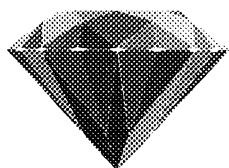
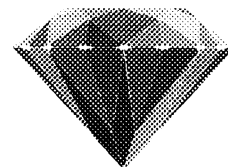


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WMC Purpose

(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.

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BULLETIN BOARD

WMC Board Meeting Summary

August, 2, 1995

by Camille Pierce, secretary

It was agreed to sanction in-line skating as a WMC activity. Participants will be required to wear wrist guards, helmets, elbow, and knee pads. WMC release forms must be signed by all participants. The bicycling directorship will sponsor in-line skating.

Ruta Dreijmanis Ehlers received board approval for life membership in the WMC. Rich Osborne asked interested WMC members to contact him about the Andalex mine's modifications in their plan for mining the Kaiparowits plateau. The plan has been increased by 25,000 acres and the length of time extended to 40 years. A public hearing will be held in Salt Lake City at the Little America Hotel on August 14, 1995.

Russ Pack was approved as the new showshoeing coordinator.

and his wife Gaylen, will present a slide show and discussion on family outdoor activities in this unique section of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. The Wharton's will also be autographing their new book *An Outdoor Family Guide to the Southwest's Four Corners*.

Sept. 26 **Ski Fitness Training** Shannon and Ron Kipp will present a lecture and exercise session for Alpine and Nordic skiers. Shannon is a certified fitness specialist and ski instructor. Ron is a ski instructor who brings extensive experience from the U.S. Ski Coaches Association. Wear comfortable clothing for exercising.

WMC LODGE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL USE

The WMC Lodge can be rented on a half or full day basis. Full day rate is \$225. Contact Rich Osborne (1-801-647-0205) for information.

General Membership Meeting

On October 18, 1995, The Wasatch Mountain Club will hold its twice yearly (February and October) General Membership Meeting. These meetings are for member participation in setting WMC direction and policies. Hot issues include the Lodge, the budget, conservation, trails access, BLM wilderness, Club growth, and others. Please plan to attend the meeting which is tentatively scheduled to occur at 7:00 pm, Oct. 18, 1995 at the Zions Lutheran Church, 1070 S. Foothill Drive. Check the October *Rambler* for confirmation of the meeting location.

REI CLINICS

These clinics are held at the Salt Lake City REI store (3285 E., 3300 S.). Unless mentioned otherwise they are free of charge and are held Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the upstairs clinic room.

Sept. 12 **Climbing Aconcagua** Aconcagua, 22,841 feet, is the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere. The rigors of extreme altitude and weather challenge mountaineers who attempt this Argentine volcano. Dan Smith will share his photos and experiences from a successful climb in March. Dan is a veteran of climbs in Russia and South America.

Sept. 19 **Family Camping in the Southwest** Tom Wharton, the outdoor editor of the Salt Lake Tribune (a minor competitor to *The Rambler*)

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For Sale: Medium jb climbing helmet, \$25.00. Boreal "Laser" climbing shoes, mens size 6 1/2, \$45, like new. Call Linda at 484-3959.

For Sale: Two ten-speed street Bicycles: A Schwin, 21" frame, light blue, with rack, light, pump/lock, bag, etc. \$125; A Nishiki, 19" frame, burgundy, with bag and water bottle, \$100. Both are in good shape! Howard Barlow (h) 328-4701 or (w) 957-4900 x 1055.

For Sale: Mt Bike, 93 Klein Fervor, 20", LX, like new, \$650/obo, Dave telephone 533-8402.

For Sale: Older Style A-Frame, two man, four season mountain tent, good condition. Weight with poles and fly, approx. 6#s Price-\$30. Bluet Gaz 206 Butane/Propane backpacking stove Price \$10. Call Phil Fikkan at 583-8499 between 7 and 9:30 pm.

For Sale: Marmot Down Jacket, Size large, \$100. like new, retails for \$220.; Jane Fonda aerobic step video with step, \$15. retails for \$50. Complete ski rack, holds 4 pairs of skis, \$15. Please call David at 774-7706 work, or 771-3410 home.

For Rent: House East Liberty Park, SLC., 2 Bdrm/1Bath part furnished, nice yard, patio (some lawn care). 2 people max. 1 yr. lease \$660., plus 1 month Security Deposit. Call 582-7214.

Happenings Books for Sale: Get your 95-96 Happenings Book with great discounts on restaurants, fast food, activities, srvcies, merchandise and more. Call Josiane Jochmann (484-9820 or catch Mom: Ursula on a hike; she'll have some with her!!). A great deal at \$25. On sale through September 20th.

SKY CALENDAR for September

MOON

First Quarter	Sep 02	Oct 01	Oct 30
Full Moon	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 07
Last Quarter	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 15
New Moon	Sep 24	Oct 23	Nov 22

MOONRISE for 40° N, 112° W. assuming a flat horizon

Saturday	Mtn Daylight Time
Sep 02	2:30 PM
Sep 09	8:00 PM
Sep 16	Midnight
Sep 23	6:00 AM
Sep 30	1:30 PM
Oct 07	6:30 PM
Oct 14	11:00 PM
Oct 21	4:45 AM
Oct 28	12:15 PM
Nov 04	5:00 PM

PLANETS

Saturn is now opposite the **Sun** and is visible, most of the night, in the southeast, in the evening, and in the southwest in the morning. **Jupiter** is still in **Scorpius** in the southwest. Watch it change position relative to the bright star **Antares**.

STARS

The bright star **Vega** is nearly overhead in the evening sky. The **Milky Way** spans the sky just to the east.

EQUINOX

September 23. Yep, it's true. We're now entering the best season for sky watching: It gets dark early and without fear of frostbite.

Contributed by Ben Everitt

SOURCE: The Astronomical Almanac for 1995

WASATCH MOUNTAIN 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.

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 information

Sep 2 to 4 Sat - Mon

BACKPACK: RUBY MOUNTAINS A gentle exploratory to Gray's Lake. This is exploratory because Brian has never been here. He expects a rolling 5 mile hike through alpine meadows and aspen glades and, hopefully, a swimmable lake. Group size is limited to 10 people. Dogs are allowed and Brian knows of two dogs that would love to come along. We'll leave Friday evening and return Monday evening. Call Brian Barkey (583-1205) for information and to register.

Sep 2 to 4 Sat-Sun

BACKPACK: WYOMING RANGE Leader Michael Budig (328-4512) will lead an easy to moderate backpack in the Wyoming Range, the Hobacks, or some other less crowded area in western Wyoming. Please call for more info and to register.

Sep 2 to 4 Sat-Mon

BACKPACK: LEADERS CHOICE UINTAS Leader Jon Blakeburn (263-3401) says that the Uintas are the likely destination, although this may change. Call Jon for more info.

Sep 2 to 4 Sat-Mon

CARCAMP: DEEP CREEK MTNS Leader Dave Vance (328-9364) says adolescents are welcome on this trip to an endangered wilderness area. Call Dave to register.

Sep 2 Sat

HIKE: DAVENPORT CABIN (NTD) Leader Martin McGregor (967-9860) says that this is a short but steep hike to a cabin site Northeast of Alta. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 2 Sat

HIKE: LAKE BLANCHE (MOD 5.7) Leader Cindy Buchman (944-1713) will take a lucky 13 people along to share some of the holiday weekend beneath the club symbol. **Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.**

Sep 2 Sat

HIKE: SILVER MTN MINE (MOD 5.9) Join Leader Dave Miller (451-7675) for a visit to a colorful old mine site in Big Cottonwood. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00.

Sep 2 Sat

HIKE: TWIN LAKES PASS (NTD 3.4) Leader Randy Long (943-0244) will take an easy pace to this nice destination, adolescents welcome. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00.

Sep 2 Sat

MOUNTAIN BIKE: CREST TRAIL (MOD+). Join Rick Kirkland for a scenic but strenuous ride along the Wasatch Crest Trail. This ride features singletrack, steep climbs, great views, and technical challenges. Distance and elevation depend on the route Rick chooses; call him at 486-0909 for more information. Meet Rick at 9:00 AM at the Parley's Way K-Mart. Please call first if the weather looks questionable.

Sep 3 Sun

HIKE: DOUGHNUT FALLS (NTD 1.4) Join Leader Cindy Cromer (355-4115) for an early morning disgusting doughnut hike! Cindy says to bring doughnuts and coffee. Meet at the East Skyline lot @ 8:30.

Sep 3 Sun

HIKE: HOYT PEAK, UINTAS (MSD) Leader Milt Hollander (277-1416) says to call by Friday the first & says that there will be a limit of 10 for this hike. So call to register.

Sep 3 Sun

HIKE: KESSLER PEAK (MOD 7.1) Leader Ellie Ienatsch (272-2426) says that this will be a mildly paced hike and that if you feel that you need to prove yourself by racing to the top, then TAKE ANOTHER HIKE! This leader prefers viewing hikes as social events, not competitions. So if you feel mellow, then meet Ellie at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00.

Sep 3 Sun

HIKE: UPPER RED PINE LAKE (MOD 5.1) Beautiful Autumn views are sure to await you on the banks of this high alpine lake. Leader Clarence Bertino (484-3679) will be glad to take you there. **Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.**

Sep 3 Sun

MOUNTAINEERING- NORTH RIDGE OF PFIEFFERHORN- Sean Walton will lead a limited number of climbers up this beautiful peak. Participants must be prepared for short sections of roped climbing and a long strenuous outing. Call 742-2310 to register. NOTE- HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES.!!!

Sep 4 Mon

BIKE: ROAD/MTN CHALK CREEK (MOD+). Join Rick Kirkland (486-0909) for this 65 mile ride from Wanship to the southwest corner of Wyoming via Chalk Creek Road, out of Coalville. Expect quiet backroads and rural scenery. There will be a 1600' elevation gain but, over a long easy grade. Bring food, as this is a holiday and I don't know what will be open. Meet Rick at 8:30AM at the Parley's Kmart or, at the Spring Chicken Inn in Wanship at 9:30. (Note: This ride does not begin at the Wanship Dam.) Helmets required.

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Sep 4 Mon

HIKE: BOX ELDER PEAK (MSD)
This hike is rated either a 10.1 or a 11.9, depending upon the route taken, it is an incredibly beautiful summit by any route, however, so join Leader Jim Smith (943-6004) for a memorable hike above Utah Valley. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 8:00 AM.

Sep 4 Mon

HIKE: DESERET PEAK (MOD 7.6)
Leader Chris Venizelos (355-7236) invites you to join him in celebrating Labor day at 11,000 feet in the Stansburys. Please bring rain gear. Meet at the Utah Travel council lot @ 8:30 or the Union 76 Truck stop @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 4 Mon

HIKE: LABOR DAY DOG HIKE (NTD) Leader Linda Palmer (484-3959) says bring a friend on this mild leader's choice. Meet at the East Skyline High lot @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 4 Mon

HIKE: LABOR DAY HIKES Due to the unavailability of leaders on this date, hikers who want to get together are advised to meet at the East Skyline lot @ 9:00 AM and sort out what you want to do from there. Happy Holiday!

Sep 5 Tue

MOUNTAIN BIKE: TUESDAY NIGHT RIDE (MOD). Expect a briskly-paced ride with around 1500' of climbing and stops to regroup. For meeting place info, call Linda Palmer at 484-3959 on Monday evening or Tuesday (the day of the ride). Helmet and eye protection are required.

Sep 6 Wed

HIKE: WEDNESDAY EVENING HIKE Wednesday evening hikes are similar to Thursday hikes except they are open to non-members as well. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & ride lot at 6:30 PM.

Sep 6 Wed

SOCIAL: MOVIE NITE. Join this evening's host at the Park Ivy Garden Cafe (878 S 900 E) at 6 pm to eat before catching a movie at the Tower Theater. Movie starts between 7-7:30. Call Ken (466-2825) with any questions. Co-listed with the Sierra Club Singles.

Sep 6 Wed

WMC BOARD MEETING: Any member interested in attending is welcome. We will meet at the WMC office, 888 S., 200 E., at 7:00 pm. We will dine, beforehand, at the Cafe Trang (818 S. Main St.) at 6:00.

Sep 7 Thu

HIKE: THURSDAY EVENING HIKE
Club members only, meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & ride lot. For more information, look to the end of the activities listings.

Sep 9 to 17 Sat-Sun

BACKPACK: YELLOWSTONE AREA Leader Michael Budig (328-4512) says that this will be a moderate 55 mile backpack that will start in the Lamar Valley (where Wolves were recently released), continue over Mist Creek Pass, and conclude in the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. In between we will be enjoying the solitude as we listen to Elk bugle, Wolves howl and Bears rummage through our backpacks. Call Mike for more information and to register.

Sep 9 to 10 Sat-Sun

CARCAMP: TUSHAR MTNS Leader Ben Everitt (272-7764) says children are welcome on this trek to central Utah's biggest range. Call Ben & leave your name & phone # on his machine.

Sep 9 to 10 Sat-Sun

CARCAMP: WASATCH PLATEAU Leader Jerry Hatch (583-8047) says this area has terrain similar to the Uintas and is another first for the club. The Wasatch plateau is located near Manti in the Manti La Sal National forest. Call Jerry to register.

Sep 9 to 10 Sat - Sun

LODGE WORK PARTY We will continue the repairs and maintenance which the lodge needs. Set aside some time to come up and help starting at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Participants at the Saturday session will be admitted free to the social. Call Martin Clemans (968-1252 or 942-8902) for information.

Sep 9 Sat

SERVICE WEEKEND: This is the last service weekend of this summer. In order to focus WMC efforts on service projects, no other local activities are scheduled this weekend.

WMC OFFICIAL HIKING MAPS

Copies of the official WMC Map, "Hiking The Wasatch" are available to WMC members at a discount. The map retails for \$10 but members can obtain copies for \$8.50 include. sales tax. The Club also profits from these sales. The maps are available at the WMC office during office hours and at many WMC activities.

Sep 9 Sat

SOCIAL: CONTRA DANCE AND POTLUCK AT THE LODGE Join your WMC friends for a fun evening of Contra Dancing at the WMC Lodge. If you've never tried this kind of dancing, now is your chance. It's both fun and great exercise! Potluck starts at 6 pm with the Contra dance commencing at 8 pm. Instruction will be provided -- no partners needed-- bring your friends. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, and remember to bring your flashlight for the trip down the hill at the end of the evening. If you have any questions, please call Liz Cordova (484-3740) or MaryAnn Losee (537-1929).

Sep 10 Sun

BOATING: WESTWATER CANYON OF THE COLORADO RIVER (III+-IV-) Cancelled.

Sep 10 Sun

SOCIAL: ENTERTAINMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
The Entertainment Committee is having an active year, and we want YOU to get involved with all of the fun! Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a light pot luck supper (salads!?!), with the planning meeting to commence at 7:00 p.m. We will be finalizing fall social events. Location: Rikki Paterson's home, 1374 Embassy Way --2725 East. (Go east on 13th South to Roxbury Road--2640 East. Proceed one block south on Roxbury to Sherwood Dr, then one block east to Embassy Way. If you get lost, call 583-4766). Please contact Sam (262-6698) or Craig (521-5408) with any questions you may have. **ALSO:** We are planning a community service gift donation for Christmas which will focus on the elderly or disabled population of Salt lake. If you have any suggestions or would like to get involved please call Liz Cordova (484-3740) or bring your ideas to the entertainment planning meeting.

Sep 11 Mon

BIKE: ROAD/MTN MONDAY NIGHT RIDE (NTD). Join Bill Walton (969-8948) on this leader's choice ride from West Valley City Park (4566W 3500S) at 6:15PM. Helmets required.

Sep 12 to 16 Tue-Sat

BOATING: CATARACT CANYON OF THE COLORADO RIVER (-IV-IV) Cancelled.

Sep 12 Tue

MOUNTAIN BIKE: TUESDAY NIGHT RIDE (MOD). Expect a briskly-paced ride with around 1500' of climbing and stops to regroup. For meeting place info, call Linda Palmer at 484-3959 on Monday evening or Tuesday (the day of the ride). Helmet and eye protection are required. (Note: Barb Petty will coordinate the remaining Tuesday night rides for the month. Her number is 583-3134.)

Sep 13 Wed

BIKE: ROAD/MTN WEDNESDAY NIGHT RIDE (MOD). Meet Chris Winter (364-6612) at 5:30PM in the NE corner of the Capitol parking lot, for this ride to the top of City Creek Canyon. Round trip distance is 13 miles with 1300' of climbing. Helmets required.

Sep 13 Wed

CLIMBING: DOGWOOD CRAG Meet at the East end of the Dogwood picnic ground 1.3 miles up Big Cottonwood Cyn by 6:00 pm. This is a popular area so if anyone can get there earlier and claim a few routes, that would be great. Call Kyle Williams(273-8076). **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES!!!**

Sep 13 Wed

HIKE: WEDNESDAY EVENING HIKE Wednesday evening hikes are similar to Thursday hikes except they are open to non-members as well. Meet at the East Skyline lot @ 6:30 PM.

Sep 14 Thu

BIKE SOCIAL AT THE PUB (NTD). Join us at the Pub (patio if possible, 3rd level if not) at 7PM. Open to all cyclists as well as new and prospective members. Call Rick (486-0909) for further details.

Sep 14 Thu

CLIMBING: GATE BUTTRESS Meet at the dirt parking lot 1 mile up Little Cottonwood by 6:00 pm to be included in a rope team. Call Kyle Williams (273-8076) if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES!!!**

Sep 14 Thu

HIKE: THURSDAY EVENING HIKE Club members only, this is the last one, so bring something to party with and meet at the mouth of City Creek Canyon. Due to the time of season, meeting time will be 6:00 PM.

Sep 15 to 19 Fri-Tue

BOATING: SAN JUAN RIVER TRIP (II) Come relax and float the San Juan River with John Veranth. He is suggesting small craft, duckies, kayaks, and canoes for this trip because the water may be low. Please send John (278-5826) your deposit of \$25.00 to reserve your place. Feel free to call him if you have questions.

Sep 15 to 16 Fri-Sat

CARCAMP: LEADERS CHOICE Leader Mike Eisenberg (572-2676) prefers to leave his destination a mystery, so call for more info.

Sep 15 Fri

SOCIAL: AFTER WORK "EVENT" 5:30 pm until whenever. At the Red Rock Pub 254 S., 200 W. Phyllis Anderson (943-8500) thinks it might be appropriate to show our appreciation for the brewery's contribution to our 75th anniversary reception by throwing a little business their way! So join her for some TGIF relaxation.

Sep 15 Fri

SOCIAL: LINE DANCE INSTRUCTION & COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING Linda Kosky will teach from 7 - 8 pm; band starts at 8:30 at one of our favorite dance halls with a WESTERN flair. Linda will be teaching the third Friday of each month. Cover charge \$3/person. Call Linda (943-1871) for details.

Sep 16 Sat

BIKE: ROAD/MTN JORDANELLE LOOP (MOD). Join Bill Walton (969-8948) on this 38 mile loop ride from Park City around the Jordanelle Reservoir, through Francis and Kamas. This is a wonderful ride with lovely views. It does involve 9 miles of riding on the wide shoulder Highway 40, and several climbs totalling 1800'. Meet at 8:45AM at the Parley's Kmart or, at (9:30 at Park City High School (1750E Kearns Blvd). Helmets required.

Sep 16 Sat

HIKE: DAYS FK TO LITTLE COTTONWOOD RIDGE (MOD 5.6) Leader Janet Friend (268-4102) leads this scenic route to a nice overlook of both Canyons. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 16 Sat

HIKE: LAMBS CANYON OVERLOOK (NTD 3.4) Leader Mark Jones (486-5354) will lead this millcreek area hike. Meet at the East Skyline lot @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 16 Sat

HIKE: MILLCREEK RIDGE RUN (MSD 8.5) Leader Jerry Hatch (583-8047) will be hiking from Grandeur Peak to Murdock Peak. Meet at the East Skyline lot @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 16 Sat

HIKE: MOUNT AIRE (MOD 4.6) An old favorite that never loses it's appeal. Betty Cluff (486-8549) leads. Meet at the East Skyline lot @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 16 Sat

HIKE: TUSCARORA, MT. WOLVERINE (MOD 4.9) Joe Gates (943-0957) leads this hike above the Brighton area. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

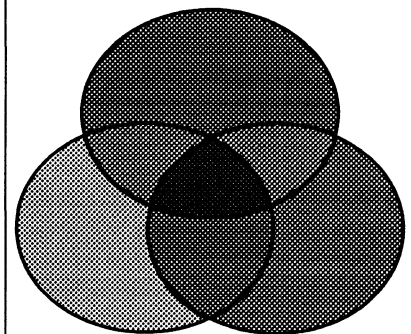
Sep 16 Sat

HIKE: KINGS PEAK! (EXT 14.7) Leaders Bert Balzer (299-0246), Norm Pobanz (266-3703), and Ken Engstrom urge you to come along even if you don't feel that you can turn this into a day hike. Norm, who is still recovering from a motorcycle accident, and Ken will be leading slower paced groups. Bert will go ahead with the gonzo peak baggers. The three plan to leave Friday night. call for more info and to register.

Sep 16 Sat

HIKE: PARK CITY OVERLOOK (MOD) Leader Randy Long (943-0244) will take hikers up the Great Western Trail to the overlook and then wander along the ridge Northward from there.

TENNIS NETWORK



We are a group of WMC members that play tennis regularly. Our levels range from 2.5 - 4.0. If you are interested in playing during the cool autumn months, please contact Jeri at 561-3777.

Sep 16 Sat

SOCIAL: JOHN MUIR CELEBRATION AND SCOTTISH DANCING Join hostess Martha Veranth (278-5826) for an evening of Scottish Dancing--no partners needed and instruction will be provided-- at 8 pm at the First Unitarian Church (1300 East 600 South). This celebration is being combined with the wedding reception for Reda Herriott and Jim Zinanti who will provide food from Ruby's and music courtesy Martha and her fabulous dancers.

Sep 17 Sun

BIKE: ROAD BUTTERFLY LAKE (MSD). Matt Lentz (364-9134) will lead this 68 mile ascent of the Uintas. The ride offers 4600' of climbing with abundant alpine scenery, and cooler temperatures. You must bring your own food yet, water should be available at most of the campgrounds you will pass along the way. Leadership had not been decided at press time so call to see who the real leader will be! Meet Matt at the Parley's Kmart at 9AM to carpool or, in Kamas at South Summit High (300E Center St) at 10AM. Helmets required. Please, prepared riders only.

Sep 15 to Sep 17

CARCAMP: LEADERS CHOICE Leader Mike Eisenberg (572-2676) prefers to leave his destination a mystery, so call for more info.

Sep 16 to Sep 17

CARCAMP: ZIONS NARROWS Leader Bill Franks (649-7247) says that the exact destination may change depending on conditions. Call for more information and to register.

Sep 17 Sun

HIKE: RED PINE LAKE (MOD 4.5) Enjoy it again with leader Mark Jones (486-5354). Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 17 Sun

HIKE: TIMPANOGOS V. TIM-POONEKE (MSD 10.7+) Leader Kiara Montross (393-2938) plans on visiting the ill-fated B25 on the way up. Meet at the Park & Ride off I15 & 7200 So. @ 7:00 AM. **Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.**

Sep 17 Sun

HIKE: GOBBLER'S KNOB V BUTLER FK (MOD 6.6) Leader Janet Chatwin (255-3732) will take the desolation trail route from Butler Fork. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:30 AM.

Sep 17 Sun

HIKE: KESSLER PEAK V CARBON-ATE MINE (MOD 7.6) Leader Michael Berry (583-4721) will be taking in this fine vantage point for a fine day of viewing Big Cottonwood. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 8:30 AM.

Sep 17 Sun

HIKE: SL OVERLOOK/DESO TR (NTD 2.8) Leaders Richard, Julie & Dillon Gregersen (467-6247) say "Bring the kids!" for a relaxed family hike to this scenic overlook. Meet at the East Skyline lot @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 17 Sun

HIKE: SOUTH WILLOW LAKE (MOD) This is an unrated but moderate hike in the Stansbury range. Jim Frese (882-5222) will lead. call for more info and to register.

Sep 19 Tue

MOUNTAIN BIKE: TUESDAY NIGHT RIDE (MOD). Expect a briskly-paced ride with around 2000' of climbing and stops to regroup. Barb Petty is coordinating this ride. For meeting place info, call Barb at 583-3134. Helmet and eye protection are required.

Sep 20 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 (Movies start between 7-7:30). Call Ken (466-2825) with any questions. Co-listed with the Sierra Club Singles.

Sep 21 Thu

CLIMBING: PARLEYS CANYON Meet at the northern terminus of Wasatch Blvd. (about 2900 S) by 6:00 pm to walk into this fun area. Routes of all difficulties can be found. Call Kyle Williams (273-8076) if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES!!!**

Sep 23 Sat

BIKE: ROAD. All around the Oquirrh, the monkey chased the weasel. Find out if you are the monkey or the weasel on this 101 mile MSD loop ride around the Oquirrh Mountain range. Call Chris Winter (364-6612) to register. Be sure to have plenty of food and water. Please, prepared riders on road bikes only. Helmets required.

Sep 23 to 24 Sat-Sun

CARCAMP: CANYONLANDS 4WD CAMP Leader Alex Ranney (583-1092) says that you will need a high-clearance 4WD vehicle to come along on this canyonlands trek. Alex plans day hikes in Horse & Lavender canyons. These are endangered canyons which may be closed in the future so come see them now while we still have access. Alex will try to match non 4WD owners with vacant seats on a first come, first served basis, he may also extend the trip by leaving early or adding a day if there is enough interest.

Sep 23 Sat

HIKE: CECRET LAKE (NTD 1.8) Leader Joan Proctor (582-8440) says to bring the kids and relax on this nice family hike above Alta. Meet at the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 23 Sat

HIKE: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD) Robert Turner (1-801-544-0605) is still keeping all options open, but says the hike will be in the moderate range. call for more info and to register.

Sep 23 Sat

HIKE: MOUNT OGDEN V SNOW BASIN (MOD) Leader Fred Duvall (782-5565) will be making an early visit to the site of the Men's Olympic downhill run and Super G courses along the way. call for more info and to register.

Sep 23 Sat

HIKE: MOUNT OLYMPUS (MSD 8.9) Leader Leslie Woods (484-2338) will lead the last club ascent (standard route) of 1995. **Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.**

Sep 23 Sat

HIKE: MURDOCK PEAK (MOD 6.3) Leader James Janney (521-0538) will take participants to Millcreek's highest point. Meet at the East Skyline High lot @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 23 Sat

HIKE: RED PINE LAKE (MOD 4.5) A perfect time of year to reflect by a lake. Barbara Jacobsen (943-3715) leads. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 23 to 24 Sat-Sun

LODGE WORK PARTY We will be finishing up all the projects that need to be done before it snows. Make plans to come up at 9:00 am. Call Martin Clemans (968-1252 or 942-8902) for information.

Sep 23 to 24 Sat-Sun

MOUNTAIN BIKE: BRIAN HEAD WEEKEND (MOD). Tim Boschert is heading for the Fall Colors mountain bike festival and Oktoberfest weekend. He plans to drive south on Friday night and return Sunday evening. This should be a great opportunity to view the fall colors and enjoy some great mountain biking. If you're interested in going, call Tim at 298-1814. He's arranged lodging for \$40/person for the weekend (with your own bed!); the deadline for lodging reservations is September 11.

Sep 23 Sat

SOCIAL: ROCK 'N ROLL DANCE AND POTLUCK Truck on up to the WMC Lodge in Big Cottonwood Canyon to enjoy a evening of great dancing and food with you WMC friends. The dancing music will range from the 50's to the 90's. Potluck will begin at 6:30 pm (please bring enough to share with six others--plates and utensils will be provided), dancing will commence at 8 p.m. Cover charge: \$5/member, \$7/non-member. Coffee will be provided, soft drinks will be available for \$0.50, or you are welcome to bring your own beverage. For further information contact Dave (1-801-451-7675) or Patti (973-7984).

Sep 24 Sun

BIKE: ROAD MORGAN COUNTY TOUR (MOD). Marcia Hansen (486-5724) will lead us from the East Canyon Resort Center over 50 miles of rolling terrain through communities like Henefer, Lost Creek, and Morgan, to name just a few. Meet her at the Parley's Kmart at 9AM or, at the East Canyon Resort Center (not the marina) at 10AM. Helmets required. Please, road bikes only.

Sep 24 Sun

HIKE: BEARTRAP FORK (MOD 4.7) Tom Silberstorf (255-2784) leads this picturesque Big Cottonwood destination. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 24 Sun

HIKE: CECRET LAKE (NTD 1.8) In case you missed the last visit, or just want to see it again, Leader Chris Venizelos (355-7236) will take you there. Meet at the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 24 Sun

HIKE: CLAYTON PEAK (MOD 4.7) Leader Phyllis Anderson (943-8500) may change the destination if there is early snow. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 24 Sun

HIKE: MUSICAL HIKE (NTD) The hills are alive again as Carol Kalm-Stearns (272-0828) takes another band of tunesmiths into the mighty Wasatch. Carol says to bring your favorite instrument and help her put a sound track to the colors of Autumn. Meet Carol at the East Skyline High lot @ 9:30 AM.

Sep 24 Sun

HIKE: TWIN PEAKS V DEAF SMITH (EXT) This is an unrated but probably extreme hike, so call Leaders Karen or Dennis Caldwell (942-6065) to register.

Sep 24 Sun

HIKE: WILLOW LAKE V WILLOW HEIGHTS (NTD 1.9) An easy trail, a pretty lake, what more could you want for a cool Autumn day? Anna Lodes (467-9430) leads. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Sep 26 Tue

MOUNTAIN BIKE: TUESDAY NIGHT RIDE (MOD). This is the last formal Tuesday night ride of the season. Expect a briskly-paced ride with around 1500' of climbing and stops to regroup. Barb Petty is coordinating this ride. For meeting place info, call Barb at 583-3134. Helmet and eye protection are required.

Sep 27 Wed

CLIMBING: S CURVE Meet at the S-Curve parking lot in Big Cottonwood by 6:00 to be included in a rope team. Call Kyle Williams (273-8076) if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES!!!**

Sep 28 Thu

CLIMBING: PARLEYS CANYON Meet at the northern terminus of Wasatch Blvd. (about 2900 S) by 6:00 pm to walk into this fun area. Routes of all difficulties can be found. Call Kyle Williams (273-8076) if you have questions. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES!!!**

Sep 30 Sat

BIKE: ROAD/MTN LOGAN-FRANKLIN, IDAHO (MOD+). Join Sam Kingston (355-8043) on this beautiful 71 mile loop tour of northern Cache County, and briefly into Idaho. We will hit all the big ones: Benson, Amalga, Richmond, Cove, Franklin, Fariview, Lewiston, Cornish, Trenton (not New Jersey), Newton, Petersboro, and Mendon. No significant climbing will be encountered. Helmets required. Call Sam or Rick Kirkland (486-0909) to register.

Sep 30 Sat

HIKE: HAWK WATCH, GOSHUTE MTNS, NEVADA (MOD 5.0) Join leaders Jim and Judy Bailey (261-5603) on a birding hike to observe migrating hawks and falcons. **Hawk Watch International** operates a Raptor banding and observation post at this time of the year on top of the Goshutes and welcomes visitors. The trailhead is approximately 25 miles South of Wendover. We will carpool early and stop for dinner afterward in Wendover. The limit is 12 people, so call early!

Sep 30 Sat

HIKE: PARK WEST OVERLOOK (NTD 3.4) Join Leaders Lee & Jerry Hambleton (295-7057) will lead this relaxing Millcreek hike. Families are welcome. Meet at the East Skyline High lot @ 10:00 AM. Oh yes, please don't call after 8:30 pm as we have to get up real early for work.

Sep 30 Sat

HIKE: SUGARLOAF PEAK (MOD 4.2) Leader Randy Long (943-0244) says that this is probably the easiest 11,000 foot peak in the Wasatch and one of the first hikes that he ever did. The scenery is reminiscent of a Colorado peak, with fine views of Cecret and Pittsburgh lakes as well as Devil's Castle. Meet at the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:30 AM.

Sep 30 Sat

HIKE: THUNDER BOWL V BELLS CANYON (MSD 8.2) Leaders Steve Carr (261-5787) and Marianne Faubion (467-4620) plan to close out the season in style with a visit to one of the most ruggedly beautiful cirques around. ****Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.****

Sep 30 Sat

HIKE: WHITE PINE TO RED PINE (EXT) Enjoy a nice scramble between the lakes with Leader J Dewell (645-5317). There's plenty of boulders so bring your good boots. Meet at the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM. ****Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.****

Sep 30 Sat

SOCIAL: RUSTLER'S MOON BBQ Join Alan Brennan for a twilight BBQ on Antelope Island. We'll mingle with the resident brine flies for this autumn treat at a picnic area on the west beaches of the island. Bring a dish to share (enough for six) and a grill item. Meet at the LDS Church parking lot at Antelope Island Road and 2000 West in Syracuse at 4:30 pm. Those who would like to carpool from SLC, meet at 3:30 in the south-west parking lot of the Capitol. Call Alan (1-801-776-9206) for additional details.

Sep 30 to Oct 1 Sat-Sun

BACKPACK: LEADERS CHOICE
UINTAS Leader Patrick McEwen (571-5033) will decide between Red Castle, Ostler peak or another Uinta destination. Patrick will be leaving Friday evening. Call to register.

Sep 30 to Oct 1 Sat-Sun

CARCAMP: LEADERS CHOICE
Leader Tom Munn (533-0819) says the destination will possibly be the La Sals, but call for more info.

Oct 1 Sun

BIKE:ROAD/MTN WANSHP-HENEFER (MOD). Join Ellen Jenkins (265-0553) on this ride of fall colors through the rural communities of Hoytsville, Coalville, Echo, and Henefer. This will be an out-and-back distance of 42 miles without any significant climbing. Meet her at the Parley's Kmart at 9AM to carpool or, at the Spring Chicken Inn in Wanship at 10AM. Helmets required.

Oct 1 Sun

HIKE: BROADS FORK TO THE MEADOW Leader Jim Piani (272-3921) will lead a mellow fall hike to this meadow below Twin Peaks. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Oct 1 Sun

HIKE: CIRCLE THE CIRQUE (NUTS) OK Superhikers, testosterone building up again? Well, this time it's George Frazier's turn to scare the living hell out of you. As George puts it: "We will ascend the main summit of Lone Peak by way of Jacob's Ladder. Then we will circle the cirque, going over the South and Question Mark summits, staying on the edge until it gets too scary (?). Then we will drop off (*drop off?*) the backside, swing around into the cirque and head home." Yeeehaa folks! have a good one! George's number is 583-1205.

Oct 1 Sun

HIKE: DEVIL'S CASTLE FROM ALBION (MOD 6.1) A bit of scrambling yields a great view on this dramatic-looking summit above Alta. Jim Janney (521-0538) leads. Meet at the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 9:00 AM.

Oct 1 Sun

HIKE: LAMBS CANYON TO OVERLOOK (NTD 3.4) The scenery in this area is great year-round, so Join Leader Evelyn Clayton (485-4974) for a nice Autumn stroll through the pines. Meet at the East Skyline lot @ 10:00 AM.

Oct 1 Sun

HIKE: LOOKOUT PEAK V KILLYON CANYON (MOD 6.0) Leader Carrie Adams (532-6630) will meet hikers at the North East corner of the Hogle Zoo parking lot @ 9:00 AM.

Oct 1 Sun

HIKE: PFIEFFERHORN (MSD 9.8) Leader Louise Rausch (583-3305) will take hikers on one last snow free hike of this dramatic summit. ****Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.****

Oct 1 Sun

MOUNTAIN BIKE: MUELLER PARK (MOD). Rick Kirkland is hoping for fall colors during this great singletrack ride. Total mileage is 14 with about 1700' of elevation gain. Meet at 9 AM at the Bountiful K-Mart, 2600 S. off I-15 in Bountiful. The ride should take 3-4 hours. Check first if the weather looks questionable. For more info, call Rick Kirkland at 486-0909.

Oct 4 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).

Sep 30 to Oct 5 Sat-Thu

BOATING: LABYRINTH OR RUBY CANYON BEGINNER CANOE TRIP (I+) Still no leader yet so feel free to call Mark McKenzie (486-4986) to sign up or volunteer to lead. This is Canyon Country at its best. Don't miss it!

Oct 5 Thu

CLIMBING-PETES ROCK- Meet at 6:00 pm and we'll climb for as long as the weather and sunlight allow at the big rock at 5300 S Wasatch Blvd. Call Kyle Williams at 273-8076 if you have Questions. **NOTE- HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES.**

Oct 6 to 7 Fri-Mon

MOUNTAIN BIKE: MOAB WEEK-END (MOD). This weekend will provide opportunities to explore the Moab area. We'll drive to Moab Friday night and cycle Saturday and Sunday, then return to Salt Lake on Sunday evening. We've rented a mobile home; the cost will be approximately \$20.00/night per person for lodging. Food is up to you. To register and get more information, call Rick Kirkland (486-0909). Register early! There is limited space on this trip.

Oct 7 Sat-Sun

BOATING: WESTWATER CANYON OF THE COLORADO RIVER (III+) Westwater Canyon is always one of the favorite fall trips. Vera Novak's (487-7072) is almost full, so call her soon to reserve a spot. A \$25.00 deposit is required.

Oct 7 to 8 Sat-Sun

CAR CAMP: LOGAN CANYON Leader Bill Lewis (1-801-753-8724) says that Logan Canyon should be great this time of year. Several nice day trails will lead you through splendid Autumn colors. Call for more information and to register.

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Oct 7 Sat

HIKE: CHIPMAN PEAK (EXT) This hike would probably rate about 11, which makes for a challenging hike. It is definitely worth the effort, however, as this is one of the best vantage points on the little cottonwood ridge to view the Pfeifferhorn, Lone Peak and Lake Hardy. Cassie Badowski (278-5153) will be providing the leadership. ****Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.****

Oct 7 Sat

HIKE: SUNDIAL (MSD 10.2) Leader Jim Smith (943-6004) will lead one final ascent of the Club symbol. Be prepared for scrambling & exposure. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride @ 8:00 AM.

Oct 7 Sat

HIKE: DRY HOLLOW (MOD 7.3) Seldom traveled but scenic, Gloria Abdallah (466-9016) will take you there. Meet at the East Skyline lot @ 8:30 AM.

Oct 7 to 8 Sat-Sun

SKIING: BRUNEAU DUNES IDAHO Join Edgar Webster (583-0703) for a crazy weekend of skiing sand dunes. (Please see coming attractions for the details and a neat story.)

Oct 8 Sun

HIKE: NEBO BENCH TRAIL (MOD) Leader Patt Kottcamp (467-7231) says "Hopefully we will have some Fall colors left as we hike around the Eastern base of the highest peak in the Wasatch. Enjoy the view from below for a change! ****Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.****

Oct 8 Sun

SOCIAL: POT LUCK AT SCOTT HARRISON'S Join your WMC friends for an enjoyable evening of food, conversation, and great views of the Salt Lake valley at Scott Harrison's home. Bring a dish to share (enough for six) and the beverage of your choice. Cover charge: \$2/members, \$4/non-members for paper goods. Don't forget to bring your swimsuit and towel for some relaxing time in the hot tub. Pot luck starts at 6 pm. Address: 4636 Westview Drive (3200 East). (Heading south from 4500 South and Wasatch Boulevard, take the third left hand turn off Wasatch Boulevard. Scott's home is north-west corner of the first full cross street--first left. Call Scott (277-9871) with questions or if you get lost.

Oct 12 Thu

CLIMBING-PETES ROCK- Meet at 6:00 pm and we'll climb for as long as the weather and sunlight allow at the big rock at 5300 S Wasatch Blvd. Call Kyle Williams at 273-8076 if you have Questions. **NOTE- HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES.**

Oct 14 to 15 Sat-Sun

BACKPACK: KOLOB AREA Leader Joanne Miller (1-801-649-5996) says that this will be an easy backpack in the North area of Zion Ntl Park. She plans to backpack about 3 hours, establish camp, and day hike from there to such places as Kolob Arch, etc... Call for more information and to register.

Oct 14 to 15 Sat-Sun

CAR CAMP: CALF CREEK Leader Jerry Hatch (583-8047) says to come out and support wilderness by visiting this endangered spot in the Escalante area. Adolescents are welcome. Call for more information and to register.

Oct 14 Sat

HIKE: LEADER'S CHOICE MILL-CREEK (NTD) Leader Randy Long (943-0244) says kids of any age are welcome. Call for more information and to register.

Oct 14 Sat

HIKE: NORTH FACE OF OLYMPUS (EXT 13.1) Enjoy a Mountain Goat Marathon with Tom Walsh (969-5842) on the mighty crags that make up the Northern half of this peak. This is a dangerous hike, so be prepared for lots of scrambling and exposure. ****Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.****

Oct 14 Sat

SOCIAL: SQUARE DANCE AT THE LODGE Get ready to kick up your heels and come to enjoy a swinging good time with your friends at the WMC lodge. Potluck starts at 6:15 pm (please bring enough to share with six others--plates and utensils will be provided), dancing will commence at 8 p.m. Instruction will be provided -- no partners needed-- bring your friends. Cover charge: \$5/member, \$7/non-member. Coffee will be provided, soft drinks will be available for \$0.50, or you are welcome to bring your own beverages. Call Randi Gardner (485-4902) for further details.

Oct 15 Sun

HIKE: ROBERT'S HORN (MSD) Leader Brad Yates (583-1205) says that this will be an exploratory route from the Alpine Loop road to Emerald lake to get a unique view of Timpanogus. ****Wilderness area, please pre register, limit 13.****

Oct 17 Tue

BOATING: WESTWATER CANYON PLANNING MEETING Please meet George Yurich at the boating shed 4317 S., 300 W., #8 at 6:00 if you are going on this trip.

Oct 18 Wed

WMC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING The WMC holds general membership meetings twice a year. The purpose of the meetings is for members and the governing board to communicate about issues which are critical to the WMC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Zion's Lutheran Church, 1071 S Foothill Blvd. at 7:00 pm. Check the October *Rambler* for confirmation.

Oct 19 Thu

CLIMBING-PETES ROCK- Meet at 6:00 pm and we'll climb for as long as the weather and sunlight allow at the big rock at 5300 S Wasatch Blvd. Call Kyle Williams at 273-8076 if you have Questions. **NOTE- HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES.**

Oct 20 Fri

SOCIAL: LINE DANCE INSTRUCTION & COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING Linda Kosky will teach from 7 - 8 pm; band starts at 8:30 at one of our favorite dance halls with a WESTERN flair. Linda will be teaching the third Friday of each month. Cover charge \$3/person. Call Linda (943-1871) for details.

Oct 20 Fri

SOCIAL: OPERA Join us for an evening of dinner and one of the world's most beloved operas--La Boheme. RSVP to Liz Cordova (484-3740) as soon as possible, as tickets go fast.

Oct 21 to 22 Sat-Sun

BOATING: WESTWATER CANYON OF THE COLORADO RIVER (III+) This will be the last trip offered this season by the WMC. Come join George Yurich as we end the boating season in style. A \$25.00 deposit is required. Call George Yurich at 546-2665 to sign up or if you have questions.

Oct 21 to 23 Sat-Mon

CAR CAMP: LITTLE WILD HORSE CANYON Leader Tom Munn (533-0819) says that Little Wild horse is a tight narrow canyon that other narrows canyons are compared to. We may also still be able to persuade congress to protect this area as Wilderness. Little Wild Horse is near Goblin Valley and the San Rafael. Call for more information and to register.

Oct 21 to 22 Sat-Sun

CAR CAMP: SAN RAFAEL SWELL Leader Will McCarvill (943-5520) says this will be the second annual work/play weekend in the Swell area. Saturday we'll work on a BLM project near Mexican Mtn, playing Sunday in the same area. Will says that the camping area is spectacular! Call for more information and to register.

Oct 21 Sat

HIKE: NOTCH PEAK (MOD 7.1) This is the Club's annual Wick Miller/Carl Bauer Memorial hike. Leader Jerry Hatch (467-7186) invites you to visit the Bristlecone and enjoy the view from one of the West's greatest peaks. The trip leaves the I15 & 7200 S. park & ride at 6:00 AM sharp! After the hike we will sample the fine cuisine of Delta, Utah.

Oct 26 Thu

CLIMBING-PETES ROCK- Meet at 6:00 pm and we'll climb for as long as the weather and sunlight allow at the big rock at 5300 S Wasatch Blvd. Call Kyle Williams at 273-8076 if you have Questions. **NOTE- HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WMC CLIMBING ACTIVITIES.**

Oct 28 Sat

BOATING: END OF THE SEASON WORK PARTY (II). For those who participated in the rafting activities this season, please come help with inventory, cleanup, and repairs assessment at the boating shed 4317 S 300 W #8 at 9:00a.m. Call Vera Novak (486-7072) or Janis Huber (486-2345) if you have any questions.

Oct 28 Sat

SOCIAL: HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE LODGE Will the goblins be out again this year at the haunted lodge? Come one, come all to the most festive costume party anywhere in Utah!!! Music will be provided by Rob Snow's Time Lords of Rock 'n Roll (60's & 70's). Potluck starts at 6:15 pm (please bring enough to share with six others--plates and utensils will be provided), dancing and other nefarious activities will commence at 8 p.m. Cover charge: \$5/member, \$7/non-member. Coffee will be provided, soft drinks will be available for \$0.50, or you are welcome to bring your own beverages. Call Randi Gardner (485-4902) or Lucy Shoell (272-5234) for further details. There may be snow at the lodge so plan on wearing appropriate foot wear and remember your flashlight--it will be dark earlier than you are accustomed to. Reminder--you have the option of staying overnight at the lodge for a \$3 fee.

Nov 5 Sun

SOCIAL: END-OF-SEASON SLIDE SHOW AND POT LUCK The Entertainment Committee is planning an end-of-the-season slide show and potluck, to enable the WMC's "shutter bugs" to share their slides with their WMC friends. Plan on taking some great slides on your WMC trips this spring/summer/fall, load up the carousel at the end-of-the season for a fun evening of sharing our adventures. More details will follow in future editions of the Rambler.

Nov 15 Wed

BOATING: END OF THE SEASON BOATING PARTY/PERMIT PLANNING MEETING. What better way to end the old season but to start talking about the next season? Be sure to bring both pictures/slides and a pencil(/pen). Also bring a potluck dish. The festivities will start at 7:00. Planning meeting will begin at 8:30. The party will be at Janis Huber's house. Please call her for directions (486-2345)

THURSDAY NIGHT HIKE INFO

Thursday evening hikes are for Club members only. Meet at 6:30 pm. All hikes leave the meeting place at 6:45 pm sharp! All participants must sign a release form and be prepared for whatever weather conditions are expected that day. No Dogs!

The Wasatch Mountain Club Gratefully acknowledges the generous contribution made by the Red Rock Brewing Company to the Club's 75th Anniversary Reception at Memory Grove.



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From The President

by Nance Allen

VOLUNTEERISM IS ALIVE AND WELL

Volunteers working together are the soul of the Wasatch Mountain Club. This core value was demonstrated again as we celebrated our 75th Anniversary last month. The long list of individuals below is but a brief reminder of our historical beginnings as a volunteer organization and how much we continue to rely on our members; and there's nothing like a good **PARTY**, especially a week long party, to get people to rise to the occasion. So, as you meet these people on other WMC activities, please join with me in expressing your thanks for the gift of their time and talents for having made our party so joyous.

Phyllis Anderson, Karin and Dennis Caldwell, Alexis and Karla Kelner, Linda Kosky, Tom Munn, Barbara Richards, Lee and Phyllis Steorts, Al Brennan, Ann and Jim Weschler, Ruta Ehlers, Jim Piani, Mike Budig, Craig McCarthy, Bill Franks, Janis Huber, Rick Kirkland, Pam Earle, Vilma Lewis, Leslie Whited, Ilka and Alan Olsen, Bob and Denna Wright, Chris Taylor, Felecia Kulsic, Gloria Leonard, Leslie Woods and Pete, Sam Kievit, Gary Myers, Betty Roman, Judy Hendrickson, Margaret McEwen, Evelyn Bruenger, Larry Swanson and all the others who helped to make the 75th anniversary celebration such a success.

From the Ski Touring Director

by Brian Barkey

WINTER IS ONLY A BLIZZARD AWAY!!!!

OK, how many of you think that a **telemark** is some obnoxious guy on the phone trying to sell you something? How many of you are afraid of **snow snakes**? How many of you think that **backcountry skiing** is only for barrel chested Norwegians called "Sven"? How many of you crawl into your hole in the **winter** and **hibernate**?

Well, pull your heads out and come to the REI/WMC introduction to winter activities and backcountry skiing, October 3, 7:00 pm at the SLC REI store.

Did you know that you don't need ski lifts to go **skiing**?

From the Boating Director

by Janis Huber

As the boating season is winding down (but still far from over), there are two noteworthy activities I would like for you to write on your calendar:

End of the Season Work	October 28
Party	9:00am
End of the Season Party	November
Party/Permit Planning	15 7:00pm
Meeting	

Both activities promise to be tons of fun for all. Specific details for each activity is listed in the Activities writeup.

e-mail: For those of you who are able to use e-mail, send me your e-mail address and I will start a list. We should have a good electronic mail list by next season.



WMC President Nance Allen at 75th Anniversary Reception

From the Mountain Biking Coordinator

by Linda Palmer

As we head towards autumn it's felt like a short but fun summer season. We've had a great turnout for weekend and Tuesday night rides. Tuesday rides have been so well attended that we split the rides into two groups to accomodate different speeds of riders. Although we're tapering off a bit after Labor Day, we've still got several fun rides scheduled during September and early October, including the traditional fall Moab trip.

As I write this I'm planning to move to California during the last half of September, so this will be my last month as mountain biking coordinator. I've had a great time and have enjoyed riding with a wonderful bunch of people.

I'm going to miss you!

Special thanks to Vince Desimone, Rick Kirkland, Frank Bernard, Tim Boschert, and Barb Petty for your willingness to lead several rides this season. Your helpfulness has made the mountain biking group a success.

I'll make sure the biking director (Rick Kirkland) has my new address and phone number in case you're in the bay area and want to go riding!

From the Publications Directors

by Reda Herriott and Jim Zinanti

Thank you to all our readers for your many varied answers to our "Wildness" Contest. Some of you were just positive that the posteria of the fourth person from the right was Tom Cruise. Sorry it was Tom Smith. Congratulations to our winner. Fedrica M Gallegas. She has won a a 1995 Chevro mobile...and a full length genuine furmoth coat. Along with a genuine 25 karet rock. Thank you Fedrica for entering our contest and good luck with the gifts.

It is with great pleasure and plead... err I mean bowing we welcome our new "Single" Male Mailing Coordinator...HELLO HARRY KIMBROUGH. Please give a long loud applause to Christine Allred who has been our wonderful coordinator for the last 3 1/2 years. VOLUNTEERS, we still need you for many other positions.

On a major editorial NOTE..We hope our many (old) previous friends and (new) friends can join us, Saturday, September 16th at the First Unitarian Church, 569 South 1300 East in Salt Lake City to help us celebrate our Partnership in more than co-editors of the Rambler. Our wedding will be at 6:00 in the evening with reception to follow. Thank you in advance to Martha Veranth for adding wonderful Scottish Country Dancing to start at 8:00. Please share this with us as...Yes, we met in The Wasatch Mountain Club. Thank you for all your support as we continue our co-labor of love...working on the Rambler.
(no gifts please)

A Letter to WMC Friends

August 9, 1995

from Maureen Supple and Frank Atwood

Dear Friends:

We are moving to Maryland, just 25 miles south of Washington DC. As of Labor Day our new address will be 14 Mattawoman Court, Indian Head, MD 20640-1900. (1-301-753-8264). The back of our house looks over the Mattawoman Creek. We are about as far south of the White House as Dulles Airport is west of the White House.

On March 25, we had a second son, Graham Thomas Supple, born at 11:04 pm, 8 lb. 13 oz., 21" at birth, now 16+ lb., 26+". Mother and child are very healthy. This announcement would have been made sooner if there were only one child. Maureen's life is currently summed up by the quote: "Long days, short years." We call him "Little Graham Cracker" to get him used to the inevitable nickname. Son Edwin, 21 months older than Graham, is recovering from the loss of only-child status and is making the transition to being a big brother. It helps that Graham tracks and adores Edwin whenever he comes near.

If you're in the DC area we'd enjoy having you visit and stay with us. (House warming party 3pm November 11 - with possible fly fishing off the deck).

Rock'n' Roll Dance & Potluck

No costumes, contests, or celebrities for this dance.

Join us in the thin air of Big Cottonwood Canyon
for some great rock and roll music
from the 50's through the 90's.

Bring a dish to share
along with your attitude, energy, and enthusiasm.
We'll provide the music.

Place: WMC Lodge at Brighton
Time: Saturday Sept. 23, Potluck at 6:30 pm, Dancing at 8:00 pm
Admission: \$5 for WMC members, \$7 for others
Information: Contact Dave (1-801-451-7675) or Patti (973-7984)

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Membership applicants must participate in at least two Club outdoor or service activities. Yearly dues are \$30 single, \$45 couple, \$15 student, \$5 application and reinstatement fee.

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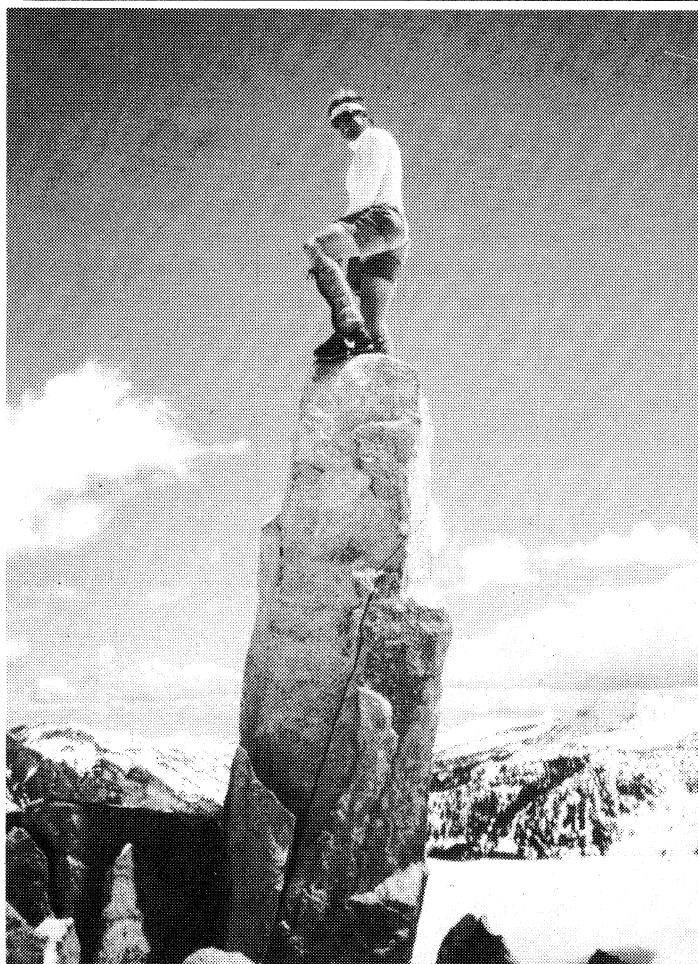
by Jim Zinanti

Dial 238-9669. This is the new voice-mail system being tried by the WMC. It allows directors to leave messages for members and prospective members to get current information about the CLUB. Messages can also be stored for the various directors.

Activities which miss the Rambler publication can be announced through the voice mail. The various mail boxes are:

2	Public Relations (information director)
3	Membership
4	Hiking
5	Boating
6	Conservation
7	Entertainment
8	Lodge
9	Mountaineering
10	Publication (Rambler)
11	Bicycling
12	Current Events and Volunteer Opportunities
13	Skiing and Winter Sports

In order to listen to the message or leave a message in one of the mail boxes, call 238-9669. When asked for the extension number, key in (You need a touch tone phone.) the box number and a #. The message will be heard and you can leave a message in the box. Directors can check the boxes from their own phones and do not need to see if a message was left for them at the WMC office. Note: The answering machine at the WMC office has been disconnected.



George Frazier Atop Pk. 10,516. June 18, 1995
photographer: Brad Yates

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Oct 7 to 8 Sat-Sun

SAND DUNES SKI TRIP My life just isn't silly enough. I feel the need to do something goofy. Maybe I just don't talk to Brian Barkey or Tom Walsh often enough. Maybe I need to go ski the sand dunes!!!

HISTORY: About a dozen years ago some friends were returning from a spring ski trip in the San Juan mountains. They decided to camp at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument in southern Colorado. On a whim (or something) they hiked up the dunes with their skis. It was great, and a party was born. Now every year during the full moon in September the gang meets at the dunes. 80 - 100 people dressed like Arabs, skiing the dunes, dancing under the full moon, it is a beautiful sight. The Denver TV stations and newspapers cover it, Warren Miller featured this event in his movie "Escape To Ski". Only one problem: those dunes are 14 hours away by car, what to do?

IDEAS: In southwest Idaho is the Bruneau Dunes state park. 500 vertical feet (like the Powder Parks). No motor vehicles allowed on the dunes. Hot springs nearby. Full moon the weekend of October 8. About four hours drive from Salt Lake Silly. Sounds good.

THE EXPERIENCE: The dunes are big fun to ski and are great practice for skiing snow. The dune faces are 30 to 40 degrees in pitch and long enough for lots 'o turns. To climb you just shuffle up the dune ridges, no skins are needed. Arab dress is appropriate, not just for comfort but also for fun. Gaiters help keep sand out of your boots. Skiing sand is like snow, except a little slower. Wide skis help keep you on top & moving faster, but any skis will work. You can telemark, parallel, snowplow or take it straight in a tuck. Snowboards work well too but are no help on the uphill.

MORE INFORMATION: This trip is planned for the weekend of October 7 & 8. I'll be heading down friday night October 6. camping is first come first served. Showers and hookups are available. Please call me at 583-4070 to express interest, disbelief or to ask questions. Sim sallah bim.

UPCOMING SOCIALS

Nov 12 Sun SOCIAL: PLAY - READING

Nov 17 Fri SOCIAL: COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE

Nov 18 Sat SOCIAL: HARVEST CELEBRATION

Nov 5 **SOCIAL: END-OF-SEASON SLIDE SHOW AND POT LUCK** The Entertainment Committee is planning an end-of-the-season slide show and pot-luck, to enable the WMC's "shutter bugs" to share their slides with their WMC friends. Plan on taking some great slides on your WMC trips this spring/summer/fall, load up the carousel at the end-of-the season for a fun evening of sharing our adventures. More details will follow in future editions of the Rambler.



April 14-21, 1996 - WMC BAJA HA! HA! SAILING TRIP -

The Sea of Cortez between Cabo San Lucas and La Paz is the cruising area for a fun-filled trip next spring. A void the UTAH MUD Season and chase away WINTER BLUES in MEXICO. sailing, scuba, snorkeling, whale watching, beaches, and visiting interesting shore-side places and towns.

No sailing experience is necessary. Those wishing to learn more about sailing will have plenty of opportunity. The trip is expected to cost \$1000 or so which includes air and ground transportation, boat costs, food on-board, hotel, etc.

Three BOATS have been reserved. Only 5 spaces remain and must be filled in September or the boat will be cancelled. To reserve your space send a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 to Vince DeSimone PO Box 680111, Park City, Utah 84068-0111, or CALL 1-801-649-6806 for details.



June 1996 **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 at 485-9623 to start training to carry heavy loads, stay stormbound 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!

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TRIP TALKS

Map & Compass Course

July 10, 12 and 15

by Phil Fikkan

Fourteen hardy souls decided that it was about time to learn some map and compass skills. The course was divided into two indoor sessions and one outdoor exercise on Grandeur Peak where people got a bit more realistic idea of determining bearings, resectioning, etc. Hopefully Ken Krahulec my co-instructor and I were able to take some mystery out of the process.

It is hoped that students in the course will continue to work on their navigating skills in the trips ahead and perhaps pass on

some knowledge to other club members. I appreciate the help of Ursula Jochmann and Kyle Jones in getting the course off the ground and to my co-instructor Ken Krahulec.

Those taking the course were Ursula Jochmann, Kyle and Chase Jones, Maria Wrotniak, Aaron Jones, Dave Dahlkamp, Fred Gabriel, Dave Nardinger, Cathy Hunn, Sharon Coons, Jack Curtis, Terry Rollins, Russ Pack and Cassie Badowsky. An enjoyable, enthusiastic group who should always remember "Indian Not lost, teepee lost!"

White Pine Lake Hike

July 2, 1995

by Joyce Johnson and Phil Fikkan

Obviously hyper to get out of the city, 25 hikers showed up for the trip to White Pine Lake. Our major winter was still in evidence by the tremendous amount of snow above tree line and a small patch of melt water emerging from the center of the lake. There was so much snow that the normal switch backs through the upper talus could be bypassed for a more direct route up the snow face. Fortunately there was little "post holing" involved as the snow, with the exception of sink holes around trees, was quite firm. A lot of fun was had glissading down from the upper bowl. By the time we hit the lower trail it was really starting to

warm up and a lot of running water was present. All in all a great day and very different White Pine Lake from the one we normally see in July. Taking part in the trip were: Ed Hemphill, Mike Hendrickson, Annemarie Ferrari, Larry Lawlor, Dale Woodward, Robert Hemphill, Jim Janney, Rachael Fischer, Brad Nuttal, Alex Ranney, Dave Dahlkamp, Ellen Jenkins, Michael Berry, Barbara Hillman, Chris Negus, Crystal Sysak, Ron Thole, Phil Fikkan, Laura Goldberg, Tim Walthius, and Harvey Glenwood (can't be sure about this last signature, may be studying to be a doctor!)

American Twins

July 16, 1996

by Phil Fikkan

Despite a very warm day in the city our little band of trekkers was quite small, Patti Johnson, Dave Nardinger, the "testosterone twins" Bert Balzer and Monty Young, and myself leading. With all the snow in Gad Valley the hike was a far cry from a normal July hike but a very pretty one none the less. A friendly debate ensued on the summit as to the correct way to sight our small signal mirrors. Balzar and Fikkan being older and wiser knew the right way from our heliograph days in World War I. To put him in his place however Phil found out that you

get better photos when you have "film in the camera". There was some excellent sitting and boot glissades coming down from the top for thee of us, the twins having gotten the okay to split off and take the ridge down to the top of the tram. We did not relish the descent into the hotter valley, but all good things must come to an end.

Jim's Battalion

August 6, 1995

by Ann Wechsler

What do you do when it's 100 degrees in the valley and you have a whole Sunday ahead? Why, join Jim Piani's Thaynes Peak hike of course. No problem provided you arrive in time to see Jim and his troop peeling out of the lot. But, we caught them at the trailhead in Millcreek Canyon, and with heads counted, we took off together.

This seemed to be a morning for speed. Chris, the "hare-ette" Baierschmidt set a pace that many of us tortoises couldn't match, so we set our own. Thaynes Peak is a moderately steep hike with a canopy above and lush vegetation below — a perfect escape from an overheated, overcrowded valley — and this was the season for wildflowers. An enjoyable hiking time for us was two hours exactly. Hiking time for the speedier hares was a half hour longer (for having missed the abrupt turn to ascend the peak).

This contingent arrived at the top after logging an extra couple of miles.

It was all downhill from there, including the conversation. Some of us took the same route down, slowly, awkwardly, and painfully. Others choose the interminable switchbacks. We waited at the bottom for our drivers (the hares), who seemed to yearn for the extra couple of miles. Not to worry — we again had a convivial time waiting for them.

When heads were counted again, it was mid-afternoon and the small battery of tortoises and hares agreed it was, indeed, a splendid way to spend a hot day along the Wasatch. Members of Herr Piani's Sunday Militia (not ranked by speed or athleticism) were: Keri Adams, Denise Apperson, Chris Baierschmidt, Mike Budig, Brian Kelley, Lee Moss, Tom Taylor, Ann and Samantha Wechsler, Dale Woodward, and Kip Yost.

"One of the Best Hikes in the Wasatch" Silver Lake to Day's Fork

July 22, 1995

Jerry Hatch

As I told Ellie Ienatsch, my favorite hikes are those which combine outstanding scenery, a detailed look at the flowers, and some interesting history. This hike fit the bill perfectly.

The morning still had a pleasant, residual chill to it when we arrived at Silver Lake. While we were getting ready I peered into the windows of the new visitor's center; it looked interesting, and worth of a future visit. The hike began on the new board walk which curves around the grassy margins of the lake. With a little imagination one could see the great old log lodges of yester year reflected in the still waters.

Upon reaching Twin Lakes we walked out onto the old dam. For the first time I realized that it was quite a handsome engineering project for its time and place; a sort of mini-Hoover Dam amongst the firs and spruce.

Clambering up from the pass above the lake, we reached the Honeycomb Cliffs, which was new country for me. (being acrophobic, the 'cliffs' part very successfully kept me away). Fortunately, since our route was along the top of the cliffs I didn't have to worry about exposure or scrambling. --and the views down into both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons were dazzling. I bitterly regretted not bringing my camera.

Lunch was eaten on the saddle between Silver Fork and Grizzly Gulch. Someone pointed out that Michigan City had once stood in the Gulch immediately south of us, and off to the northeast we could see the boiler of the once mighty Prince of Wales mine. (The mountain beneath it is a honeycombed maze of adits and shafts; literally hundreds of miles of workings).

Following lunch we made our main history stop. We carefully worked out way down a steep, sometimes gravelly slope to the Davenport cabin. I had been there before on a couple of occasions, but it is always exciting to renew one's acquaintance with this little known and unexpected survivor. I was pleased to see

that this century old miner's cabin was still being beautifully maintained by its impromptu friends. After examining the new metal roof and ancient rough hewn (but beautifully fitted together), log walls, I went inside and checked out the views from the two plastic windows. The wire mesh desk was still there, - with the 'cabin's journal' on top of it. The bookshelf still had its copies of the Bible and Gibran's *The Prophet*, along with some other, less edifying reading material. And here rusted parts of tools which apparently date back to the cabin's early days.

(We were not alone at the cabin, while we were there Tom Silberstorf gave away his canteen to a young man and his son who had lost theirs on the way up from Silver Fork).

As we went around the top of Silver Fork we had to cross several once gigantic cornices. Even in late July they were towering, icy testimonials to the fierceness of last winter. The walk down Day's Fork was a naturalists's delight. Ellie was a wonderful leader so well acquainted with the area that she was able to show us a hidden natural bridge. Midway down we reached the first of the flower-choked meadows. The blues were more vivid and profuse than I had ever seen them. Everywhere there were white geraniums and pinked tipped paintbrush. Ellie also pointed out Macon Buttercups, Starry Solomon Seal, Sweet Ann's Second year Genfian, Heliotrope, Colorado Columbine (probably the loveliest of all the wildflowers), Prickly Gillia, and Jacob's Ladder. My personal favorite was however, the tiny brown flower shaped like a rabbit, --Hare Figwort.

Mike Budig summed it up very well, as we got down towards the parking lot at Spruces, "This is one of the best hikes in the Wasatch".

Hikers were: Charles Allert, Nancy Phillips, Tom Silberstorf, Jerry Hatch, Diane Davidson, Ira Seidman, Margaret Strickland, Dale Woodward, Mike Budig and Trip Leader Ellie Ienatsch.

CACTI AND ROMANCE BLOSSOM AT THE PHANTOM RANCH

April 23 to 29, 1995 Part one of two parts

by Mike Eisenberg

It was our second dinner at the Phantom ranch and the table conversation was loud and jovial. Zig Sondelski stood and asked for attention and then asked again. "This afternoon at Pipe Creek I asked Vera Novak to marry me." Vera sat grinning next to Zig with a modest blush. "She said she would have me." We cheered and joked and congratulated them. It was perfect. Zig had led Vera around the bottom of the Grand Canyon all day trying to locate the right spot. He finally found a setting of sunshine and flowers: he asked and she accepted.

About six weeks earlier I received a call saying sorry both the south and north rim trails are out, the water pipe is gone and the ranch is flooded. See you next year. Just three weeks before our planned date the same lady called and said "Hey we'd really like you to come." I was off on my fourth trip to the ranch.

Early on Sunday morning Zig rolled the Retirement Van out of Bountiful pulling a U-Haul trailer. Two stops later nine of us were pulling out of the Southtowne Mall parking lot headed for adventure. Vera served as tour guide extraordinaire. Zig and Vera had planned out a leisurely and colorful route for our trip. We cruised down I-15 to Nephi and then headed to Gunnison. Down the road a bit we dallied to take in the highlights of Elsinore. We saw stone buildings dating back to the turn of the century that had been schools and pioneer homes. Also we admired our first example of "rural ecclesiastical architecture" (the local "waard" to the unenlightened). We exited I-70 and visited

the Fremont Indian State Park. It has a small but nice museum, lots of petroglyphs along an easy trail. Along the road back to the interstate we stopped to look at a petroglyph of the spider grandmother. For some reason it really appealed to Joan Proctor but I didn't see any resemblance.

We slowed to view the Big Rock Candy Mountain. Sadly among the nine of us we couldn't remember all the words to the song. Hank Winawer entertained us while we drove on to Circleville proudly proclaimed as the birth place of Butch Cassidy but lacking even one sign with an arrow pointing the way. As we passed Orderville I recounted the story of fashion coming to that metropolis that I had heard on the bus ride to the now famous One Day North to South Rim hike of four years ago.

In the late afternoon we pulled into Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. When you go there tell them you are one family staying in one tent at one campsite. The ranger there wanted to charge us fifty or sixty dollars to camp overnight. Hank and Vera fluttered their eyelashes at him (you really can't tell just by looking) and he finally conceded the single campsite rate. How many WMC members does it take to put up Linda Koskey's borrowed tent? Answer- All you got. The tent turned out to have interior crossed poles. A totally humbling experience was enjoyed by all. We then went off to hike the Coral Pink Sand Dunes which date back to the Jurassic period. They seem to resonate with some emotional chord causing me to feel both exhilarated and

relaxed simultaneously. On the downside they proved unslideable even though I had brought a plastic trash bag.

After our hike we were ready to head into Kanab and dinner. Most of us went to Niedra's Two which has become a regular stop for club trips through Kanab. The food is Mexican and good. We drove back to camp in the dark and Zig found it. He is really good.

In the morning we headed down a dirt road into Arizona. We stopped briefly to evaluate the mud and reconsider the prudence of our road less traveled. Even though Kathie Keeler insisted she would not push, Judy Morf said she was less traveled and on we went. We arrived at the Colorado City Dairy before it opened at Eight A.M.. We were welcomed by women with downcast looks and a friendly "uh". We admired their long dresses and bought some dairy products and then headed into town. For those who don't know Colorado City and Hildale on the Utah side are polygamist communities. We drove around and went to the supermarket. Joan Proctor considered staying when a local kept eyeing her, but she couldn't get the subservient attitude just right.

We zipped to Freedonia, crossed the desert, and drove up onto the Kaibab Plateau. As we neared Jacob Lake the snow along the road was several feet deep and we lamented our lack of skis. A half hour later we were again looking down at a magnificent desert from the snowy Kaibab Forest. A few miles and minutes later we were at Lee's Ferry. We were disappointed to find the ticket office closed but we understood why when we discovered the ferry under four feet of water and muck. Lee, an interesting character, had built the ferry to accommodate and profit from the Mormon colonization of Arizona. He had established several farms in Utah and left a wife to run each of them. The ferry was actually run by one of his wives. (It ought to be called Mrs. Lee's Ferry.) It has a hotel, a storage house and some other stone buildings of indeterminate purpose. Lee was a participant in and the only person jailed for the Mountain Meadow Massacre. Following lunch and exploration we retired to the van (I had to say it just once) We crossed the Colorado on a bridge.

Our first stop to view the canyon was at the Desert View Watchtower which has a replica of an Anasazi watchtower, a gift shop, ice cream, and this huge varihued hole in the ground. We stopped at the Bright Angel Lodge where it only took an hour to check in for the Phantom Ranch. We ate and headed south out of the park then headed twenty miles south to our motel (I had canceled the original motel reservations). Who should walk into the lobby right behind us but Frank Lengyel and Scott Poppen, which was good as they were going to the ranch with us. We found Jim Bailey and Judy Frojen in the restaurant and we were in good shape. I'll skip the part about the midnight phone calls and who snores louder-- Hank or me-- and where Brenda went when Hank turned his back.(Ask them.)

At 8:30 the next morning we were at Yaki Point raring to head down the South Kaibab Trail into the Grandest of Canyons. The day was perfect, we were excited and we could see the trail descend below into shadows and muted colors. The trail has no water on it, it's steep and in the afternoon makes hell seem air conditioned. But the morning was cool and there was snow on the trail on the shaded portions. I have a personal history with this trail. Two years ago carrying a forty pound pack I fell in behind Rich Osborne and Cassie Badowsky. I intended to pace them a bit and then drop back to the rest of the group. It seemed like fifteen minutes later we were at the ranch. Last year I went back up to check on someone and got a warning ticket from a ranger for going to fast when I was catching up with the group.

(She really said, "This time I'll only give you a warning."). This time I went slowly and enjoyed it. The top section goes along a wall and you lose altitude rapidly. It is mostly in the morning shadows and alternately faces the sun lit North Rim and the darkened South. It is difficult to watch your footing as your eyes are drawn to the exotically named formations. After an hour you arrive (and just in time) at a three walled monument to immobility. There is a large flat area with one shade tree and the first hint of the day's heat. At this point photos are mandatory. A short rest and then you get a look at how long the trail down actually is. Everyone falls into their own thing. Zig is pointing and naming the formations, Linda is checking her feet (she lost a bunch of toe nails on the rim to rim), Hank and Brand are just enjoying themselves and each other, while Jim and Judy (Frozen) are watching for birds.

At this point we encountered the mules coming up. First there were the packs led by the leathery cowboys and then came the riders who had overnighted at the ranch. They sit gingerly on their mounts and greet us with hellos and grimaces. Then we hit the flat of the Tonto Plateau. The first brief glimpse of the river gives us encouragement and sets us up for the steepest section of the trail where endless short switch backs draw you rapidly into the depths of the canyon. It is an hour since the trail has had any shade and the day is now hot. There is a long flat section and then a gradual drop and a man is standing at the end of a switch back waiting. "Mike" he says. I suppress an urge to answer, "Dr. Stanley". Instead I greet Gibbs Smith who with his wife Kathy and Daughter Jordan complete our troupe. They had started down on Utah time. The rock is now green. The final switch backs end with the black bridge. It is green along the river and even greener as we hike the final half mile to the Phantom Ranch.

At the ranch there was cold beer, warm greetings and big smiles. Then we grabbed towels and enjoyed warm showers and for some it was nap time. The North Kaibab Trail was closed within a half mile of the ranch so exploration was limited. Relaxation was definitely the order of the day. Dinner time came and we were surprised with priority seating. The same meals are served everyday at the ranch. They are served family style and the first bowl of stew is inhaled rather than eaten. It is only when seconds were passed around that conversations began. Dinner climaxed with chocolate cake and then like a large family we passed the dirty dishes to the end of the long table. Each night there is a ranger talk and then quiet activity around the tables. We slept in rustic log cabins between clean sheets to the music of Bright Angel Creek outside our doors.

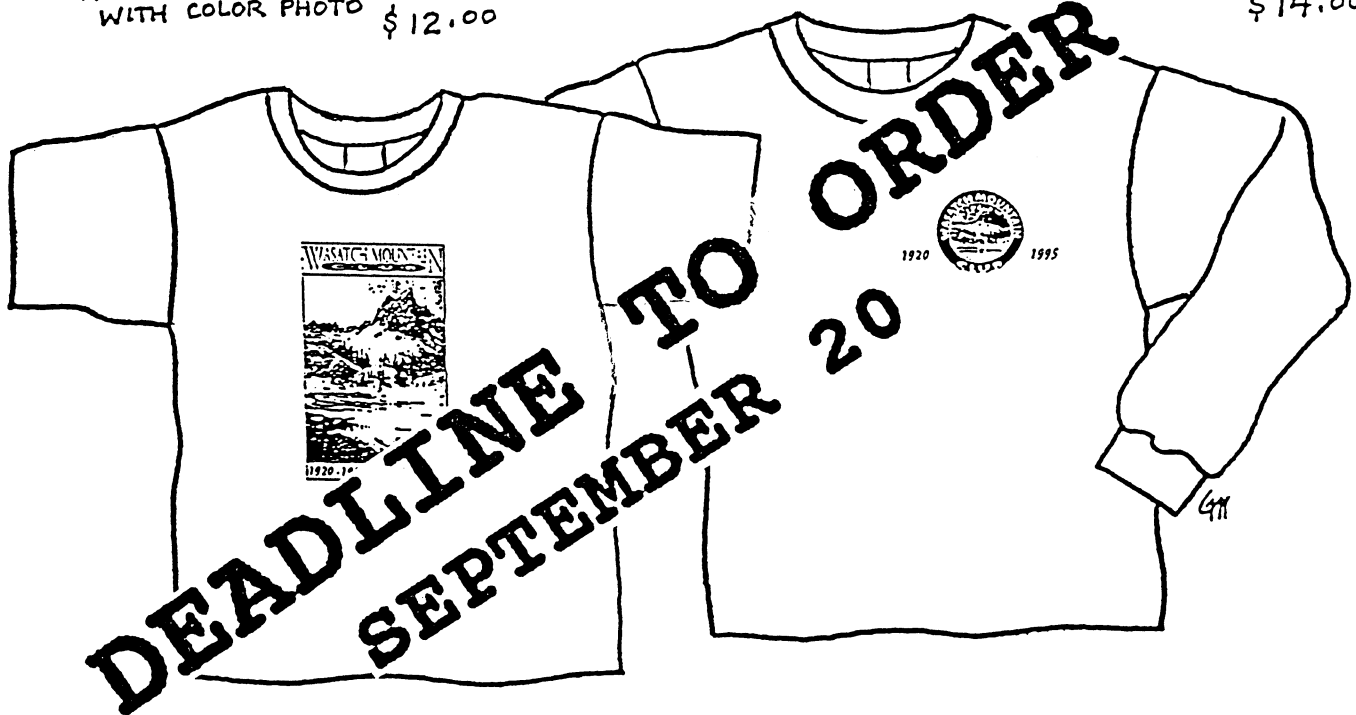
Breakfast was at five. Despite our gluttony of the previous night an enormous amount of breakfast disappeared quickly. Then on to the business of relaxation. Groups went off for short hikes and then wandered in and out for naps and conversation. Gibbs Smith met with an old friend who put away a ten inch steak with eggs and potatoes while relating the rigors of leading pack mules up and down the canyon each day and then jetting off to recite his cowboy poetry at festivals on the weekends. We sat, talked met people, read aloud and hiked as the outside world became irrelevant.

After the evening ranger talk I fired up the tape player that I had hauled down and Linda led, what else?, western line dancing. Linda, Brenda, and Vera choreographed the Kaibab Shuffle. It was inspired by the long hike down. What a talented group! The dancing yielded to packing as we faced a five A.M. breakfast and a long climb back to the world of fantasy.

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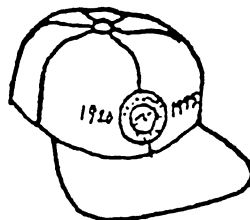
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