one rock crusher, 4 dump trucks, 10 multi-axle trucks, a 100 ton crane, several trailers, and a myriad of other equipment (generators, lights, pumps etc.) in one of Utah's most popular wild places is no big deal to the Forest Service.

Even during winter there will be no reprieve. Cross country skiing occurs extensively along the Mirror Lake Highway, the Lily Lake ski trail, and the Stillwater road up to and around Christmas Meadows. Most of this route will no longer be useable since it will be plowed for heavy truck traffic servicing the drilling rig. However, the road will be gated at the Bear River Service Station (Forest boundary), so skiers wishing to use the area will have to walk in or compete with snowmobiles on the narrow portion of road that won't be plowed. Heavy truck traffic will also be occurring adjacent to the Lily Lake ski trail, shattering any sense of solitude. If the well strikes oil, the entire drainage could be developed, and year round recreation use will be lost.

It goes without saying that letters are needed, necessary, in fact. The comment period on the draft EIS ends on February 19, 1992. Many

comments are needed. But your letter doesn't need to be long or filled only with the usual points about how the Forest Service has forgotten to properly evaluate wildlife, forgotten to include analysis of important species, glossed over the impacts to water quality, ignored the impacts to the roadless Uintas, and out right misrepresented the truth. Facts to the Forest Service bureaucracy are objects to be twisted, bent and shaped to "justify" some pre-determined decision.

But write about your anger at the destruction of wilderness, or better yet, your passion for the High Uintas. Let them know that the Stillwater and Main Fork are more than places on a map, but a living part of us.

Yes, there are problems and concerns with the EIS. With the exception of goshawks, it fails to consider impacts to any sensitive or rare species. The EIS omits any meaningful discussion of pine marten, lynx, great gray owls, or cavity nesting birds. The EIS foolishly claims that by "hiding" the road and well site, those seeking the wildness of the Main Fork or Stillwater drainages will be fooled. There is no discussion of impacts to the adjacent High Uintas Wilderness. People who love the wild Uintas are personae non gratae—the EIS's socio-economic discussion only considers economic development. Any concept of biological diversity is discarded like a pop can out the window of a drilling truck—the impacts are considered minor because only several acres will be actually destroyed. The agency forgets that roads cutting deep into wild country have a far greater impact than the actual surface acres destroyed by the road bed.

The EIS has several other problems. It fails to look at alternatives for placing the well elsewhere on the lease unit—except one alternative a short distance from the proposed well site which would use the same proposed road. This large lease covers a

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lot of land including roaded terrain. Yet no alternative considering another well site in an already developed area was considered. And despite years of pleas from environmentalists, the Forest Service refuses to even consider requiring helicopter access for drilling this exploratory well. That would eliminate building a needless road deep into wild country.

The EIS ignores cumulative impacts by saying that no future activities are planned. Never mind that the Forest Service is, in a separate process, considering leasing all the rest of the land. Or that Chevron will want to drill again and again to develop any oil it might find. And never mind the cumulative impacts from the Wolverine drill site (a dry hole) just a couple miles to the north which the Forest Service turned into an ORV trailhead. And don't forget the proposed Main Fork timber sale which, until now, wasn't accessed by a road. The truth is that this well could launch wholesale development of the Stillwater and Main Forks—that is what Chevron hopes will happen and it's what the Forest Service doesn't want you to know.

Far from benign, the Chevron well portends the destruction of an irreplaceable wild drainage. The

meadows surrounding the drill site will echo the roar of generators and the blinding light of halogen lamps instead of the bugle of an elk, or the hooting of a great gray owl. The quiet hiking trail winding through old growth forests will become a 30-ft. wide major haul road. The view from A-1 or Kletting Peak will be of an oil derrick rather than a wild forest. On the ridge behind the Christmas Meadows recreation area will be a major development. Just minor impacts, we're assured.

Comments are due by February 19, 1993 to Steve Ryberg, District Ranger, PO Box 1880, Evanston, WY 82931-1880. Please write and get your friends to write. This well won't be stopped unless the Forest Service hears a loud public outcry, or unless Chevron decides the bad PR isn't worth it. So when you write the Forest Service take a moment and let Chevron know how you feel. Send a letter to Mr. Ken Derr, Chairman of the Board, Chevron USA, 225 Bush St., San Francisco, CA 94104.

An information meeting will be held on February 2, 1993 from 7 to 9 pm at the Utah Department of Natural Resources auditorium, 1636 West North Temple. For more information about this issue contact the Utah Wilderness Association at 359-1337.



High Uintas Wilderness (photo by Alexis Kelner). Courtesy Utah Wilderness Association

Ski Racing

by Trudy Healy

I had never been on a nordic track until several years ago. I took some lessons and wondered “what for?” Although I was 69 at the time, I decided to race and began training. I raced in the same class as kids of 50 and feared I wouldn’t have a chance, but I entered anyway.

Actually the whole experience was a lot of fun. George came with me to watch the races; he too liked the kind of people one meets at these citizens events. I entered four races that year and placed first in every one of them. Sounds pretty good, doesn’t it? My secret: there was no one else 50 or over.

I entered an Overland Race from Brighton over Scott’s Pass to Park City, too. I was the last one up to the saddle, but soon I started passing other racers. From the height of the land we encountered a big open slope with splendid powder, and I had no problem passing all those track skiers who had never skied powder. They were laying all over the place digging themselves out.



The course continued down to Park City on a downhill ski run, which was ski-rattling bumpy ice. Since I was using my backcountry skis, their edges bit in, and I passed all the skiers using track skis, which were not good on that kind of stuff.

In this race we were not divided into age groups; nevertheless, I ended up sort of in the middle of the field of 159. I thought, “I won’t qualify at all this time.” Well, surprise of surprises! I got a fine prize as the oldest participant! I won very nice prizes in the other races, but I am still basking in the glory of this one!

***To report conflicts you have had
with Heli-skiers, contact:***



***Doug Abromeit,
Wasatch-Cache National Forest
6944 S 3000 E
SLC 84121
or Call 943-1794***



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DISCUSSION TOPIC
LEADERSHIP MANUAL

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1070 S. FOOTHILL DR.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
7:30 PM

COOKIES & PUNCH
following discussion

TRIP TALKS

WESTWATER CANYON

September 12-13, 1992

by Liza Poole

The river flow at launch was 3200 cfs, and the weather was sunny, warm and pleasant, with high clouds warning of a front coming in. We timed the launch at 11:00 am to take advantage of paddling against the wind for the duration of the first day on the flat water. Mike, a considerate and good leader, lashed his kayak to the paddle raft and climbed in to assist in paddling. The rest of the hard boaters managed to find all kinds of stuff to play in; the start of another fabulous trip down the Colorado River.

The group missed out on "Little D," so we camped at Little Hole. The landing was mucky (that's that gray, sticky, smelly mud that dries on like adobe), but the beach was sandy. This came in handy when the winds changed direction, adding that special grit to the cheese dip for happy hour. Lighting the charcoal for the dutch ovens became the early evening entertainment.

George and Kerry created a tasty Texas barbeque with ribs, beans and cole slaw, topped off with Miss Sara's best cheesecake. (Yeah, we were hungry! Go ahead and warm up all those beans!) The wind died long enough for us to gorge ourselves. (Oh, no. I couldn't possibly eat that last rib.) During the course of eating all those ribs, beans and cheesecake, the sky blanketed with a muck-colored overcast. It was still early evening, although it seemed later. We played horseshoes until the light gave out, then settled into our lawn chairs. (Yes, chairs! Next time Brett and Virgil will realize that with three oar rigs, a paddle boat, and only four hard boats, extravagance is the rule.)

Conversation around the non-campfire was lively. Those not present, namely Dege and George, took some hits, and even those there to defend themselves weren't spared a jibe. Emil filled us in on the forbidden words: F.L.U. and booger among oth-

ers, and jokes degraded from the chicken "book-book-book" on down to the gutter.

Periodically, we checked the skies; one by one the stars peeked through the clouds. We watched the full moon rise over the canyon rim right in the notch. It was the cue for everyone to drift off on their own: into the sleeping bag or up onto the rocks with flute, or padding over the trails in the moonlight. What an evening.

Sunday began with warm, light breezes under a clear blue sky. After a good breakfast with no veggies, we headed off to do a little whitewater. The rapids were great fun at this level. Everyone had good, clean runs through Marble, Big Hammer, Staircase, Funnel Falls, and No Name. Then in Skull, our past and present boating directors, Randy and Jeff, ate it! Both fell for the "aggressive route" ploy and were flipped and sucked out above Skull rock. Tim and George saved the day. Emil and Virgil, though, wished to follow the elders' examples, and this time we got pictures. The paddle boat, tempted to follow suit, instead bounced on around to the left. Brett and Liza had perfect runs. (Grand Canyon material—hint, hint Jeff).

The last drops were even more fun, combing big haystack waves and good holes, the paddle out not as bad as it could have been. We lashed two rigs and the paddle boat together for the "party barge." The winds gusted periodically, forming whitecaps while it was Tony's turn to row. Tim and I said goodbye at the take-out, and the group was heading home by 5 pm. We're really sorry we'll miss the end-of-year boating party.

Thanks for the great time, folks! Hope to see you all on the river (or slopes) again real soon.

Trip Leader: Mike Dege. Participants: Tony Ackerman (paddle captain), Brett, Michelle and Rick, Jeff and Candy Barrell Tim and Liza Poole, Randy Klein, Janice, Emil Golias, Virgil, George Yurich and Kerry Ammerman.

Silver Fork NTD Ski Tour

December 19, 1992
by Christine Allred

"Wow" "This is incredible" "What did you do to arrange this weather?" "Does it get much better than this?"

These were typical comments during the lunch break in the aspen sheltered area just across from the Silver Fork mine. Snow had recently fallen and we were among the first into the area; the pristine untracked meadow below us stretched out under a baby blue sky and the sun warmed the otherwise crisp air to an almost intoxicating level as we breathed deeply. Overnight temperatures in the low teens had crisped the snow and it was so light and fluffy to be almost weightless.

Getting to that lunch spot was questionable for a while for part of the group. Newcomers Javier and Colleen Guzman carpooled with Carolyn Morrow to the lower Solitude parking lot — but they turned left instead of right and it was some time before leader Christine Allred spotted them. Losing three members right off of the 12 group total is far in excess of the allowable 10%!

On the way up we noticed various animal tracks from the small pitter pat tracings of a small rodent to those of what looked like a very large hare — "Harezilla," Javier glibly informed us. The long skinny grooves on our uphill route indicated a party in front of us — hopefully the advance party of the Wasatch Mountain Club.

Nancy Phillips, Dick Honn, Aaron Jones, Ray Duda, Trudy Lealy, Loraine Lovell and Dauphne Randall had gone on ahead and joshed the rest of us when we finally caught up. After a short rest break, lunch and a toast to all of us who had the wisdom to be at this spot on this fantabulous day (instead of fighting our way through the hordes of Christmas shoppers thronging the malls), we followed Ray down and through the meadow, across the creek to the eastern slope of the canyon so as to return through the trees.

Some were content to glide along Ray's tracks; others cut a few tentative telemark turns (oh well, there were also a couple of sitz marks where the turns didn't quite make it). The gentle downward pitches on the return route allowed a bit of speed and cries of "wheeeeeeeeeee".

It was an incredible day. I can't claim credit for the weather. No, it doesn't get much better than this. WOW!

FROM THE EDITORS

PLEASE NOTE: NEW PICKUP/DROPOFF LOCATION-All pickups for disks, photos, etc., will continue to be available after you've received your *Rambler*. They will be returned to the "**red container**" (not to be confused with the blue one for drop-offs), out by the front door of Christine Allred, 5352 S. Old Trenton Way (261-8181) (see map, page 22). If you have material from past issues to pick up, call Christine or stop by her home and check the "**red container**." At this writing, there are two months of disks and photos waiting for their owners to come and get them. **Alternate drop off:** From 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, you can leave information for the *Rambler* with the receptionist at Allred's Inc., 60 E. 4070 S.

In submitting articles, our operations have expanded, having the capability to translate many programs. Therefore, send us your floppy and a hard copy, **double spaced**.

Please, oh please, **do not** type in caps on your disks. It requires retyping it in the computer, which is too time consuming and it's harder to read. If you send in typed copy only, use double spacing.

Help us and help yourselves by picking up your disks and pictures after the *Rambler* has come to you.

Dog Lake Snow Shoe Trip

December 27, 1992

Leader and scribe: Christine Allred

We've all heard of the "Dog Days of Summer", and this trip took place during the lull between the excitement of Christmas and yet-to-come New Year's Eve celebrations and our destination was Dog Lake—but this day could not have been more beautiful!

As the group assembled in the usual meeting place at Hillside Plaza, I could hardly believe my eyes. Two years ago when I first started snowshoeing, we were lucky to get a half dozen trekkers — today there were two dozen (including the leader). Six or seven of the group were newcomers claiming they had heard about this activity from others and decided to give it a try.

It is hard to believe (as this is being written on January 11) that the snow on the trail was rutted, hard packed and icy. Some of us walked a good part of the way on the crusty pack. But not Janet Chatwin, one of our first timers; by darn, she had paid \$8.00 to rent those Tubbs and she was going to get her money's worth! Soon after starting up the incline, some of the group started peeling off extra layers as we emerged into the warm sunshine.

Monty Young and Bert Balzer led the advance, more experienced group at a good clip. Dog Lake was a piece of cake for these two and they went on to top Little Water Mountain. Of course, most of you know about Monty — he's always way out ahead; and Bert's that guy who regularly climbs up a peak near Bountiful to keep Old Glory flying high. A secondary group accompanied Leslie Mullins and Lyn Nall while I managed to "keep up" with three ladies in the rear who were on their first trip.

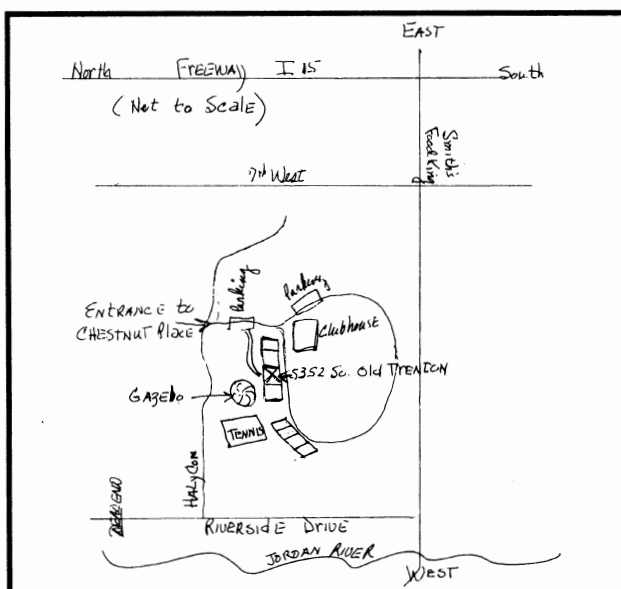
The first two groups lost patience waiting for the slowest group at the Desolation Trail split-off and

went on to Dog Lake; by the time the rear guard arrived, most of them had finished lunch and were ready to move out again, possibly spurred on by a nippy wind which quickly chilled us off.

Pine and fir trees were a dark green against the snow white bare aspens that extended lacy, skeletal fingers towards the incredible blue of the sky. Mountain and black capped Chickadees chirped merrily as they flitted from one branch to another.

Norm Pobanz and his wife Carma led us back through the trees in a south easterly direction. We went up a small rise, across an open area where we left a new trail before descending down a powdery slope to once again find the hard packed trail below the fork. An alternate route is always preferable to a round trip in my opinion.

Besides the people already named: Christiana Hueholt, Sue Gardner, Duane Call, Jerry and Le Hambleton, Gary Collins, Mona Barry and Jeff McCann. Sherry Christensen, Nancy Godell, Chris Baierschmidt, Tad Mrozonski, Gaynell Danielson, Judy Elizomso, Shirley Tezas, and Roland Hill completed the congenial group. (Apologies to some whose name might be mis-spelled; some of the signatures were hard to decipher.)

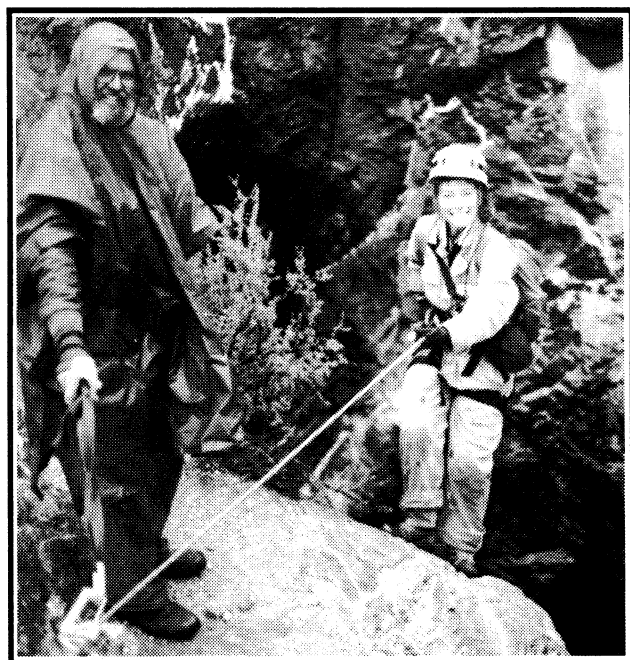


Caving With Dale Green

Lund, Nevada
October 24-25, 1992
by Leslie Mullins

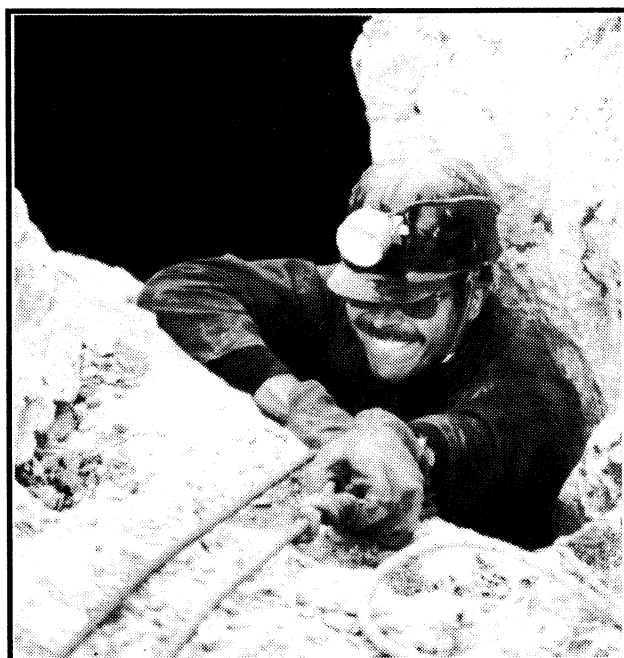
Looking for a little adventure? Looking for *a lot* of adventure? The difference between paying your \$4 to be led by a ranger on paved paths through a cave and what we did this weekend is like the difference between ice milk and Haagen Daz. All cave experiences are not created equal: I am positive that I would not wander any caves like this without Dale Green's expertise, knowledge and patience.

It was pouring small buckets on Saturday morning, and Dale was skeptical about everyone standing out in the rain for the two hours it would take to get the eight of us down the 60 feet into Whipple Cave. But we all wanted to do it so badly that he went ahead with it, commenting that if we hadn't been Mountain Club people, he surely wouldn't have continued. So with the help of Zig's tarp, we managed to stay relatively dry while we watched



Leslie heading down into Whipple Cave while Dave smiles (photo by Zig Sondelski).

the ropes lengthen and the knots get tied. For four of us who had never rappelled before, this made it a special challenge, so when looking down a 60 foot drop, you tend to have your doubts, no matter what. I admired Linda for being first to go over the edge, wearing a smile, with only three minutes of training on how to handle the rope and the figure eight thing the rope goes through. We found it rather amusing that there was a register at the bottom of "the hole" that informed us that if we had any trouble, we should contact the something-or-other sheriff's office. Hank said, "With what?!"



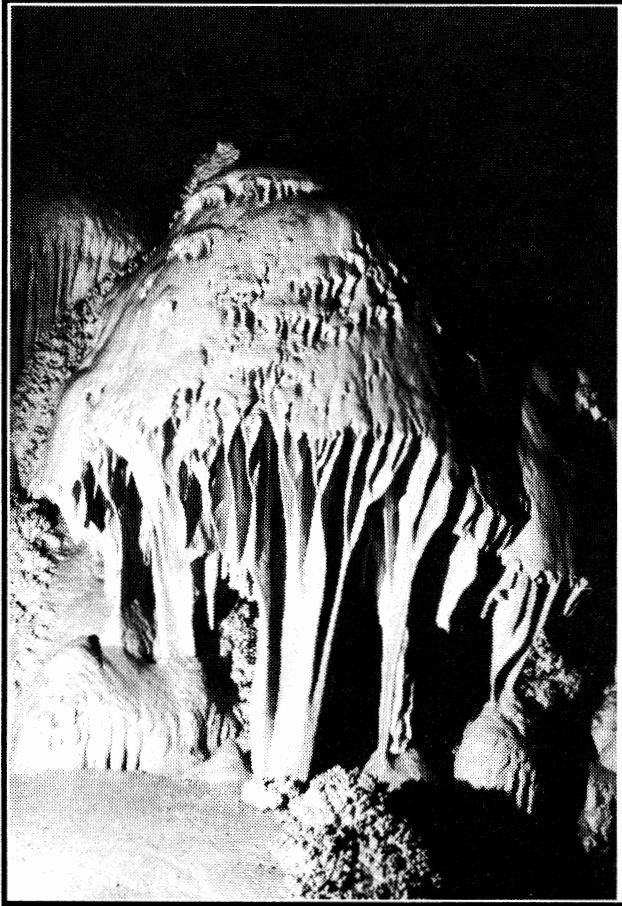
Mike Budig emerging from Whipple Cave (photo by Leslie Mullins).

We decided to eat in the entrance pit and tried to find a non-existent clean rock to use (keep in mind that we are damp and this is fine, thick dirt). About halfway through eating, Dale says, "By the way, none of this is dirt; it's decomposed rat shit". Gee, that's good to know. Rats bring sticks into the cave and build these huge mounds called middens, all apparently for no reason that anyone can discern.

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I never did figure out if the sticks were holding the rat shit together or the rat shit was holding the sticks together. And speaking of animals, little batmen hung from the walls. How do they remember to hold on when they're sleeping like that?



One of the formations in Whipple Cave (photo by Leslie Mullins).

Whipple Cave, is about 800 feet long and is known for having unusually large rooms with some beautiful formations. Getting through the cave was a real chore in the half-light of our headlamps, what with continuous uneven, and sometimes slippery, surfaces. One place was especially memorable in that we had to slide through a small opening backwards to a rock about six feet below, but what you don't know until you get down there (with help) is that there is a rather

interesting crevasse between the rock you're jumping off of and the one you're landing on; not a hospitable situation for short people. We saw examples of cave popcorn, draperies, flowstone, straws, terraced pools and many of those things that Dale described as "sticky uppys" and "hangey downeys". Those ARE the technical terms, that's what Dale said.

Another hour later we climbed out of the cave on Dale's six inch wide aluminum cable ladder, another new and interesting experience. We emerged tired, but happy, to a gorgeous mix of sun, clouds, stillness and softness. Kathy expressed it pretty well; she wouldn't have traded today for a day of shopping at Nordstrom.

We drove about 26 miles on dirt roads to camp near Cave Valley Cave, our next day's assault. Sunday. Cave Valley Cave is unusual because it lies on a valley floor, not tucked up against, or in, mountains or hills. Once a clay mine, the layer of clay which used to exist near the entrance is completely gone for probably 300 feet (In the old days I guess the ladies loved those mudpacks). Discovered in approximately 1858, graffiti on the walls dates back to the 1870s.

The thing about Cave Valley Cave is that it is a six-year-old's ultimate mud fantasy, thus, we fit right in. I spent a lot of time pondering the exact spelling of the word that describes what it sounds like when the earth is sucking your boots off your feet. Is it SCWICT? THWICK? or SPLOOSHT? Further back in the cave, we got to crawl on our hands and knees in the stuff. Let me tell you, we had a great time. We were treated to clay sculptures shaped like pot bellied Indians, buildings, heads with swooping pirate hats complete with feathers, alligators and wild medicine men. Dale related stories of the Indian, Anzip, for whom one of the halls is named. Other tales were told by those who lived there of Indian maidens being taken into the cave to live in a Shangri La type place, but when the

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ranchers explored it, they found nothing but a giant mud slog. I've never been that muddy in my life and I enjoyed every minute of it. We learned the practicality of wearing all those helmets once we saw the scratches. DUCK!!



What does it sound like? SCWICT? THWICK? OR SPLOOSHT? (photo by Leslie Mullins).

During his 30 years of caving, Dale has mapped many, many caves, including some that are "out yonder" where only a handful of people have visited. Locations are passed from one responsible person to another only upon absolute proof that no harm will come to the cave. Now that must be a wonder—to see something so whole and perfect.

Thanks to Dale for your abundant patience and sharing a part of what you love so much with us. We were honored when he said we were the best group he's ever led caving because "nobody whined. You were ready and wanted to go for it." Thanks Dale for being you and sharing a part of what you love so much with us.

Participants: Kathy Petersen, Vince Desimone, Linda Wilcox, Hank Winawer, Mike Budig, Zig Sondelski and me, Leslie Mullins.

Jackson Hole Ski Trip

December 27 thru January 1

By Wick R. Miller

There were a dozen of us: Mike Budig, our trusty leader, Joanne Miller, Tom Silberstorf, Clint Lewis, Gayle Stockslager, Catherine Dean, Larry Schuner, Chris Negus, Phyllis Parmer, Laurie MacGeorge, Shaun Mulner, and your scribe, Wick Miller.

Mike promised us good snow, and he kept his promise. He also promised that he knew the best places to ski, and he came through on that too (his excellent guide book helped on that). We skied to Taggart and Jenny Lakes as a group the first day, but after that we broke up into two or more groups doing Snow King Mountain, Pilgrim Peak, Shadow Mountain, Ditch Creek, Cache Creek, along with snow shoeing with a Park Ranger on a nature tour, and some down hilling. Lots of wild life we abundant in the Park. Beautiful, too, were the local winter scenes, and views of the Tetons were occasional because of the almost constant snow.

We had planned to do yo yo telemark skiing from Teton Pass, but the heavy snow fall put the avalanch danger too high. Best telemark skiing: Pilgrim Peak. Most memorable tour: the back side of Snow King Mountain, when Mike, Tom and Clint returned to the car at 9:00 pm. An unplanned late return was the result of the unpredictable snow conditions. Squeezed into two condos with kitchens made for togetherness along with delicious yet unexpensive home-cooked gourmet meals.

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Some Interesting Facts About This Exceptional Man

- Joined WMC in late 30s, early 40s—Lifetime member of WMC
- Instrumental in almost single-handedly building the Goodro Annex of the Lodge
- President of WMC for six years
- Made many first ascents in Utah's mountains
- Hiked: The Andes, mountains in Africa and Canada, and probably many we don't know about
- Led almost everything in the 40s and 50s for the 100 or so members of WMC; was considered "The Club" during those years
- Organized outdoor program at the U of U
- In his early years (50s and 60s) he carried rocks in a back pack up Mt. Olympus 2-3 times a week to keep fit
- Interviewed on the Today Show as "The Ultimate Mountain Man"



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SKY CALENDAR

MOON

Full Moon	Feb 06	Mar 08
Last Quarter	Feb 13	Mar 14
New Moon	Feb 21	Mar 23
First Quarter	Mar 01	Mar 30

MOONRISE:

Feb 06	5:30 pm	Mar 06	4:30 pm
Feb 13	1:00 am	Mar 13	12:01 am
Feb 20	6:30 am	Mar 20	5:00 am
Feb 27	9:30 am	Mar 27	8:30 am

NOTE: Moonrise times are for 40 degrees north latitude, 112 degrees 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 1993

PLANETS: VENUS is the brilliant planet in west after sunset. It will be close to the crescent moon on February 24; in fact, if you are in Australia or part of the Pacific, you might see it pass behind the moon.

Reddish MARS and its companions Castor and Pollux are now above the eastern horizon at dusk and in the west before dawn. MARS will continue its westward motion until the middle of February, then start back toward the east, relative to the starry background

JUPITER rises after sunset in the constellation Virgo.

Leadership Committee Report To The Board

by Tom Walsh

Last October a committee was formed to work on leadership issues that originated from incidents occurring on an October trip to the Grand Canyon. Lurking behind this sore spot were some long-standing problems of responsibility and liability to the club if things went wrong. Kyle Williams aptly remarked, "This isn't just about abstract paperwork, this is about the well-being of your friends."

The committee functioned by pooling the combined experience and opinions of the members, hammering out ideas in discussions, reducing dialog to writing, then producing a report to present to a special meeting of the Board. The committee concentrated on hiking so that this narrow focus would make it easier to identify issues and develop solutions. As it turned out, many of the committee proposals have application to other Club activities such as backpacking and mountaineering.

We met in Scott Harrison's snowbound house January 20 with some of the Board members and some of the committee members. The next three hours were spent reading the proposals with a vigorous discussion of the ideas and concepts. Everyone at the meeting seemed to have personal experiences pertaining to the issues; everyone seemed to have personal ideas about how to organize and edit the report. Discussions ranged from inadvertent typos to speculation on legal theories of negligence.

Hiking is by far the biggest activity of the club as measured by participation or time spent. Yet the written guidelines or policies for planning, conducting and scheduling hikes, are mostly nonexistent. The committee stepped into that void by proposing written rules and policies which would provide permanent written guidance for the members of the Club. Proposed rules deal with:

- Leaders responsibility to actively plan their hikes
- Leaders responsibility to evaluate and screen potential participants
- Leaders responsibility to manage the hike
- Leaders responsibility to form smaller groups and recruit sub-leaders
- Leaders' responsibility to account for all participants at the end of the hike
- Dealing with participants who abandon the hike or who have to be dismissed from the hike
- Hikers responsibility to be prepared for the hike
- Hikers assumption of risk and signing the release form
- Hikers responsibility to stay in groups
- Environmental impact and following Wilderness Area rules
- Special rules dealing with exploratory hikes, children on hikes, etc.

The committee report contained "Guidelines for

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Hike Leaders," a single sheet summary of advice, tips and rules to be sent to leaders before each hike. Another sheet entitled "Guidelines for Hiking Participants" was proposed to be sent to each member at least once per year at Membership renewal time. This guideline would remind members of the club about policies and their responsibilities for participation in hikes. Also the existing release form was modified to provide space for accounting for participants finishing a given hike. To assure precision and accuracy in the rules, a glossary of terms was developed.

Some proposed rules were controversial and caused heated discussions. In some instances discussions focused on what was felt to be a good idea, but the means to accomplish it was difficult to agree on.

The action item after the meeting was for committee members to meet with several Board members and Trustees to refine the proposed rules and policies. We will try to get a final proposal ready for a full Board meeting in February. Also, we will prepare for the General Membership Meeting and election in February at which the topic of these leadership issues will be presented.

Although it is still in draft form, copies of the Hiking Leadership Committee report are available from Tom Walsh (969-5842). If you are interested or have ideas to contribute, phone in!

Editorial

Kah! Kah Happens!! So do AVALANCHES!! And they still present a very real threat to the back country skier, or the out of bounds resort skier, as we are too often reminded. Such was the case in early January. An avalanche snuffed out the life of an out of bounds skier and narrowly missed taking the life of his skiing companion. With the wettest January ever in Utah's history just behind us, unreal amounts of snow remain to beckon the unsuspecting skier to powdery untracked vistas. Mild temperatures have rounded whole layers of those multifaceted crystals to where any added weight has the potential of setting massive layers of snow in motion, building to a crescendo, roaring at over 100 mph sweeping and crushing everything in its destructive path. While it is well known that the risk of avalanches is most extreme following heavy snows, or when the moisture content is high, or on steeper slopes, they are also triggered on shallow slopes under less extreme conditions. Your safest bet is to call the Avalanche Hot Line 364-1581 before setting out on your ski adventure. AND remember: The predictable thing about avalanches is; THEY ARE UNPREDICTABLE!

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1. _____	_____	_____
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