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PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION

Applicants must attend two official WMC activities other than socials. Activities are listed in *THE RAMBLER* which is the official publication of the Wasatch Mountain Club, published by and for its members. Prospective members may receive *THE RAMBLER* for two months by writing the Membership Director at the above address and enclosing a check for \$5.00 payable to the Wasatch Mountain Club. (There is a \$10.00 charge for returned checks.) If you have internet access, the Rambler is accessible at <http://www.digitalpla.net/~wmc>. An application form may be found in the center of *THE RAMBLER*. Ask the activity trip organizer to sign your form after completing the activity.

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.

TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE or PHOTOGRAPH: Articles/photographs may be submitted in any of the following ways:

1. Email submissions to janzenrg@inquo.net
2. Mail submissions to the Publications Director at the office address
3. Hand deliver them to the WMC office between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm weekdays. (The building is generally closed and locked evenings and weekends.) Leave hand deliveries in the **Blue** box outside the office door.

If on diskette, please use 3.5" diskettes, MS/DOS format, and preferably in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format. Use Arial font, 10 point for all submissions. Label the diskette with your name and identify what file(s) are submissions. Enclose a hard copy in case your diskette cannot be read. The deadline is 6:00 PM on the 15th of the month. Photos of all kinds, B&W and color prints, and slides will be accepted. Make sure that the photo is labeled with the photographer, date, and names of people. Unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided, returned submissions will be available in the **Red** bucket outside.

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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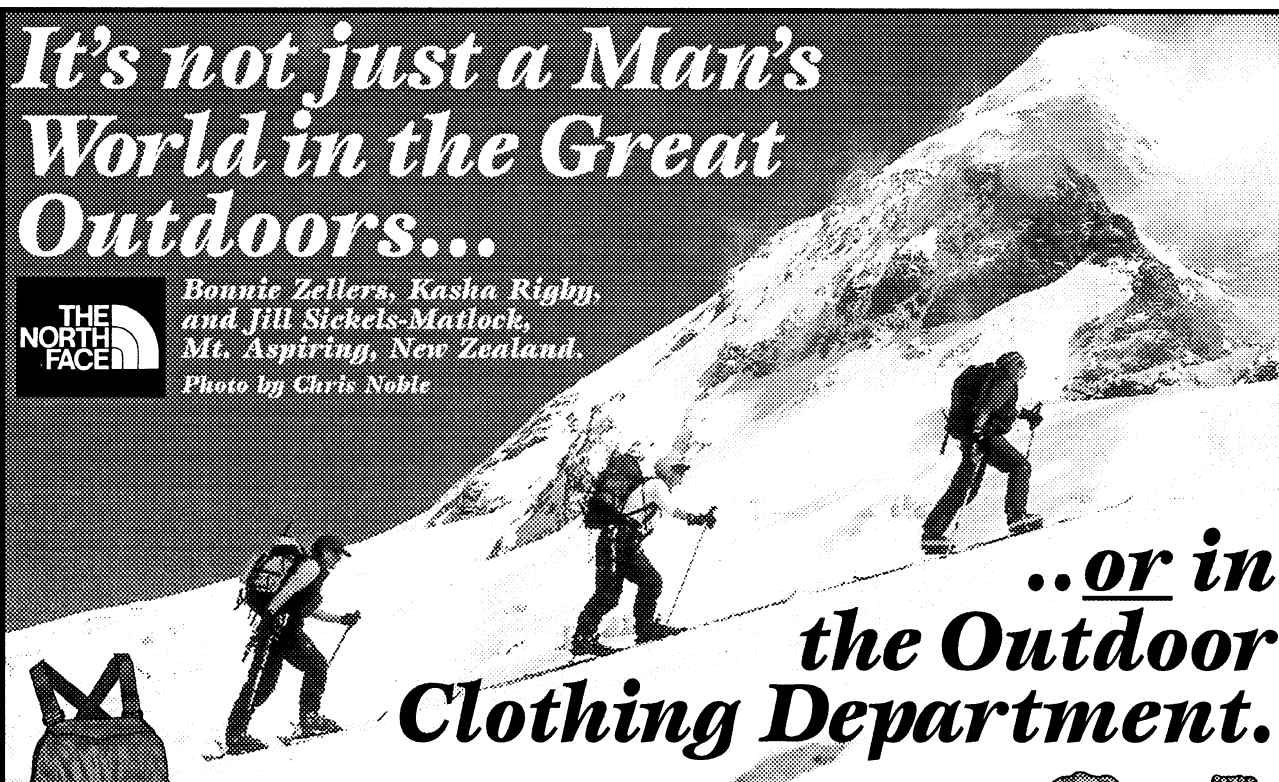
Cover Photo: Former Ski Director Brian Barkey on Tom's Hill Feb. 1998. "Going in Deep"

It's not just a Man's World in the Great Outdoors...



Bonnie Zellers, Kasha Rigby,
and Jill Sickels-Matlock,
Mt. Aspiring, New Zealand.

Photo by Chris Noble



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEW YEAR'S EVE?

Join us at the lodge for:

**Potluck & Dancing on New Year's Eve
Members only with one non-member/member**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SNOWSHOEING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Potluck: December 31, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.

Pancakes: January 1, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Snowshoe: January 1, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

Call Linda to RSVP @ 943-1871

See the ACTIVITIES SECTION for more details.

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interactive forum • resources

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 \$250. Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535 for information.

Attention: All WMC Members

Nominations are being taken for the 1999-2000 Governing Board positions. The term runs from March 1999 – February 2000. These positions (and incumbents) are listed inside the back cover of the Rambler. The incumbents may or may not be interested in continuing, however all positions are open for nomination.

If interested in any of these positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee, currently being headed by Brad Yates (phone 521-4185)

DEC 6, 13 and 20 SUN

SKI TOUR: TELEMARKESSONS. (All levels) Brighton Ski Resort has a telemark skiing lesson package that may be of interest to Club members. On 3 consecutive Sundays the same instructor will train you in the fine art of the telemark turn. The price of \$99 covers all 3 days of instruction and 3 lift passes and includes brunch. Provide your own gear. Register at the ski school. Talk to WMC member Eileen Gidley at 255-4336 for details.

Anyone, an expert skier, wishing to pursue an EXCHANGE, with some skiers in the Pacific Northwest (backcountry skiing) should contact: Roy McMurtrey, 2524 125th Ave., NE Bellevue, WA 98005. 425-885-2438.



WASATCH FRONT FORUM

***AN EVENING OF MUSIC, POETRY, PROSE & MORE:
Celebrating the Environment & Life in the Intermountain West***

When and Where?

***Tuesday Evening, December 8, 1998 - 7:00 p.m. - Free to the Public
Jewett Center, Westminster Campus, 1840 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City***

The Entrada organization with support from Westminster College staff, along with a collage of local celebrated musical and literary artists, presents this evening's program, which promises to be an entertaining, lively, and memorable holiday event. Bring family and friends to this unique affair and afterwards enjoy refreshments in the lobby of this beautiful facility. Let's fill the auditorium at the Jewett Center and honor these gifted and talented artists.

Program participants include:

Music & Readings

Teresa Jordan and Hal Cannon: *Teresa - author of Cowgirls: Women of the American West and Riding The White Horse Home; Hal - musician and folklorist.*

Poetry

Margaret Pettis, Natasha Saje' and Joel Long: *Margaret - wildlife advocate, poet, author of Chokecherry Rain and educator; Natasha - Westminster prof. of English, poet and author of Red Under the Skin; Joel - poet and educator.*

Musical Artists

To Be Announced:

Prose

Dave Stanley: *Westminster prof. of English, environmentalist and writer, chair of the Environmental Studies Program at Westminster.*

Storytelling

Barry Scholl: *Editor, Salt Lake Magazine, president of Entrada Institute/ Friends of Capitol Reef, and co-author of Utah: A Guide to the State.*

The Wasatch Front Forum, now in its seventh year, features 1998-99 meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, Sept. through March. The Forum provides an opportunity 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 principally organized by the Citizens' Committee to Save Our Canyons and in 98-99 is supported in part by the Predator Education Fund, The League of Women Voters of Salt Lake, Utah Population and Environmental Coalition, Entrada Institute, High Uintas Preservation Council, and the Utah Wilderness Coalition. If you wish to comment on or participate in future forums, contact Stephen W. Lewis 272-2598, Joyce Maughan 359-5900, or Wes Odell 943-3835.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ROBERT FROHBOESE MEMORIAL AVALANCHE CLINIC

Classroom session with Bruce Tremper of the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center December 16 Wednesday, on snow beacon practice December 20 Sunday, See schedule.

"We have met the enemy and he is us!" (Pogo) More than nineteen out of twenty avalanche victims trigger the slide that traps them. We all know that backcountry skiers are at risk. But what about other winter recreationalists? The answer is anyone who enters an avalanche zone is at risk.

An avalanche zone is an area where avalanches have run in the past or might run in the future. This includes the surrounding runout zone and areas impacted by the avalanche air blast. Can involve steep slopes, wind loading, cornice formation, etc.

TAKE THIS QUIZ:

1. Which commonly traveled routes in the Wasatch cross avalanche runout zones?
Dog Lake via Mill D North?
White Pine Lake?
Lower Silver Fork?
Beaver Creek Ski Trail - Uintas?
2. Are you safe from avalanches if you stay in valley bottoms avoiding ridges and peaks?
3. Is there any point to wearing an avalanche beacon, when Search & Rescue people refer to them as "Body Recovery Devices"?

ANSWERS:

1. All these routes include crossing avalanche paths, even Beaver Creek crosses under slopes steep enough to slide on an avalanche warning day.
2. Valley bottoms can be very unsafe. The woman who holds the record for surviving the longest deep burial (ninety minutes at five feet under) was caught less than a mile from the Big Cottonwood road in the Butler Fork drainage.
3. One reason Search & Rescue people call beacons "Body Recovery Devices" is that it may take over an hour to get help to an avalanche site. With that time frame the victim is likely dead. About half the victims die in the first fifteen minutes, very few survive over half an hour. A beacon is important because your group needs to be capable of self rescue if someone is to survive. Everyone needs to be aware of route finding & safe travel decision making to maximize safety, and to practice and be proficient at beacon searches.

LEARN SAFETY - COME TO THE AVALANCHE CLINIC...

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.

Dogs and children are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.

*** 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.

+++ Ratings: EL=Entry level NTD=Not too difficult MOD=Moderate MSD=Most difficult EXT=Extreme

Carpool rates: Gas plus \$0.15/mile, shared by everyone in the vehicle (including the driver) on 2WD roads, or gas plus \$0.25/mile on 4WD roads **OR** \$.08/mile/person on 2WD roads shared by everyone in the vehicle.

*Notice to Non-Members:

Prospective members must attend, and have trip organizers sign, two qualifying activities (not socials) prior to submission of an application for membership. Most WMC activities are open to prospective members as one of the two qualifying activities for membership, except when specifically stated in the activity description. Weekend outings count as both qualifying activities. Membership fees will be included as part of the trip costs for prospective members participating in WMC weekend functions.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SKI RATINGS

Here is the listing of ski tours and their ratings from the Ski Touring Committee. We have ranked them by difficulty. There is considerable subjectivity in this, so if you feel the rating is too high or low, please let us know. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Routes that are primarily kick-and-glide tours over flat or rolling terrain are marked "Tour". SKI-MTN is a new rating which means Ski Mountaineering. In addition to ski gear and radio beacons, routes labeled SKI-MTN include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self arrest skills.

EL = Entry Level.	Able to maintain balance and do kick turns
NTD = Not too Difficult.	Able to ski a groomed run at a ski area.
MOD = Moderate.	Able to ski ungroomed runs at a ski area.
MSD = Most Difficult.	Able to ski any snow on any terrain.
SKI-MTN = Ski Mountaineering.	Involves exposure and self arrest skills

EL and NTD SKI & TOUR RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD	3.0	600	Road
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD	5.0	300	Tour

Wasatch	Greens Basin from Spruces	NTD	4.0	1000		
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD	4.0	1000		
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD	5.0	680	Road	
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon to Ledgefork Campground	NTD	6.0	400	Tour	
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD	4.0	900	Tour	
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD	5.0	1000	Tour	
Woodland	Bench Creek	NTD	7.0	600	Tour	
Wasatch	Catherine Lake	NTD	4.4	1200		
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD	5.0	1400		
Wasatch	Catherine Pass from Alta	NTD	5.0	1500		
Wasatch	Scotts Pass	NTD	5.0	1500		
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD	6.0	1400		
Heber	R Fork-Little Hobble Creek to Little Valley	NTD	7.0	1150	Tour	
Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	6.0	1600		
Uintas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	8.0	600	Tour	
Uintas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	10.0	600	Tour	
Midway	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD	7.0	1800	Tour	
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Big Water	NTD	8.0	1500	Road	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD	5.0	1280	Road	

MOD SKI & TOUR RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Uintas	Weber Canyon Road	MOD	16.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Butler Fork to Overlook	MOD	3.0	1500	
Wasatch	Brighton to Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	4.0	1300	
Wasatch	Grizzly Gulch to Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	4.0	1320	
Wasatch	Toms Hill	MOD	4.0	1600	
Wasatch	Bills Hill	MOD	3.4	1800	
Wasatch	Little Dell - Affleck Park - Big Mountain	MOD	11.0	1320	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine Pass from Brighton	MOD	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD	4.0	1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near) (South)	MOD	4.0	1800	
Uintas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD	7.0	2400	Tour
Daniels	Main Canyon Murdock Hollow Loop	MOD	10.0	1400	Tour
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD	10.0	1700	Tour
Woodland	Little South Fork - Willow Hollow	MOD	10.0	2000	Tour
Daniels	Clyde Creek - Mud Creek	MOD	14.0	1000	Tour
Stansbury	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD	9.0	2800	Tour
Wasatch	Big Water via Dog Lake	MOD	6.4	1400	
Uintas	Smith Morehouse Can to Erickson Basin	MOD	15.0	1200	Tour
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD	15.0	1400	Tour
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD	12.0	2300	Tour
Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD	12.0	2530	Tour
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flats	MOD	14.0	2235	Tour
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD	8.0	1900	
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD	6.0	2000	

Uintas	Soapstone to North of Iron Mountain	MOD	14.0	2240	Tour
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD	14.0	2460	Tour
Wasatch	Greens Basin Peak	MOD	6.0	2380	
Wasatch	Reynolds Peak	MOD	7.0	2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD	7.4	2100	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD	7.0	2200	
Wasatch	Days Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+	8.0	2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far) (North)	MOD+	8.0	2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+	7.0	2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to Strawberry)	MOD+	15.0	3650	Tour
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+	9.0	2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+	7.6	3200	
Wasatch	Alta-Brighton-Alta	MOD+	9.0	2800	

MSD SKI and TOUR RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Pink Pine	MSD	2.0	1000	Short Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass	MSD	2.0	1400	Short Steep
Wasatch	Flagstaff Mountain	MSD	2.8	2000	Short Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	5.0	Traverse	1400 up 2800 down
Wasatch	Silver Fork via Brighton Twin Lakes	MSD	6.0	Traverse	1460 up 2400 down
Wasatch	Days Fork to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	5.5	Traverse	2000 up 3200 down
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD	9.2	1820	
Wasatch	Soldier Fork	MSD	9.0	Traverse	1600 up 2800 down
Wasatch	Tuscarora-Wolverine	MSD	8.0	2100	
Wasatch	Alexander Basin via Butler to Log Haven	MSD	7.0	Traverse	2600 up 3100 down
Wasatch	Silver Fork Crest	MSD	8.0	Traverse	2200 up 3400 down
Wasatch down	Maybird Canyon	MSD	6.5	Traverse	2440 up 3000
Wasatch down	Porter Fork	MSD	7.0	Traverse	2200 up 3400
Wasatch down	Lake Blanche to Big Cottonwood Can.	MSD	8.0	Traverse	2600 up 4600
Wasatch down	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD	7.0	Traverse	2900 up 3500
Wasatch	Gobblers Knob via Butler	MSD	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Mt Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD	9.2	2700	
Wasatch down	Wilson Fork	MSD	11.0	Traverse	2600 up 3800
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD	10.8	2700	
Stansbury	Victory Mountain	MSD	10.0	3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swifts Canyon	MSD	14.0	3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD	14.0	3601	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak from Guard Station	MSD	12.0	4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith Morehouse Can	MSD+	18.0	2680	Tour

Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats Traverse	MSD+	20.0	2800	Tour
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+	21.0	2800	Tour
Wasatch down	Triple Traverse (Alta to Toll Canyon)	MSD+	16.0	Traverse	5700 up 7600
Uintas	Kings Peak (length !)	MSD+	36.8	6800	Very Long

SKI-MTN RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Mt Superior	SKI-MTN	6.0	2700	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon	SKI-MTN	10.0	3700	
Wasatch	Superior and Monte Cristo from Alta	SKI-MTN	10.0	4810	
Wasatch	Twin Peaks via Broads Fork	SKI-MTN	10.0	5100	
Wasatch	Box Elder Peak from Dry Fork	SKI-MTN	12.0	5600	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek	SKI-MTN	12.0	5630	
Wasatch	Mt. Nebo from Mona	SKI-MTN	14.0	6700	
Wasatch down	Bells Canyon Supertour Traverse	SKI-MTN	14.0	Traverse	3500 up 5700
Wasatch	Lone Peak via Supertour Route	SKI-MTN	16.0	5854	
Wasatch	Timpanogos from Timpooneke	SKI-MTN	22.0	6500	

Detailed Activity Schedule

DEC 2 WED

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 5:30 p.m. for an evening of indoor climbing at 2074 East 3900 South. Discounted cost for WMC members is \$7.50 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Equipment rental is free to WMC members. Kids are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Group size is limited to 10, so if you get there late, you may miss the discount. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Frank Stock (963-9115) if you have questions.

DEC 2 WED

SOCIAL: MOVIE NIGHT AT BREWVIES-6:00 PM- Meet Joan promptly for dinner and a movie at the hip Breweries Cinema Pub (677 South 200 West). Co-listed with Sierra Singles.

DEC 2 WED

Board Meeting 7 p.m., 1390 S. 1100 E., #103 at the WMC Office. Any interested club members are welcome to attend.

DEC 2 WED

SKI TOUR: MOONLIGHT DOGGIE TOUR in MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD) For those with latent werewolf tendencies, Curtis Camp and Cheryl Krusko's trip provides the opportunity to howl at the moon in the company of canines. Call Curtis at 963-1471 or Cheryl at 474-3759 to arrange meeting time and location. Warm beverages are definitely recommended for the pause at the top. Bring water for your dog, and plastic bags to cope with dropage. Touring or light backcountry skis are OK. Skins are nice but not essential for this trip. Woof!

DEC 5 SAT

SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK (NTD+) Celebrating the anniversary of last years "Days Fork" tour, Carrie Clark (519-9217) would change only one thing: this year she hopes for snow. Last year was grand, and this tour will be also. Butler Elementary at 0900AM.

DEC 5 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Cheryl Krusko (474-3759) will meet you at Butler Elementary School at 2700 E 7000 S at 9am with beacon, shovel, and skins. Come and ask Cheryl how she liked skiing the Idaho sand dunes...

DEC 6 SUN

SNOWSHOE: PORTER FORK TO THE SADDLE (MOD) The enigmatic Ken Engstrom (486-0442) is calling this Mill Creek Canyon event a "Birthday Snowshoe," but won't tell us whose or how many. Try to find out. Join Ken for a nice day starting at Skyline High School, 0900 AM. Remember to bring Mill Creek \$\$\$.

DEC 6 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SUNSET PEAK, CATHERINE PASS (NTD) Larry Nilssen (296-1716) has this decadent plan: Meet at Butler Elementary at 9AM, hop a buss for Alta (they come often), buy a \$2 lift ticket on the "Supreme Lift" above Albion, and cruise to Catherine Pass and then Sunset Peak. Then, all downhill to the lakes and Brighton, catch a bus back. Why struggle uphill, dodging schussboomers? Why rely on capilene when you needn't break a sweat in the first place? At a real NTD pace.

DEC 6 SUN

SKI TOUR: UTAH WINTER GAMES BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE TELEMAR SKI CLINIC (NTD-MOD) This is a good thing; with the purchase of a discounted Solitude lift ticket you will get an all day lesson with some of the best tele skiers on the planet. Beginners will have gear provided! There may be demo gear available. Call Utah Winter Games to pre-register at 972-1798 or watch for the forms in the Sports Guide magazine.

DEC 6 SUN

SKI TOUR: DONUT FALLS (NTD) Dallas Chopping (292-6298) is organizing a trip to that nearby but remarkable hole in the rock known as Donut Falls. Most any type of ski will do, but skins are recommended as the preferred way to go. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 1pm

DEC 6 SUN

SKI TOUR: LOWER MINERAL FORK (NTD) As much as he travels, we are lucky to get Mohamed Abdallah to organize a trip. Join him at 9:00 am to cruise through Lower Mineral Fork. Call 466-9310 for info. Skins are recommended for your cruisin' convenience. Meet at Butler Elementary School.

DEC 9 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 6:30 p.m. for an evening of indoor climbing at 427 West 9160 South. Cost is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Kids are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Rental gear is available. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan

Lindsay (942-0641) or Frank Stock (963-9115) if you have questions.

DEC 10 Thurs. Eve

BOATING PERMIT PARTY -Time to plan for next year. Bring your ideas, calendars and checkbooks (for the permit fees). We'll bring the river info. 6:30 Janis Huber's house. Pot-luck dinner (after all - this is a party). Janis 486-2345 or Vera 487-1161 day, or 292-8332 eve.

DEC 10 THU

SKI TOUR: THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD to MSD) Please call Edgar Webster (486-7829) beforehand to obtain the location and time for this fast paced and athletic telemark workout. The Official Mantra shall be: Early to Bed, Early to Rise, Break Some Trail, Burn Your Thighs

DEC 11 FRI

SOCIAL: TGIF @ GREENSTREET-5:00 PM-Join Rick Schmitz (944-8399) to socialize, dance, or just forget about work. First person there with a membership will save a table and sponsor the WMC group.

DECEMBER 12 (Sat)

LODGE WORK PARTY Meet at the Lodge at 9:30 AM or thereafter. Projects will primarily be snow removal from around the Lodge and from the roof of the Lodge. This year the forecast is for an early winter with heavy snow. Without your help, the snow loads may damage the structure. With your help, we'll have fun and hopefully keep up with the snow load. Your help will be most appreciated. We have several shovels, a snowblower, and a couple of snow scoops. Pizza lunch will be served for all helpers. Call Julie Jones 278-4753 or Bill Hughes 523-0790 to RSVP for lunch or if you have questions.

DEC 12 SAT

SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE PASS (NTD+) Frank Bernard (533-9219) has offered to lead this NTD+ trip from the WMC Lodge as part of the holliday festivities that he and Leslie Woods will host. Frank plans to leave the lodge at 1PM.

DEC 12 SAT

SNOWSHOE: GREENS BASIN (TRUE NTD) Joan Proctor (474-0275) to lead at a comfortable pace for those who are comfortable with a slower pace. This might be a great place to "test the waters" for a first tour. Rent a pair for 8 bucks and meet at Butler Elementary, 9AM.

DEC 12 SAT

SNOWSHOE: LILLY LAKE (UINTAS) MOD+ The Bear River Outdoor Recreational Alliance (BRORA)

runs a yurt system south of Evanston on the Mirror Lake Highway. Larry Nilssen (296-1716) plans to drive to the trailhead (East Fork Campground) to arrive at 10 AM, join BRORA, snowshoe to "ridge yurt" (8 mi. RT) and get a yurt "checkout." (Total cost: ten bucks) This will enable the card bearer to reserve yurts. Any one else interested in this new adventure? Larry plans on leaving the Foothill Kmart at 7:30 sharp.

DEC 12 SAT

SOCIAL: CHRISTMAS PARTY @ THE LODGE-

Potluck with turkey/ham provided. Only room for 75, so **RSVP** is required. Bring a nice salad/dessert/appetizer/side dish to share with 6-8 others and your own beverage of choice. Dinner will be served at **6:00 PM**. The lodge will be open by **1:00 PM** for games, puzzles and relaxation. Join an easy/mod snowshoe or backcountry ski tour starting from the lodge at 1:00 PM. We'll sing Christmas carols around the fireplace after dinner. Children okay, with responsible adult. Charge is **\$2** per person for the Lodge Fund. Overnight fee of **\$3**. **RSVP Frank Bernard (533-9219)**. Your organizing hosts and cooks include Leslie Woods, Bart Bartholoma, Larae Cunningham and Frank Bernard.

DEC 12 SAT

SKI TOUR: POWDER PARK (MOD) Which one of the three discrete Powder Parks will Peter Campbell chose for today's excellent adventure? The answer can be ascertained by joining the outing at 9am at Butler elementary School. Because of the proximity of avalanche hazards, you must bring a 457 Hz (new type) radio beacon and a shovel. If you don't bring skins, you will undergo Herculean labors just getting there. Phone 966-6032 for info.

DEC 12 SAT

SKI TOUR: CATHERINE PASS (NTD) Hey, Funsters! Join Leslie Woods (266-3317) and meet at the Lodge at 1pm for this classic tour to be followed by a Christmas party at the Lodge. You must RSVP to Leslie Woods for the party part of the deal. For the ski tour skins are recommended. Check out the notice under **SNOWSHOE** for another part of this outing which is being organized by Frank Bernard (533-9219).

DEC 13 SUN

SNOWSHOE: BOWMANS FORK - DOGS OK (NTD+) Barb Petty will lead this doggie trek to provide "Snickers, the Border Collie" with closure. This will be long for a dog walk. Well behaved dogs are invited, along with their owners. Skyline High School, at 9:30 AM.

DEC 13 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (NTD) Patty O'Keefe, 973-7984 (our irrepressible redhead) will launch into Mineral Fork at a leisurely pace on this date. If that's your pace, this is the place! Butler elementary at 9AM.

DEC 13 SUN

SNOWSHOE: RED PINE (MOD) Leslie Woods, (266-3317) having partied (or at least hosted one) the night before at the Lodge, is ready to press on to Red Pine. So, if your head pounds, and your mouth is dry, purge yourself and become pure as/in the driven snow. This can be a tough trip if the driven snow is new. Leslie plans to leave from the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride, at 9:30. Wilderness rules apply: call Leslie first.

DEC 13 SUN

SKI TOUR: PFEIFFERHORN FROM WHITE PINE (SKI MTN) Great summit in Little Cottonwood. Early start, long day, might want an ice axe. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

DEC 13 SUN

SKI TOUR: SNAKE CREEK PASS (NTD) This trip is not going to take all day. Organizer Jerry Hatch (583-8047) wants to do an NTD trip and get back by early afternoon. Skins are recommended. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9am. (Jerry would like it if someone brings a thermos of hot herb tea to share. Perhaps a nice ginseng or a soothing chamomile ...)

DEC 13 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD) Join Phil Fikkan for a kick and glide tour in the Uinta's, or an area with similar terrain. General touring or light metal edged skies are suitable. Call Phil at 583-8499 no later than Thursday regarding the chosen route, meeting place, and time.

DEC 13 SUN

SNOWSHOE: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO

(NTD) First time winter sports organizer Vickie Ashley has chosen her favorite area as today's destination. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30 am. Call Vickie for meeting time and site if driving from the Park City area. Bring \$3.00 per car for the Forest Service toll booth.

DEC 13 SUN

SKI TOUR: WASATCH TELEMAR SERIES

WOMEN'S TELEMAR SKI CLINIC PART I A special testosterone free telemark day. Learn from some of the best tele skiers on the planet at one of the best ski areas on the planet. \$60 gets you a lift ticket, demo equipment, lunch, party, fun and prizes. Register at Wild Rose, REI, or call Maurine Bachman at 359-2554.

DEC 15 TUE**SOCIAL: BILL & NADA'S RENDEZVOUS-5:45**

PM-Meet Craig (487-2077) at Bill & Nada's Cafe (479 South 600 East) for dinner a la Americana and a movie at either the nearby Trolley or Broadway Cinemas. Tuesday is discount night at movie theaters around town. Co-listed with Sierra Singles.

DEC 16 WED**CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME!**

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DEC 16 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT-6:30 PM-Join Emily Rosten (532-8787) and LeeAnn Born (486-5294) for some of the best Mexican food North of the border at The Red Iguana (W. North Temple). RSVP to Emily at least 24 hours in advance (they don't take reservations, but at least we will know how many to expect).

DEC 16 WED**ANNUAL ROBERT FROHBOESE AVALANCHE**

CLINIC Are you a skier? A snowboarder? Do you venture out on our mountains on snowshoes? Then this clinic is a MUST for you. Every year tragedy strikes in our mountains. Learn how NOT to become a victim. An excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness will be conducted by Bruce Tremper of the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center at 7:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church at 1070 S Foothill Blvd. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested. An avalanche beacon practice is scheduled for the following Sunday. Call Edgar Webster (486-7829) for more information.

DEC 17 THU

SKI TOUR: THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD-MSD) Refer to DEC 10 above.

DEC 19 SAT

Downhill Skiing at Snowbird. Have you wanted to trade your telly gear in and try your skills on the downhill slopes. Well, here's your chance. Eileen Gidley is putting together a ski day at Snowbird Ski Resort on Sat. Dec 19. Join us for a day on the

slopes which includes the tram and chairs for only \$30 (This is a great deal as Snowbird is \$50. this year.) Sign up early as space is limited. RSVP by Dec 5. Money is due at that time. Call Eileen at 255-4336. The plan is to meet Sat Dec 19 at 8:30 P.M. at Butler Elementary School 2700 East and Union Blvd. Come at 8:00 A.M. to join us for juice and muffins. We will carpool to Snowbird for skiing. Lunch is on your own and we'll ski till the lifts close. Possible option for an after ski hot tub. Stay tuned for latest details. Get ready for a great day on the slopes!

DEC 19 SAT

SNOWSHOE: BROADS FORK (MOD) Holly Smith (272-5358) invites all mods (but not rockers) to join her on this trip - don't be fooled by the name, you guys are welcome too. Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

DEC 19 SAT

Christmas Soup and Potluck 7 p.m., by Jane and Gary Myers. 5317 W. Wheatridge Lane (7800 S.), West Jordan. RSVP 280-2374. Will provide the soup, soft drinks, and fire. Caroling optional.

DEC 19 THRU 20

Hiking San Rafael Swell If the weather allows Paul Sheya (435-636-8102) will lead a hike into a scenic and little visited part of the San Rafael Swell. We may motel it in Green River. If snowy, we'll ski in the Wasatch Plateau instead. Call for details and to register.

DEC 19 SAT

SKI TOUR: CATHERINE PASS (NTD) A Club favorite has hit the schedule again - Mike Budig is organizing a tour to Catherine Pass. This NTD route runs 2.5 miles and gains a moderate 1500 feet. Meet Mike at the Butler Elementary School at 9am. Phone 328-4512 for details.

DEC 19 SAT**SKI TOUR: LITTLE WATER via DOG LAKE**

(MOD) We ought to do this one more often because it is so good. Stan DeJong (572-4157) plans to rendezvous at 9am at the Butler Elementary School. Plans call for finishing by mid afternoon. You will need a shovel, radio beacon using the new 457 Hz frequency, and skins.

DEC 19 SAT**SKI TOUR: MILL CREEK ROAD TO BIG WATER**

(NTD) First time winter sports organizer Dave Rockefeller (363-8912) is heading up Mill Creek. This trip will cover 8 miles round trip with a 1500 elevation gain. Dave says to bring snacks, lunch, food, chocolate, peanuts, licorice, gumdrops, malt balls, wheat thins, munchies, and perhaps a bite to eat. Also bring general touring or light metal edged

skies. Meet at the Skyline High School parking lot by 9am.

DEC 19 SAT

SKI TOUR: BEAVER CREEK TRAIL (NTD) Join Kathy Anderson (277-4652) for a kick and glide tour of the Beaver Creek area with car shuttle options. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30am. Bring \$3.00 per car for the Forest Service toll booth.

DEC 20 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MILL D TO DESO LAKE OUT BEARTRAP (MOD) Mohammad Abdullah (466 9310) will lead this for your cardiovascular pleasure - this will be about 6.5 miles, with significant gain (implied: significant pain). A pretty loop, for those who are pretty loopy. Butler Elementary, 9 AM.

DEC 20 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MILL CREEK GATE EAST (NTD)
DOG AND BABY SHOW Welcome our resident Afrikaner Warren Stockton (253-0395) on this, his inaugural tour. He will fortify himself with a dog and a baby and set out at a slow pace from the Mill Creek Gate. Join him. Baby and/or dog suggested but not mandatory. Skyline High at 10 AM.

DEC 20 SUN

SKI TOUR: DESERET PEAK STANSBURY RANGE (MSD) Beautiful, highest peak in this West Desert Range. Early start, long day. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

DEC 20 SUN

AVALANCHE TRANSCEIVER (RADIO BEACON) PRACTICE This practice is in conjunction with the Clinic on the previous Wednesday. Listening to a lecture or a video is not enough: to have any level of skill at avalanche rescue you must practice out in the snow. Meet at the Butler Elementary School at 9am. Bring skis or snowshoes to get around on the snow. If you want to go out on a short ski tour afterwards, bring lunch and the usual skins, shovel and your avalanche beacon. Snowshoers are welcome to organize a post-clinic hike also.

DEC 20 SUN

SKI TOUR: MONTREAL HILL (MOD+) Depending on his mood and also the snow conditions, Organizer Brad Yates has several plans how to approach the destination of Montreal Hill. Call him at 521-4185 to check it out. Note the earlier than usual start at 8:00 am and the different meeting place at the Fort Union Boulevard Parking Lot # 4, which is the one that is furthest east. Mandatory equipment includes rescue shovel, radio beacon, and skins. Like most of his outings, this will be athletic and rewarding.

DEC 23 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 6:30 p.m. for an evening of indoor climbing at 427 West 9160 South. Cost is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Kids are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Rental gear is available. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Frank Stock (963-9115) if you have questions.

DEC 24 THU

SKI TOUR: UPPER GREENS BASIN (MOD) This is the traditional Christmas Eve tour to Upper Greens Basin tour organized by the inimitable Jim Piani. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9am with your shovel, skins, and beacon. Come see if Jim has been naughty or nice. (Bet you anything Santa brings him a lump of coal.)

DEC 25 FRI

SNOWSHOE: ALTA AREA (NTD) Ray Duda (272-4601) and Loraine Lovell have enjoyed leading this Christmas leisurely tour for several years now. So if you would like to stretch and take a break from excessive hollidizing, this is your chance. Its also low calorie! Butler Elementary at the holliday hour of 930 AM.

DEC 25 FRI

SKI TOUR: SHOW 'N GO Anyone want to ski today? Show up at Butler Elementary School at 7000 S. And 2700 E. at 9am. Be prepared for anything by having skins, shovel, and radio beacon (457 Hz). The ski committee would really be impressed if any participants turned in a completed WMC release form.

DEC 26 SAT

SNOWSHOE: MILL CREEK (NTD) DOGGIE WALK Gretchen Siegler (461-0407) is spending a "Dog Day Afternoon" (and morning) dog sitting for a friend, so why dog sit when you can dog walk? As always, no canine sociopaths, only friendly dogs and people. Skyline High at 9:30AM.

DEC 26 SAT

SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE (MOD) Tom Walsh (969-5842) invites all who have not had their fair share of abuse on this more physical tour to the spectacular (but sublime) environs of White Pine lake. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

DEC 26 SAT

SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS (NTD) Martin Clemens (968-1252) has promised a nice leisurely

tour for those who prefer to avoid dogs or the gross physical stuff yet still seek the sunshine vitamin. Butler Elementary, at 9AM

DEC 26 SAT

SKI TOUR: REVELATION DESTINATION (MOD or MOD+) To ascertain where his tour will be, Allan will clear his mind of everything but snowiness. He will then allow a revelation of the destination to manifest itself in a perfection of powder and billowy slopes. It will not disappoint. Meet Allan at Butler Elementary School at nine am. Phone 486-1476. (An ethereal Zen process is OK to locate the tour, but the mundane safety considerations require beacons, shovels and skins.)

DEC 26 THRU JAN 1 SAT-FRI

SKI OR SNOWSHOE TORNAK YURT Join us for yurting in the Sawtooth's the week between Christmas and New Years. We've reserved the Tornak yurt, located twenty minutes this side of Sun Valley. With a little luck, we'll enjoy four or five days of perpetual powder-pigging, and evenings of song, sauna, and sauce. We will probably leave early evening, either Saturday or Sunday, December 26 or 27, depending on how soon we want to get out of town after Christmas festivities, and motel in Haley Idaho. Sunday or Monday morning, we will meet a snowcat operator, who will tow all 14 of us to the yurt on ropes. This will leave us fresh for a full day of yo-yoing, and making perfect turns in powdery slopes. That evening there promises to be great food, prepared by some of the finest yurt chefs (you, included, we're hoping), music and song (many of the scheduled chefs are also musicians), and frivolity (as we run from the sauna to roll in the snow and dash back to bake again). On Thursday, New Year's Eve, the fun will crescendo at midnight. We will ski back to the cars on January 1, ready for another full weekend at home, or head to Sun Valley, or another yurt, or some place warm. If this sounds like your kind of adventure, call Scott Endicott (596-1325), Kyle Williams (886-0159), or Steve Townsend (463-9465) for more info. You will need either ski or snowboard backcountry gear and about \$200, plus food. There just a few spots remaining.

DEC 26 SAT

SKI TOUR: LITTLE DELL TO AFFLECK PARK AND BIG MOUNTAIN PASS (MOD) Kick and glide past an area once considered for the Olympic cross country venue on a 5.5 mile and 1320 ft climb to the pass. General touring or metal edged skis are recommended. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parleys Way at 8am. Park City folks can meet at the end of plowed Hwy 65 at 8:30 am. Organizer: Mike Berry: 583-4721.

DEC 27 SUN

SNOWSHOE: AMERICAN FORK (MOD) DOGS OK Russ Pack (572-5653) kicks off his inaugural American Fork season. This can be a physical challenge for both man and beast. If you've never toured American Fork, Russ is a great guide. But he doesn't accept American Express. Call for meeting place and time.

SUN 27 DEC

SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD+) Join Mark R Jones (486-5354) as he climbs this "new to the club" Mill Creek tour. Match him by finding another "new tour" to lead and send it to the Snowshoe Guy. (296-1716) But above all, show up at Skyline High at 9 AM.

DEC 27 SUN

SKI TOUR: LAKE BLANCHE FROM ALTA (MSD - SKI MTN) Long, beautiful, challenging tour with big descent to the S-curves in Big Cottonwood. Early start, long day. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

DEC 27 SUN

SKI TOUR: DAYS FORK TO THE SECOND MEADOW (N.D.) Except for a problematic spot near the beginning, this tour goes up at a comfortable 530 feet per mile for about 3 miles to a great picnic place at the second meadow This is a nice tour without heavy demands on your bones and muscles. Mike Hendrickson (942-1476) will meet interested skiers at Butler Elementary School at 7000 S 2700 E at 9am. Skins for traction are recommended.

DEC 27 SUN

SKI TOUR: MONTREAL HILL (MOD) When you want to get far from the madding crowd, you go to Montreal Hill. At 9580' this "hill" is almost a mountain. Do NOT go to Canada looking for Montreal Hill; meet at Butler Elementary School at 8:30 am. Bring the mandatory avalanche beacon, rescue shovel, the 10 essentials, and Gore Tex pants. Organizer Pat Kottcamp will show you some high yodeling adventure. (467-7231)

DEC 30 WED

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DEC 30 WED**SKI TOUR: MOONLIGHT DOGGIE TOUR in**

MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD) For those with latent werewolf tendencies, Curtis Camp and Cheryl Krusko's trip provides the opportunity to howl at the moon in the company of canines. Call Curtis at 963-1471 or Cheryl at 474-3759 to arrange meeting time and location. Warm beverages are definitely recommended for the pause at the top. Bring water for your dog, and plastic bags to cope with dropage. Touring or light backcountry skis are OK. Skins are nice but not essential for this trip. Woof!

DEC 31 THU**SNOWSHOE: MOONLIGHT MIDNIGHT**

MOUNTAIN MADNESS (NTD-Night) Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) just couldn't resist the combination of a full moon and New Years Eve. She is organizing a New Years Eve snowshoe adventure to welcome 1999 from high above the lights of Park City. Folks coming from outside of Summit County might want to find somewhere locally to stay tonight, as this trip won't be back until at least 1:30 am! The snowshoe adventure will meet at the parking lot of Park City Mountain Resort at 10:30 p.m. Bring layers of warm clothes, a thermos, and a flashlight in case the moon clouds over. Now, 10:30's kinda late to start the evening, so there will be an optional "planning" meeting, beginning about 8:00 p.m. at Chateau Cheryl. Bring pot-luck munchies, delicious New Years Eve beverages, and suits/towels for the hot tub. You'll probably have to park on 10th and Park Ave and walk up to the Chateau, as parking in Old Town is at a premium. Call for information or more details.

DEC 31 THU**SKI TOUR: THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB. (MOD to MSD)** Refer to DEC 10 above.**JAN 1 FRI**

SKI TOUR: CRACK OF NOON TOUR (NTD) Tom Silberstorf (255-2784) organizes this trip every year for the benefit of the hangover-impaired. Not sure of the destination, but it will be OK and not too stressful on those who celebrated New Years Eve too vigorously. Report to Butler Elementary School at 12 noon. Have skis, avalanche beacons, rescue shovel and the homemade hangover cure of your choice.

JAN 1 FRI

SKI TOUR: SOMEWHERE (MOD) Dale replied laconically, "Yeah, I'll do a trip to somewhere." Phone Dale Woodward at 467-2097 to locate the trip and obtain other details.

SAT 2 JAN

SNOWSHOE: RED PINE (MOD) Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) gives all you revelers a chance to "purge the pizens" from your system and get some delicious scenery as a bonus. It doesn't get better. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 2 SAT

SKI TOUR: SHOW 'N GO Anyone want to ski today? Show up at Butler Elementary School at 7000 S 2700 E at 9am. Be prepared for anything by having skins, shovel, and radio beacon (457 hz). The ski committee would really be impressed if any participants turned in a completed WMC release form.

JAN 2 SAT**SKI TOUR: AUDREY KELLY LEARN TO SKI**

CLINIC (EL) Got two left feet? Does that white slippery stuff intimidate you? Feel like you might have a learning disorder when it comes to skiing? The cure for these problems is to join the Audrey Kelly Clinic to acquire some comfort and skill with cross country skiing. The plan is to group an experienced skier with 3 to 5 students for some personal instruction and coaching. We will practice on flat, easy tracks on a smooth Uinta location. Volunteers are needed to help teach. Call early to plan transportation and rental of equipment (if necessary). Phone Mike Berry at 583-4721 or Tom Walsh at 969-5842

JAN 2 SAT**SKI TOUR: SNAKE CREEK CANYON (MOD)**

Dave Nardinger leads the "light backcountry" crowd into the new year, following an old jeep road into the canyon that slopes eastward from the Brighton ski resort. You will need a radio beacon and shovel. Skins may be useful. Bring shorts and a towel for the optional apres-ski hot springs soak. Call Dave (582-0881) by Thursday to register and obtain the necessary information about where and when to meet.

SUN 3 JAN

SNOWSHOE: CHILLY PEAK (MOD+) Sick and tired of being warm, dry, and comfortable? This is it: the event no one in their right mind is waiting for! The third annual Chilly Peak climb-out. From the North Ogden Pass, straight up the canyon side, and ridge run towards Chilly Peak. Larry Nilssen (296-1716) says expect wind chill and meet at NW corner, Super Target parking lot, I-15 exit 322 at 9AM.

SUN 3 JAN

SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS (True NTD) For those who prefer chilly in a bowl, Caryn and Brian Kelly (359-8267) have agreed to lead a leisurely

Scotts Pass tour. Welcome these new leaders on this, their first tour. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 3 SUN

SKI TOUR: BROADS FORK TWINS (SKI MTN)

Major summit overlooking the valley. Early start, long day. Might want an ice axe and a headlamp. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

JAN 3 SUN

SKI TOUR: SHOW 'N GO Due to lack of organizers who would commit to a trip, we are posting this Show 'N Go notice. Anyone want to ski today? Show up at Butler Elementary School at 9am. Be prepared for anything by having skins, shovel, radio beacon (457 Hz), and release form.

JAN 3 SUN

SKI TOUR: TWIN PEAKS - STRAWBERRY PEAK

LOOP (MOD) This kick and glide tour in the Daniel's Summit area offers varied terrain as it climbs past Telemark Hill on its way to Strawberry Ridge. Steve Pritchett (523-6085) will show it to you. Sturdy touring skis or light metal edged skis will work. Avalanche beacons are required. Bring \$10.00 per car for the Daniel's parking voucher.

JAN 6 WED

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JAN 7 THU

SKI TOUR: THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

CLUB (MOD to MSD) Please call Edgar Webster (486-7829) beforehand to obtain the location and time for this fast paced and athletic telemark workout. The Official Mantra shall be: Early to Bed, Early to Rise Break Some Trail Burn Your Thighs

SAT 9 JAN

SNOWSHOE: S WILLOW LAKE (MOD+) Kathy Hunn hosts this legendary classic again. Details in January Rambler. Don't miss it.

SAT 9 JAN

SNOWSHOE: GATE TO MT AIRE SADDLE

(NTD+) Adrienne Boudreau hosts, details in January Rambler.

JAN 9 SAT

SKI TOUR: SCOTTS PASS (NTD) Larry Nilssen's questions remain unanswered: "Who was Scott and what did he pass? A football? How did he swallow it?" Further speculation on these questions may occur on the tour organized by Phil Fikkan. Meet Phil at Butler Elementary School at the hour of 9am. Skins definitely make the climb easier. Phone Phil at 583-8499 if you need additional information.

JAN 9 SAT

SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD) Mary Ann Losee (278-2423) plans to do Millcreek to its eastern most extremity if the snow conditions are extremely good. If not, Mary Ann will make the appropriate adjustments to meet your skiing needs. Meet at the Skyline High School parking lot with your track or light backcountry skis by 9am. Bring \$2.25 per car for the canyon entrance fee.

JAN 9 SAT

SKI TOUR: PINK PINE (MOD + maybe MSD) This outing might be called Redbird or Maypine. Peter Campbell (966-6032) plans to ski on the ridge between Red Pine and Maybird Canyons. The nomenclature may be doubtful, but it is certain to be a good day of skiing. You must have avalanche beacon, skins and shovel. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9am.

JAN 9 THRU 11 SAT - MON

SKI OR SNOWSHOE: STEAM MILL YURT

OUTING (MOD-MSD) Live where you ski - that's the gimmick with yurt trips. You live in a warm Mongolian style tent with furniture, a propane kitchen, and 5 of your best ski buddies. Travel to Logan Utah will be on Saturday with skiing that afternoon and all day Sunday, followed with several runs just for eye openers on Monday morning. Checkout time is noon on Monday. Call Brad Yates for information at 521-4185.

SUN 10 JAN

SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (NTD) Norm Pobanz hosts, details in January.

JAN 10 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) To get the maximum options for skiing on good snow, Mohamed Abdallah will do an organizer's choice today. Meet at 9am at Butler Elementary School. Be prepared for anything, although Mohamed does not plan to go into terrain where an avalanche beacon will be needed.

JAN 10 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) The only thing faster than Brian rolling upright on his skis after a fall, is the speed with which he tells corny jokes. You can witness this for yourself on Brian's

tour which will focus on yo-yo, up-and-down, again and again multiple runs down the slopes. Call him at 1-801-394-6047 to register and get the meeting time and place.

JAN 10 SUN

SKI TOUR: UPPER SETTING (NTD) This kick and glide tour provides access to miles of endless touring routes, however, Jerry Hatch (583-8047) will set the boundaries for a delightful outing. Jerry approves the use of sturdy touring or light metal edged skis. No avalanche beacons needed. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parleys Way by 8:45 am. Bring \$3.00 per car for the Forest Service toll booth.

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JAN 14 THU

SKI TOUR: THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB. (MOD to MSD) Refer to JAN 7 Above.

JAN 15 FRI

SOCIAL: TGIF @ GREENSTREET-5:00 PM-Join Rick Schmitz (944-8399) to socialize, dance or just forget about work. First person there with a membership will save a table and sponsor the WMC group.

JAN 16 SAT

SKI TOUR: GREENS BASIN (NTD) This is the tour for the person wanting an easy going scenic trip on a gentle slope. At about 4 miles for the round trip, you will have some time free in the afternoon after doing 'the Basin'. Bee Lufkin and Peter Hansen are organizing this trip (583-8249). Meet them at Butler Elementary School at 9:30am Skins needed.

JAN 16 and 17 SAT and SUN

SNOWSHOE AND SKI: LILLY LAKE YURT TRIP (NTD TO MOD) Refer to the COMING ATTRACTIONS for details.

JAN 17 SUN

SKI TOUR: TIMPANOGOS (SKI MTN) Second highest peak in the Wasatch. Early start, big day. Might want an ice axe and a headlamp. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

JAN 20 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 6:30 p.m. for an evening of indoor climbing at 427 West 9160 South. Cost is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Kids are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Rental gear is available. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Frank Stock (963-9115) if you have questions.

JAN 23 SAT

SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET-Please show your support by joining us in honoring the people who have helped make the WMC the success that it was in 1998. If you have enjoyed the numerous activities the club has offered you, this is your chance to show your appreciation for those who have given us their time and experience organizing and leading these activities. Without them the club has little to offer. Join us for dinner, dancing to the "Wind River Band" and fun!!! Watch for details in the January Rambler.

JAN 23 SAT

SKI TOUR: WASATCH TELEMAR SERIES WOMEN'S TELEMAR SKI CLINIC PART II

Another special testosterone free day. Learn from some of the best tele skiers on the planet. \$80 gets you a lift ticket, demo equipment, Deer Valley lunch, party, fun and prizes. Register with Wild Rose, REI or call Maurine Bachman at 359-2554.

JAN 24 SUN

SKI TOUR: BELLS CANYON (MSD) Long, beautiful, challenging tour with big descent to the outskirts of Draper. Early start, long day. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

JAN 27 WED

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 5:30 p.m. for an evening of indoor climbing at 2074 East 3900 South. Discounted cost for WMC members is \$7.50 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Equipment rental is free to WMC members. Kids are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Group size is limited to 10, so if you get there late, you may miss the discount. Call Alan

Lindsay (942-0641) or Frank Stock (963-9115) if you have questions.

JAN 31 SUN

SKI TOUR: MT. NEBO (SKI MTN) Highest peak in the Wasatch. Full moon, early start, big day. Two years ago we had a vertical mile of good powder. Might want an ice axe and a headlamp. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

JAN 31 SUN

SOCIAL: 13 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI PARTY-

Vincenzo De Simone (435-649-6805) invites you to his annual evening of Italian cuisine and fellowship by the fire. Cost: \$5--includes all food--this is **NOT** a potluck !!! Time: 6:00 PM (**PLEASE NO EARLY BIRDS**)!!! Hot coffee and chocolate provided, please bring other beverages of choice. Directions: 1-80 to Park City exit (Hwy. 224), heading into Park City...turn left at Meadows Drive (just past the large white barn on the right). Drive to the crest of the hill, turn left up the hill to the T. Turn right and follow the sound to the fun. No pets or children, please. Questions? Contact Vincenzo.

JAN 31 SUN

SNOWSHOE: PRE-SPAGHETTI WORKOUT

(NTD-MOD) Are you looking for a few hours of afternoon adventure before heading up the hill to the spaghetti dinner this evening? Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) is going to head up Iron Canyon

north of Park City this afternoon to pre-work off Vince's pasta calories. There will be almost 2,000' of vertical gain, but we'll take it easy and enjoy the afternoon. Meet by 2:00 p.m. at the NW corner of the Radisson Hotel parking lot on #224. If you bring a change of clothes or need to hang out before the magic hour of 6:00 p.m., Chateau Cheryl will be available for those wishing to spruce up or wait. Call with questions or for more details.

FEB 14 SUN

SKI TOUR: TRIPLE TRAVERSE (MSD) Amazing route that starts at Alta by climbing Flagstaff, crosses Big Cottonwood and Mill Creek and finishes down Murdock Peak to Toll Canyon. Cross the Wasatch in a day with all the descents north facing. Early start, long day. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

FEB 28 approx.

OUT OF TOWN SKI TOUR: YELLOWSTONE

(TOUR) Multiple day trip, stay in cabins. See the wildlife around the geyser basins. Full moon. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

MARCH 31 approx.

OUT OF TOWN SKI TOUR: BRITISH COLUMBIA

(MSD - SKI MTN) Multiple day trip. Big Canadian peaks and hot springs north of the border. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.



EXPEDITION INSPIRATION

Survivors at the Summit Kings Peak August 24, 1996

In Appreciation to

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Mark Jones Loraine Lovell Knick Knickerbocker
Holly Smith Marilyn Gull Ray Duda

members for their leadership,
enthusiastic participation and
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tribute to Utahns with cancer.

Tika Beard

Tika Beard, Event Coordinator

August 24, 1996

Date

COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 8 – 23, 1999

TURKEY SAILING & LAND EXPLORATION

We fly to Istanbul for two days visiting the Topkapi Palace, Hagai, Sophia and the Blue Mosque, shops, bazaars and local culture. On to the ancient Greek and Roman City of Ephesus and the Cappadocia Region of antiquities. At Marmaris, we board our yachts for sailing along the Turquoise Coast. Sailing distances allow for time to explore land based sights along the way and to visit small towns and enjoy hikes in the countryside. The 16 day trip is expected to cost about \$2900 for air fare, hotel, boat expenses, most meals, ground transportation, guide service, etc. Sailing experience is not necessary, only a willingness to pitch in on boat tasks. A \$100 refundable deposit is necessary in order to sign up. Mail to Vince Desimone, P.O. Box 680111, Park City, Utah 84068-0111. Tel: (435) 649-6805.

VARIOUS DATES

SKI or SNOWSHOE: YURT TRIPS About the most fun you can have on skis, is to yurt all weekend. You live in a semi-permanent yurt tent with a built-in stove, kitchen, and furniture. Living on the same slopes that you ski is fantastic - step out the door and you are facing downhill. This is what the excitement is all about. We have reserved a bunch of yurt weekends for this coming winter. Check out this schedule:

Dec 26 thru Jan 1	Tornak Yurt, near
Sun Valley, Idaho	
Jan 9 and 10	Steam Mill Yurt,
north of Logan, Utah	
Jan 16 and 17	Lily Lake Yurt,
north slope Uinta Mountains	
Feb 6 and 7	Bunchgrass Yurt,
north of Logan, Utah	
Feb 26 and 27	Commissary
Ridge, east of Driggs, Idaho	
Mar 12 and 13	Lily Lake Yurt,
north slope of Uinta Mountains	
Mar 12 and 13	Tusher Yurt, near
Beaver, Utah	

The Tornak Yurt trip has details spelled out elsewhere in the ACTIVITY SCHEDULE. Outings to the Lily Lake Yurt system are being planned for the snowshoe and ski touring crowd. These yurts are in terrain best suited for day hikes and tours in the rolling terrain and looped trails of a new three yurt system with access near the Bear River Campground on the Mirror Lake Highway. The Tusher Yurt is new, is located at about 9940 feet on a slope that goes up to 12,001, and has prospects of being fantastic. Steam Mill, Bunchgrass, Commissary Ridge, and the Tusher Yurt are all on steeper terrain and are suitable for telemark skiing or the more energetic snowshoers or ski tourers.

Make your plans and call Yurtmeister Yates at 521-4185. Brad will answer questions until we get a designated leader for each yurt trip. Make plans now for BIG FUN.

Classy Ads:

Notice: *The Rambler* cannot accept any ad that is inconsistent with the purposes of the WMC or offends the sensibilities of Club members. Send your ad, with enclosed payment if required, to **Sue DeVall**, 11730 S. 700 W., Draper, UT 84020 (phone 572-3294). Please submit by the 12th of the month to ensure your ads inclusion. Advertising rates are \$5.00 for up to 20 words and 20¢ for each additional word. WMC members may place **free** ads for used recreational gear or for private **non-commercial and not-for-profit** activities

WANTED: ANY PHOTOS, GRAPHICS, or other ideas suitable for the cover page of future ramblers. Please put any submissions in the blue box outside the office door complete with captions or appropriate explanations before the 15th of each month. Send in your seasonally appropriate photos to the Mountain Club office.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer Opportunity: We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers who can be positive role models in the lives of children. Our volunteers serve as mentors to at-risk children by building one-to-one relationships. If you are at least 18 years of age, willing to commit to one year, and have a desire to make a significant impact on a child's life. Please call 534-1818 to apply.

GPS FINER FOR SALE: Magellan Trailblazer XL deluxe model with Cordura case and instruction manuals, \$100 (\$270 new.) Always know exactly where you are. A must for adventuresome backcountry skiers, hikers, boaters, and/or backpackers. Call Jim Bailey at 274-8034 and leave a message.

MUSCLE THERAPY: Affordable Relief for the Active Person

Specializing in deep tissue massage for chronic pain, injuries, sports performance, headaches, and pregnancy. Steve and Maria Zike 801-532-3745.

Wanted: Perception Corsica kayak for self-support trips (not the 5 or the Matrix.) Call David Hart at 583-3228.

Sea Kayak for sale: Prijon Yukon Expedition, 14' 5" long, bow & stern hatches, includes rudder, brand new, paddled twice, \$1000 firm. Kathy Jones @ 523-2593

Milford Track – New Zealand

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For sale: Scarpa T3 boots, size 11.5 Used about ten times, \$75 firm. Call John at 534-0871. 11/98

For Sale: Scarpa T2 Ski Boots, size 9 1/2, fits 10 1/2 street shoe.
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For Sale:
REI 4500 cu.in. top-loading backpack \$60
Lowe "Cloudwalker" climbers' daypack \$30
Alpenlite external frame backpack \$60
Sierra West "Gimme Shelter" solo backpacking tent \$40
rectangular sleeping bags \$20 each
Tubbs "Sierra" snowshoes \$90 (used once)
Olin Mark III skis – 190 cm \$90 (new; never mounted)
Lo-Rider wood/Cordura folding camp chair \$20 (new)
Coleman Feather 442 dual fuel backpack stove \$20
Evernew stainless steel cookset (model "L") \$20
All gear in excellent or new condition.
Contact Bob at (801) 232-7381. 11/98

Dana terraplane internal frame backpack, \$150
Yakima bicycle roof rack, \$100
Technica resort ski boots, size 8, \$75
PRE resort skis, 180 cm (72") with Salomon bindings &75
Montana backcountry ski skins, two pairs, \$30 and \$20
Raichle Eiger mountaineering boots, size 9 M , \$50
Black Diamond Switchblade crampons, fits boots through size 8, \$75
Salewa hinged crampons, \$50
Petzl headlamp, \$30
River bags, two, one with shoulder straps \$30, one without \$15
REI camp chair, \$25
Assorted mittens, four pairs, \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$5

All lightly used
Call Carol 466-5729 8-9AM or 8:30-9:30PM


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BOATS FOR SALE: The WMC Boating Division is selling the 14' Riken River Rider. Call Marilyn 273-0369 or Vera 292-8332. 9/98

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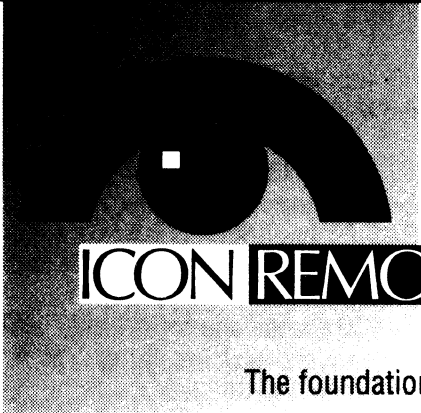
Wild Country Mountain (Quasar) 2 person 4-season tent \$225
Sierra Designs Tiros 2 person 4-season tent \$200
Sierra Designs Lookout 2/3 person 3/4 season tent \$175
Sierra Designs Nightwatch CD 2 person 3/4 season tent \$150
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DIRECTORS' MESSAGES

Membership Director's Message

Carol Coulter

The Wasatch Mountain Club welcomes these new members voted in at the November 4, 1998 board meeting:

Barbara Bowden
John Case
Pere Davison
Paul Diegel
Beth Drees
Dean Evans
Joan Gough
Stephanie McCulley
David Rockefeller
Nanci Shino
Ann Wennerlund

We also welcome back the following reinstated members:

Brent Greenhalgh
Peter Lakomski
Stephen Swan

Message from the Treasurer

Kathy McKay

Please note that charitable contributions to the Wasatch Mountain Club must have be a separate check made out to the Salt Lake Foundation

Message from the Ski Touring Coordinator

Edgar Webster

Welcome to the new ski season!

The Club has a full ski schedule coming this year. Old favorite ski tours with favorite friends. We have some new tours and new tour leaders. A bunch of yurt trips including some to the great new

yurt system outside Evanston WY on the Uinta North Slope. Watch the Rambler for details.

We are listing some new ski lesson opportunities. We're partnering with the Wasatch Telemark Series and the Utah Winter Games to list their four upcoming telemark clinics. These are great. I attended last year and enjoyed an all day lesson from Taug, a top ten finisher in the World Telemark Championships. Check the schedule: The first one is the Utah Winter Games beginner to intermediate clinic at Solitude Sunday 12/6, free rental gear for beginners! Call 972-1798 or look for the forms in the Utah Sports guide to register.

Let's now talk about preparing for the upcoming ski season:

Fitness: Now is the time to be tuning your body for the skiing you want to do. Aerobics, strength, flexibility & agility. I've been running around Sugarhouse Park and running hill intervals around the trees to mimic the demands and movements of skiing, followed by stretching. This hits the aerobics, flexibility and agility goals. Training with weights or other resistance will hit the strength goal. I go to a gym and pound iron and I'm a better skier for it. Resistance training will build the strength needed to pull off those tele turns when the snow is deep, to put in one more lap on a good powder day or to reach that summit you've been dreaming of.

Knowledge: Review your avalanche and mountaineering safety skills. See the "Winning the Avalanche Game" video and go get an avalanche book if you need to. Look forwards to the Club Avalanche Clinic coming later this year. Review your ski technique, the best free heel ski technique book out there may be Paul Parker's "Free Heel Skiing". You can practice your ski skills at home by making jump tele or parallel turns. You can add resistance by holding dumbbell weights. You can check balance & form in a mirror. Tune in your form, visualize yourself having the run of your life and crank out your best turns. Do it till your tired then do some more. Try it with your eyes closed to learn the balance from within. Get the rhythm & the groove now and on snow it will be easy. Get out there, find your own exercise program and do your homework to make this your best ski season yet.

Ski Equipment: Now is also the time to look at your gear. When was the last time your skis were tuned? Skiing will wear down the plastic base leaving the skis edge high or concave. You can tell by putting the skis together base to base and sliding them sideways across each other. If you hear the edges clicking the skis are concave. This is a bad thing, making turn initiation slow and difficult (you know who you are). Plan on getting a stone grind & hot wax at the beginning EVERY season and you'll be a better skier for it. Review your other gear; boots (would footbeds help?), poles, goggles, clothing. make sure you have what you need to do your best.

Safety Equipment: This is the time to organize your pack. Avalanche beacon, climbing skins, shovel, maps, food, water, compass, inclinometer, matches or lighter, extra clothes, space blanket, first aid, signal mirror, whistle, etc. We need to be prepared because the mountains don't care and this organizing is hard to do in the dark on the morning of your first ski tour. A lot is written about the ten essentials for the outdoors. What are the ten essentials for ski touring? What are your ten essentials? Think about it, prepare for it.

That's all for now, your comments are welcome, Edgar Webster 486-7829 or edgar.webster@fmr.com.

Trip Talks

Yellowstone Car Camp

August 6-9, 1998

by

Linda Kosky

This trip was definitely one of the best that I have made to Yellowstone National Park. My love affair with Yellowstone started when I moved to Utah with my family in 1973. That first camping trip was made in a two-wheel drive pick-up truck with a camper shell. We were new arrivals to the West and had not learned the necessity of four wheel drive, polypro, fleece or warm sleeping bags. Needless to say, that first camping experience taught us a lot about sleeping outdoors at elevations exceeding 5000 feet. The next trip, and many more over the years, was in a 28 foot motorhome with gas heat, electricity, refrigerator, full bath, microwave and a television. We camped in style and comfort! The Fishing Bridge Campground was where we parked our home in Yellowstone.

My two daughters would often grumble and groan about "another camping trip" when we would pack up the motorhome and head out for a week-end in Yellowstone. We lived in Casper, Wyoming for a time and travel to the park was just a short jaunt. Much of their outdoor education, and mine, came from these twice or three times a year treks to Yellowstone. We would plan our stay around the Ranger lead hikes and evening campfire programs. A double scoop of Rocky Road or Mint ice cream from The Hamilton Stores was always on the agenda after we dragged our tired bodies back to "camp."

My last visit to Yellowstone, before this trip, was again with my daughters. We decided to "rough it" and stayed in a cabin at Old Faithful. A car camp was definitely going to be a different experience for me in Yellowstone. I worried about the success of this venture; the biggest concerns were the crowds and the road system in the park. Yellowstone National Park roads are winding two lanes; usually in bad repair, always under construction and crowded. Driving requires patience and extra time to get to your planned destination. Tourist traffic is heavy and slow. The park has become a museum, with people stopping along the roadsides to look at whatever sight or animal has caught their attention. It definitely is not an escape to the great outdoors, away from people.

Nevertheless, Yellowstone was calling, so off we went! Eight of us left Salt Lake City at 6:00am on Thursday, August 6 for the 366 mile drive to the South Entrance. I had estimated driving time to be between 6-7 hours. We stopped in Jackson Hole for lunch and made it to the campground around 5:00pm. I had reserved two tent sites at the Canyon Campground for three nights. Luck was with us. We were assigned the best sites in the campground, at the end of the circle, with very quiet or no neighbors on each side and behind us. The smell of ponderosa pines, the sound of waterfalls, a bathroom with flush toilets nearby and showers just a short walk away made for a delightful experience.

And, yes, we were part of the group at the Ranger lead campfire program that first evening and a Ranger lead nature walk around the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and Norris Geyser Basin the following days. We spent some time at Mammoth. We sat in our cars with our binoculars, at dusk, and watched for animals. We stopped along the roadside and watched a herd of bison cross in front of us. We stopped, along with others, to watch and take pictures of a huge elk grazing in a meadow by the roadside. Old Faithful geyser performed, right on schedule, for us and the other tourists. We ate a wonderful dinner at the Old Faithful Inn. (We all recommend the broccoli; the best in the West!) We usually ate breakfast in camp and had lunch at one of the cafeterias. We shopped at The Hamilton Stores, ate double scoops of ice-cream and had a wonderful time. The days were warm and sunny with bright blue skies; the nights were clear and bright with stars and a big full moon. The roads were in better repair and had less construction than anticipated and the crowds weren't all that bad. All in all, a wonderful trip. This might become an annual event.

Thanks to all my fellow campers, (including my most favorite youngest daughter, who drove down from Missoula, Montana to experience another camping adventure in Yellowstone National Park), for making this a wonderful trip down memory lane for me.

Trip participants were: Beth Ebling, Mike Eisenberg, Jordan Gurney, Kathie Keeler, Marlana Kosky, Joan Proctor, Kristie Price, Julie Wilson and Linda Kosky

ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA ROGERS PASS SKI CAMP MARCH 21 – 28 1998

Five of us traveled away from the Wasatch to visit Glacier National Park in the Selkirk Mountains between Revelstoke and Golden British Columbia. This was the Alpine Club of Canada's annual ski camp which included great skiing, great food and great camaraderie. This is a good time to visit Canada because of the very favorable currency exchange rates.

We packed the five of us in Dave Smith's van and drove about twenty hours each way, past the turnoff to the Bugaboos to Golden B.C. Rogers Pass goes west from there to Revelstoke and is a big part of Canadian history. The completion of the railroad and highway helped link up the vast interior of B.C. Many people have died in avalanches in this big, steep, place with deep snow. This is the site of one of the major avalanche research and forecasting facilities in the world. It is a big effort keeping the road and railroad open and safe given the terrain and snowfall here.

We stayed in the Wheeler Hut, built in the 1940's near the toe of the Illecillewaet Glacier at 4,000' above sea level. Named after A.O. Wheeler, the man who first surveyed the Pass. This is just one of the two dozen huts the ACC owns. Mt. Sir Donald is the highest peak in the Park, reaching over 11,000' above the hut. A very dramatic setting with big peaks and glaciers, Glacier National Park is about ten percent glacier. This is big country.

We met up with our group at the visitors center on the pass. There were fifteen of us total; including Ruthie Oltman our ACC camp manager and Lloyd "Kiwi" Gallagher our Association of Canadian Mountain Guides (ACMG) guide. Ruthie has been active with the ACC for many years. She has done six of these ski camps and has running a hut for fifteen skiers with food for a week down pat. For example; the first one back each day was to start the soup from yesterday's leftovers, the second one back starts the fire and breaks out the whiskey. Kiwi Gallagher had been the third guide hired by Canadian Mountain Holidays when they began heli-skiing in the Bugaboos in 1965. Kiwi had opened, built, managed and was lead guide of the Cariboos heli-ski operation for fifteen years. He had been an ACMG guide and examiner for decades. We were going to share our trip these great Canadians.

The locals were a little concerned about us Utahns coming on their trip, afraid we might not be a good fit in the hut. But when they saw we each showed up with a case of good Canadian beer everything seemed ok. As a group we were about half telemark gear and half alpine touring. The Canadian telemarkers were surprised by our Utah free heel parallel skills. Us Utahns were surprised by the strong winter skills of our hosts, as well as their ability to drink whiskey and sing songs. In fact the song thing was a tough one. To hold up our end of the regular evening entertainment we ended up borrowing from the Mormon hymnal and sang "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam" and "Come, come ye saints". We even came up with a song about our trip, it describes the trip day by day and is listed at the end of this article.

The terrain was great but the weather was not in our favor. 1997-98 was not a good snow year in Canada. Late March was warm and the hut is low. We were often stymied by a low cloud deck, climbing into the clouds would have meant blind glacier travel and that is a bad thing. The skiing got better every day though and even a bad snow year here is very good. A highlight of the trip was when Kiwi pulled strings and got us a day with an ACMG guides course happening on the Pass at the same time. Kiwi had been the examiner years before for the guides who were the examiners for this course. What a learning experience it was to ski with these professional guides and observe and learn. Rutschblock tests, hasty pits, measuring ski penetration, trailbreaking, routefinding, they are very thorough. We worked on avalanche rescue or crevasse rescue practice every day.

On the way home the five of us stopped at the Radium Hot Springs near Kootenay National Park, what a great way to finish a great trip. Mike Darling, Mike Packard, Dave Smith, George Westbrook and your scribe Edgar Webster.

ODE TO THE ROGERS PASS SKI CAMP

(To the tune of "Sixteen Tons")

We loaded sixteen tons, on only three sleds, to the Wheeler Hut by the Illecillewaet (ill-a-sill-a-wet)...

Chorus: Saint Peter don't you call me 'cause I can't go. I'm on Rogers Pass looking for good snow...

Sunday we skinned for miles and what did we see, lots of fog and crust in the Asulkan Valley...

Chorus:

Monday we went to Connaught Creek and to Balu Pass, the snow was so fine the skiing was a gas...

Chorus:

Tuesday we skinned more miles and what did we get, the snow was like toothpaste on the Illecillewaet...

Chorus:

Wednesday we climbed up past the Asulkan Cabin, we had a great time on the Steps of Heaven...

Chorus:

The sky looks like it's clearing but I won't place a bet, by tomorrow no one knows what we might get...

Chorus:

Lloyd's in the gear room checking his guidebook, Ruthie's in the kitchen good lord what a cook...

Chorus:

When we get back to Utah we'll have some new skills; route finding, crevasse rescue and beacon drills...

Chorus:

Thursday it dawned snowy, we scrambled to meet the guides, we went to different places and we all had good rides...

Chorus:

Friday it dawned clear, we climbed to Sapphire Col, the snow was fantastic, we all had a ball...

Chorus: Saint Peter don't you call me 'cause I can't go. I'm on Rogers Pass and we found great snow!

The Canada to Mexico (Quiche to Taco) Bike Tour - Stage 1

was happening for two weeks in August. We could call this the "Over-the-Hill-Bike-Tour" since the average age of the participants was 52. But, we were really, "over-the-hill-and-gone-out-of-site."

We started at Lake Louise, Canada. It is a beautiful spot, but unfortunately too many tourists thought so too. Advance reservations are not available in Canada, so we had to get to the camp grounds early with our 20 bikers.

The first day was the longest of the trip - 90+ miles and a lot of climbing. The Canadian Rockies make even the Colorado mountains look small, with

rugged peaks, hanging glaciers, and roaring streams.

The road shoulders are wide and the highway smooth.

We cycled to Waterton Lakes and on to St. Marys at the east end of Glacier National Park. We discovered a black hole in the KOA reservation system, but we were always able to find campgrounds by the pie plates with the "WMC" logo strategically placed by our indispensable driver, Sue deVal.

Biking up to Logan Pass and down the "Going to the Sun Highway" was a most impressive ride, and without the blizzard we experienced on the "Sea to Shining Sea" ride a few years ago, it was much more enjoyable. Going down a 6% grade for 12 miles, with huge drop-offs and innumerable scenic viewpoints was just great.

We took a rest day at West Glacier, and some of us did a white water river trip down the middle fork of the Flathead river while others hung out or visited the park. We went through Missoula, Montana, the national headquarters of Adventure Cycling whose maps we used, and they took a photo of some of us for their rogues gallery of cross country cyclists. The trip continued in less spectacular but still beautiful areas with plenty of climbing, big skies, and mostly good weather, (except for a hail storm in New Dillon, Montana that caught a few of us and a lightning strike within 100 feet of Donna and Ralph Fisher that was very scary.) Virginia City, Montana was the prelude to the last big climb, and a long day to a campground on the Madison River near Quake Lake.

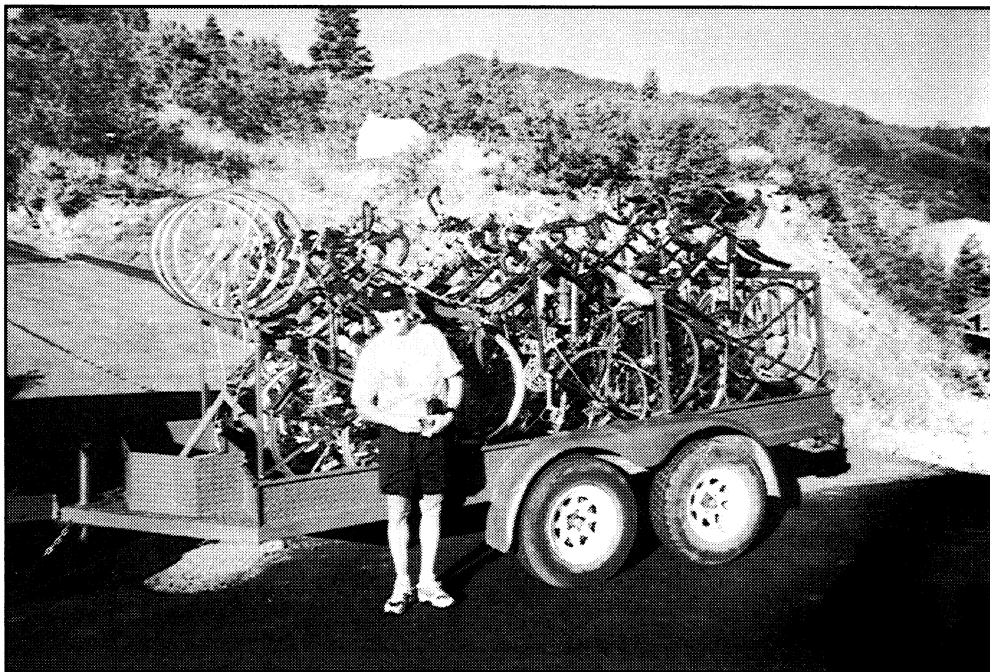
The last day dawned cold-cold-cold but most of the group braved the weather and tough headwinds that later disappeared. The ride around Hebgen Lake was ideal and ended in West Yellowstone, where we will start stage II next year. Total mileage was 925 miles with 36,000 vertical feet of climbing. A special thanks to Ralph Fisher for building a miraculous bike trailer and for route planning.

The 1998 participants include: Sam "Happy Patch" Kingston, Lorene and Robert "2 way radio" Wyss, Janice "Early Coffee" Tolhurst, Donna "Lightening" and Ralph "Crazy Legs" Fisher, Denna "Laid Back Rider" Wright, Bill "Pipe Smoker" and Paula "Worker Bee" Duncan, Kermit "Smooth" Earle, Kevin Repair Guru" Flanagan, Sue "Head Down and Hammer") McHugh, Frank "Quiet" and Debbie "Bathing Suit" Ryburn, John Smith and Lesa "We'll Get There Eventually" Sheppard, Guenter "Diplomat" Schindler, Marilyn "Long Gone" and Jim "Downhill Bomber" Bickley, Sue "Gourmet Cook and Motor

Motor Home Driver" deVal; van drivers Preston Winter, Debbie Foss, and Jack Perine; Bob "Downhill and a Tailwind" Wright - the leader.



81-5-98 Lamb's Canyon Hike to Millvue Peak (Leader: Carol Ann Langford)
Nanci Shino, Dudley McIlhenny, Carol Ann Langford, Dale Woodward. Marjorie Gendler, Krisitie Price, James nelson, John Case, and Stephanie Hollis



Ralph Fisher with his creation



The gang hanging out with the rangers

Back row (L-R): Kristie Price, "Ms. Ranger,"
 Linda Kosky, Joan Proctor, "Mr. Ranger", Jordan Gurney, Beth Ebling
 Front row (L-R): Julie Wilson, Kathie Keeler, Mike Eisenberg, and Marlene Kosky



Winners of the Halloween Costume Contest!
 (L-R) CarolAnn Langford, Cullen Ponte', and Debi Bouchard.
 (Cullen Ponte' & Debi Bouchard. won best couples' costume.)

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?

Please Complete Both Sides

Wasatch Mountain Club
New Member/Reinstatement of Previous Members Application
Do Not Use this Form for Regular Annual Membership Renewal

Please read carefully and fill out completely.

Name(s) _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

I am applying for:

Check one:

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

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

Remit: \$35.00 for single membership (\$30.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)
\$50.00 for couple membership (\$45.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)
\$20.00 for student membership (\$15.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

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

Activity Section

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

<u>Qualifying Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature of Recommending Leader</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

I found out about the WMC from _____

Mail application and check to: Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
1390 South 1100 East, Suite 103
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

Leave Blank—For Office Use Only

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

Board approval date _____

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

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

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

I verify this statement by placing my initials here: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Signature _____ Print name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

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

Witness signature _____ Print name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

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.

GOVERNING BOARD 1998-99

President and Directors

President	943-1871	Linda Kosky	
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Canoeing	255-4336	Eileen Gidley
Kayaking	571-7684	Mike Dege
Sailing	649-6805	Vince DeSimone
Rafting	424-2376	Craig McCarthy
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Boating Instr.	322-4326	Janet Embry
River Issues	486-1476	Allan Gavere

LODGE

Lodge Use	278-2535	Julie Mason
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WINTER SPORTS

Snowshoeing	296-1716	Larry Nilssen
Ski Touring	486-7829	Edgar Webster

ENTERTAINMENT

In-Line Skating	486-7829	Dave Vance
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INFORMATION

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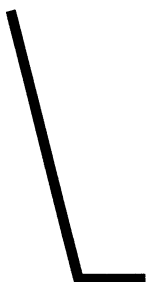
Trails Issues	364-5729	Chris Biltoft
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Commercial Advertising

The Rambler encourages and supports your products and services through pre-paid commercial advertisements. Advertisements must be camera ready and turned into the advertising director no later than the 15th of the month prior to publication. Prepayment is necessary for single month advertisements with invoicing and net 30 for repeat advertisements. Contact the Commercial Advertising Coordinator for information or to place an ad.

Full Page	\$95.00	7" x 9"
Half Page	\$50.00	7" x 4.5" Horizontal 3.5" x 9" Vertical
Quarter Page	\$30.00	3.5" x 4.5" square 7" x 2.25" horizontal 2.25" x 9" vertical
Business Card	\$15.00	3.5" x 2"

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