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MEMBERS: If you have moved, please call the WMC office or send your new address to the Membership Director. Allow 45 days for address changes. If you did not receive your *RAMBLER*, contact the Membership Director to make sure the WMC has your correct address. Replacement copies are available, while they last, at the WMC office during office hours.

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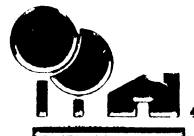
WMC Purpose

(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:HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Brian and Gerri Barkey demonstrating ski ballet in full lip lock.



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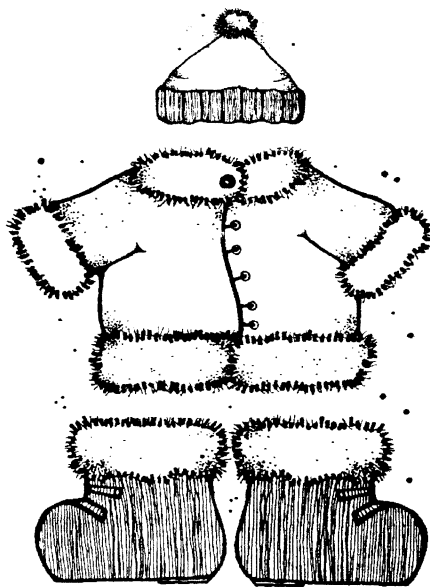
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Open Weekend at the Lodge for Family and Friends
And Snow Throwers Work Party
February 21 and 22

We already have all the makings of a GREAT snow throwers party--

- 6 snow shovels
- 15 feet of snow on the roof (200% of average)
- an endangered 70-year-old historic lodge
- two nearly-blocked entranceways that must be kept open
- a toasty fireplace inside with hot drinks and pizza
- an aerobic exercise opportunity
- and a volunteer target for human-powered snow missiles (See note below)*

Your lodge really NEEDS YOU!

A few great folks have been helping out, but this year's record-making snows are more than they can keep up with. We need at least 20 people working together to save the lodge. Come for just an hour or two on Friday evening or early Saturday morning and still enjoy a beautiful day in the Wasatch. If you can't come this weekend, call Bill or Julie about other possibilities for helping.

*Note: This weekend's volunteer target will be Bill Hughes, Lodge Director. This is a large enough target for everyone to hit at least once. A rapidly moving object, it is also an excellent opportunity to refine your skills through multiple practice throws.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AND ELECTIONS**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1997

7:00 P M .

**ZION LUTHERN CHURCH
1070 SOUTH FOOTHILL BLVD.**

**WE WILL ELECT THE '97-'98 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND CONSIDER ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE
WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB FUTURE.**

YOUR PRESENCE IS NEEDED!!

**REMEMBER, IT IS YOUR CLUB-THE NEW BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW HOW
YOU WANT IT TO BE RUN!.**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

BULLETIN BOARD

WMC LODGE

AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL USE

The WMC Lodge can be rented on a full or half day basis. Full day rate is \$225. Contact Julie Jones (1-801-278-4753) for information.

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, please contact Jeri at 561-3777.

International Folk Dancing every Monday evening at the University of Utah in the East Ballroom of the Student Union. Teaching from 7:30 to 8:15 PM. No partner needed.

REI CLINICS

Clinics begin at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted, and are held either at the Salt Lake City store, 3285 E. 3300 S., or at the Orem Store, 322 W. 1300 S. Call 486-2100 in SLC or 922-9500 in Orem for more info.

Snowshoeing 101, Tues Feb 4th, SLC Store: Snoeshoeing continues to be one of the fastest growing, most popular winter sports. Join REI for this clinic to learn all about the equipment you need and great places to snowshoe in the Wasatch.

AVALANCHE AWARENESS Wed. Feb 5th, Orem store: Join Dave Ream, Snow Ranger for the Salt Lake Ranger District to learn how weather, terrain, snowpack, and people all combine to create avalanche disasters.

ANIMAL TRACKING Tues Feb 11th, SLC store, and Wed Feb 19th, Orem store: Ever take a winter hike and wonder what those tracks were? Join animal tracking expert **Bruce Thompson** at the SLC store, or Back to the Source owner and guide **Lee Mercer** at the Orem store to find out more about those curious little snow prints.

SKI TOURING THE WASATCH Wed Feb 12th, Orem store: Veteran skiers and authors of the popular "Ski Touring the Wasatch" book series, Alexis Kelner and Dave Hanscom always give an informative and entertaining slide show about ski touring in the Wasatch.

TRAVELING THE AMERICAN WEST Tues Feb 18th, SLC store: Back to the Source owner and guide Lee Mercer has been traveling the American West for 20 years. His slide show is a kaleidoscope of colors and images that will be a treat to view.

CHOICE HUMANITARIAN EXPEDITIONS Tues Feb 25th, SLC store, or Wed Feb 26th, Orem store: Learn how you can seize a unique opportunity to reach out and experience another culture "off the beaten track" in an atmosphere of service, education, friendship, and adventure. Discover a way to transform yourself with a service expedition sure to be found exhilarating, compelling, disquieting, and enriching.

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.

*** On ski tours requiring avalanche transceivers, be advised that this season, only beacons compatible with the new international frequency standard (457 kHz) will be accepted on WMC ski tours.

+++ Ski Tour Ratings: EL=Entry level NTD=Not too difficult MOD=Moderate MSD=Most difficult.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

FEB 1 SAT

SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD) Christel Sysak (943-0316) will be dogging it to that well known lake. Join Christel at 9:30am at Butler Elementary.

FEB 1 SAT

SHOWSHOE: SILVER FORK (NTD+) Frank Bernard (533-9219) wants snowshoers to join him for today's tour up Silver Fork near Solitude. Meet Frank at 9:30am at Butler Elementary.

FEB 1 SAT

SKI TOUR MOD with Dallas Chopping (294-0061) Follow the pied piper of powder turns to an unspecified but undoubtedly great place! Meet at the Butler Elementary School Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m. Avalanche transceivers, skins and shovels are required.

FEB. 1ST, SATURDAY

SOCIAL: GRIZZLIES VS. LONG BEACH ICE DOGS AT THE DELTA CENTER. Meet Al Brennan and Dave Vance at Fuggle's 375 West 200 South at 5:00 p.m. for dinner or at the Delta Center Main Ticket Office next to the souvenir entrance between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. Call Dave with questions at 328-9364.

FEB. 1ST, SATURDAY

SOCIAL: SNOWSHOE - meet Joan Hunsaker (484-1503) has a fun afternoon planned to Lake Mary. Meet Joan at noon in the Butler Elementary parking lot located at 2700 East just south of 7000 South (Ft. Union Blvd.) Food, fun, and friends following snowshoe at the Canyon Inn. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

FEB 2 SUN

SNOWSHOE: WILLOW LAKE (NTD PENGUIN) Seems like Willow Lake gets its share of snowshoers. It's a popular destination for a leisurely stroll-at least on showshoes. Join Marsha Hansen (943-9294) at 9:30am at Butler Elementary to get in on this Penguin.

FEB 2 SUN

SNOWSHOE: TOUR ORGANIZER'S CHOICE

(MOD) Mike Budig (328-4512) wants to take snowshoers for their MOD run today. Join Mike at 9:30am at Butler Elementary to get started.

FEB 2 SUN

SKI TOUR (MSD) LAKE BLANCHE FROM ALTA with George Westbrook (942-6071) Please call to register as this tour requires an early start. Avalanche transceivers, skins and shovels are required.

FEB 2 SUN

SKI TOUR (NTD) LOWER GREENS BASIN with Oscar Robinson (547-1559) Meet at the Butler Elementary School Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m. Please bring skins.

FEB 2 SUN

SKI TOUR (NTD) SILVER FORK with Craig Anderson (464-3229). A fun and easy tour, but there is a little bit of up and down so please use sturdy back country gear and skins. Meet at the Butler Elementary School Parking Lot at 1:00 p.m. (note the relaxed starting time).

FEB 2 SUN

SKI TOUR (NTD+) NORWAY FLATS IN THE UINTA'S with Barb Petty (583-3134) Please call to register and to find out where to meet and who can come along (i.e. perhaps your dog?) Skins are recommended.

FEB 4 TUE

SKI TOUR (MOD+) THE TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB with Edgar Webster (583-0703) The 'MOD+' means that you will be going fast and hard so that Edgar can get back to work at noon. "Early to bed, Early to rise, break some trail, burn your thighs" Avalanche transceivers, skins and shovels are required.

FEB 5 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME. Join Kristen Keefe any time after 7:00 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 427

West 9160 South. Cost is \$7.99 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Rental gear is available. If you would like to learn how to climb or need more information, call Kristen (484-8729). Since this is a professionally monitored environment, helmets are not required.

FEB 5 WED

WMC BOARD MEETING at 7pm at the WMC office, 1390 S. 1100 E. ste. 103. The meeting is open to all WMC members.

FEB. 6TH, THURSDAY

SOCIAL: MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOEING & SKI TOURING (NTD): Meet at the entrance to the golf course on Conner -- one block east of Foothill and just south of Sunnyside (approx. 800 South and 2050 East) -- at 6:00 p.m. Bring a flashlight for equipment adjustments. Dogs and kids with responsible adults are ok. Call prior, if there is minimal snow.

Afterward, we'll retire to the fine pastries, hot drinks, and other goodies of The Bakery or other local eating establishment. Contact Frank (533-9219) with any questions.

FEB. 7TH, FRIDAY

SOCIAL: SING-A-LONG (NTD!!!) - Join Frank Bernard (533-9219) at 7 p.m. for the "second session of the season" of folk and joke singing (including washboards, pots, and horns). Bring your voice and/or musical instrument and join in the hilarity at Frank's (417 N. Center Street in Capitol Hill/about 130 West 400 North), and we'll entertain ourselves in this 100% audience participation event. Bring your own beverage and snacks - an enthusiastic attitude is the only other requirement!

FEB 8 SAT

SKI TOUR (EL/NTD) LEADERS CHOICE to a Park City area fee area with Liz Cordova (943-1871). Track and light touring skis are OK and bring some money for the people who groom your trail! Meet at the Parley's K-mart parking lot at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please give Liz a call.

FEB 8 SAT

SKI TOUR (NTD) LEADERS CHOICE with Gail Stockslager (485-5639) Meet at the Butler Elementary School Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m. Please bring skins.

FEB 8 SAT

SKI TOUR (MOD+) ADVANCED FREE HEEL POWDER CLINIC. Interested in lots of runs, lots of turns, and lots of laps on untracked snow, BUT with no climbing? Join Edgar Webster at Powder Mountain Ski Resort for his advanced free heel powder clinic. Since you will be using a chair lift there will be lots of time for working on technique and getting answers to ski questions. Call Edgar (583-0703) to register (limited to 8 to 10 participants). You will need a \$25.00 all day lift ticket. We will see if conditions justify the name of the area.

FEB 9 SUN

SKI TOUR (NTD+) TO JULIE ANDREWS MEADOWS in Timpanogas with Pete Mimmack (801-377-2330) This is a place that will make you burst out in joyous song! Meet at the 7200 south Park and Ride on I-15 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Alpine exit #287 Park and Ride on I-15 at 9:30. Avalanche transceivers and shovels are not required, (but recommended) and please bring sturdy back country boots and skins.

FEB 9 SUN

SKI TOUR (MOD) LEADERS CHOICE with George Frazier (359-6967). Meet at the Butler Elementary School Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m. Avalanche transceivers, skins and shovels are required.. Follow George in his never ending quest for the perfect powder shot.

FEB 9 SUN

SKI TOUR(MSD) TRIPLE TRAVERSE with George Westbrook (942-6071) Do everything in one day! From Alta to Parley's. It can be done! For more information call George. Avalanche transceivers, skins and shovels are required.

FEB. 9TH, SUNDAY

SOCIAL: ENTERTAINMENT PLANNING MEETING*POTLUCK** all welcome! Come join our group to plan the spring & start of summer events. Why not come and share your great ideas..no obligation. We'll have Lori's clam chowder and you can bring salad or dessert for 4-6 to share to 1261 Yale Ave./583-8133 from 5 - 7 p.m.

FEB 10 MON

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME. Join Herb Hayashi any time after 5:30 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 2074 East 3900 South. Discounted cost for WMC members is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Equipment rental is free to WMC members. If you would like to learn how to climb or need more information, call Herb (278-2620). This particular evening is geared towards families and younger participants are welcomed. Since this is a professionally monitored environment, helmets are not required.

FEB 11 TUE

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FEB. 11TH, TUESDAY

BREW PUB MOVIE NIGHT Meet Lou Patalano at 6:00 p.m. (553-8107) for dinner at the Desert Edge Brewery/the Pub, Trolley Square, prior to watching a movie. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

FEB. 14TH, FRIDAY

DINNER - DELLA FONTANA RISTORANTE (336 S. 400 E.) will be the setting for a special dinner at 7:30 p.m.. RSVP with Catherine. Cummings (363-2343) by Tuesday (2/11/97). Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

FEB 15-16 SAT-SUN

YURT TRIP (PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY) STEAM MILL in Logan Canyon with Edgar Webster (583-0703) For more info see the article in this Rambler.

FEB 15 SAT

SKI TOUR (MOD) WOLVERINE BOWL with Harry Goeckeritz (553-8163) Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 am. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.. This is one the best spots in the Wasatch to find good powder. Be forewarned that physically, the entrance toll is considerable!

FEB 15 SAT

SKI TOUR (NTD) BEAVER FLATS IN THE UINTA'S with Ralph Johnsom (544-2435). Meet at the K-mart on Parley's way at 9:00 a.m.

FEB. 15TH, SATURDAY

SOCIAL: RED HEARTS AND CHOCOLATE VALENTINE'S DANCE AND POTLUCK. Happy Valentine's Day! Strap on your red shoes, and get ready to celebrate this special holiday with the WMC's annual "Red Shoes & Chocolate Desserts" Valentine Potluck & Dance. Music provided by Rob Snow and the Time Lords of Rock 'n' Roll at the Hendrickson Lodge (take I-80 east up Parley's to exit 134 - Mountain Dell Recreation exit- turn right and follow frontage road to the parking lot). The potluck will commence at 6:30 p.m. with rock 'n' roll dancing to commence at 8 p.m. Please bring a salad or chocolate dessert to share with 4-6 persons. The cover charge is \$6.00/person for WMC members or \$8.00/person for non-members and will be discounted \$1.00 if you wear your best pair of red shoes or a Valentine's costume. BYOB and for more information call Jeannie Matyjasik/975-7753 or Mary Peterson/583-2503 for details. Car-pooling can be arranged by members to meet at Parley's Canyon K-Mart.

FEB 16 SUN

SKI TOUR (NTD) LEADER'S CHOICE IN THE UINTA'S with Jerry Hatch (583-8047). Meet Jerry at the K-Mart parking lot on Parley's way at 9:00 am.

Jerry hasn't decided were he's gonna go, but you may need skins. Call him for more information.

FEB 16 SUN

SKI TOUR (MOD) TO REYNOLD'S PEAK with Jane Gunther (355-3010). Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 am Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required. This is one of Jane's favorite places to do the Wasatch powder dance. Always a good time!

FEB 16 SUN

SKI TOUR (MSD) PFIEFFERHORN with Walt Haas (534-1262 or haas@xmission.com) This is a great tour, but requires an early start. Please call Walt to Register. Avalanche transceivers, skins and shovels are required..

FEB 16 SUN

SKI TOUR (MSD) DESERET PEAK with George Westbrook (942-6071). This tour is a long one, but it offers intermediate slopes and great powder! Of course, this tour requires a very early start and please bring your headlamp! Please call George to register and find out the meeting place and time. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.

FEB 18 TUE

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FEB 20 THURS & FEB 21 FRI

MOUNTAINEERING (NTD) Attention armchair mountaineers, the Banff Festival of Mountain Films is here! Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21st, from 7:00 - 10:00 pm at the Fine Arts Auditorium on the University of Utah Campus. Meet there before 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for both nights, \$6.00 for one night, and the films are different both nights. Tickets will be available in advance at the Outdoor Recreation Program on campus, and at the Patagonia Outlet (3267 Highland Drive). Tickets day of show may be slightly more

expensive. This is a fundraiser for the Avalanche Forecast Center sponsored by the U of U Outdoor Recreation Program. For more information, contact Dan Harrison (581-5121 work, 485-2018 home).

FEB. 21ST, FRIDAY

SOCIAL: UTAH SYMPHONY Robert Turner will be hosting this evening at Abravanel Hall to hear a program of Debussy, Mendelssohn, and Beethoven preceded by dinner at 5:30 p.m. Please call Robert at 544-0605 or at 538-4861 for location and dinner reservations or meet at Abravanel Hall lobby at 7:30 p.m. to secure symphony seating.

FEB 21 FRI

LODGE OPEN WEEKEND for families to include night skiing at Brighton, potluck dinner, your favorite party or table games, and conversation by the fire. Members and prospective members are welcome to spend the evening or the night. Cost \$3 for the evening only or \$6 evening and overnight. Kids are free. The fee is waived for those participating in Friday evening's or Saturday's Work Party. For information or questions call Julie Jones at 278-4753.

FEB 22 SAT

SNOW THROWERS HIKE TO THE LODGE AND WORK PARTY Your help is urgently needed to clear the snow from the roof, dormers, and entrances. Bring a favorite shovel or snowblower. Shovels are also available at the Lodge. The work will start at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be available for all Snow Throwers. For further details or question call Julie Jones at 278-4753.

FEB 22 SAT

CLIMBING SOCIAL - "RESCUE ME!!" Crawl out from under or off your rock and join us for a climbing social. We'll start with pot luck at 7:00 pm and then practice rescue techniques. Bring your knowledge, your knots, and your lucky pot! RSVP to Kristen Keefe (484-8729) for directions to her house and more information.

FEB 22 SAT

SKI TOUR (NTD) GREEN'S BASIN FROM THE SPRUCES with Tom Walsh (969-5842). Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 am. Skis are recommended but a good wax or fishscales could be tolerable. If Tom can generate enough interest among those skiers who show up, the tour may continue up to Upper Green's Basin at which point the tour turns into a MOD+ and hence Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.. Call Tom to see what he and you desire!

FEB 22 SAT

SKI TOUR/BUS RIDE/BREAKFAST (MOD+) with Edgar Webster (583-0703). Meet at the park and ride lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon by 7:45 a.m. (Note the early start!). The bus is scheduled to

leave at 7:51 and 8:05 a.m. This is Edgar's big adventure! A bus ride up to the Silverfork lodge for breakfast, cross the street and hike up Mule Hollow to Bear Trap Fork and then ski down to Desolation Lake. If there is enough interest the group can ski Powder park, then ski out to the Spruces campground to flag a bus. Call Edgar to register. Edgar can't guarantee you powder, but he will offer a selection of pancakes, eggs and bacon!

FEB 22 SAT

SKI TOUR (MSD) MOUNT NEBO with George Westbrook (942-6071). This is a very long tour necessitating an early start. Please call George to register and find out where and when to meet. An ice axe is required, as are avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins.

FEB 23 SUN

SKI TOUR (EL) BONNEVILLE GOLF COURSE with Jaelene Myrup (583-1678). Meet at the east end of the Hogle Zoo Parking lot at 9:00 a.m. This is a guaranteed easy and fun tour and track skis are perfectly acceptable.

FEB 23 SUN

SKI TOUR (MOD) POWDER PARK with Tom Silberstorf (255-2784). Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.. Tom has his own idea of which park in this area is #1, which is #2 and which is #3. Argue if you want, but Tom is king of the hill in this park, and he'll know where the good stuff is!

FEB 23 SUN

SKI TOUR (MSD) MAYBIRD GULCH OR REDBIRD (the area between Red Pine and Maybird) with Chris Atkins (645-9665). The final destination depends on the snow conditions. Please call Chris to register. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.

FEB. 23RD, SUNDAY

SOCIAL: HOT 'N' SPICY POTLUCK/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. You are cordially invited to assist WMC master chef, Bob Graves, with the celebration of his birthday. Turn away winter's chill by enjoying Bob's favorite kind of food - **Hot 'n' Spicy!!** Plan on bringing your favorite flavorful or fiery dish, or a salad or dessert that will cool the palate. Host Craig McCarthy will kick off the festivities at his home, 518 North B St./521-5408 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Since recycling is recommended there will be a charge of \$1.00/members, \$2.00/non-members if you bring your own utensils and cups or there will be a cover charge of \$3.00/member or \$5.00/non-member to cover utensils, glasses, and fire extinguishers.

FEB 24 MON**CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM -**

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FEB. 26TH, WEDNESDAY

MOVIE NIGHT - Mary Peterson (583-2503) will be at Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza at 6:00 p.m. for dinner followed by a movie. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

MAR 1 and 2 SAT to SUN**YURT TRIP TO BUNCHGRASS IN LOGAN**

CANYON with Paul Dowler (294-5310) For more info see the article in this Rambler.

MAR 1 SAT**SKI TOUR (MOD) NORWAY FLATS IN THE**

UINTA'S with Clarence Cardwell (487-14356). Meet at the K-Mart parking lot on Parley's way at 9:00 a.m. to car pool. Clarence (a.k.a. C.T.) says that skins are recommended for this tour.

MAR 1 SAT**SKI TOUR (MSD) MAYBIRD GULCH** with Larry

Larkin (486-9060). Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.. There is a very long stretch of nicely spaced powder runs on this tour followed by a not so nice stretch of steep trees and gullies. Is the effort worth it? Of course it is!

MAR 2 SUN**SKI TOUR (MOD/MSD) DOWNHILL SKIING AT WOLF MOUNTAIN.**

How about a day of PC fun! The PC does not mean politically correct; in this case it means Park City. Cheryl Soshnik (Ph 801-649-9008) is organizing skiing at Wolf Mountain and hospitality at the Soshnik Hilton. Skiing will be MOD or MSD as the participants desire at the former Park West ski resort (bring lift ticket money). Hospitality will be apres ski at the Soshnik Hilton which consists

of hot tubbing and munchies (bring swimming suit, towel, munchies, and drinkies). Meet Cheryl at 10:00 am at the Wolf Mountain ticket office. Plan now to join this very excellent event!

MAR 2 SUN

SKI TOUR (NTD) FRANCIS AREA OF THE UINTA'S with Jerry Hatch (583-8047). Meet Jerry at the K-Mart parking lot on Parley's way at 9:00 a.m. You may want to use skins on this one. Give Jerry a call to find out.

MAR 2 SUN**SKI TOUR (MOD) CATHERINE'S PASS FROM**

ALTA with Dave Vance (328-9364). Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.. See what the downhillers are missing, as they are hobbled to their chair lifts.

MAR 4 TUE**SKI TOUR (MOD+) THE TUESDAY MORNING**

BREAKFAST CLUB with Edgar Webster (583-0703)

The 'MOD+' means that you will be going fast and hard so that Edgar can get back to work at noon. "Early to bed, Early to rise, break some trail, burn your thighs" Avalanche transceivers, skins and shovels are required.

MAR 5 WED**CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM -**

BEGINNERS WELCOME. Join Kristen Keefe any time after 7:00 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 427 West 9160 South. Cost is \$7.99 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Rental gear is available. If you would like to learn how to climb or need more information, call Kristen (484-8729). Since this is a professionally monitored environment, helmets are not required.

MAR 8 SAT

Ski Tour (MOD) to Red Pine Lake in the Wasatch mountains with Larene Miller (278-8758) . Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.. Follow Larene to see this winter wonderland!

MAR 8 SAT**Ski Tour Leader's Choice (MOD)** with Dallas

Chopping (294-0061). Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required. This is one fellow who will not leave anything to chance, particularly when it concerns skiing. How many folks do you see skiing with a bicycle helmet? With that kind of chutzpah, you'd better believe he's gonna find some great snow!

MAR 9 SUN

Ski Tour (MOD) to the Uinta's above Beaver Creek with Steve Townsend (463-9465). Meet at the K-mart

on Parley's way at 11:00 for a leisurely day with a good workout. Steve is searching for virgin snow, therefore bring your rigid boots, double camber, waxless skis (or skins) and metal edges are always helpful. Call for more information. Meet Jerry at the K-Mart parking lot on Parley's way

MAR 9 SUN

Ski Tour (MOD) to Powder Park with Cassie Badowsky (278-5153). Meet at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required.

MAR 9 SUN

Ski Tour (MSD) to Mt. Timpanogas with George Westbrook (942-6071). George plans to go up American Fork Caanyon to the Timponeke trail. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and skins are required and headlamps are recommended. Please call George to register and to find out the meeting place.

MAR 10 MON

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME. Join Herb Hayashi any time after 5:30 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 2074 East 3900 South. Discounted cost for WMC members is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Equipment rental is free to WMC members. If you would like to learn how to climb or need more information, call Herb (278-2620). This particular evening is geared towards families and younger participants are welcomed. Since this is a professionally monitored environment, helmets are not required.

MAR 11 TUE

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MARCH 22 SAT

SNOW THROWERS HIKE TO THE LODGE.

Members and prospective members are needed to remove snow from the roof and entrances of the lodge. Breakfast will be served at the lodge consisting of pancakes, eggs, hash browns, hot

chocolate and orange juice at approximately 8:30 AM. Lunch will be available for all helpers but please remember to bring water. For information call Julie Jones at 278-4753.

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MAR 29 SAT

VERY ANNUAL KINGS PEAK SKI TOUR (MSD DUE TO LENGTH) Larry Swanson has promised to return to Utah after a year in Hungary, just to make sure that the fine old WMC tradition of his one day spring skiing marathon to Utah's highest peak lives on! This trip is rated MSD only due to it's length (17.5 miles ONE WAY and 5,000 feet elevation gain). The plan is drive 2.5 hours from SLC on Friday night to camp out at the end of the road to the Henry's Fork campground. We'll get up at 4:30 AM, begin skiing at 5:00 AM, and hopefully return to the cars 12-14 hours later, just as darkness descends in the Uintas. Since the trip returns the same way it ascends, skiers may opt to turn back at Henry's Fork Basin or Gunsight Pass, both scenic and worthwhile destinations. For this very long day, bring plenty of lunch, water, sun screen, and a headlamp. Standard weight touring gear is best. Heavy backcountry gear or racing skis are usually the wrong choice for the conditions. Skins are often helpful but not mandatory as the track is generally not steep and the final traverse and ascent are done on foot. Beacons and shovels are not required. Registration in advance is not mandatory but we try hard to ski in and out on the same track for safety so get instructions at the trailhead or stay with the group until high in the basin. Call Larry Swanson at 278-3269 for more information and ride share location.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

ENTERTAINMENT

MARCH - MURDER MYSTERY
ST. PAT'S DANCE

A YURTING WE WILL GO!!

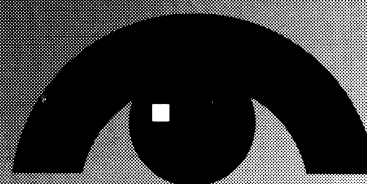
Mar. 1 and 2 Location:

Bunchgrass
Yurt in Logan
Canyon.
Leader: A
volunteer is
needed.

With the maximum of 6 people in the Logan yurts, the cost is \$48 per person for the two night stay. The Idaho yurt is approximately \$40 per person with the maximum of 8 people for the two night stay. There are other costs (i.e. a guide/porter which may be desired/required) which will be divided among the group. Note, yurt skiing is a very popular activity and these trips fill very fast! To get on the waiting list call the respective leader. For the trips without leaders call Brian Barkey (801-394-6047) to volunteer to be the leader and/or get on the waiting list.

MAY 3 TO 18 SAT THRU SUN **VENEZUELA, TRINIDAD, AND TAHITI**

The sailing trip to Tahiti will now take place October 97. A trip of one or two week s is planned during the May 3-18, 1997 period to Trinidad and Venezuela. If you would like to learn more about any of these trips contact Vince DeSimone 801-649-6805. Trinidad and Venezuela will be exploratory, mainly land based and should be considered adventure travel for the most hardy and adventurous.



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WANTED: ANY PHOTOS, GRAPHICS, or other ideas suitable for the cover page of future rambles. Please put any submissions in the blue box outside the office door complete with captions or appropriate explanations before the 15th of each month. Winter pictures are especially needed.

FOR SALE: Barely used Asnes Extrem tele skis, 205 cm, with lever cables and skins (50-55 mm) \$100.00 or offer. Call Chris (466-1905).

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DIRECTORS MESSAGES

CONSERVATION DIRECTOR SUSAN SWEIGERT

February brings the birth of a new conservation advocacy group in Utah - the Wild Utah Forest Campaign. By the time you read this, our status as a Project of the Western Ancient Forest Campaign (WAFC) should have been finalized. Yours truly, a founding member of the Utah group, may also have been elected to the Board of Directors of WAFC. (WAFC is based in Washington D.C.; it was founded in 1991 to provide small forest advocacy groups with getting their message to Congress and to the Forest Service.)

This is good news for those of you (nearly half of those who responded to the November Rambler's conservation survey) who feel the Mountain Club Conservation Director's first priority should be protection of Utah's forest lands. As you're no doubt aware, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance has effectively advocated protection and wilderness status for Utah's redrock lands for some time. But, until now, there has been no Utah group dedicated to statewide forest protection issues. Several smaller groups (Friends of the Dixie, Friends of Boulder Mountain, Friends of the Uintas, High Uintas Preservation Council) have sprung up to fight timber sales or other bad management decisions. But these groups have little funding, and no paid staff. Our group has received its first commitment of \$10,000 from a private individual, and WAFC's role as our "godparent" includes helping us raise money from foundations. We've already written a funding proposal focussing on three elements: conducting a roadless area survey, hiring a coordinator, and hiring a staffperson whose exclusive role will be fighting inappropriate timber sales.

Wish the Wild Utah Forest Campaign luck (and give us a WUF now and then). If you want to know more, call me at 521-8554.

SKI COORDINATOR BRIAN BARKEY

The winter Bivy

bivouac \biv(-e)-wak\ n [F, fr. LG biwake, fr. *bi* at + *wake* guard] : a temporary encampment or shelter.

That is Webster's definition. My definition, from a recent incident, is the coldest most miserable and uncomfortable night you can imagine. Since most of us live less than 1/2 an hour from some of the finest skiing in the world, none of us expect to spend the night. We visit the mountains so often, that many of us know the place intimately and consider it our backyard. But we must always remember that this is a dangerous alpine environment and 'Mom' is not just around the corner. If you get into trouble, you are on your own, and if you have no means of communication with the outside world, you may have to spend the night. From personal experience I have learned a lot and I hope some of my new knowledge will help you get through a bad night someday.

First of all, when you are forced to bivy, conditions will be bad, which is often the reason you are bivying. The weather is harsh, cold and wet. You may not be in a sheltered area. It is usually dark. You are tired, cold, wet, most likely lost, disoriented, scared, hungry and/or thirsty and you may be injured. You may have an injured person to watch over. In short, you will not be at the top of your physical and mental capabilities. But, this is the time when you have to be clear headed and strong in order to survive until help arrives, the sun comes up, or the weather abates.

Since, this article is about winter bivying, your most obvious obstacle is the cold and often wet snow. Next time you're out in the woods find out how long you can sit or lay in the snow comfortably with just your ski wear on. Then, take a few turns and climb a few hills to work up a good sweat and repeat the experiment. You won't be comfortable very long because most back country ski wear is designed to protect you from the cold air, not from direct contact with the ground snow. In order to sit or lay on the snow for any period of time, you'll need a layer of insulation between your body and the snow. Look in your pack. Do you have an insulating Ensolite sitting pad? An extra fleece jacket? Your skis can also insulate, albeit narrowly, you from the snow. Your pack can also be used as an insulating layer. In the old days, folks broke pine boughs out of trees to form sleeping pads. These days, in an emergency, this is acceptable behavior. Your insulator will probably not be comfortable, but if it keeps you off of the snow, it is adequate.

Next, you need to insulate yourself from the outside air. A snow cave is very comfortable, if you have the time, energy and know how to make one. Otherwise, look for natural shelter i.e. trees, downed logs, boulders and make certain to stay out of avalanche paths. If you don't have enough energy to make a snow cave, dig a pit to get out of the wind and roof it with your skis and some pine boughs. Put on all of your warm clothes, change into dry clothes if you have them, put on a hat or snug your hood tight. Finally, wrap yourself up in your plastic tarp which should always be in your pack, tuck in all of the open drafts (but keep your mouth and nose uncovered!) This tarp will not insulate you from the snow, but it will form a vapor barrier next to your body which will keep you very warm.

There is a common misconception that if a person falls asleep in the winter woods, they will not wake up. This is only true if you are terminally exhausted. If you are warm you may sleep, in fact, this is necessary such that you may regain your strength for the next days activities. If you have any food eat it. The extra energy will keep you warmer.

A resourceful person with a good attitude can survive a bivouac better than a well equipped person on the verge of panic. There is of course no guarantee on how you will react in a bivouac situation, but a few hours practicing bivy skills will help you maintain your composure. Knowing how to survive is very reassuring.

Wasatch Mountain club yurt information

This is a shortened version of the yurt information published in January's Rambler.

The yurts in Logan Canyon, which is a short 2 to 2.5 hour drive from Salt Lake are 3 to 4 miles and 1500 to 2100 vertical gain from the trailhead. As a veteran of both trips, I can say that these access trails are gentle enough for beginning intermediate skiers to handle as long they have good back country ski equipment and are in good cardio-vascular shape. I have used a sled to transport my gear into these yurts. It would be a rather long, yet technically easy snow shoe trip. Although, the access terrain is relatively shallow and free of danger, an avalanche beacon/knowledge is recommended, particularly if you plan on 'yo-yo' skiing the adjacent slopes. These yurts are operated by Powder Ridge ski touring based in Cache valley, Utah.

This year we have reserved three dates for these yurts;

Dates	Yurt location	Trip Organizer
February 15th and 16th Leave Saturday and come home Monday.	Steam Mill	Edgar Webster (583-0703)
March 1st and 2nd Leave Saturday and come home Monday.	Bunchgrass	Paul Dowler (294-5310)

The cost is \$46 per person with the maximum of 6 people in the yurt. The yurt operators requests that we send them release forms as soon as possible, so please contact the trip organizers soon. Besides, these are popular trips and, in the past, they fill up fast!

Until next month, Happy Yurting!

Brian Barkey, The 1996/97 Happy Yurtmeister

WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR TOM WALSH YURT LESSONS

Unfortunately the big weekend we had planned at the Bunchgrass Yurt north of Logan never happened. A storm the previous week dumped 70 inches of snow. The storm abated somewhat during our travel into the yurt, but it was still a factor, hampering our visibility and requiring rather slow trailbreaking. Just as it was getting dark we found ourselves nearby the yurt, but unable to locate it.

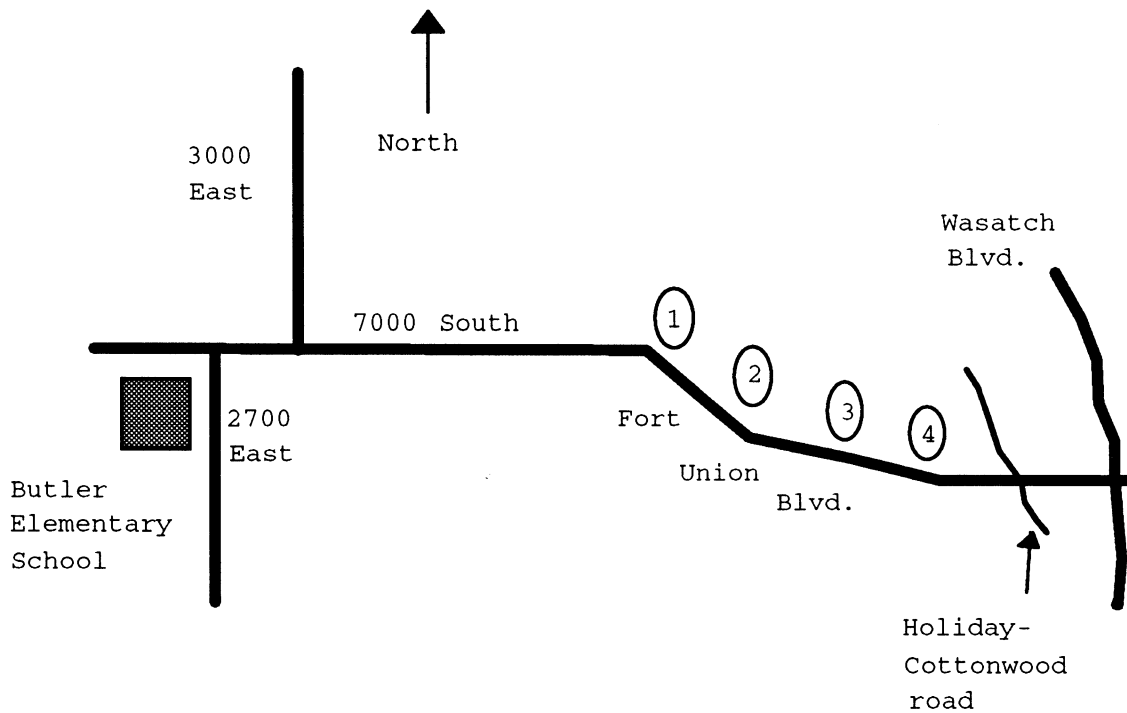
We were very much aware of the difficulties, discomfort, and potential danger of a winter bivouac. When it became apparent that we could not find the yurt, we huddled in a conference to discuss our plight. It didn't take long to decide to ski out.

In retrospect there were several things that could have been done which might have changed the outcome of our trip. The purpose of this article is to discuss them and perhaps learn from our experience. These yurt lessons are applicable to overnight, isolated, or severe outings.

We started slowly, and took our time driving, and spent time in Logan. We stopped at a Forest Service Ranger station to discuss the local weather. We skied in at a slow non-strenuous pace. None of these activities were inherently wrong, but cumulatively they consumed a lot of time. As we stood at elevation 8380, knowing the yurt was at elevation 8410, we needed TIME to methodically search for the yurt. We literally didn't have any daylight left to sweep around the area looking for it. Recommendation: Start early, proceed diligently, and have plenty of time available at the end of the day.

We were going to rely on landmarks to guide our way into the yurt. As a backup we had a good map and compass man who had a good quality altimeter. Plus we had a second altimeter and we were all "experienced" people. Wouldn't that be enough? Unfortunately the low visibility seemed to make all the slopes and trees look alike. The fluctuating barometric pressures of the storm pulses may have influenced the readings on the altimeters. Even a good altimeter has a significant plus or minus altitude factor in its readout. We found ourselves in a area that was ALMOST like the yurt neighborhood, and the altimeters were ALMOST right on the correct altitude. Recommendation: When weather is a factor, supplement your normal route finding procedures. (Most yurt operators offer a guide service.)

If a bivouac would have been necessary we would have found ourselves without enough equipment to stay outside overnight. The most important thing we lacked was a bivy sack, or some kind of moisture barrier. We were also short on ground insulation such as foam pads or thermorests. Why didn't I bring my foam pad? Recommendation: At a minimum, always carry a plastic emergency-type bivy sack. (Kirkhams has a \$10, lightweight, emergency bivy sack made of plastic space blanket material.)



CAR POOL PARKING LOTS FOR SKIING AND SNOW-SHOEING

Butler Elementary School

Access the parking lot from 2700 East just south of 7000 South. (Fort Union Blvd.)

We do not have a guarantee that cars won't be towed from here in the event of snow.

Fort Union County Parking lots

The numbers are for the WMC. Don't expect to see any numbered signs, these are basically wide pullouts on the north side of Fort Union Blvd. County time restrictions are to be followed, NO PARKING FROM 10 PM TO 8 AM.

Lot #1

3220 East Fort Union Blvd. (7000 South)

This lot will hold an estimated 5 cars.

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Lot #3

3420 East Fort Union Blvd. (7140 South)

This lot will hold an estimated 7 cars.

Lot #4

3600 East Fort Union Blvd. (7225 South)

This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.

FROM THE LODGE DIRECTORS

Come join your WMC friends at the Lodge on February 21 and 22 for a Lodge open weekend for families and friends. Bring a pot luck item to share Friday evening and a favorite game to play. Brighton is also open for those wishing to ski. Dress warm because the Lodge is cool this time of year. If you'd like to spend the night at the lodge bring bedding to include a sleeping pad and warm sleeping bag. There is no drinking water at the lodge so please bring one gallon per person for a 24 hour period. Breakfast is on your own. Hot water, chocolate and coffee will be available. The Lodge will open at 6:30 PM on Friday. The usual \$6 overnight fee will be waived for those who help at the work party on Friday evening or Saturday.

We'll also have a Snow Throwers Hike to the Lodge" and work party on Saturday morning February 22. We will need lots of people to help clear snow from the roof, dormers, and entrances to the lodge. Your help on Saturday would be most appreciated. Lunch will also be provided for all workers.

I want to express sincere appreciation to Kathy Anderson, Bill Hughes, Maren Jeppsen, Denise Kirby, Larene Miller, Susan Rabiger, Dave Rabiger, Dale Woodward, and Robert Wyse for their help with snow removal during the New Year's work party. We got the snow off the flat roof and front of the Lodge, but the heavy snows of January buried the lodge in deep powder. We desperately need your help at this work party, and hope you will plan to join us for at least one or two lodge open weekends or work parties this winter.

Also, sincere thanks goes to Martin Clemans, Brad Yates, Mary Ann Losee, Linda Kosky, Bill Hughes, Dave Rabiger, Eileen Gidley, and Sharon Stott, for finding the Goodro Annex and saving the dormer on Saturday, January 25th.

Our next snow removal day is scheduled for Saturday March 22.



SKIING CANDLAND

DEC 28, 1996

by Tom Walsh

Don't you love it when a project comes together? When everything works just like your most optimistic expectations?

In my role as a ski committee member I was making calls to potential trip organizers. A telephone recording reminded me that I had to dial 1 plus the area code prior to calling Paul Sheya to set up a trip. As we worked out the details I realized that he lives in Price! No problem - we just set up the trip for the central Wasatch Plateau. Paul and I decided to schedule the trip in Nuck Woodard Canyon, which I (incorrectly) visualized as similar to our local Beartrap Canyon.

Only one other person was interested in this trip, Paula Huff, a non-member who is a reporter for the Tribune. Our two and a quarter hour drive was spent talking about skiing, hiking the highest points in each county of Utah, and arcana of the newspaper business. Paul's red truck was at the rendezvous point exactly on time. From the swaybacked bridge (as the locals call it) we could see a long slope capped with a cornice that Paul recommended as the best telemark slope in the area. It turned out that Nuck Woodard Canyon is a long smooth-bottomed canyon best suited for touring. Instead we skied Candland Mountain located south of Electric Lake.

Paul and his gang of Castle Country Canyoneers really have a slick deal worked out for backcountry skiing. First you drive to the trailhead and climb up about 850 feet of vertical. Then from the top of Candland Mountain you ski easterly down 1450 feet to the swaybacked bridge. From there you car shuttle back to the climbing trailhead. This saves you time, plus it avoids 600 feet of vertical climbing. Cool.

A recent storm had deposited lots of new snow of a light to medium density. It was near perfect for telemark turns. The top half of the slope was mixed, open meadows with widely spaced aspen and pine. Trees got tighter just past the midpoint, but not so tight as to be a problem. After the tree line an open slope dropped down to the vehicles awaiting the next shuttle back to the climbing trailhead.

We LOVED the deal of climbing up only 850' so you ski down 1450' of vertical!

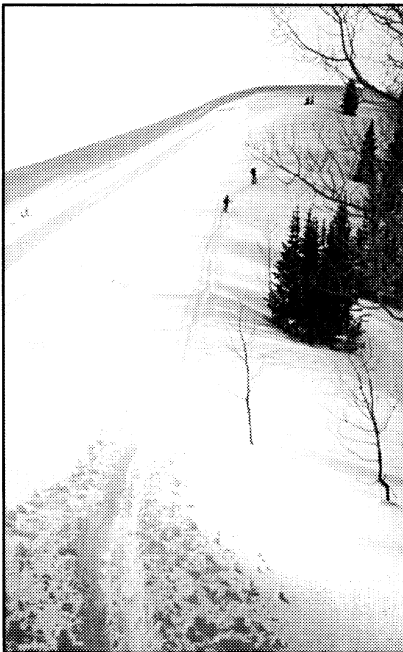
On our last run we skied more to the right than Paul had been before. We called this run Big Aspen after a pair of aspen growing an armspan apart and which were both about 2 feet thick. The run was a tele-dream. Gently rolling bumps and only a few trees punctuated a slope of 1000 vertical feet and which angled down at a smooth 25 degrees. We stopped before entering a long drainage which would have required a very tedious out-slog. Instead we hopped onto a logging road sloped about like our Millcreek Canyon and cruised around the mountain back to the trailhead.

The initial idea was to look for some skiing away from the crowded Salt Lake City Wasatch area. We definitely found it. This was a successful experiment. Paul welcomed us guests from up north and showed us as good a time on two planks as could be had anywhere. I highly recommend it.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS
A PHOTO TRIP TALK BY CHERYL SOSHNIK



**SKI POLE HIGH FIVE UPON REACHING
TWIN LAKES PASS ABOVE BRIGHTON
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CHERYL SHOSHNIK,
TOM WALSH, BRIAN AND GERRI BARKEY,
PETE MIMMACK**

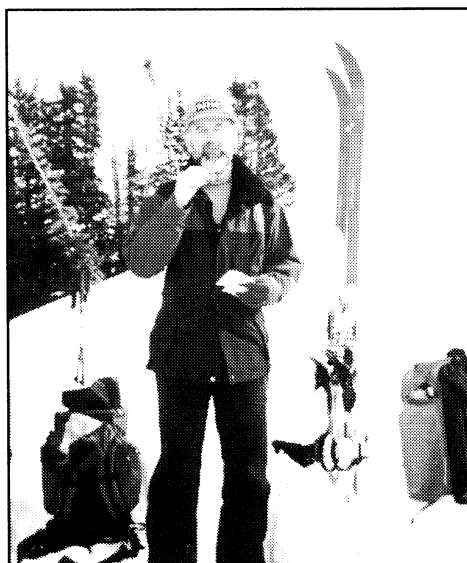
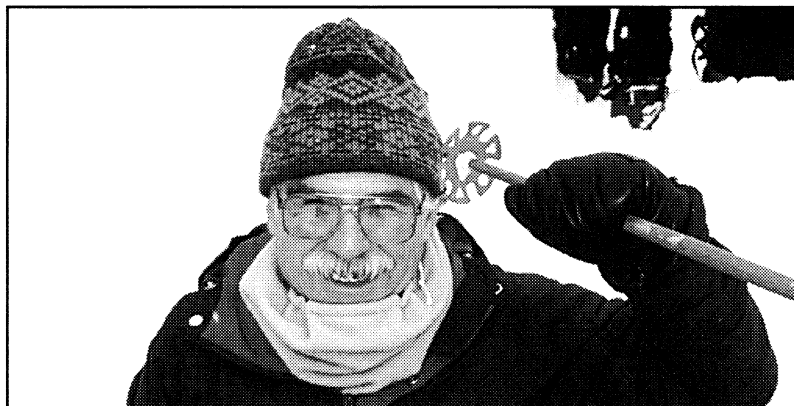


**BREAKING TRAIL TO REYNOLDS
PEAK, DECEMBER 14TH**

**PETE MIMMACK AND KYLE
WILLIAMS ON REYNOLDS PEAK**



**WILL SOMEONE PLEASE
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POLE OUT OF MY HEAD?
JIM PIANI ,UPPER
GREEN'S BASIN DEC
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**TOM WALSH ON REYNOLD'S PEAK
SKI TOUR
BY CHERYL SOSHNIK**



**BROAD'S FORK APRIL 1996
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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

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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.

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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 FRONT FORUM

LEGACY OF CONCRETE?

**Is massive highway building leading us down the road to Los Angeles?
How do we get off?**

**Evening Panel Discussion with Socializing and Refreshments
Sponsored by The Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club**

**Tuesday Evening, February 11, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.
First Unitarian Church - Meeting Hall, 569 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City**

In 1902, when U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond was born, there were only 18 miles of asphalt road in the United States. The amount of cement required for new construction on I-15 is enough to pave a 4-foot wide sidewalk from Utah to Florida. With current transportation planning and population growth, the Utah highways will be more congested when the "improvements" are completed in ten years than they are now.

Transportation funding is the most pressing issue in the Utah Legislature this year. Funding proposals include sales tax increases and gas tax increases of between 5¢ and 15¢ per gallon. Those increases are in addition to the \$1 billion which will come from cutting budgets of other state programs. Politicians are afraid the electorate will turn on them because of I-15 congestion. What are we doing about money for mass transit and about land use planning to save us from a future of endless concrete?

Nina Dougherty, Conservation Chair, Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club will be moderator. For information, call her at 581-8771 (W) or 322-4610 (H). Each of these panelists will give a brief presentation and entertain questions from the audience:

- **Mick Crandall, Program Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council: PLANS AND PREMISES FOR NEW HIGHWAYS ALONG THE WASATCH FRONT**
- **Philip Emmi, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Utah; Member, Utah Legislative Air Quality, Transportation and Land-use Task Force: DOES HIGHWAY EXPANSION REDUCE CONGESTION?**
- **Roger Borgenicht, Director of ASSIST, Inc.; Chair of FutureMoves: INTEGRATING LAND USE INTO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CAN TAKE US OFF THE ROAD TO L.A.**
- **Stephen Holbrook, Executive Director, Coalition for Utah's Future: WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OF THE COALITION FOR UTAH'S FUTURE IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE WASATCH FRONT?**

The Wasatch Front Forum, now in its fifth year, will feature the 1996-97 meetings on the second Tuesday of the months during the six-month period of October through March. The Forum was created to provide a forum for Utahns to learn more about the natural history of the Wasatch Front and the legal, political and social issues facing public land managers and local governments. The Forum is supported in part by the Citizens' Committee to Save Our Canyons, The Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, Friends of The Uintas!, Wasatch Mountain Club, Utah River's Council, and Friends of Great Salt Lake. If you wish to comment on or participate in future forums or have your name placed on a mailing list, please write to P.O. Box 58671, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0671 or contact Stephen W. Lewis 272-2598 or Joyce Maughan 359-5900.

THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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

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