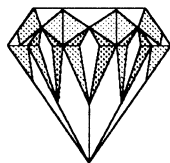
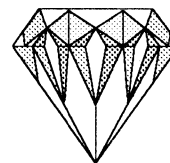


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WMC Purpose

(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; and to foster awareness of our natural areas including their plants, animal and bird life.

Cover Photo

COVER: *Death Valley mountain bikers, 2/95.*

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE RAMBLER

APRIL, 1970

BY DALE GREEN, HISTORIAN

"For the first time, the various sections of the club, like Transportation, Boating, Conservation, Hiking, etc., have formed planning and working committees with the purpose of getting more people involved and a diversity of ideas incorporated into the various programs." (Fred Bruenger, Hiking Director)

A good time was had by all, according to Lyman Lewis, of those who participated in the Club's annual Presidents' Day outing to Jackson Hole and Grand Targee. As usual, the group stayed at the Antler Motel.

Water activities were uppermost on many Club member's minds with articles by Cal Giddings on kayaking and Jim Byrne on preparations for river running. Three full page photos were included.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN THE WMC

APRIL, 1945

(FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES)

With \$446.22 in the bank, the Board approved purchase of two \$100.00 "E" war bonds during the next bond drive. It was suggested that these be set aside for the purpose of roofing the lodge when the Club would be able to get the material.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to one of the Club's more prominent members to ask him to "have his guests cooperate better with our trip leaders."

A suggestion was made to install a 250 gallon tank outside the lodge to contain enough oil for the winter. The oil would be piped inside. No action was taken at the time.

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QUESTION: LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUIZ: Many of the forks of Big Cottonwood Canyon are named alphabetically after early lumber mills which were located at or near the mouth's of each fork. Mills A, B, D, and F are well known and shown on most maps. Where were Mills C and E located?

ANSWER: Neither Mills C or E have a side canyon named after them. Mill C was located at or near the present site of the Mule Hollow Inn where the old log cabin Maxfield Lodge used to be located. Mill E was very near Brighton, approximately 1/4 mile down canyon from the present turnoff to Guardsman Pass.

THIS MONTH'S NOT SO TRIVIAL QUIZ: When was the Wasatch Mountain Club formally incorporated and with how many members?

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Ski and Snowshoe Tours

April

- 1 Ski Tour-Uintas: April Fools Beaver Creek
- 1 Ski Tour April Fools Leader's Choice
- 2 Silver Island Mountains
- 2 Hike/snowshoe/post-holing Diamond Fork
- 2 Ski Tour-Unites: Norway Flats
- 2 Ski Tour Leaders Choice
- 8 Ski Tour: Leader's Choice
- 8 Ski Tour: Lower Silver Fork
- 9 Ski Tour: Leader's Choice
- 9 Ski Tour: Leader's choice
- 15 Accountant's Holiday Leader's Choice
- 15 Ski Tour: Taxday Leader's Choice
- 16 Ski Tour-Uintas: Norway Flats
- 16 Ski Tour: Silver Fork

Socials

April

- 6 Conservation Social
- 8 Polyester Party & Potluck
- 12 Country Western Dance Instruction
- 12 Movie Nite
- 16 A Prairie Home Companion Deadline
- 19 Country Western Dance Instruction
- 22 Country Western Dance & Potluck
- 23 Oriental Potluck Dinner
- 26 Artsy Movie Nite
- 30 Entertainment Planning meeting

May

- 6 Cinco De Mayo Potluck/dance
- 7 Singles at the Symphony Deadline
- 10 Movie Nite
- 19 Opera
- 20 Mad Hatter Party & Square Dance
- 20 Singles at the Symphony
- 24 Last Movie Nite of the Season
- 27-29 Red/White & Blue BBQ

Boating

April

- 11-14 Salt River Trip - Arizona
- 15 Beginning of the Season Work Party
- 22-23 River Safety Clinic
- 26 San Juan Work Party

May

- 1-5(6) San Juan River Trip
- 2 Gray Canyon Work Party
- 6-7 Gray Canyon Beginners Trip

Special Events

April

- 5 WMC Board Meeting
- 10 WMC 75th Anniversary Preparation Meeting

Biking

April

- 1 Road: Brigham City
- 2 Road/Mtn North Copperton
- 8 Road/Mtn Morgan Valley Loop
- 9 Road/Mtn Antelope Island
- 15 Road/Mtn Southwest Tour
- 15 Mountain Bike: Ensign Peak
- 16 Bike: Road/Mtn Saratoga

22

Bike: Road/Mtn Ogden Valley

23

Road/Mtn Pleasant Grove-Lehi

23

Mountain Bike: Antelope Island

25

Biking Clinic

29

Road/Mtn Avenues/City Creek

30

Road/Mtn USU Botanical Gardens-Farmington

May

2

Mountain Bike: Tuesday Night Ride

6

Road/Mtn Beginner's tour of Salt Lake's East Side

7

Road/Mtn Park City-Smith Morehouse

9

Mountain Bike: Tuesday Night Ride

13

Bike/Hike City Creek Canyon/Grandview Peak

13-14

Mountain Bike: First Annual gourmet Bike Ride & Camp-out

16

Mountain Bike: Tuesday Night Ride, Shoreline Trail

Hiking

April

1

City Creek Twins

1

Desert Mountain

2

Hike/Snowshoe/Post-Holing Diamond Fork

2

Hike: Silver Island Mountains

8

Hike: Big Beacon

9

Antelope Island

9

Perkins Peak

9

Salt Lake Overlook

15

Avenues Twins

15

Granduer Peak

15

Hughes Canyon

15

Stansbury Island

15-16

Car Camp: Escalante Canyons

15-16

Topaz Mountains

16

Mt. Van Cott

16

Pilot Peak

19

Hiking Committee Meeting

22

Big Beacon Via Georges Hollow

22

Hounds Tooth

22

Peak 9143, Stansburys

23

Dry Creek Falls

23

Ferguson Canyon

23

Yellow or Rose Canyon

24-27

Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch Get-A-Way

28-30

Backpack: Grand gulch Exploratory

29

Big Beacon via Georges Hollow

29

Granduer Via West Rib

29

Tolcat Canyon to Stream or Beyond

29-30

Car Camp: Leaders Choice - San Rafael Swell

29-30

Car Camp: Mystery Canyon

30

Dry Creek Gulch

30

Millcreek Pipeline

30

Mt Olympus via Tolcat Canyon

May

6

Antennas Loop/Ensign Peak

6-7

Car Camp: Bird Watch & Mountain Bike at Fish Springs

6-7

Car Camp: Work Weekend San Rafael Swell

6

Fools Peak

6

Jacob city Ghost Town

6

Squaw Peak

7

City Creek Twins

7

Lookout Peak via Killyon Canyon

7

Tanners Gulch: Triple Traverse

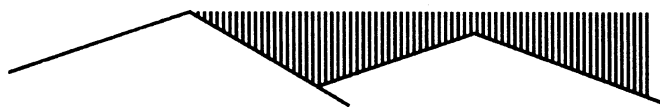
12-14

1st Annual Arches Family/Mother's Day

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 12-14 Advanced Canyoneering: Quandary Canyon & Drowned Hole Draw
 13 Big Beacon Moonlight
 13 Desolation Trail to Overlook
 13 Perkins Peak
 13-14 Backpack: Circle Cliffs Wilderness Study Area
 14 Georges Hollow Mother's Day
 14 Granduer Peak Via Church Fork
 14 Red Baldy
 19-21 Car Camp: 2nd Annual Arches Family
 20-21 Car Camp: Capitol Reef National Park
 20-21 Car Camp: San Rafael Swell Highlands
 27-29 Car Camp: Deep Creek Mountains
 27-29 Car Camp: Escalante Wilderness Activists
 June
 10-11 Backpack: Eastern Book Cliffs Wilderness Activists
Climbing
 April
 6 Petes Rock
 20 Petes Rock
 21 Leader's Choice
 22 American Fork Canyon
 27 Petes Rock
 May
 13-14 City of Rocks, Idaho
 20 Rock Climbing Class
 June
 4 Snow Climb: Tanners Gulch

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Apr 4 Alpinist Kitty Calhoun Grissom will show slides on mixed climbing in Alaska, South America, and the Himalayas

Apr 11 Rob Shepherd and Dan Smith will give a clinic on preparation for multiple day mountain bike tours

Apr 18 Canyonlands Field Institute will present a seminar on wilderness ethics in Utah's canyon country

Apr 25 Elliott Mott, of the WMC, will give a clinic on bicycling techniques and equipment

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22, 1995. This is the 25th anniversary of the original Earth Day in 1970.

The Salt Lake City annual Jordan River cleanup will occur on the morning of Earth Day, starting from both Jordan Park and Riverside Park. State Park land at Seventh South is being added to the SLC city park system with tree planting to follow the cleanup. Arrangements are being made for a "March for Parks" to follow the River from North Temple to Ninth South. This walk focuses on a section of the Jordan River Parkway that has not been improved or completed. Come and help. Join the march. Contribute to the Parkway funds. For information contact John Tudor (521-9334) or Renee Tanner (535-7735).

The Park City Recycling Association is holding its annual Earth Day Fair. Activities include a 5k fun run, a bike or blade race, live bands, great food, jugglers, massage therapists, a silent auction, raffle prizes, and Recycolympics for the kids. The Fair will be held at the Racquetball Club, 1200 East Little Kate Road in Park Meadows.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WASATCH FRONT FORUM SERIES

WINTER OLYMPICS: ENVIRONMENTALLY BENIGN?

Tuesday, April 11, 1995
7:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church, 569 S. 1300 E.

Panelists: John Hoaglund (U.S. Forest Service), Renee Tanner (Environmental Advisory Committee), Alexis Kelner (writer and environmental leader), Ann Wechsler (Save Our Canyons). Moderator: Ivan Weber.

Discussion: Can the Winter Olympics be part of a "sustainable" Utah? Is Utah's quality of life sustainable considering its unprecedented growth? And more. Join us for a public airing of these rarely discussed issues.

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For more information, call 467-9297 or 569-7037

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SKY CALENDAR FOR APRIL

MOON

First Quarter	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 06
Full Moon	Apr 15	May 14	Jun 12
Last Quarter	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 19
New Moon	Apr 29	May 29	Jun 27

MOONRISE (N 40 latitude, W 112 longitude, flat horizon) Saturday

Apr 01	6:45 am	May 06	11:45 am
Apr 08	12:00 pm	May 13	7:15 pm
Apr 15	7:30 pm	May 20	1:00 am
Apr 22	2:30 am	May 20	1:00 am
Apr 29	6:30 am	May 20	1:00 am

Source: The 1995 Astronomical Almanac

PLANETS

The planets are much as they were in March, with the addition of Saturn, which is coming out from behind the Sun and is dimly visible in the dawn sky in the constellation Aquarius.

ECLIPSE

A partial eclipse of the moon will be visible at dawn (moonset) on April 15. Early in the morning of the 15th, about 1:00 am or the time my air mattress usually leaks down to bedrock, the full moon will pass in front of the bright star, Spica. - Ben Everitt

VOLLEYBALL

+ Mondays, Highland High (2100 S., 1700 E.), small gym, 6:30-9:30 pm
+ \$1 for WMC members, \$2 for others
+ 28 participant limit
+ WMC members have priority
+ call Ross Martin (364-4006) for info

WMC 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.

Participation in any WMC activity can be dangerous. It is your responsibility to evaluate your own preparedness and ability to safely participate in any activity.

Apr 1 Sat

BIKE: ROAD MADDOX (MOD). This 55 mile ride tours the flat agricultural region west of Ogden and then meanders north past Willard Bay, through some of Utah's finest orchards, to Brigham City. The itinerary includes stopping at Maddox—one of Northern Utah's more famous and enduring eating establishments for lunch, and afterwards, if there's interest, at Peach City Ice Cream for dessert. The terrain is easy flat to rolling. Meet Elliott Mott (968-7357) in the south-west parking lot of the Capitol at 9:00 to car-pool, or in Roy at the Roy Recreational Complex (2150 W. 4700 S.) at 10:00 am.

Apr 1 Sat

FAMILY HIKE: CITY CREEK TWINS (NTD 2.4) Join leader Chris Baierschmidt (272-9452) for a mildly paced family hike above the avenues with great views of the city. Kids are welcome! Meet at 10:00 am at the Utah Travel Council Lot (just south and east of the State Capitol bldg.)

Apr 1 Sat

HIKE: DESERT MOUNTAIN (MOD) Leader Jim Zinanti (484-8271) decided that this granite intrusion north of Delta was such a fun hike that more exploration was necessary. This hike will include plenty of scrambling and some mild exposure. Call Jim for details and to preregister.

Apr 1 Sat

SKI TOUR-UINTAS: APRIL FOOLS BEAVER CREEK (NTD) Mike Eisenberg (572-2676) calls all fools to gather with him today to ski the Uintas. Mike's no fool, however, the snow conditions today may dictate a change of tour destinations, so please call him to confirm the trip location. Meet at the Parley's Way K-Mart at 9:00 am. Mike says skins are recommended.

Apr 1 Sat

SKI TOUR: APRIL FOOLS LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD) Edgar Webster (583-0703) will be looking for soft snow to fall in. Call before the trip to discuss your beacon's frequency. Meet Edgar at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary School.

Apr 2 Sun

BIKE: ROAD/MTN NORTH COPPERTON (NTD) Lily Schumann is going to start riding from West Jordan Park (7941 S. 2200 W.) at 10:30 am (MDT!) and would like some company. She will go west on the Old Bingham Highway to Copperton Park, then 10 miles north to Magna, and wind through West Valley for a total loop of 38 miles. A picnic lunch is suggested, yet food will be available in Magna and West Valley. **REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!** Call Lily (561-3756), especially if the weather looks questionable.

Apr 2 Sun

HIKE/SNOWSHOE/POST-HOLING (depending on snow) **DIAMOND FORK (MOD +/-?)** Trip length is 6-16 miles according to whimsy of leader. Bring swimsuits for hot springs, towels optional, limit 12. Call Carrie Clark (583-1205 or 957-3238) to register.

Apr 2 Sun

HIKE: SILVER ISLAND MOUNTAINS (MSD) Leader Pat Kottcamp (467-7231) invites you to visit this rugged range near Wendover. Strenuous with scrambling. Call Pat to register.

Apr 2 Sun

SKI TOUR-UINTAS: NORWAY FLATS (NTD+) Dale Woodward (467-2097) advises that because of the lateness of the season, please call him for meeting time and location.

Apr 2 Sun

SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD) Ridge Williams (272-0969) advises that because of the lateness of the season, please call him for meeting time and destination.

Apr 5 Wed

WMC BOARD MEETING: Attend the WMC Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at the club office (888 S. , 200 E., Suite 207). We will meet for supper at 6:00 at the Cafe Trang (818 S. Main).

Apr 6 Thu

CLIMBING: PETES ROCK Join us after work for real rock after a long winter in the Gym. This Quartzite outcrop at 5200 S. Wasatch Blvd. is a great place to get back into it, with routes of all difficulties. Call Kyle Williams (273-8076) if you have questions. If the weather is bad we can go to The Gym.

WILDERNESS IN DANGER!

Rich Osborne (Conservation Director)

As many of you may already know, Governor Leavitt and the Utah Congressional delegation are attempting to introduce a stripped wilderness bill in Congress by June 1. The county hearings are supposedly over. The remaining hearings are:

Apr 12 Wed, 5:00 pm: Salt Lake County Commission Chambers — Note that the SL county hearing is scheduled to occur **after** the deadline for submission of county inputs, thus suppressing SLC's input.

Regional Hearings: These are tentative and subject to change — call Liz McCoy (486-2872) to verify and for more specifics.

Apr 13 Thu 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Cedar City

Apr 13 Thu 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Richfield

Apr 14 Fri 8:00 am - 12:00 am Moab

Apr 14 Fri 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Price

Apr 15 Sat (Time and location are to be determined.) Salt Lake County

The Utah Wilderness Coalition is also sponsoring Wilderness Advocate meetings to help people prepare for the above meetings. This schedule is also tentative, so again, please call Liz McCoy (486-2872) to confirm. Meetings are at the SUWA office (1471 S., 1100 E. in SLC) or the Sierra Club office (2273 S. Highland Drive, which is above & behind the Futon store).

Date	Time	Location	Topic
Apr 3 Mon	6:00 pm	SUWA	West Desert, Cedar Mesa
"	"	Sierra	Escalante
"	7:00 pm	SUWA	San Rafael Swell
Apr 4 Tue	6:00 pm	SUWA	Greater Zion, Henry Mountains
"	"	Sierra	Canyonlands Basin Area
"	7:00 pm	SUWA	Bookcliffs
Apr 5 Wed	6:00 pm	SUWA	Greater Dinosaur, Dirty Devil
"	"	Sierra	Salt Lake County Meeting
"	7:00 pm	SUWA	Glen Canyon, Paria-Hackberry/Grand Staircase
Apr 6 Thu	6:00 pm	SUWA	Kaiparowits
"	"	Sierra	La Sal Canyons
"	7:00 pm	SUWA	White Canyon

It is vitally important that we pack the Salt Lake county and the regional hearings with supporters of the UWC proposal (also known as HR 1500) of 5.7 million acres of BLM land to be designated as wilderness. With the recent changes in Congress, **Utah wilderness is at risk!** For more information, contact one of the following WMC Conservation Coordinators:

John Veranth (General)	278-5826	Will McCarvill (San Rafael Swell)	943-5520
Donn Seeley (West Desert)	273-7955	Brad Yates (General)	583-1205
Rich Osborne (Kaiparowits Plateau)	647-0205		

Apr 6 Thu

CONSERVATION SOCIAL: 1261 Yale (1080 So) 7:30 - 9 pm. 1995 appears to be a year of decision for Utah BLM wilderness. At tonight's get-together, WMC trustee, Mike Budig, will discuss some of the issues involved in the proposed wilderness legislation. We will also be seeing a slide presentation produced by the Utah Wilderness Coalition. Afterwards, stay for coffee, soft drinks, and dessert. For more information, call Mary Ann (277-3127) or Lori (583-8133)

Apr 8 Sat

BIKE: ROAD/MTN MORGAN VALLEY LOOP (NTD) This 31 mile ride showcases the rural mountain valley surrounding East Canyon Creek and the Weber River. In the spring, with the snow-capped Wasatch Mountains as a backdrop, this is an especially scenic ride. We'll spin past wintering sheep, pure-bred horses, highjinking colts, llamas, and cantankerous billy goats, and along the way, view some fabulous ski and snowshoe terrain. The course follows mostly lightly

trafficked country roads over easy flat to rolling terrain. Plan on stopping at a cafe for lunch. Meet Elliott Mott (968-7357) in the southwest parking lot of the Capitol at 9:00 am to car-pool/caravan, or in Morgan at Riverside Park (125 N. 200 E.) at 10:00.

Apr 8 Sat

HIKE: BIG BEACON (MOD 4.5) Leader James Janney (521-0538) will lead a group to this favorite old classic above Pioneer Park. Meet at 9:00 am at the K-Mart on Parley's Way.

Apr 8 Sat

SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD) Kevin Oakes (277-8742) advises that because of the lateness of the season call him to register and to find out the destination, meeting time and location. Beacons, shovels, and skins are required.

Apr 8 Sat

SKI TOUR: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD) Sherry Handy (262-6200) hopes that snow conditions are adequate for this excellent beginner's tour. Because of the lateness of the season, please call her for last minute trip change, and the meeting time and location.

Apr 8 Sat

SOCIAL: POLYESTER PARTY & POTLUCK. Dig out your wildest miniskirts and go-go boots or those bell-bottomed pants and platform shoes for this celebration of the 60's and 70's. Prizes for the best "beehive" hairdo, "hippie-look" polyester party dress, authentic leisure suit, belly warmer tie and more. Whose going to wear their regular work clothes? Come find out. Bring your favorite casserole or jello dessert for the potluck at 6:30 pm. Coffee provided; sodas \$.50/each; or bring your beverage of choice. Dancing to those 60's and 70's favorites starts at 7:30 pm. Location: Waterbury Clubhouse, 5830 S Waterbury Way (1550 E). Enter from 5600 S 1550 E. Cover fee: \$3/member, \$5/non-member. For details call Lucy (272-5234).

Apr 9 Sun

BIKE: ROAD/MTN ANTELOPE ISLAND (NTD). Moe Kupaei wants to ride from the park entrance at the beginning of the causeway out to and around the paved road on the island. A picnic lunch may be had by all who bring one, while enjoying the view of White Rock Bay. The round trip distance will be about 25 miles, with only one hill which happens to lead to the picnic site. Please note the \$2 park entrance fee. Meet Moe and the gang at 9 am at the 5300S/I-15 Park & Ride or, at 10 am at the park entrance. Call Moe (572-4037) if it looks like rain.

Apr 9 Sun

HIKE: ANTELOPE ISLAND (MOD) Leader Alan Brennan (776-9206) plans to find a route on the south end of the island. Call Alan to register.

Apr 9 Sun

HIKE: PERKINS PEAK (MOD 4.9) Join leader Chris Baerschmidt (272-9452) to take in some beautiful views of the valley from this seldom visited peak above Emigration Canyon. Meet Chris at the Hogle Zoo parking lot at 9:00 am.

Apr 9 Sun

HIKE: SALT LAKE OVERLOOK (NTD 2.8) Leader Mohamed Abdallah (466-9016) will be leading this old favorite to a spectacular vantage point over the Salt Lake valley. Meet at 9:00 am at the K-Mart on Parley's Way.

Apr 9 Sun

SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD) Levi Todd (278-3644) is also hoping for some good late season snow. Because of the lateness of the season, call him to register and to find out the destination, meeting time and location. Beacons, shovels, and skins are required.

Apr 9 Sun

SKI TOUR: LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD-MOD) Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) is hoping for some good late season snow. Because of the lateness of the season, call him to register and to find out the destination, meeting time and location. Back-country skis, Beacons, shovels, and skins are required.

Apr 10 Mon

WMC 75TH ANNIVERSARY PREPARATION MEETING The WMC needs you...and you...and you!!! Plans for the **75th anniversary** of the WMC are coming along, but many volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs encompassing many talents! The celebration will be for one full week, beginning Monday Aug. 7 and ending Sunday August 13. (So don't anybody leave town!) Come join the fun at 7:00 pm at the WMC office (888 S., 200 E., room 207). For information, call Phyllis Anderson (943-8500). See you there!

Apr 11-14 Tue-Fri

BOATING: SALT RIVER TRIP-ARIZONA (CLASS IV) Steve Susswein (now living in Colorado) is opening up his permit to WMC members with experience. If you read last months Rambler, yes he changed the dates. It's a great early season run for those with experience. He would like a local coordinator to help with the logistics. Please call Steve (1-719-684-9093) to sign up.

Apr 12 Wed

SOCIAL: COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE INSTRUCTION. Linda Kosky will continue teaching us all the new line dances, round dancing, etc. that we started last month. No partners are needed. Bring your dancing shoes to the First Unitarian Church (569 South 1300 East) at 7:35. Cost is \$2.50 to cover rental of the church. Call Linda (943-1871) or Sam (262-6698) for details.

Apr 12 Wed

SOCIAL: MOVIE NITE. Join this evening's host at the Sugarhouse Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. [2227 Highland] at 6 pm to eat before catching a movie at the Cinemark Movies Ten which start between 7-7:30. Call Ken (466-2825) with any questions. Co-listed with the Sierra Club Singles. .

Apr 13 Thu

CLIMBING: PETES ROCK Join us after work for some real rock after a long winter in the Gym. This Quartzite outcrop at 5200 S. Wasatch Blvd. is a great place to get back into it with routes of all difficulties. Call Kyle Williams (273-8076) if you have questions. If the weather is bad we can go to the gym.

Apr 15 Sat

BIKE: ROAD/MTN SOUTHWEST TOUR (NTD). Join Teresa Sudol on this springtime green tour of West and South Jordan, Riverton and Bluffdale, via 2200 and 2700 West. The course is a mostly flat loop of 30 miles. Bring a lunch or buy one on the road. Meet Teresa (539-8657) at West Jordan Park (7941 S 2200W) at 9:30 am. You may want to call her if it looks like rain.

Apr 15 Sat

BOATING: BEGINNING OF THE SEASON WORK PARTY.

Your smiling faces, and hardworking hands are requested to help patch, mend, inflate, and inventory the boating equipment. Please meet at the storage shed at 9:00 am to help start the river season. Please call Janice (486-2345) if you have any questions. The boating shed is located at 4317 South and 300 West. Unit number 8.

Apr 15 Sat

HIKE: AVENUES TWINS (NTD 2.4) Meet Leader Bart Bartholomew (277-4093) at the Utah Travel Council lot @ 9:00 am for this scenic spring foothill destination.

Apr 15 Sat

HIKE: GRANDUER PEAK (MOD 5.4) Phyllis Anderson (943-8500) will lead her annual spring trip to this fine view of SL valley (weather permitting). Meet at Skyline High lot @ 9:30

Apr 15 Sat

HIKE: HUGHES CANYON (MOD) Leader Martin McGregor (967-9860) will be leading this hike up one of our local canyons whose access is in jeopardy. Meet Martin at the Big Cottonwood lot @ 9:30 am

Apr 15 Sat

HIKE: STANSBURY ISLAND (MOD 6.7) Meet at the Utah Travel council lot at 9:00 am to join Dick & Jeannie Honn (582-1944) on this scenic desert hike.

Apr 15 Sat

MOUNTAIN BIKE: ENSIGN PEAK (MOD). Meet Frank Bernard (533-9219) at the Utah Travel Council (300 N State on Capitol Hill) at 3 pm for a late afternoon ride on jeep trails and abandoned roads above the capitol. It's an 8-mile loop with an elevation gain of 1000 feet and about 200 yards of uphill walking. Great views to the west over the lake with possible sightings of hawks and eagles. A spur road to the east on the ridgetop is available as an added option. Call Frank first if the weather looks questionable.

Apr 15 Sat

SKI TOUR: ACCOUNTANT'S HOLIDAY LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD) Jeff Stowell (562-5214) and other IRS lovers will join together to find some good late season snow in a fairly difficult end of the season trip. Because of the lateness of the season, call him to register and to find out the destination, meeting time and location. Beacons, shovels, and skins are required

Apr 15 Sat

SKI TOUR: TAX DAY LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD) Phil Fikkan (583-8499) hopes you have done your taxes and that there will be some good late season snow. Because of the lateness of the season, call him to register and to find out the destination, meeting time and location. Back-country skis, Beacons, shovels and skins are required.

Apr 15-16

CAR CAMP: ESCALANTE CANYONS Leader Donn Seeley (273-7955) has no specific destination but says to expect long day hikes and exploration in this wilderness study area. Call Donn to register.

Apr 15-16

CAR CAMP: TOPAZ MOUNTAINS Leader Bill Loggins (596-0597) says this will be an exploratory trip to an area about 45 miles northwest of Delta. However, this destination could change, call Bill for info and to register.

Apr 16 Sun

BIKE: ROAD/MTN SARATOGA (MOD). Sam Kingston is going to lead this out and back ride of 51 miles from West Jordan Park to Saratoga in Lehi. Southwest valley communities will be visited before passing over Point-of-the-Mountain and dropping into Utah County. Bring a lunch or buy one on the road. Meet Sam (355-8043) at 10am at West Jordan Park (7941S 2200W). Call him if it looks like rain.

Apr 16 Sun

HIKE: MT. VAN COTT (NTD 3.1) Join Leader Richard Zeamer (355-3751) for an afternoon hike to this little summit above the University with a fantastic view! Meet at 2:00 PM at the U of U Medical center Northeast (uppermost) lot.

Apr 16 Sun

HIKE: PILOT PEAK (MSD) Join Hiking Director/Jackrabbit Brad Yates (583-1205) for a rugged snowy adventure just across the Nevada border followed by an Easter dinner in Wendover. Call Brad to register.

Apr 16 Sun

SKI TOUR-UINTAS: NORWAY FLATS (MOD—Due To Length) Clarence Cardwell (487-1456) is closing out the ski season in the Uintas with this or another Uintas tour if snow conditions permit. Back-country skis and skins are recommended, but Clarence says if you are a competent track skier, come on along. Because of the lateness of the season, call him for the meeting time, location and last minute changes.

Apr 16 Sun

SKITOUR: SILVER FORK (NTD) This is NOT an official end of the season gourmet ski tour, but a reasonable facsimile. Ron Thole (569-0121) suggests everybody brings something in the way of eats to share with the rest of the die-hard end of the season skiers. Because of the lateness of the season, call him to find out the meeting time and location.

Apr 16 Sun

SOCIAL: A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION DEADLINE: Join host Robert Turner for a once-in-a-lifetime event: Garrison Keillor's program, "A Prairie Home Companion," will be broadcast live from Abravanel Hall on Saturday, June 10. Guy's All-Star Shoe Band and the waiters from Cafe Boeuf will be there, and Garrison Keillor will tell us the latest News from Lake Wobegon. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will perform as the featured musical guest. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 17th, so call Robert (1-801-544-0605) to reserve a seat, and for ticket prices and time.

Apr 19 Wed

HIKING COMMITTEE MEETING (NTD-BUT EXCITING!) Hey!! Bring a snack, bring a beer, bring a soda, bring a friend, bring a date, bring a Siberian wombat! Whatever! Just be there!! Brad will be sporting a new fuchsia mohawk, so drop by his place at 409 S. University st @ 7:00 PM (we'll get more chairs). Call Directors Brad Yates (583-1205) or Kip Yost (272-9452) for directions & parking instructions. See Ya there!!

Apr 19 Wed

SOCIAL: COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE INSTRUCTION

Back by popular demand, Linda Kosky will be teaching us all the new line dances, round dancing, etc. No partners are needed. Bring your dancing shoes to the First Unitarian Church (569 S. 1300 E.) at 7:35. Cost is \$2.50 to cover rental of the church. Call Linda (943-1871) or Sam (262-6698) for details.

Apr 20 Thu

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Apr 21 Sun

SNOW CLIMBING: LEADERS CHOICE Join Dave Smith (572-0346) on the best snow climb he can find depending on conditions that day. This will be a more aggressive climb, with ice ax and crampon skills a must. Call him to register.

Apr 22 Sat

BIKE: ROAD/MTN OGDEN VALLEY (NTD). This 45 mile ride is for deraillours and deraileurtes seeking a casually paced sociable tour of the pretty countryside surrounding Pineview Reservoir. We'll begin with a quick spin out to Cemetery Point, and then swing by the gift shop at the Huntsville Monastery. (Where you can purchase wonderful breads and honey. Bring money.) After dropping any purchases off at the cars, we'll continue the ride touring the rural communities of Eden and Liberty. Along the way, we'll stop a couple of times at convenience stores for snacks and to regroup, and then at about the 43rd mile we'll drop our kickstands at the Jackson Fork Inn for lunch. The terrain is mostly flat to rolling, with just a couple of teeny tiny climbs. Meet Elliott Mott (968-7357) at the SW parking lot of the State Capitol building at 9 am to carpool/caravan, or in Huntsville on the north side of Huntsville Park (200S between 7400 and 7500E) at 10:30.

Apr 22 Sat

CLIMBING: AMERICAN FORK CANYON June Freedman (278-8501) will lead a day trip to this world-famous area with 10+ climbing on limestone. We can set up top ropes but the climbing is pumpy, so eat your Wheaties.

Apr 22 Sat

HIKE: BIG BEACON VIA GEORGES HOLLOW (MOD 4.5) Leader Glen Wells (968-3072) will be taking in beautiful spring views of the valley from this old favorite. Meet at Skyline High lot @ 9:00 am

Apr 22 Sat

HIKE: HOUNDS TOOTH (MOD 7.4) Join Leader Hank Winawer (277-1997) for a trek up a short but very steep trail to a granite pinnacle in the Twin Peaks wilderness area. Meet at the Big Cottonwood lot @ 9:00 am

Apr 22 Sat

HIKE: PEAK 9143, STANSBURYS (MSD 9.7) Leader Donn Seeley (273-7955) says this seldom visited peak has some bouldering & scrambling but is well worth the effort. Call Donn to register.

Apr 22 Sat

SOCIAL: COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE & POTLUCK.

Come practice what you've been learning in the country western dance classes around the valley. For more information call Linda (943-1871). Potluck starts at 6:30, music at 8. Cost: \$5/member, \$7/non-member. Place: South Valley Unitarian Church [6876 S Highland Dr—exit I-215 and head south on Highland. The church will be on your right—west side of street—just before the Kentucky Fried Chicken. If you cross Fort Union Blvd, you've gone too far]. **NOTE: THIS IS NOT THE USUAL FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH LOCATION WE USE!**

Apr 22-23 Sat-Sun

BOATING: RIVER SAFETY CLINIC. Ken McCarthy once again offers his time for this clinic. It's open to WMC and Utah Whitewater Club. Saturday clinic participants will meet at the West Hill picnic pavilion (just South of the pond) in Sugarhouse park at 9:00 am. Details for the clinic are under the Boating Director's article. Cost: \$40.00 per person for both days (raft rentals may be extra). Please send checks to Ken McCarthy PO Box 680073, Park City, UT 84068. For more info, call Ken (1-801-647-2923), Allan Gavere (486-1476), or Janis Huber (486-2345).

Apr 23 Sun

BIKE: ROAD PLEASANT GROVE-LEHI (MOD). Join Rick Kirkland on this 62 mile ride to to Utah County. We will spin through the mostly rural communities of Highland, Alpine, Pleasant Grove, and Lehi before returning to West Jordan Park. Bring a lunch or buy one on the road. Meet Rick (486-0909) at 10am at West Jordan Park (7941S 2200W). Check with him if it looks like rain.

Apr 23 Sun

HIKE: DRY CREEK FALLS (NTD 3.2) Join New hiking Co Director Kip Yost (272-9452) on a visit to one of the most scenic & powerful waterfalls in the Wasatch. Dry Creek canyon is not related to Dry Creek gulch and is located above the town of Alpine. SLC hikers meet at the 7200 S. & I-15 park & ride @ 9:30 am, Utah County hikers meet behind Kountry Korner store in Alpine @ 10:15. See ya there!

Apr 23 Sun

HIKE: FERGUSON CANYON (NTD 3.5+) Leader Steve Carr (261-5787) plans to hike up Ferguson Canyon as far as snow conditions allow. May be MOD if hike goes to upper meadow. Meet at Big Cottonwood park & ride @ 9:00

Apr 23 Sun

HIKE: YELLOW OR ROSE CANYON (MOD) Leader Monty Young (255-8392) intends to find a nice spring destination in the Oquirrh range. Meet Monty at the 7200 S. & 115 park & ride @ 9:00 am.

Apr 23 Sun

MOUNTAIN BIKE: ANTELOPE ISLAND (MOD-). Join us on the White Rock Bay loop trail, 9.2 miles long with a 750-foot climb and scenic views of the Wasatch over the Great Salt Lake. There's not much shade; bring sunscreen and bug repellent. Meet Linda Palmer (484-3959) in the southwest parking lot of the Capitol at 9:00 to carpool. If you'd rather meet us at the causeway, call first so we can look for you.

Apr 23 Sun

SOCIAL: ORIENTAL (CHINESE/THAI/VIETNAMESE) POTLUCK DINNER. Plan on bringing your favorite flavorful oriental dish (e.g: egg rolls, pot stickers, Chinese noodles or two of your favorite ingredients for stir fry). Be creative! Host Randi Gardner will kick off the festivities at the Polo Club Clubhouse, 3660 S Highland Drive. Look for the Polo Club sign just south of the China City Restaurant. Turn west into the Polo Club, bear left at the first opportunity. Clubhouse is the next right, located just beyond the pool. Time: 6 - 9 pm. Coverage charge \$2/member, \$4/non-member (for paper goods, utensils, etc). Coffee and tea provided; or bring your beverage of choice. Call Randi (968-7335) for further details.

Apr 24-27 Mon-Thu

GRAND CANYON PHANTOM RANCH GET-A-WAY: A resort vacation with scenic strolls, remote beaches, high stakes gambling (nickel limit), intimate accommodations and delicious food awaits you. There are still a few spots left or get on the waiting list. Cost for the ranch (two nights, six meals) is about \$120 per person). The cost of lodging and food on the south rim is extra. There will be an optional day spent backpacking in on the Hermit Trail (subject to obtaining a permit) starting on the 23rd. A deposit of \$50 is required. For more info: Mike Eisenberg (572-2676).

Apr 25 Tue

BIKING CLINIC: Elliott Mott is giving a free clinic for new or returning recreational adult cyclists at REI tonight from 7 to 9 PM. This'll be a great opportunity to get familiar with biking at the start of the club season. Topics include bike preparation, tire changing, tools, group riding, and other information designed to increase enjoyment, safety, and confidence. We'll carpool from Linda Palmer's house to REI at 6:45; if you're interested, call her at 484-3959 for directions.

Apr 26 Wed

BOATING: SAN JUAN WORK PARTY. For those going on the San Juan trip May 1-5(6) meet at the boating shed, 4317 South 300 West, #8, at 6:30 pm.

Apr 26 Wed

SOCIAL: ARTSY MOVIE NITE. Tonight the group will meet at the Coffee Garden (878 S 9th E) at 6 pm for quiche and sandwiches before walking to the Tower Theater to watch one of their foreign or art movies which start between 7-7:30. Call Ken (466-2825) with any questions. Co-listed with the Sierra Club Singles.

Apr 26 Wed

SOCIAL: COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE INSTRUCTION
See Apr 19.

Apr 27 Thu

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Apr 28-Apr 30

BACKPACK: GRAND GULCH EXPLORATORY (NTD) Leader Frank Bernard (533-9219) plans on leaving Salt Lake City Friday at 8 am and driving about 6 hours southeast to Bullet Canyon. From there he'll backpack in 7 miles (descending about 800 feet) to the junction with Grand Gulch, where he'll set up base camp. Saturday he'll day hike and explore for Anasazi ruins in Grand Gulch and the side canyons. Sunday morning around 9 he'll backpack out Bullet (still 7 miles but now we'll climb 800 feet) and drive back to SLC, arriving here that evening. The trail is unimproved and involves some scrambling over rocks and through brush and trees. There is a \$5 per person use fee. Bring a filter and water containers as the water source may be some distance from our base camp. Maximum group size is 15 so you must call to register and to get other information.

Apr 29 Sat

BIKE: ROAD/MTN AVENUES/CITY CREEK (NTD). Meet Chuck Howisey at Ruby's (564E 3rd Ave) at 10am for a ride up Memory Grove, optional City Creek extension, along 11th Ave to Virginia St, and back to Ruby's for lunch. This ride qualifies as a "preconditioning Memorial Day Weekend LaSals ride"- see COMING ATTRACTIONS. Call Chuck for more details. (364-4820)

Apr 29 Sat

HIKE: BIG BEACON VIA GEORGES HOLLOW (MOD 4.5) Leader Duane Call (485-2980) will be providing a second chance for anyone who missed this hike earlier. Meet Duane at Skyline High lot @ 9:00 am.

Apr 29 Sat

HIKE: GRANDUER VIA WEST RIB (MSD 8.1) Leader Glen Wells (968-3072) says this short but steep hike is just the thing to shake the winter cobwebs out of your hiking legs and get you ready for the rest of the season! If you're up for it meet Glen at the Skyline High lot at 9:00 am.

Apr 29 Sat

HIKE: TOLCAT CANYON TO STREAM OR BEYOND (NTD 2.8+) Leader Ursula Jochmann (484-9820) will be leading this pleasant spring hike to the Tolcat stream crossing or further if conditions permit. Meet Ursula at the Skyline High lot @ 9:00 am.

Apr 29 Sat

MOUNTAINEERING: SNOW CLIMBING CLASS Learn the basics of safe snow travel including avalanche safety and use of the ice ax. These skills are necessary for many early-season hikes in the Wasatch. Register with Larry Coulter (485-9623). If you can help teach, please volunteer. **(ed. note: This class does not plan to repeat last year's in-class lab work on wet snow avalanches.)**

Apr 29-30

CAR CAMP: LEADER'S CHOICE Leader Jerry Hatch (583-8047) promises that this will be a spectacular trip to a destination in the San Rafael swell area. Call Jerry for info and to register.

Apr 29-30

CAR CAMP: MYSTERY CANYON Leader Donn Seeley (273-7955) will show you the secret way into his favorite canyon in this San Rafael wilderness study area. Call Donn for info and to register.

Apr 30 Sun

BIKE: ROAD/MTN USU BOTANICAL GARDENS-FARMINGTON (NTD). Join Marcia Hansen for this pleasant, flat ride of about 40 miles on mostly quiet backroads through North Salt Lake, West Bountiful, Centerville, and Farmington. Things should be blooming just for us! Bring a lunch or buy one on the road to enjoy in the gardens. Meet Marcia (486-5724) at the Agricultural Bldg. (350N 1700W) at 10 am. Call her if it looks like rain.

Apr 30 Sun

HIKE: DRY CREEK GULCH (NTD) Join Leader Chris Venizelos (355-7236) for mild hike up this small gulch behind the U, (dogs welcome). Meet at 10:00 am at the Rice Stadium parking lot.

Apr 30 Sun

HIKE: MILLCREEK PIPELINE (NTD 1.6) Join Leader Duane Call (485-2980) for a mild yet spectacular hike up this old club favorite. Newcomers are heartily encouraged to come along. Meet Duane at 9:00 am at the Skyline High lot.

Apr 30 Sun

HIKE: MT OLYMPUS VIA TOLCAT CANYON (MSD 8.9+) Leader Mohamed Abdallah (466-9016) will lead the first hiking trek of the season to this club classic, its likely to be a bit soggy (at least), and could involve a little post-holing (more likely), so come prepared! Meet at the Skyline High lot @ 9:00 am.

Apr 30 Sun

SOCIAL: ENTERTAINMENT PLANNING MEETING. WANTED: fun loving folks to help plan and/or host WMC socials. Come with your ideas for the Spring strategy session at 518 "B" Street. Refreshments at 6:30, planning starts at 7. Call Sam (262-6698) or Craig (521-5408) if you have any questions. See you there!

May 1-5(6) Mon-Fri(Sat)

BOATING: SAN JUAN RIVER TRIP (II) This is always a great early season run. Great hikes, and scenery. Send your deposit of \$25.00 to Mark McKenzie. Call Mark at 486-4986 for more details.

May 2 Tue

BOATING: GRAY CANYON WORK PARTY. (VI). For those going on the Gray Canyon beginners trip May 6-7, please meet at the boating shed, 4317 South 300 West #8, at 6:30 pm.

May 2 Tue

MOUNTAIN BIKE: TUESDAY NIGHT RIDE (MOD). For meeting place info, call Linda Palmer (484-3959).

May 3 Wed

WMC BOARD MEETING: Any member interested in attending is welcome. Call the Club office or any director to get the time and place (usually 7-10 pm).

May 6 Sat

BIKE: ROAD/MTN BEGINNER'S TOUR OF SALT LAKE'S EAST SIDE (ELEMENTARY). Carol Beasley promises this ride to be less than 10 miles, at your own pace, and very sociable. From Sugarhouse Park you will ride mostly along bike path designated roads such as 15th East and Sunnyside, and quiet residential roads that will lead to a stop at Brackman's for bagels and coffee, etc., and great conversation. Meet Carol (484-6617) just inside the 15th East entrance to the park at 10am.

May 6 Sat

HIKE: ANTENNAS LOOP/ENSIGN PEAK (NTD 2.5+) Hike Antenna Ridge and Ensign Peak with Richard Zeamer (355-3751) for the best up-close views of SLC + North SL & Airport. A leisurely foothill stroll that gets you home by lunch! Meet Richard at West end of Dorchester drive @ 9:30 am. (take State to Capitol, then East on 300 North, curve around to East Capitol blvd., left on Edgecomb drive(800 North), then West on Dorchester.)

May 6 Sat

HIKE: FOOLS PEAK (MSD) Is it really Fool Peak? Or isn't it? Leader Donn Seeley (273-7955) says only that you'll have to be there to find out! Expect snow hiking, off trail hiking & scrambling in the rugged Canyon range East of Delta. Call Donn to register.

May 6 Sat

HIKE: JACOB CITY GHOST TOWN (MOD) Like to hike through history? Join Leader Jim Frese (1-801-882-5222) for an exciting visit to a scenic old ghost town in the Oquirrh range. Meet Jim in the Northwest corner of the Union 76 truck stop off the I-80 Toole exit @ 9:00 am.

May 6 Sat

HIKE: SQUAW PEAK (MOD) Leader Peter Mimmack (1-801-377-2330) will be leading this beautiful spring hike to a peak above Provo. Salt Lake hikers meet at 7200 S. & I15 park & ride @ 9:00 am. Utah County hikers call Peter for info on meeting place & time.

May 6 Sat

MOUNTAINEERING: SNOW CLIMBING CLASS- ADVANCED Learn more advanced skills including avalanche safety, roped climbing, snow belays, crampon use, crevasse rescue. If you couldn't make it to last week's class, this class can accommodate a beginner, so please show up. Register with Larry Coulter (485-9623). If you can help teach, please volunteer.

May 6 Sat

SOCIAL: CINQUO DE MAYO. Remember Hot and Spicey? Remember the great music at the Valentine's Dance? Let's make it happen again! Come join us in celebrating this special holiday. Place: First Unitarian Church (569 South 1300 East). Mexican potluck starts at 6:30 pm, dancing at 8 pm. Cover charge: \$5/member, \$7 non-member. Call Bob (943-5755) for details.

May 6-7

CAR CAMP, BIRD WATCH AND MOUNTAIN BIKE AT FISH SPRINGS Join Larene Miller (278-8758) and Frank Bernard (533-9219) for an enjoyable weekend about 2 1/2 hours west of SLC on the Pony Express Trail in the West Desert. We'll drive out from Salt Lake on Friday afternoon and stay at the primitive BLM camp near the Fish Springs National Wildlife Area. Bring your bird books, binoculars and a camp chair for some relaxing observation of a wide variety of waterfowl and raptors. Mid day on Saturday, Frank will lead an exploratory mountain bike ride (NTD) on jeep trails to old mine ruins on the west side of the Fish Springs Mountains. Back at camp we'll have an enclosure set up for those of you wise enough to have brought your solar showers. In the evening those interested can join in a sing a long. Families are OK but no dogs. Bring your own food and water (it's an isolated, desert location) and bring an appetizer to share at the evening social. The road is improved gravel and OK for passenger cars. Those car pooling should plan on leaving from the Utah Travel Council parking lot (300 N. State up on Capitol Hill) at 5 pm on Friday, May 5, but please call the trip leaders for the most current information.

May 6-7

CAR CAMP/WORK WEEKEND SAN RAFAEL SWELL Leader Will McCarvill (943-5520) says that if the ECO Challenge happens, we will review the route & determine compliance with BLM requirements; focus will be on the Muddy Creek area. If the race doesn't happen we will spend Saturday on a Conservation project. Sunday will be a play day in the same area. NO LIMIT, WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET! Contact Will for info and to register.

May 6-7 Sat-Sun

BOATING: GRAY CANYON BEGINNERS TRIP (II). Yes, It's that time of year to give all newcomers a chance to learn about river running. Call Janet Embry (321-3148) for more information. Deposit is \$25.00. Trip will leave Friday evening.

May 7 Sun

BIKE: ROAD/MTN PARK CITY-SMITH MOREHOUSE (MOD). Doug Murray will lead us on a rolling tour of a very green (hopefully not white) Summit County out of Park City, down Brown's Canyon, through Peoa and Oakley, and up Weber Canyon to the end of the pavement. There is a very gradual 1000' elevation gain on the outbound leg up Weber Canyon, and a similar ascent on the return up Brown's Canyon. Doug may be planning a variation of the course to make a loop of it, which would mean coming back along the new Kamas road. Meet at Parley's Way K-Mart at 9am or Park City High School (1750E Kearns Blvd) at 10am. A picnic lunch at the turn-around point will be enjoyed by all who bring one. Food in Oakley is limited. Call Doug (968-8494), especially if the weather is questionable.

May 7 Sun

HIKE: CITY CREEK TWINS (NTD 2.4) Leader Mary Fox (581-1566) at the Utah Travel Council lot @ 9:00 am for this scenic spring foothill destination.

May 7 Sun

HIKE: LOOKOUT PEAK VIA KILLYON CANYON (MOD 6.0) Leader Ken Engstrom (466-2825) says that this hike features excellent views of City Creek, Emigration & Mountain Dell canyons, as well as the Salt Lake Valley. Meet Ken at the Parley's K-MART S.E. lot @ 9:00 am

May 7 Sun

SOCIAL: SINGLES AT THE SYMPHONY DEADLINE: Join host Robert Turner (544-0605) for an evening with singles at the Utah Symphony on Saturday, May 20. This Cinema Series program features the silent movie, "The Last Command," starring William Powell with live orchestral accompaniment. Possible back-stage get together after the concert and perhaps a pre-concert lecture; details later. Estimated cost: \$15. Call Robert by May 7th to reserve a block of seats in the special singles section).

May 7 Sun

TANNERS GULCH: TRIPLE TRAVERSE This is one of the best snow climbs in the Wasatch. Walt Haas (534-1262) will lead this aggressive climb up the gulch, then follow the ridge to include Dromedary Peak, O'Sullivan Peak, and East and West Twins. (OK so we lied, it's really the Quad Traverse—actually Quint, if you consider the little bump called Jessen's Folly!) Anyway, plan on an early start and a long strenuous day, with skill in the use of ice ax and crampons required.

May 9 Tue

MOUNTAIN BIKE: TUESDAY NIGHT RIDE (MOD). For meeting place info, call Linda Palmer (484-3959).

May 10 Fri

SOCIAL: MOVIE NITE. Join this evening's host at the Sugarhouse Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. [2227 Highland] at 6 pm to eat before catching a movie at the Cinemark Movies Ten which start between 7-7:30. Call Ken (466-2825) with any questions. Co-listed with the Sierra Club Singles.

May 12-14 Fri-Sun

ADVANCED CANYONEERING: QUANDRY CANYON & DROWNED HOLE DRAW This is a joint adventure with the Colorado Mountain Club, the difficulty is extreme and harnesses, rappelling devices, bouldering & swimming skills are necessary. The itinerary is to set camp Friday eve at Hidden Splendor mine, hike, rappel & swim Quandry canyon Saturday, explore Drowned Hole Draw & return Sunday evening. To register contact Jane Koerner at 1-801-797-1353 or 1-801-797-0051. This will be co-lead by Steve Susswein.

May 12-14 Fri-Sun

CAR CAMP: 1ST ANNUAL ARCHES FAMILY/MOTHER'S DAY Spring celebration. Leader Noel De Nevers (581-6024 off 328-9376 home) has the group campsite reserved for Friday & Saturday nights. Bring your kids! Call Noel for information & reservations. We are limited to 10 cars and 35 people; don't come without reservation!

May 13 Sat

BIKE/HIKE: CITY CREEK CANYON/GRANDVIEW PEAK (MSD) Feel like some rugged cross training? Then join Leader Brian Forsythe (487-3273 or 254-5949) for some dual-action activity to a peak overlooking Davis & Salt Lake counties. Bring a helmet and expect snowy conditions on top. Call Brian to register.

May 13 Sat

HIKE: BIG BEACON MOONLIGHT (MOD 4.5) Leader Kip Yost (272-9452) kicks off another glorious season of howling at the moon with this first hike up the Valley's most prominent foothill. Meet at the Skyline High lot @ 6:30 PM.

May 13 Sat

HIKE: DESOLATION TRAIL TO OVERLOOK (NTD 2.8) Randy Long (943-0244) is leading this family hike to the SL viewpoint. Meet Randy at Skyline High lot @ 9:00 am.

May 13 Sat

HIKE: PERKINS PEAK (MOD 4.9) Leader James Janney (521-0538) is slated to lead this dramatic but seldom visited foothill summit overlooking the Salt Lake valley. Meet James at the North side of the parking lot at the mouth of Emigration canyon @ 9:00 am

May 13-14

BACKPACK: CIRCLE CLIFFS WILDERNESS STUDY AREA Check out another of Utah's endangered wilderness areas with Leader Donn Seeley (583-7955). Call Donn for more info & to register.

May 13-14 Sat-Sun

CLIMBING: CITY OF ROCKS, IDAHO June Freedman (278-8501) will lead a weekend trip to this great granite area 2 hours north. Routes of all difficulties await you. We will leave Friday evening, and car camp. Don't miss this early season opener. (Pray for warmth).

May 13-14 Sat-Sun

MOUNTAIN BIKE: FIRST ANNUAL GOURMET BIKE RIDE AND CAMP-OUT (NTD+). Dine to the delectable feast created by gourmet cooks Harry and Craig after an energizing but easygoing day biking in the San Rafael Swell. This'll be a scenic and relaxing mountain bike trip with great meals. Group size is limited to 12. Estimated cost is \$25/per person for food, plus gas. Call Sam Kievit (262-6698) to register. Check the May Rambler for any changes to the event and for more details.

May 14 Sun

HIKE: GEORGES HOLLOW MOTHER'S DAY/Spring flower hike (NTD) Join Leader Mike Treshow (582-0803) for this annual favorite in the foothills below Big Beacon. Meet Mike at the Rice Stadium West parking lot @ 9:00 am

May 14 Sun

HIKE: GRANDUER PEAK VIA CHURCH FK (MOD 5.4) Join Leader Gloria Leonard (484-1240) for a grand day atop Millcreek canyon! Meet Gloria at the Skyline High lot @ 9:00 am.

May 14 Sun

HIKE: RED BALDY (EXT) Join Brad Yates (583-1205), the radical half of the Hiking Director team, for a strenuous hike/snowclimb to this 11,000+ summit in Little Cottonwood canyon. Brad says the North face of this mountain offers the most radical glissade in the area, and he's probably right. Bring your ice axe and eat your Wheaties! Oh & call Brad to register, of course.

May 16 Tue

MOUNTAIN BIKE: TUESDAY NIGHT RIDE, SHORELINE TRAIL (NTD/MOD). This Tuesday ride is part of Cycle Salt Lake. We'll have an NTD loop and probably a moderate ride as well. Meet at 6 PM at the old Red Butte Garden parking lot above Fort Douglas on the U. of U. campus.

May 19 Fri

SOCIAL: OPERA Call Liz [484-3710] if you're interested or want to be placed on the waiting list. Or, if you are interested in getting a block of tickets for next season's performances—we might be able to get a group discount, if we have enough interest.

May 19-21 Fri-Sun

CAR CAMP: 2ND ANNUAL ARCHES FAMILY/Spring celebration. This trip is identical to the first trip on May 12-14, but for 35 different people! Call Ilona Hruska (649-0356) for reservations. Remember, bring the kids but don't come without a reservation!

May 20 Sat

CLIMBING: ROCK CLIMBING CLASS Learn the basics of safe roped rock climbing including knots, belaying, and rappelling. Participants will need snug fitting rubber soled shoes and webbing to make a harness. Call Kyle Williams (273-8076) for details and to register. If you can help teach, please volunteer.

May 20 Sat

SOCIAL: MAD HATTER PARTY & SQUARE DANCE. Remember the great hats from last year? Look for details about this annual fun event in the May Rambler.

May 20 Sat

SOCIAL: SINGLES AT THE SYMPHONY Join host Robert Turner (544-0605) for an evening with singles at the Utah Symphony. This Cinema Series program features the silent movie, "The Last Command," starring William Powell with live orchestral accompaniment. Possible back-stage get together after the concert and perhaps a pre-concert lecture; details later. Estimated cost: \$15. Meet at JB's (on the corner of West Temple and South Temple) for a light supper before the concert. Time in the May Rambler. See you there!

May 20-21

CAR CAMP: CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK Leader Mike Eisenberg (572-2676) says this trip is only tentative at this time, call him for more info.

May 20-21

CAR CAMP: SAN RAFAEL SWELL HIGHLANDS Leader Will McCarvill (945-5520) plans to explore the highest points of the swell (6,000 to 7,000 ft). It should still be cool this high up, expect a car camp with day hikes. Call Will to register, limit is 12 so call early!

May 24 Wed

SOCIAL: LAST MOVIE NITE OF THE SEASON. Join this evening's host at the Sugarhouse Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. [2227 Highland] at 6 pm to eat before catching a movie at the Cinemark Movies Ten which start between 7-7:30. Call Ken (466-2825) with any questions. Co-listed with the Sierra Club Singles.

May 27-29

CAR CAMP: DEEP CREEK MOUNTAINS If Leader Donn Seeley (273-7955) doesn't break his damned collar bone again this year, then he will continue his tradition of going out to the Deep Creeks for some exceptional Memorial day hiking. Call Donn for more info & to register.

May 27-29

CAR CAMP: ESCALANTE WILDERNESS ACTIVISTS Family camp. This is an excellent chance to become familiar with the North Escalante Canyons and Phipps-Death Hollow proposed wilderness areas. Each day we will break into small groups to go on easy to strenuous wilderness hikes. In the evening we will have a group car camp where we can discuss the strategy for protecting these spectacular areas. Call Leader John Veranth (278-5826) to register.

May 28 Sun

SOCIAL: RED/WHITE & BLUE BBQ. Come celebrate the holidays with an old fashioned BBQ with a new twist. Details in the May Rambler.

Jun 4 Sun

SNOW CLIMB: TANNERS GULCH This will be a trip geared for beginners who have learned the ice ax self arrest and the use of crampons. We will get an early start to accommodate a slow pace and the chance to practice as we go. Call Kyle Williams (273-8076) to register.

June 10-11

BACKPACK: EASTERN BOOK CLIFFS WILDERNESS ACTIVISTS Backpack. Far above the Book Cliffs that you can see from the highway are delicate forests and grass lands. Discover why the area is so important and learn how to be an articulate defender of vital and endangered wildlife habitat. This will be an exploratory backpack high in the Spruce canyon and Flume canyon wilderness study areas. Call John Veranth (278-5826) to register.

Tennis Anyone?

- Spring is the season for tennis enthusiasts. The
- weather is cool, the courts are empty, and the
- energy is high. We will be playing at public courts
- from Liberty Park to High Point in Sandy. The best
- times will be Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- Other times will be arranged. All levels, and singles
- and doubles are welcome. Contact Jeri (561-
- 1337) for more info.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

April/May 95 **BACKPACK: ESCALANTE EXPLORATORY (EXTENDED)** Leader Brooke Jennings (583-5331) would like to get a group together for an extended exploratory backpack in the Escalante region in either late April or sometime in May, depending on what time best suits the group. He would like to spend 6 to 8 days exploring the region at a leisurely pace, so if you need a good Spring vacation call Brooke for more information.

May 20 **HIKE: BLACK CROOK PEAK, SHEEPROCK RANGE** Led by Donn Seeley - check May *Rambler* for details.

May 21 **HIKE/GLISSADE: THE PIG** Led by Tom Walsh - check May *Rambler* for details.

May 27-29 **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MOAB MANTI LASAL'S LOOP RIDE** *Are you in shape???* for a 70 mile, two day ride (35 miles per day) with a 4,200 foot climb in day one? This is a beautiful ride that can be done on either a road or mountain bike. We will depart from Moab Saturday morning for a tough but rewarding ride, then camp up on the high plateau and dream about the much deserved 4,200' descent the next day into Castle Valley and back to Moab along the Colorado River. Call me early for more info and/or sign up as the trip will be limited to ten (10) people. Cost: \$30 to cover meals and the sag vehicle gas. Monday will be left open for what ever people wish to do. Call Chuck Howisey (364-4820) if interested. (P.S. Two WMC "Get-in-Shape" pre-rides are required.)

June 19-July 2 **BOATING: RAFTING ALASKA'S TATSHENSHINI** This has been described, by one who has been there, as "A class II river with class IV scenery". This 10 day float trip starts in Canada's Yukon and flows through 140 miles of rugged wilderness area punctuated with soaring mountains and blue ice glaciers before delivering us to Dry Bay. (Dry Bay borders Glacier Bay National Park in the Gulf of Alaska.) Planning is well under way so call Tony Ackerman (966-6041) soon to get more information for this truly great river trip.

June 95 **MOUNTAINEERING—DENALI, ALASKA** They don't get any bigger than this on this continent! Start planning now to join Larry Coulter for this twice in a lifetime (if you're a hard person like Larry) chance to climb Denali. Register (485- 9623) to start training to carry heavy loads, stay storm-bound for 5 days straight in a small tent, and try to keep from hating your best friend who whistles off-key and clicks his teeth during the aforementioned 5 day storm!

AFLOAT AND AFOOT IN THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

(A Sailing Adventure)

WHAT: A flotilla of sailboats, cruising the San Juan Islands of the Pacific Northwest - heading up the fleet organizing effort is Frank Bernard, who will be sailing his personal pocket cruiser, the Nomad. Most of the islands are two to three miles apart and we will sail during the day and spend evenings at anchor or in marinas, enjoying the cultural activities of the area as well as the sailing.

WHERE: The San Juan Islands are located about 75 miles north west of Seattle and are the last stop prior to Canada's Vancouver Island. Cruising World magazine describes them as the premier, protected inland sailing area in the Pacific Northwest. It's a very popular tourist destination, particularly with sailors and bikers.

WHEN: Sept 2 to Sept 10 - We'll pick a 7 day period within that time frame - most likely Sunday to Saturday.

RAINFALL: About 1/2 that of Seattle. The islands are located in a "rain shadow" caused by the Olympic Mountains. They get about 20 inches per year.

CREW/CAPTAIN: Self selected to the maximum extent. You are encouraged to form your own group, but I'll have a crew list to put interested individuals in contact with one another.

BOAT SIZE: Available from small (28') to very large. It depends on the size of your group and how much you want to spend.

COSTS: The costs shown are based on current quotes from Anacortez Yacht Charters and are typical. They are only for the boat and insurance - other costs (food, drink, entertainment, shopping, transportation, etc, are highly dependent on your own tastes and choices.

3 folks on a 28 foot boat - approx \$400 each.

4 folks on a 32 foot boat - approx \$400 each.

6 folks on a 42 foot boat - approx \$400 each.

I'M INTERESTED - WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

1. Call me (Frank) at 533-9219. I'll send you a packet of information.
2. Sign up on the Captain/crew list. With your permission I'll make your name and phone number available to the other folks on the list so you can find compatible people for a boat. We'll have a get together in mid May and talk things over.
3. Get your own group together, hopefully with a qualified captain. If you don't have a captain, but do have a group you want to sail with, I'll try and put you together with a WMC captain - or you can hire one through the charter company.

Cinquo de Mayo Dance & Mexican Potluck



Date: Saturday, May 6

Time: 6:30 Potluck
8:00 Dancing

Cover Charge: \$5/member
\$7/non-member

Where: First Unitarian Church [569 South 1300 East]

Questions: Call Bob (943-5755)

FROM THE BIKING DIRECTOR

by Rick Kirkland

Our first bicycle planning meeting/social will be held Thursday, April 13, on the third level of the Pub at Trolley Square at 7PM. The purpose of the meetings is twofold: for Club road cyclists or prospective roadies to get together one night per month in a social environment, and to cultivate leadership for road rides. I encourage anyone with questions about road cycling, where we ride, how we rate our rides according to difficulty, or with ideas they may have about the program, to join us! Also, I will schedule rides at that time from active leaders.

Rick Kirkland
486-0909

FROM THE BOATING DIRECTOR

RIVER SAFETY CLINIC

Once again Ken McCarthy is offering his time for this clinic. It's open to WMC members and the Utah Whitewater Club. On Saturday, April 22 participants will meet West Hill picnic pavilion (just south of the pond) in Sugarhouse Park at 9:00am. The second day will be on the Weber River. Ken offers a "hands on" approach. This excellent class covers all types of rescue as well as personal safety tips.

Participants should bring two 5 ft sections of rope (for tying knots). Also if you are in the possession of 2 carabineers, throw/rescue ropes, prussics, and pulleys, bring them along.

COORDINATOR POSITIONS

I am pleased to announce the following people have volunteered their time to help with the boating program this year:

Rafting	Janet Embry
Sailing	Vince Desimone
Canoeing	Mark McKenzie

With the boards approval, these individuals will be the coordinators. The boating instruction, and kayaker position is still open.

FROM THE MOUNTAIN BIKING COORDINATOR

by Linda Palmer

Our "official" mountain bike season starts in mid-April if the weather stays nice. Meanwhile, if the weather looks good and you feel like riding, check my recorder (484-3959) Friday evening or Saturday morning. I'll list any informal rides I hear about.

Here's the rating system we'll be using to estimate mountain bike trip difficulty:

NTD: Less than 10 miles round trip, less than 700 feet of elevation gain, and no significant technical aspects. Little or no mountain-biking experience needed. Gradual climbs and descents. Example: Shoreline trail.

MOD: Up to 16 miles round trip and up to 2800 feet of elevation gain. Long, gradual or short, steep climbs and descents. Rider should be able to maneuver over moderate obstacles such as rocks, small logs, sand, and streams/bridges. Some walking might be necessary. Examples: Mueller Park, Telemark Park (at Deer Valley).

MSD: Typically more than 12 miles long (round trip) and more than 2500 feet of elevation gain. Strenuous. Extended portions over rough terrain, requiring excellent physical condition and expert riding skills. Example: Wasatch Crest trail.

WMC trips follow low-impact biking guidelines adapted from the International Mountain Biking Association:

1. Ride only on mountain bike trails or jeep roads; respect trail closures.
2. Avoid riding on ground that is rain-soaked and easily scarred, avoid skidding, and stay on trails.
3. Ride under control.
4. Yield right of way to other trail users (hikers, equestrians). Downhill riders yield to uphill riders. When horses approach, dismount and give horses the right of way. Let them see you, talk calmly to them and wait off the trail until they pass.
5. Plan ahead. Choose rides so that they match your ability level. Know your equipment. Be as self-sufficient as possible.

Things to bring? A helmet (required!), snack, water, sunscreen, sunglasses/eye protection, a spare tube and patch kit, pump, and allen wrenches. Bug repellent, a small crescent wrench, and a chain tool can also be helpful.

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

by Ann Wechsler

The 1995 PFEIFFERHORN/CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP AWARD was awarded at the March fourteenth Wasatch Front Forum to former County Commissioner, Jim Bradley. Commissioner Bradley worked tirelessly to protect the natural environment of the Wasatch Front. His vision and leadership produced results that are essential to the well-being and quality of life of our residents.

The award is named after one of the highest peaks in the Wasatch Range because it exemplifies the beauty we strive to protect and symbolizes the vision we need to accomplish that protection. Organizations supporting the award in 1995 are the Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, The Wasatch Mountain Club, the Great Salt Lake Audobon, the Utah Nordic Alliance, the Utah Mountain Bike Association, the Citizens' Committee to Save Our Canyons, and the Nature Conservancy.

Commissioner Bradley gave an eloquent acceptance speech, challenging us all to continue our conservation efforts. He said this is one of his most treasured awards and it will serve as an important incentive for individuals to strive to achieve in the future. Thank you to all of the sponsors for contributing to this award, and especially to Tom Berggren for creating the idea and the extraordinarily beautiful plaque.

VOLLEYBALL

by Ross Martin

The Wasatch Mountain Club Volleyball activity is in danger. Without the support of more members, WMC Volleyball will not continue past this fall. When I started playing in 1987, most of the participants were WMC members. Now we are lucky to have five Club members participate.

I believe that the biggest reason for the downturn is the increased competition. Back in 1987, I was among the better players. Now I can't play comfortably with at least half the regulars. I do not like the trend of turning the activity into a competitive league. **Let's keep it as a social event.**

The best way to do that is to get more WMC members to participate. First, I want you to know that **We Need You.** That's why I am writing this article. We play every Monday, 6:30 pm -9:00, at Highland High, in the small gym (just to the west of the main gym and in the same building). Come early to assure that you get to play.

(see next column)

(VOLLEYBALL - CONT.)

The cost is \$1 for WMC members and \$2 for others (to cover the \$45 to rent the gym). The limit is 28 players, four teams of seven. WMC members will be allowed to replace non members throughout the evening until we potentially have 28 Club members on the courts. If you have any questions or suggestions, or want more information, call Ross Martin (364-4006). I'll write another article, soon, to let you know how it is working. Continuation of WMC Volleyball is truly up to you, the membership. **Come on Back!** We'll have lots of fun together.

FROM THE NEW HIKING DIRECTORS

By Brad Yates and Kip Yost

Hi! Welcome to a new season of adventure. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and go over our objectives concerning the new hiking season. Hopefully we will be able to provide many pleasant memories to cherish later this fall. Both Brad and myself have been leading hikes for years now, but we are both new to the responsibilities of a director's position in the club, and we expect that we will occasionally goof something up at first, so allow us to express our gratitude in advance for your patience. Here now I'll present our goals for this new hiking season.

GOAL #1: SAFETY!

Last year we had too many people (myself included) enriching the bank accounts of local medical professionals as a result of a mishap on one of our hiking excursions. As I am certain that nobody specifically sets out to perform a glorious "Ode to Isaac Newton" down the face of some fearsome body of rock, I believe that the issue of caution must be more carefully addressed. Accidents while hiking can easily be prevented if we honestly take inventory of our ability and preparedness before charging off on a trip that may be just beyond our capability at the time. As I said before, I'm guilty of this myself, but I won't be this year! To simplify, **know thyself, come prepared, and be careful!!**

GOAL #2: Expand The Pool Of Available Leaders

Brad has already contacted many of you about joining our standing hiking committee, and the response at our first official hiking committee meeting was very encouraging. We know that there are leaders yet to come to our attention, and we still need every willing soul we can find to make this a great hiking season! Do you know a trail? Do you know a canyon? Do you know a good route? Share that knowledge with us, we'd love to have another leader join us at the annual leader's party!

Brad's number is 583-1205. Mine is 536-4625 (days) & 272-9452 (eves). You can leave messages at all of the above numbers, so give us a call!

GOAL #3: Revise & Update The Hike Listing & Ratings Table

Published in this edition of the Rambler is the new hike listing and ratings table. (Ed. Note: **The hiking rating schedule publication is delayed due to space limitations.**) The new listing has about 150 more hikes than the old listing, a brand new format, a new difficulty rating formula and three more columns of information. It was a tremendous undertaking, involving over 100 hours of research and data entry. It is important to stress here that the new rating formula does not change the old rating for an average hike nor does it alter the range of difficulty that we are all used to. I would like to thank Rich Osborne, Tom Walsh, John Veranth, Walt Haas, Glen Wells, Larry Schumer, Donn Seeley, and Brad Yates, all of whose input greatly assisted in the development of this new list. I hope all concerned are pleased with it. If you know the specifications of any hike that is not on this list (RT mileage, elev. change & max elev.), please call me with that information and I'll put it into the database.

GOAL #4: Expand Hiking Area & Develop New Hikes

The best kind of adventure is one that you are able to experience for the first time. Repeated often enough, any trail gets old. With that in mind, Brad & myself will be working hard to get leaders who are willing to lead us down those paths less followed for a new experience. If you are one of those leaders, please, share the wealth of your knowledge with your fellow club members. We would like to see more destinations outside of Salt Lake County, more excursions to little known desert peaks or inventive new hikes in the Wasatch. Think creatively, we'll be trying to come up with a few new ones ourselves.

GOAL #5: Cut Down On No-Shows

Many of the hikes that are scheduled every month in the Rambler are hikes which require a specific limit on the number of participants. When you place a call to the leader to pre-register for a trip, that leader closes one spot on his list, and eventually is forced to turn people away when the limit has been reached. Ordinarily this doesn't cause much of a problem with anybody but last year we had an amazing number of people pre-registering for trips and then just not showing up at the trail head. If you make plans and then something comes up, please call the leader back and let somebody else take that spot. It's just common courtesy, something that shouldn't be in such short supply.

GOAL #6: Provide More Visible Support For Wilderness

Among the republican influx in Washington these days are some of the nation's leading opponents of environmental legislation. These people would be entirely unconcerned if you lost access to your trail heads or if somebody turned one of your favorite hiking destinations into a mine, a power plant, a trash incinerator or worse. They would, in fact, consider it a victory. The simple fact of the matter is that if we wish to continue enjoying our wildlife, our mountains, our rivers and our deserts, than we had better learn how to make ourselves heard and we had better start doing it now. For more information on what **you** can do contact Brad Yates, Rich Osborne, John Veranth or one of the organizations that focus on conservation issues such as the Utah Wilderness Association (359-1337), or the Utah Wilderness Coalition (486-3161). It takes many voices to make a chorus, and every little bit helps.

GOAL #7: HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Sure! That's what we're here for, isn't it?! See you at the trail head!

FROM THE SNOWSHOE

COORDINATOR

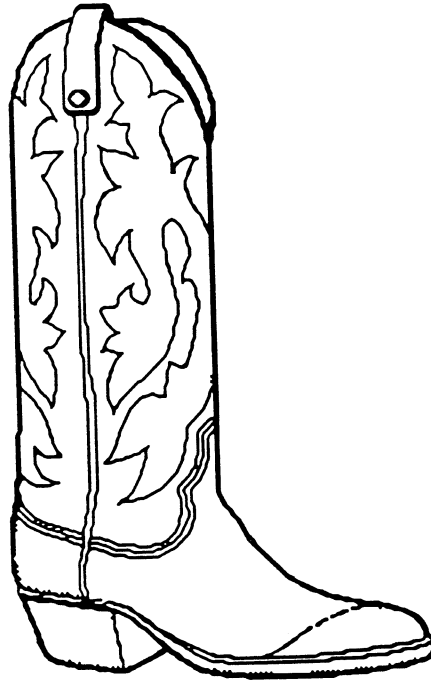
by Knick Knickerbocker

What a Great Season! A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the wonderful leaders we had this year. So when you see one, thank them for volunteering to lead snowshoe trips. We will need more people like them next year. I also want to thank all of the snowshoers for coming out and braving the conditions this year. We had some great snow, until the warm weather and rain hit.

As I think back, I remember a lot of laughter too, so I guess we had fun. I hope you did and I hope we see you next year on the snow. Hiking season starts soon and it will be time to hang up the old snowshoes. See you on the mountain.

When the hiking directors call to ask you to lead a hike, remember this club works because so many volunteer to lead and help out any many ways. Thanks.

Country Western Dance & Potluck



Date: Saturday, April 22

Time: 6:30 Potluck
8:00 Dancing

Cover Charge: \$5/member
\$7/non-member

Where: South Valley Unitarian Church [6876 S Highland Dr]
Exit I-215 and head south on Highland. The Church will
be on your right --west side of street-- just before the
Kentucky Fried Chicken. If you cross Fort Union Blvd,
you've gone too far.

Questions: Call Linda (943-1871)

TRIP TALKS

DEATH VALLEY BIKE TRIP

FEBRUARY 16 - 20, 1995

by Gloria Leonard
15 March 1995

After cancelling the bus which was planning to take almost forty of us to Death Valley, about twenty people, bikes, and equipment organized into car pools and set off on Thursday morning for warmth and sunshine. Our destination was Furnace Creek campground, a lovely oasis near the center of Death Valley.

Friday morning we headed for our first ride down Twenty Mule Team Canyon, past one of the old borax mines, and then headed across the road toward Hole in the Wall. The road to Hole in the Wall was an uphill bone rattler, but on the way back it was downhill all the way to the swimming pool. The swimming pool is spring fed and always 72 to 83 degrees and non-chlorinated (it exchanges water three times every 24 hours.) We looked forward to it at the end of our ride each day.

Saturday most of us rode up Artists drive, past Artists Palette. Just when we thought we were at the top it went up again, but then we got a great downhill, back to the swimming pool. Others headed West to better experience the alluvial fans that spread far into the center of the valley, and a few did both rides and more. Four of us had enough energy Saturday night to hit the local hot spot for some dancing (Yah!!!). Furnace Creek area contains a beautiful date palm grove and the dates were in season while we were there. Roadside stands offered free samples and small bags of dates were for sale (there was one request for a blue-eyed blond.) One local restaurant served fresh date shakes, a big hit.

Sunday we got an early start and drove our vehicles to Scotty's Castle at the north end of Death Valley about 50 miles. We toured the castle which has been well preserved, including interior furnishings and then many of us rode our bikes from the castle to Ubehebe crater, another mostly downhill ride.

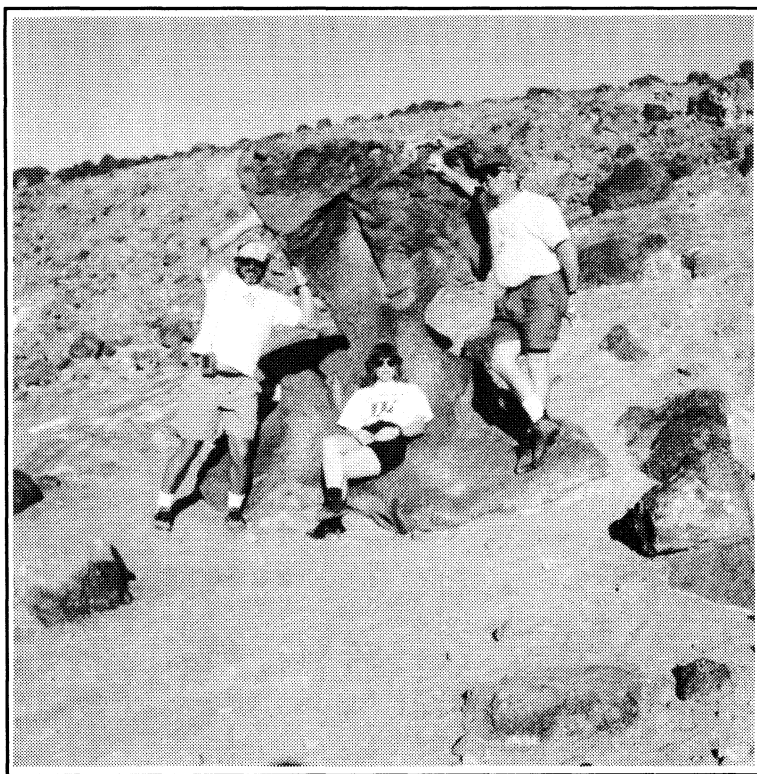
Some hearty souls hiked down into the crater while the remainder of us found a spot of shade behind the forest service sign and relaxed. On the way back to camp, and the swimming pool, we stopped at the sand dunes and that evening we recruited even more hearty souls for a visit to the local dance spot.

Other side trips included a visit to Badwater, the lowest point in the continental U.S. at 285 feet below sea level; a detour to Zabriskie point; a visit to the Harmony Borax Works; exploration of the museum and the visitor center; a side trip to the Devil's Golf Course; and some short hikes in the area.

Bob Wrights organization skills were evident when car pooling arrangements magically fell into place and everyone's gear, and bike (except for one front wheel and we won't mention any names) made it safely to their destination. The coolers and food made it also and the 'cooking pods' served up imaginative and wonderful meals.

The air was clear, the sky was blue, and the weather was warm (78 to 87 degrees each day). It was a great mid-winter break.

Participants: Bob Wright, our fearless leader, Angela and Gary Harding, Gary Smith, Bonnie Walsh, Leslie Woods, Moe Kupaei, Jim Piani, Rick Kirkland, David Vance, Kermit Earle, Marilyn and Jim Bickley, Donna and Ralph Fisher, Derek Loyola, Pam and Troy Trammel, Pam (from P.C.), and Gloria Leonard.



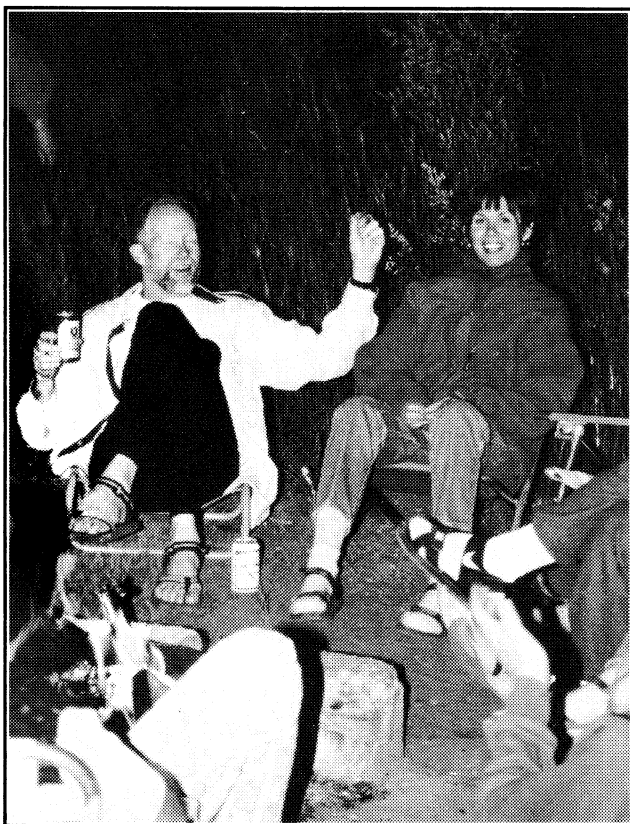
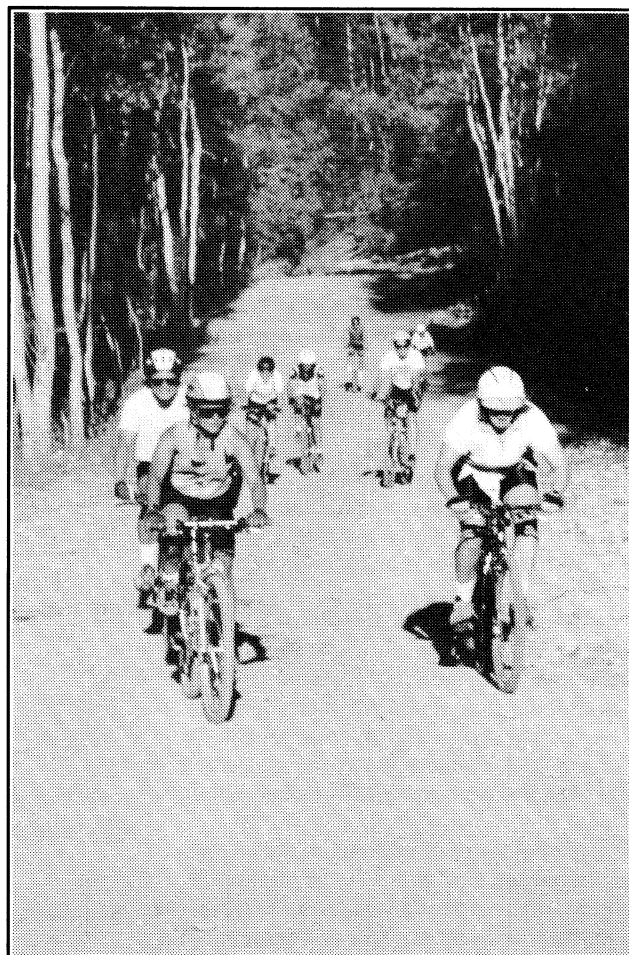
L-R: Derek Loyola, Leslie Woods, and Dave Vance at Mushroom Rock.

DESERET PEAK

Larry Swanson
March 19, 1995

It poured down rain most of the night in Salt Lake City but thankfully it snowed nicely in the Stansburys. It was a bit of a rush getting everybody signed up and loaded but the road was clear much farther up the canyon than normal so the "ski-on" place was reached early and the scenic South Willow Canyon was untracked. Superb route finding by the scribe led to Lunch Pass by noon or so and with the nice new snow covering the skis stayed on all the way to the summit. The summit was wreathed in clouds and festooned with overhanging cornices. It didn't look good for the descent through The Notch. Luckily an ambitious bearded young man was just ascending The Notch with his dog and since there were no slides we all skied (The scribe tumbled as much as skied.) down through the new powder. Conditions were great for a thousand feet or so, then the snow turned a bit heavy for Nordic skis. More "plants" by the scribe led to a ski finish all the way to the car. Deseret Peak can be a real variable. This was one of the better trips. The tourers were leader Larry Swanson and Edgar Webster.

*right : 1994 Tuesday Night MtountainBiking at
Park City - Photo by Linda Palmer*



left: Who is this rafter who's sitting in a kayaker's chair, drinking a kayaker's beer, with his arm around a canoeists's girlfriend.....and complaining? - photo by Larry Hardebeck

SUMMARY OF MARCH WMC BOARD MEETING

Michael Budig

The board approved a motion to adopt a new release form and an acknowledgment of risk form. (The latter will be signed and accompany applications and renewals.) Both forms were drafted by Kyle Williams, with consultation from several attorneys.

The board also discussed activities which will be scheduled for August 7 - 13 celebrating the WMC's 75th anniversary. Proposed activities will include a reception at Memory Grove park, a WMC Week proclamation by the Governor, and a Sunday breakfast at the Lodge.

The Club policy on mountain biking was changed to officially allow Club trips on single track trails which are designated for that purpose or are open to motor vehicles.

The board was told that this will be a critical year for BLM wilderness. John Veranth will be representing the Club in this area and will be attending meetings all over the State. The Club will also spend some of the reserved conservation funds in this year's BLM wilderness conservation efforts.

Rich Osborne reported that the state legislature passed a bill which would prohibit city and county commissions from requiring that a landowner grant an access easement in order to get a building permit. This could have the effect of closing public access to existing trails when private land is developed. An effort to get the governor to veto this bill needs to be organized by conservationists.

Club membership now stands at 1,288.



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DEAR RAMBLER EDITOR,

The WMC Governing Board voted to spend about \$90,000 to bring the Brighton Lodge up to Forest Service standards so our lease might be renewed. I'm not sure the majority of the 1400 Club members would agree with this expenditure. Actually, I'm not even sure where I stand.

But what if the Club were to *not* renew our lease? Rather, let the Forest Service upgrade and maintain the Lodge at their expense, and the WMC simply rent it back from them for the few days each year that we wished to hold some activity.

Just a thought. What are yours? (Of course I'm blissfully and naively assuming that the Forest Service wouldn't just remove it)

Yours for a little more dialogue.

Mike Treshow

Please Complete Both Sides

Wasatch Mountain Club

New Member/Reinstatement of Previous Members Application

Do Not Use this Form for Regular Annual Membership Renewal

Please read carefully and fill out completely.

Name(s) _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check phone number ☐ Residence: _____ Other ☐ Do not print my name/phone in membership list.
to print in Rambler Options: ☐ Do not list my name in lists given to Board
membership list: ☐ Work: _____ approved conservation/wilderness organizations.
e-mail: _____

I am applying for:

Check one:

____ New Membership
(Please complete activity form.)
____ Reinstatement

____ Single Birth date(s) _____
____ Couple _____
____ Student (30 years or younger)

Remit: \$35.00 for single membership (\$30.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)
\$45.00 for couple membership (\$40.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)
\$20.00 for student membership (\$15.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

Enclosed is \$ _____ for one year's dues and application fee. Checks/money orders only. Make checks payable to **Wasatch Mountain Club**. Do you wish to receive the Rambler (the Club publication)? ____ Yes ____ No
(Subscription price is NOT deductible from the dues.)

You must complete two Club activities (other than socials) to be considered for membership. The activity dates must have been within one year of the application.

<u>Qualifying Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature of Recommending Leader</u>
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(s) _____
(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—For Office Use Only

Receipt/Check # _____ Amount Received\$ _____ Date Received _____ By _____

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
 ☐ backback
- 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:** ☐ word processing ☐ mailing ☐ advertising ☐ computer support
- 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?

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in any WMC activity is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death, and damage or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered "exploratory", with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guiding service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to my property.

I verify this statement by placing my initials here: _____

PREPARATION: I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulty of any activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge, equipment, and the physical and emotional stamina to safely participate.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, and personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against, the Wasatch Mountain Club, its leaders, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

LEGAL FEES: Should it become necessary for WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I certify that I have sufficient insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage that I may incur while participating in any WMC activity. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of paying for all such expenses and liabilities.

This contract continues on the reverse side (next page).

My signature below indicates that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I am at least 18 years old.

Signature_____Print name_____

Address_____

Phone_____Date_____

WITNESS: I certify that_____has alleged to me that he\she has read and understands this document.

Witness signature_____Print name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Date_____

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 used sports equipment) before the 13th of the month to: Sue DeVall, 11730 S. 700 W., Draper, UT 84020.

CLASSIFIED ADS POLICY

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

FOR RENT: Crosspointe Condo. (54th S. & Redwood Road). Immaculate 1 BR, garage, storage, deck, stove, refrigerator, unfurnished, \$450/mo. Vince 1-801-649-6805.

WANTED: Metal or fiberglass Canoe. Call Paul at 637-1665.

FOR SALE: Two REI Novara Ponderosa Mountain Bikes. \$350 each. Call for details. Paul 637-1665.

FOR SALE: Pieps Avalanche Beacon. old frequency. \$50.00; Voile Avalanche Shovel. \$25.00 Both like new. Call Janet 1-801-393-3882.

FOR SALE: Rowing Machine. Precor 612. Excellent Condition. \$75.00 or best offer. Call 484-2625.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

Membership applicants must participate in at least two Club outdoor or service activities, verified by the signatures of approval from the activity leaders. Yearly dues are \$25.00 single, \$35.00 couple. A \$5.00 initiation/reinstatement fee is charged.

1995-96

GOVERNING BOARD

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President	Nance Allen	273-8010
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Hiking	Brad Yates	583-1205
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Boating	Janis Huber	486-2345
Conservation	Rich Osborne	647-0205
	<vacant>	
Entertainment	Sam Kievit	262-6698
	Craig McCarthy	521-5408
Lodge	Martin Clemans	968-1252
	<vacant>	
Mountaineering	Kyle Williams	273-8076
Publications	Jim Zinanti	484-8271
	Reda Herriott	483-1410
Ski Touring	Cheryl Soshnik	649-9008
	Brian Barkey	583-1205
Bicycling	Rick Kirkland	486-0909
Information (PR)	Ann Wechsler	583-2090

Trustees

Mike Budig	328-4512	1992-96
Karin Caldwell	942-6065	1993-97
Leslie Woods	484-2338	1994-98
Phyllis Anderson	943-8500	1995-99
O'Dell Petersen	355-7216	Emeritus
Dale Green	277-6417	Emeritus

COORDINATORS

Canoeing	Mark McKenzie	486-4986
Trails Issues	Chris Biltoft	364-5729
Kayaking	Janis Huber	486-2345
Sailing	Vince Desimone	649-6805
Rafting	Janet Embry	322-4326
Boating Equipment	<vacant>	
Boating Instruction	<vacant>	
Snowshoeing	Knickerbocker	364-6521
Mountain Biking	Linda Palmer	484-3959
Volleyball	Ross Martin	364-4006
Adopt-A-Highway	Carl Warberg	583-9611
Commercial Ads	Reda Herriott	483-1410
Rambler Mailing	Christine Allred	261-8183
Lodge User Rep	Rich Osborne	647-0205

**AVALANCHE HOTLINE
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364-1581**

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