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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: Heading into another great year!
 Snowshoeing up Mineral Fork with Doug Stark, A.
 Carmen, Collin, Larry Nilssen by Duane Johnson.**



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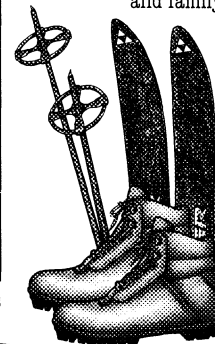
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to lend your leadership skills to the WMC Board of Directors for the 1998-99 term of office. As you can see, there are still vacancies and therefore, there are still opportunities. As a reminder, ALL positions are still open. If there is a position that you are interested in, PLEASE volunteer. We have found that co-directorships are desirable and preferred for some of the activities. More than one candidate for a position will also allow us to exercise our constitutional right to vote. The nominations are "officially" closed at the Awards/Membership meeting on January 24, 1998. You still have plenty of time. Call one of the nominating committee members and VOLUNTEER. YOUR club needs YOU! Read below. You'll find some brief requirements (on the lighter side) for the different positions. The most important requirement for all positions: HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR! HAVE FUN! "BE" FUN!

**THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB
GOVERNING BOARD 1998-99**

PRESIDENT

LINDA KOSKY (INCUMBENT)

(Job has ONE key requirement: Keep things moving and everybody out by 9:00 PM. Knowledge of how to use a gavel is optional.)

VICE PRESIDENT

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD

(You have to "be there" to qualify for this one. Key requirement: make sure the president doesn't miss a meeting.)

SECRETARY

JANICE GILL

(Listen carefully, write fast or, own a voice activated tape recorder.)

TREASURER

KATHY MCKAY

(Must know how to add, subtract, divide, fill out a bank deposit slip and write a few checks.)

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

ROBYNN SISAM (INCUMBENT)

(Keep the addresses correct so members can get their RAMBLER and, bring in some new members)

HIKING DIRECTOR

RANDY LONG

(Know a few trails or have a GOOD committee that knows a lot of trails, own a pair of good hiking boots.)

BOATING DIRECTOR

VERA SONDELSKI (INCUMBENT)

(Can't lose a single paddle! Requires "inventory keeping" skills and knowing the address of the boat shed. A GOOD committee of "river rats" is very helpful)

CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

SUSAN SWEIGERT (INCUMBENT)

(Know all the back roads and by-ways of Utah, get them on a map. Attend a few meetings with other groups interested in local issues and share what you know with the membership. Four wheel drive vehicle is optional.)

ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR

LINDA PACK

(Requires a vast knowledge of ways to have fun. Must know places to rent at reasonable rates. Know a few disc jockeys or up-coming bands who will play for their supper.)

LODGE DIRECTORS

JULIE JONES (INCUMBENT)
BILL HUGHES (INCUMBENT)

(Become best friends with the District Forest Ranger and state, city and county officials. Know the definition of "water rights". Own a snow shovel and know how to turn the heat and lights on at the Lodge.)

MOUNTAINEERING

ALAN LINDSAY (INCUMBENT)
FRANK STOCK

(Know the location of every climbing gym in town, for winter climbing and how to get to Storm Mountain, in the summer. Must know how to lift weights to maintain upper body strength. Spa membership or owning a set of weights helpful.)

PUBLICATIONS

BOB JANZEN

(Own the latest version of Print Shop Deluxe. Be computer literate. Key requirement: Get the RAMBLER out on time!)

WINTER SPORTS

TOM WALSH (INCUMBENT)

(Must know the definition of NTD, the difference between snow and sand, and must own a PIEP.)

BICYCLING DIRECTOR

TIM BOSCHERT (INCUMBENT)

(Must exhibit high levels of patience and tolerance for owners of ten-speeds, know some "little" mountains and scenic "tours".)

INFORMATION DIRECTOR

CAROL COULTER (INCUMBENT)

(Know "lots" about "many" things. Be able to answer a few questions from inquiring minds. Ability to "surf" the Internet very helpful.)

HISTORIAN

MIKE TRESHOW (INCUMBENT)

(Have ready access to ALL the local periodicals, newspapers and magazines. Own a large magnifying glass to be able to locate the printed words, "WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB", own a good pair of scissors to remove the words from the source, a large supply of glue and some scrapbooks.)

TRUSTEE

TERM 1998-2002

(Must have "served" before. Possess vast amounts of wisdom and knowledge. Have a copy of the most recent and up-to-date Policies and Constitution and Bylaws--highlighted and ear-marked. Helpful if candidate is one of the "founding members.")

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CRAIG MCCARTHY - CHAIR - 467-3018
URSULA JOCHMANN - 484-9820
HOLLY SMITH - 272-5358

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 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.

I NEED SNOWSHOE LEADERS

Don't be selfish--share your favorite trek with the rest of us. We especially welcome challenging/adventurous/exotic trips, (Nebo during a blizzard?) within the limits of polite safety. We also need the NTDS to encourage the less experienced and physical among us. So don't be shy.

Give me a call and let's talk
Larry Nilssen at (296-1716)

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

DEC 31 WED

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE LODGE. Linda Kosky will host an evening of fun and laughter to help usher in the New Year. Pot Luck at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share for 6-8 people. Coffee will be provided. Line Dancing is on the agenda! We'll have the entrance shoveled, so come on up! Overnight accommodations are available and encouraged. Cost: \$2.00 per person and an additional \$3.00 if you plan to stay overnight. Call Linda (943-1871) to RSVP.

JAN 1 THURS

NEW YEAR'S DAY SNOWSHOE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE LODGE Rob Merritt will organize beginner's snowshoe trek up toward Catherine's Pass. Group will leave from the Lodge at 9:30 am. Linda Kosky will have the pancakes ready and the coffee on for those who stayed over from the previous night and those of you who want to start your day's outing from the LODGE. Call Linda (943-1871) to RSVP.

JAN 1 THURS

SKI TOUR: CRACK OF NOON OUTING (NTD) For the hangover-impaired, or the sleep-deprived, or the just plain lethargic, this tour is for you. It won't go far, and damn sure won't go fast. Tom Silberstorf is organizing this New Years Day trip to the area around Lakes Mary, Martha, and Dog. Bring your skins, shovel, and beacon. Call Tom at 255-2784.

JAN 2 FRI

SKI TOUR: DAYS FORK TO THE SECOND MEADOW (NTD) This nifty trip is being organized by John Lorang (569-1332). It goes 3 miles and gains altitude at the mild rate of 500 feet per mile. Once you get past that 70 yard steep part at the beginning, you got it made. Meet at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary School. Touring skis are appropriate.

JAN 2-4 FRI THRU SUN

SKI TOUR: YURT TRIP to Steammill Yurt in Logan Canyon. Celebrate the new year in style in Mongolian style yurt. See the article in this Rambler or call Brian Barkey (801 394-6047) for details.

JAN 3 SAT

SNOWSHOE: CHILLY PEAK (MOD+) And it really is! Join Larry Nilssen (296-1716) and climb the Northern Skyline Trail from the North Ogden Divide to aptly named Chilly Peak. This is not for the poikilothermic or the particularly intelligent. Prepare for spectacular views of Ben Lomond Mountain (straight ahead), the Salt Lake Valley (to the left) and the Ogden Valley (to the right). Prepare for big time wind chill. Meet at the NW corner of the parking lot, Super Target, I-15 exit 322 at 9:AM to carpool.

JAN 3 SAT

SKI TOUR: AUDREY KELLY LEARN TO SKI CLINIC (EL) Have you got two left feet? Does the white slippery stuff intimidate you? Have problems keeping upright on polished linoleum? Hey, this is your lucky day! Learn to ski cross country style away from the overpriced and over-hyped resorts full of snowboarding teenagers full of testosterone. Cheryl and Janice plan to take folks onto the flat, easy tracks in the gentle Uintas and get you acquainted with the beautiful winter world. Volunteers are needed to help teach. Call early to plan the transportation and rental (if necessary) of equipment. Call Cheryl Soshnik (1-801-649-9008) or Janice Huber (486-2345).

JAN 3 SAT

SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD) Mary Ann Losee plans to do Millcreek to the easterly extreme point (that you can do without going to extremes). The destination will be the end of the large meadow at the top. Mary Ann (278-2423) wants you to assemble at the Skyline High school parking lot at 9:00 am. Touring skis are OK for this trip.

JAN 4 SUN:

SNOWSHOE: AMERICAN FORK (MOD) Join Russ Pack (572-5653) for the second iteration of his classic American Fork '97-'98 series. Russ will tailor this trip to snow conditions, so call him for destination, time and meeting place.

JAN 4 SUN

SKI TOUR: SHINGLE CREEK (NTD) Like that kick and glide? So does Jerry Hatch (583-8047) who invites Club members who like outings of the long, flat, and smooth type to join him. Meet at the K Mart on Parleys Way at 8:30 am or the K Mart parking lot in Park City at 9:15 am. Touring skis are OK. Mountaineering gear not needed. No Barry Manilow tunes allowed. Remember the \$3.00 per car toll.

JAN 4 SUN

SKI TOUR: LITTLE SOUTH FORK (MOD) Here's more kick and glide, but longer and with more variation in the terrain. Phil Fikkan will make you work harder than Jerry (see trip above). Touring skis or light mountaineering skis are suitable. Length of trip and the pace depend on the energy of the group. Call Phil (583-8499) to register. Bring \$3.00 per car for the Forest Service toll booth.

JAN 4 SUN

SKI TOUR: DESERET PEAK (MSD) Call to register for the big one. Altitude gain is 5800 feet. The 12 mile round trip to the summit will probably be supplemented by 14 more round trip miles up and back on the access road. You need super endurance, avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. George Westbrook 942-6071.

JAN 4 SUN

Snow-blowers hike to the Lodge. This is a Work party to clear snow from the entrances and roof of the Lodge. Your help is desperately needed to protect the lodge from damage from snow accumulation. We have some new snow scoops and snow-blower that will help us remove the snow more efficiently. Your continuing support is needed plus it's fun to work together. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to come Sunday morning at 8:30 am or thereafter. Lunch will be provided. Call Julie for details or rides at 278-4753.

JAN 6 TUE

SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY AREA (MOD) Vince DeSimone (1-435-649-6805) begins the continuation of his "If this is Tuesday, this must be Park City" adventure series which was so successful last year. Bring binoculars and observe rich people grazing in

Deer Valley. Or merely 'shoe with the Proletariat. Call Vince to see where he is meeting and going.

JAN 6 TUE

SKI TOUR: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+) This is a fast paced half day outing with an early start and a timely finish so you can go back to work by noon. You must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Call Edgar Webster at 583-0703 to register. The official mantra: Early to bed, Early to rise. Break some trail, Burn your thighs.

JAN 7 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 6:30 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 427 West 9160 South. Cost is \$7.00 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Rental gear is available. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions.

JAN 8 THURS

ANNUAL ROBERT FROHBOESE AVALANCHE CLINIC Are you a snowboarder? A skier? 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 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church on Foothill Blvd. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested. An avalanche transceiver (radio beacon) practice session is scheduled for the following Saturday. Call Tom Walsh (969-5842) for more information.

JAN 9 FRI

SOCIAL: SING-A-LONG (NTD!!!) - Join Frank Bernard (533-9219) at 7 p.m. for this fun event of folk and joke singing. Bring your voice and/or guitar to Frank's (417 N. Center St. 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!

JAN 10 SAT

SNOWSHOE: S. WILLOW LAKE, STANSBURY MOUNTAINS (MOD) Join Cathy Hunn for a repeat of last years chilling thriller! Details to follow in the January Rambler.

JAN 10 SAT

HIKE: 3RD ANNUAL ANTELOPE ISLAND WINTER HIKE (MOD). Antelope Island is a great place for a winter hike: exhilarating conditions, splendid views. The hike will go regardless of weather conditions, so prepare accordingly. Be sure to include lunch and your binoculars. Meet at 9AM at the Utah Travel Council parking lot on Capitol Hill to carpool on your own or meet organizer Robert Turner at 10AM in the parking area at the entrance to the Antelope Island causeway. Take I-15 exit #335, then go west about 7 miles. Any questions, call Robert (538-4861 or 593-0676) between 9AM and 11PM.

JAN 10 SAT

AVALANCHE TRANSCEIVER PRACTICE This practice is in conjunction with the Clinic on the previous Thursday. 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 9:00 am. Bring skis or showshoes to get around on the snow. If you want to go out on a short MOD ski tour afterwards, bring a lunch and the usual skins, shovel, and your avalanche beacon.

JAN 10 SAT

SKI TOUR: CANYONS NORTH OF BEAVER CREEK (NTD) As an alternative to the usual routes, Barb Petty (583-3134) is organizing an outing to the canyons north of the Beaver Creek Trail in the Uintas. Expect flatish and smooth touring in infrequently visited canyons. Meet at the K Mart on Parleys Way at 8:30 am or at the Beaver Creek trailhead east of Kamas at 9:30 am. Barb recommends a radio beacon and shovel. Bring \$3.00 per car for the FS toll.

JAN 10 SAT

SOCIAL: SYMPHONY NIGHT - Join Jeanne Matyjasik (H/975-7753 W/531-6100-110) at 6:00 p.m. at City Creek Cafe/215 W. South Temple/521-7800 followed by the Utah Symphony at Abravanel Hall at 8:00 p.m. The program is conducted by J. Silverstein with Pamela Frank, Violin and includes Schubert, Piston, and Brahms Violin Concerto. Please contact Jeanne **IN ADVANCE** for info.

JAN 11 SUN

SNOWSHOE: PORTER FORK (TO THE SADDLE) (MOD): Ken Engstrom (486-0442) and Christine Osborne will lead this new tour.

JAN 11 SUN

SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (NTD) Lucy Ormond (266-0619) says light mountaineering skis are suitable for this scenic backcountry route. Touring skis are OK if you are proficient on them. Meet at the K Mart on Parleys Way at 8:30 am to carpool. In the Park City area meet at the K Mart near Kimball Junction at 9:15 am. Remember the \$3.00 per car toll charge.

JAN 11 SUN

SKI TOUR: SOCIAL TOUR - BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON (NTD) Hey, here is something new! Rick Schmitz is organizing a social version of a tour. This tour features a late start, pot luck lunch, and everyone will stay together. Instead of an athletic approach to touring, Rick's tour will encourage socializing. Furthermore, Rick wants you to plan to nibble and sip at the Silver Fork Lodge afterwards. Because the trip might involve travel near avalanche terrain, bring your radio beacon and shovel. Call Rick (949-8399) to discuss type of skis if you have any questions. Meet at the Butler Elementary school at 11:00 am.

JAN 11 SUN

SKI TOUR: SEEKING SLOPES ON THE FLATS (MOD) This is an EXPLORATORY trip to research some promising looking telemarking slopes viewed on the right side of the further reaches of Norway Flats. Telephone TelePete Mimmack for info at 1-801-377-2330. Meet at the K Mart on Parleys Way at 8:30 am or at the Kamas High school parking lot at 9:30 am. Bring your avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins.

JAN 11 SUN

SKI TOUR: BOX ELDER (MSD!) 6,000 plus feet of elevation gain ought to tell you this will be a long, arduous day. You must have abundant endurance, avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Call George Westbrook at 942-6071.

JAN 13 TUE

SKI TOUR: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+) This is a fast paced half day outing with an early start and a timely finish so you can get to work by noon. You must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Call Edgar Webster at 583-0703 to register. The official mantra: Early to bed, Early to rise. Break some trail, Burn your thighs.

JAN 14 WED

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us 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. This particular evening at the climbing gym is geared towards families. Younger participants are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions.

JAN 14 WED

SOCIAL: BREWVIES MOVIE NIGHT - Meet Joan Balde (467-2223) promptly at 6:00 p.m. for an inexpensive evening at Brewvies Cinema Pub (677 South 200 West). We will eat, drink, and even watch movies. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

JAN 14 WED *YET ANOTHER REMINDER*****

SOCIAL: ANNUAL NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS BANQUET AND BALL - Don't forget to send in your reservation for the ball. This is the special WMC event of the year. **ALL** members are welcome. Last day for early reservations is Monday, January 19th. (For details, see full-page ad in January's Rambler.)

JAN 16 THRU 18 FRI, SAT& SUN

SKI TOUR: BALDY KNOLL YURT TRIP. Refer to the article titled THE 1998 YURT SCHEDULE elsewhere in this issue.

JAN 17 SAT

SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD) This tour features a route 24 feet wide and 6 miles long if you go to the end of the flatish meadow at the top. Organizer Uli Hegewald will meet participants at the east side parking lot, behind the theatre, at Olympus Hills shopping center, at 9:00 am. Uli plans to hold it down to 4 hours or until you are tired. Uli says skins are useful. (582-3502)

JAN 17 SAT

SKI TOUR: POWDER PARK (MOD) It's time to do that ol' regular in Big Cottonwood Canyon. George Swanson (466-3003) is organizing this outing. Meet him at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am and remember to bring your avalanche transponder (also known as a radio beacon), shovel, and skins.

JAN 17 SAT

SKI TOUR: MOUNT TIMPANOGOS PILGRIMAGE (MOD) Jeff Stowell claims this tour is long but not technical, although you should be in good shape. If you are interested in this semicircumferential perambulation, call Jeff at 582-5214 to register and to get info.

JAN 17 SAT

SOCIAL: PIONEER THEATRE COMPANY - Join Ron Jansen (274-2507) for dinner at 5:30 p.m. (restaurant TBA) and the PTC play "Dancing at Lughnasa" at 8:00 p.m. The setting is rural Ireland in 1936. Contact Ron for further details.

JAN 18 SUN

SKI TOUR: GRIZZLEY GULCH TO TWIN LAKES PASS (NTD+) Radio beacon, skins, and shovel are all it takes to gain admission to this tour. Evelyn Clayton (485-4974) will meet interested skiers at the Butler Elementary School at 10:00 am.

JAN 18 SUN

SKI TOUR: MOUNT RAYMOND VIA BUTLER FORK (MOD+) Dennis and Karen Caldwell want you to call to register for this tour. It might reach into the MSD range of difficulty depending on how long or how far they go. (942-6065)

JAN 18 SUN

SKI TOUR: RED PINE CANYON TO MUD LAKE FLATS (MOD) You will have to call the organizer Mike Berry (583-4721) for the lowdown on this tour. Preliminary intelligence: A rolling terrain, kick & glide type of tour reputed to be excellent. Round trip distance is 14 miles. Elevation gain is about 2000.

JAN 18 SUN

SKI TOUR: LITTLE WATER VIA DESOLATION TO MURDOCK OUT TOLLS CANYON (MSD) A major car shuttle is required to pull this one off. Call George Westbrook (942-6071) to register and plan.

JAN 19 MON *FINAL REMINDER*****

SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND BALL - It's ok. We know you forgot to send in your reservation - but you know what, we'll still accept your telephone reservation if you bring in your check for \$22, today to Jeanne (H=975-7753, W=531-6100-EXT.110). An advance count is needed to secure the restaurant reservation.

JAN 20 TUE

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JAN 24 SAT

SNOWSHOE: OVERNIGHT, MT LOGAN (MSD): Scott Patterson would like to organize this overnight for those who are adventurous, (963-2263) stout of spirit and perhaps light of cranial capacity.

JAN 23 THRU JAN 24 FRI & SAT

Lodge Work party for families and friends. Plan to come up Friday evening and spend the night. Bring a warm sleeping bag and pad, a potluck item to share and a favorite game. Breakfast will be served Saturday morning. The work party will focus on snow removal to preserve the lodge which will be deeply covered in the greatest snow on earth. Lodge will be open by 6:00 pm on Friday, dinner at 6:30. Call Julie to reserve breakfast and coordinate early arrivals on Friday at 278-4753.

JAN 24 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS (NTD+) You can go forever (almost) on this tour, however organizer Bob Janzen won't require that. Call him to get the details on where and when to meet, and what type of gear to bring. (969-2825)

JAN 24 SAT

SKI TOUR: WILSON FORK (MSD) Pat McEwan says Wilson Fork is fantastic when the snow is good, which no doubt will be the case. Pat plans to depart from the UTA bus stop at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Hint: You may need to park on Fort Union Blvd west of Wasatch Blvd. It is mandatory to have shovel, skins, radio beacon, and bus fare. Call Pat at 571-5033 to get details and to plan a car shuttle.

JAN 24 SAT

SKI TOUR: WOLVERINE BOWL (MSD) Meet trip organizer Larry Larkin at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am for this crafty trip to the huge and popular bowl above Brighton. You must have skins, shovel, and an avalanche beacon. (486-9060)

JAN 24 SAT

SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND BALL. ALL WMC MEMBERS - NEW AND OLD - are cordially invited to the annual banquet and ball. (Non-members are also welcome). Yes, it's time to bring out those semi-formal clothes, dust them off and let your friends see you in your best. Help us celebrate & toast the persons who have made the WMC reputation the best in the valley. Il Giardino is located at 280 East and 800 South/521-5353. Live music will be provided by the Wind River Band. The all-inclusive cost is \$22/person (send or give check to Jeanne Matyjasik by Monday, January 19th. If you would prefer to wait until the day of the ball, the late fee will be \$27/person at the door (due to late charges assessed by the restaurant for additions). So please join us to help the WMC kick off the 1998 year in great fashion.

JAN 25 SUN

SKI TOUR: CATHERINE PASS FROM BRIGHTON (NTD) This popular favorite (because it's so good) has hit the schedule again. John Kohinis will depart from Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. Bring radio beacon, shovel, and skins. John affirms that no alien abductees will be excluded from his trip. (phone 534-0871)

JAN 25 SUN

SKI TOUR: POWDER PARK (MOD) Telemark time on moderate slopes! Steve Townsend (463-9465) is organizing this outing which will assemble at the Skyline High School parking lot (east side - same as for hiking) at the hour of 9:00 am. You need to bring an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins.

JAN 25 SUN

SKI TOUR: TELEMAR HILL (MOD) This area out of Heber is reputed to have slopes steep enough for telemark turns, plus it is also suitable for kick & glide type of touring. Sound like the best of all possible worlds. Paula Huff wouldn't organize it if it wasn't good. Call her at 328-2853 for info.

JAN 25 SUN

SKI TOUR: ADVANCED TELEMAR CLINIC (MOD-MSD) Once again we are lucky to offer a clinic for MOD-to-Better cross country skiers who want to improve their telemark turns, improve their balance, and learn to speed up and adds grace to a line of linked turns. Depending on demand, there might be a focus session on parallel turning also. Former ski instructor Edgar Webster will meet you at Powder Mountain, where the back bowls have fewer tracks

than many backcountry slopes. Call Edgar to register and plan the carpools. (583-0703)

JAN 25 SUN

SKI TOUR: TIMPANOGOS (MSD) If sufficient snow has fallen on Mount Timpanogos, George wants to take a shot at it. Timp is big and takes a full day. You need plenty of endurance, shovel, skins, and a radio beacon. Call George at 942-6071 to register.

Jan 25 SUN

SOCIAL: 12TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI PARTY - Vincenzo De Simone (1-801-649-6805) invites us 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 p.m. (**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 sounds to the fun. (No pets or children, please.) Questions? Contact Vincenzo.

JAN 27 TUE

SKI TOUR: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+) This is a fast paced half day outing with an early start and a timely finish so you can get to work by noon. You must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Call Edgar Webster at 583-0703 to register. The official mantra: Early to bed, Early to rise. Break some trail, Burn your thighs.

JAN 28 WED

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us 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. This particular evening at the climbing gym is geared towards families. Younger participants are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions.

JAN 28 WED

SOCIAL: MARY'S MOVIE NIGHT - Join Mary Peterson (583-2503) at 6:00 p.m. for dinner at Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. (2227 Highland Dr.) followed by a movie at Movies 10. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

JAN 31 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD+) The destination is currently undefined, but it will be choice if Edgar Webster (583-0703) has anything to do with it. Be equipped with an avalanche beacon, shovel, skins, plus bus fare. Be assembled at the Butler Elementary School at 8:00 am.

JAN 31 SAT

SKITOUR: BRIGHTON TO TWIN LAKES PASS TO SILVER FORK (MSD) A classic is back! Larry Stewart is reviving a trip the Club used to do in years past. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 8:30 am and be prepared for a car shuttle. Bring your avalanche beacon, shovel, skins, lunch, etc. For information call Larry at 944-0213.

JAN 31 SAT

SOCIAL: SYMPHONY NIGHT - Join Jeanne Matyjasik (H/975-7753, W/531-6100-110) at 6:00 p.m. at Baci Trattoria/134 W. Pierpont Av./328-1333 followed by the Utah Symphony at Abravanel Hall at 8:00 p.m. The program is conducted by J. Silverstein with Edgar Meyer, Double Bass playing Haydn, Tower, and Debussy. Please contact Jeanne **IN ADVANCE** for info.

FEB 1 SUN

SKI TOUR: SNAKE CREEK CANYON (MOD) For the kick & glide crowd, Dave Nardinger is organizing a trip around and about the canyon that slopes eastward from the Brighton ski resort's lift of the same name. Call Dave to register and obtain the necessary information about where and when to meet. (595-6744)

FEB 1 SUN

SKI TOUR: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD) Tim is fixing to do an easy tour in a smooth bottomed side canyon, on a pleasant trail, and probably will stop before the point where it gets ugly. Meet Tim Boshert (298-1814) at the Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. Bring skins if you want.

FEB 1 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) You can be sure that organizer Leslie Woods will NOT lead you astray. She will go to a right, proper, suitable, and appropriate destination. Bring your avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 8:30 am. (call Leslie at 484-2338 if you are curious).

FEB 1 SUN

SKI TOUR: ALTA TO CARDIFF TO MONTREAL HILL (MSD) Another Brad Yates excellent adventure is in the making. Bring bus fare for this trip in addition to the regular skins, shovel, and avalanche beacon. Call Brad at 521-4185 to register, and obtain the secret meeting place and time.

FEB 3 TUE

SKI TOUR: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+) This is a fast paced half day outing with an early start and a timely finish so you can get to work by noon. You must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Call Edgar Webster at 583-0703 to register. The official mantra: Early to bed, Early to rise. Break some trail, Burn your thighs.

FEB 6 OR 7 OR 8 FRI OR SAT OR MAYBE SUN MOONLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY (NTD) Ever wondered how to do those fantastic scenic photographs illuminated by moonlight? Bob Grant is organizing an outing to American Fork Canyon behind Timpanogos to stalk the rare scenes and elusive lighting that it takes to make a stunning photograph. You might see the results on the Rambler cover. Call Bob at 273-0369 to register. You can use skis or snowshoes. You need an adjustable camera and tripod. Limit of 6 people. Bob will choose one of the nights that has the best prospects for weather and light.

FEB 7 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK PARK IN OGDEN VALLEY (NTD) Something different at last - Ralph Johnson is leading this NTD tour in gentle terrain near Pineview Reservoir. Call him at 544-2435 for details. In Salt Lake meet in the southwest part of the Home Depot parking lot on 2100 South and 300 West at 8:00 am. In Ogden meet at the Wilshire Theatre at Harrison Blvd and Highway 89 at 9:00 am. Touring skis are OK. Hint to Salt Lake people - If you inform Ralph you are coming, he will wait.

FEB 7 SAT

SKI TOUR: CLYDE CREEK TO MUD CREEK (MOD) Located in the Heber & Daniels Summit area, this tour is about 14 miles round trip and gains a moderate 1000 feet of elevation. Touring skis or light mountaineering gear is suitable. Call Mike Berry for details (583-4721)

FEB 7 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD+) Once again Edgar Webster is waiting until the last minute to

pinpoint the location of the tour de jour. But that's OK - it will result in the ideal snow and slope conditions. Have your avalanche beacon, shovel, skins, and Canyon bus fare at Butler Elementary School at 8:00 am. Call 583-0703 for details.

FEB 7 SAT

SKI TOUR: PFEIFFERHORN (MSD) Walt's favorite ski trip is that most worthy and pointy topped mountain that we all lust to get on top of - the Pfeifferhorn. You must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, skins, and good skiing skills. Call Walt Haas to register. (534-1262)

FEB 8 SUN

SKI TOUR: BEARTRAP FORK (MOD+) When you need a little more steep and a little longer slope than Reynolds, you go to Beartrap. Join Tom Walsh for some Sunday yo yo skiing. You must have the mandatory three: beacon, shovel, and skins. Also plan on having UTA bus fare. Meet at Butler Elementary at 8:30 am. Details available at 969-5842)

FEB 8 SUN

SKI TOUR: BROADS FORK TWIN PEAKS (MSD) Because of considerable avalanche danger and exposure, this outing is restricted to those who are highly qualified, physically strong, and properly equipped. Call George Westbrook to register. (942-6071)

FEB 8 SUN

SKI TOUR: JULIE ANDREWS MEADOW (NTD+) The question: Will Pete Mimmack twirl and leap and sing about how the hills are alive with the sound of music? The answer will be revealed to participants on Pete's tour. You have to phone him at 1-801-377-2330 for details.

FEB 10 TUE

SKI TOUR: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+) This is a fast paced half day outing with an early start and a timely finish so you can go back to work by noon. You must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Call Edgar Webster at 583-0703 to register. The official mantra: Early to bed, Early to rise. Break some trail, Burn your thighs.

FEB 14 AND 15 SAT & SUN

SKI TOUR: BUNCHGRASS YURT TRIP. Refer to the article titled THE 1998 YURT SCHEDULE elsewhere in this issue.

FEB 14 SAT**SKI TOUR: VALENTINES DAY SPECIAL (MOD+)**

The very bably Jane Webster is organizing a Valentines Day outing into the wilds of the Wasatch. Have your beacon, skins, and shovel ready at the meeting place near Einsteins in the Olympus Hills shopping center at 8:30 am. Plan to stop for refreshments. Questions? Dial 583-0703. Singles will not be turned away, PROVIDED that they bring abundant bribes of chocolate.

FEB 14 SAT

SKI TOUR: WOLVERINE BOWL (MSD) Harold Goeckeritz is heading up an outing to our favorite bowl. If you bring your beacon, shovel, and skins to Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am, Harold will show you a few turns. Call 553-8153 for info.

FEB 15 SUN

SKI TOUR: YELLOW PINE CREEK TO YELLOW PINE LAKE (MOD) Once in a while you need a Uintah tour to exorcise the urban kinks. This tour is steeper than usual gaining about 2400 feet; round trip distance is 7 miles. Jerry Hatch, the trip organizer, approves the use of touring skis or light backcountry skis. Skins will help with the ascent. Call to register: 583-8047.

FEB 15 SUN

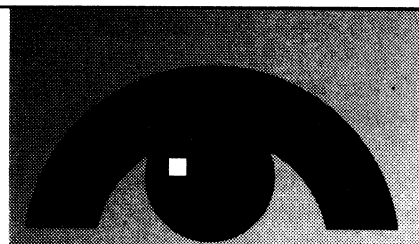
SKI TOUR: BELLS CANYON (MSD) If you need a long hard day, consider joining George Westbrook in Bells Canyon. Skiing at the top is wonderful, but that exit at the bottom can be a S.O.B. if the snow is sparse. Call George at 942-6071 to register.

FEB 21 SAT

SNOW-BLOWERS HIKE TO THE LODGE. This is a Work party to clear snow from the entrances and roof of the Lodge. We have some new snow scoops and a snow-blower that will help us remove the snow more efficiently. We'll also use a snow slide and possibly ice saws and sleds. Your continuing support is needed plus it's fun to work together. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to come Saturday morning at 8:30 am or thereafter. Lunch will be provided for all workers. Call Julie for details or rides at 278-4753.

MAR 6 AND 7 FRI & SAT

SKI TOUR: STEAM MILL YURT TRIP Refer to the article in this issue titled THE 1998 YURT SCHEDULE.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

SPRING 1998

TURKEY OR BELIZE SAILING AND LAND

ADVENTURE. Now is the time to express your interest in an adventure trip to one of these two destinations. Substantial interest has been expressed in both. My decision on which trip to organize depends on input from potential participants. Please let me know if you have any interest. This is not a commitment at this time. Once trip details are available, you will be asked to send a deposit to reserve a space. The lead time on getting commitments on sail boats, land and travel arrangements is about 6 months. Tentatively, either trip would be about two weeks long. Our time in Belize would be divided equally between sailing/diving/snorkeling water activity along the Cayes and the barrier reef, and going inland to explore natural settings and Mayan ruins. Turkey would be about 1/3 on a sailboat, the remainder visiting ancient cultural and historic sights, as well as experiencing present culture in villages. I will need a strong indication of interest from enough people if either trip is to go. Call WMC sailing coordinator Vince DeSimone at 649-6805 to express your interest or to ask questions.

APRIL 1998 TRAVELING TO CHINA: Sandy Dickinson (801 355-9414) has organized a trip to China visiting Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, Qufu, Taishan and Jinan. Begins April 10th 1998 for 13/14 days. SFO departure. Cost is \$1399, including air, 3 meals daily, first class hotels, ground transportation, group admission fee, guided sight-seeing and city transportation. \$300 deposit due at booking. Call ASAP. Space is limited.

JUNE 24 1998

EAST AFRICAN SAFARI AND MT. KILIMANJARO

CLIMB The 10th Westminster College East African Safari, led by Drs. Barry Quinn and Robert Warnock, Dept. of Biology, will depart 24 June for Kenya and Tanzania. The 17-day trip will explore some of the major game parks of these countries including Kenya's Samburu, Lake Nakuru, and Maasai Mara game parks and Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge, the Serengeti National Park, and Ngorongoro Crater, considered one of the seven wonders of the natural world. Of interest to WMC members will be a non-technical climb of Africa's highest peak, Mt. Kilimanjaro, at 19,320 feet, in lieu of the Kenyan game parks. Cost of the trip is \$5,200 and includes

all air and land transport from Salt Lake City, first class hotels and game lodges, park entrance fees, guides and porters for the Kilimanjaro climb, and most meals. An optional five day extension to explore the Indian Ocean Coast, Malindi and its coral reef park, and the ancient Arab city of Lamu will be available for \$875. For a brochure or further information, call Barry Quinn at 488-4191 (office) or 272-7097 (home).



1996 Kilimanjaro Climb Horombo Hut Complex at 12,000 ft Barry Quinn, Jan Brain, Judy Elizondo, and Phyllis Anderson

JULY 18-Aug. 2

BACKPACKING/MOUNTAINEERING - SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS

From Silverton, CO., we will drive over 4WD-only Stony Pass. On Sunday we'll backpack over 12,500' Hunchback Pass to Sunlight Creek, our base camp for 3rd class scrambles up two high thirteens: Vellecito and Leviathan Peaks. While hordes of hikers throng to the 14ers, we'll have this beautiful remote area in the San Juan Mountains all to ourselves. The leader, the first woman to climb Colorado's 100 highest mountains, will be spending the entire week in the San Juans, bagging little-known and rarely visited summits. You must be in shape for this altitude. Early starts are mandatory to beat the lightning storms. Joint trip with the Colorado Mountain Club. Utah organizer: Jane Koerner (801-750-0051) in Logan (Map: Storm King/ Backpacking: 18-20 miles r.t./ Climbing 6-8 miles r.t. per peak)

Classy Ads:

through 8" (custom made), bolt kit. Please call before 9pm
@ (801) 776-1031.

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. 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 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. Send in your seasonally appropriate photos to the Mountain Club office.

FOR SALE: ALPINE SKI BOOTS: Lange Mid 4.8; 4 buckles; excellent condition; size 24.5; white and purple; ski and walk modes, \$75. **X-CTY SKIS/BINDINGS:** Fisher Country Crown Air Tec, Waxless/no edges, 190 cm with Asolo 3 pin bindings: \$99. **REDWING BOOTS** Irish Setter, men's 7.5 EE: 8" high, vibram sole, great for hiking or firefighting; almost new, \$50 (sold for \$150). I will bring item to Salt Lake City. Also, willing to trade item for some winter weekend accomodation. Call Jaynee @ (435) 637-1049h or (435) 636-3620w: e-mail jlevy@ut.blm.gov.

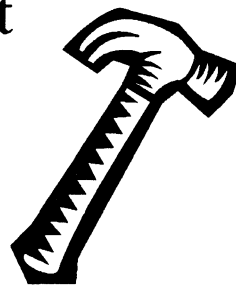
SKIS FOR SALE: Fischer GTS 195 cm. good condition. Great for Telemark, \$75. Call Jim Bailey and leave message (801) 261-5609.

BACKCOUNTRY SKIS FOR SALE: Karhu XCD GT 180 cm. Full metal edges NNN BC bindings. Montana climbing skins. \$175 takes it all (801) 572-3294.

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Winter Activities Special Events

The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Seminar	The Audrey Kelly Learn to Ski Clinic	Telemark Ski Clinics
<i>Dates/Times/Locations:</i> Thurs, Jan 8, 7:00 PM Zion Lutheran Church Beacon Practice: Sat, Jan 10, 9:00 AM Meet at Butler School	<i>Date/Location:</i> Sat, Jan 3, all day Beaver Creek Trail	<i>Date/Location:</i> Sun, Dec 14, all day Alta Ski Resort
<i>Who Should Attend:</i> ANYONE and EVERYONE who plans to recreate in the backcountry. This includes folks on skis, snowshoes, snowboards, and snowmobiles. Thursday's lecture is presented by: Bruce Tremper of the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center	<i>Who Should Attend:</i> FIRST TIME and BEGINNING Cross Country Skiers. This clinic teaches the kick-and-glide ski touring technique on relatively flat terrain We will also discuss skiing equipment, winter clothing and preparedness, and waxing techniques.	<i>Who Should Attend:</i> People who have a basic knowledge of skiing, either cross country or downhill, but want to learn/improve the Telemark Turn.
<i>Costs:</i> Thursday: \$5.00 donation is requested Saturday: your share of carpool gas for Big Cottonwood Canyon.	<i>Costs:</i> Your share of carpool gas to the Uintas, plus a \$3.00 per vehicle Mirror Lake Highway Access Fee	<i>Costs:</i> Alta lift ticket, full day or half day, plus your share of carpool gas to Alta
Additional volunteer instructors are needed for beacon practice. Participant sign up is not required.	Additional volunteer instructors are needed. Participants are requested to sign up in advance. You may also want to discuss equipment rental and clothing.	Additional volunteer instructors are needed. Participants are requested to sign up in advance.
<i>Contact:</i> Tom Walsh 969-5842	<i>Contacts:</i> Cheryl Soshnik (435)649-9008 Janice Huber 486-2345	<i>Contact:</i> Edgar Webster 583-0703

DIRECTORS MESSAGES

INFORMATION DIRECTORS

Carol Coulter and Carol Milliken

Revised and Updated Membership Manual Enclosed

Please enjoy and keep for your records the newly revised and updated Wasatch Mountain Club Membership Manual enclosed in this month's *Rambler*. The manual is a comprehensive guide to the Club and its activities, operations, history, and more!

Notes about the Wasatch Mountain Club on the WWW

Tony Ackerman, our Webmaster, reports that our Web page has been well received and we continue to get 300-400 hits a month. Be sure to visit often for the latest trips and information. Look for some changes and improvements coming in January.

Are you on the WMC email mailing list? We occasionally send out email announcing late breaking trip information or an important meeting. All you have to do is send an email to wmc@digitalpla.net and ask to be on the list. We promise not to flood you with a lot of bogus email messages and you may unsubscribe at any time.

Do you have an interesting trip report, a great photo or a worthwhile link that you'd like to see on the WMC home page? Just email wmc@digitalpla.net and attach either your image and/or your trip report.

BOATING DIRECTOR

Vera Sondelski

Even as the snow falls in the dead of winter, hard-core boaters think about how snow melts into water that gathers into streams, which converge into rivers... where we play! Now is indeed the time to be thinking about 1998 season rivers and getting our permit applications in to the agencies. The deadline for receipt of permits is Jan. 31.

We need everyone's help. If you enjoyed a river trip last summer, remember that several people put in for permits in order to get the one that you benefitted from. Now it is your turn. If you are inexperienced and worried about the responsibility, never fear... we can help you organize a trip and find an experience river guide for you. First and foremost, we need permits.

Thanks to all who joined us at the Permit Party in December. I hope everyone has turned in their applications!! (gentle urging) Following are the addresses for river permit applications. Please call Vera or any of the coordinators if you have any questions. Welcome to our new rafting coordinator - Craig McCarthy. Glad to have you on board, mate!

IDAHO RIVERS: Vera has copies or pick one up off the web <http://www.idoc.state.id.us/irti>

DINOSAUR (Yampa, Ladore, Split): Ladore and Yampa River permits can be obtained through the address listed below (Vera has copies). Permits are on a lottery basis, limited to one permit.

Yampa & Gates of Lodore
River Ranger
Dinosaur National Monument
4545 Hwy 40
Dinosaur, CO 81610
tel: (970) 374-2468

Split Mountain section of Green
First come first serve by tel. after March 1
Need a permit for each day you plan to run,
must complete one before requesting another day.

SOUTHERN UTAH The following rivers are under the same regulation and require a postcard format application that can only be obtained from the offices listed. You may request several applications but you cannot duplicate the form. Deadline Jan 31, in their office.

Desolation Canyon, Green River

BLM, Price Field Office
125 South 600 West
Price, UT 84501
(435) 636-3622

San Juan River

BLM, San Juan Field Office
P.O. Box 7 (435 N. Main)
Monticello, UT 84535
(435) 587-1544

Westwater Canyon Colorado River

BLM, Moab Field Office
82 E Dogwood
Moab, UT 84532
(435) 259-7012 (new tel)

Cataract Canyon, Colorado River

Canyonlands National Park
2282 S West Resource Blvd
Moab, UT 84532-8000
(435) 259-4351

Applications after Jan. 1, first come first serve.

Ruby/ Horsethief, Colorado River BLM,

Grand Junction District
2815 H Road
Grand Junction, CO
(970) 244-3000

There is a possibility of permits for this stretch. BLM had no further info as of Dec 10. Didn't have a decision date. ????. Maybe call later in the spring.

OTHER RIVERS Following are some address updates on rivers that the WMC has run in the past. This is not meant to be a complete list. For other rivers, refer to the *Western Whitewater* book by North Fork Press, or Gary Nichols' *River Runner's Guide to Utah* book. These are great resources.

Rogue River, Oregon

TRI
P.O. Box 5149
Roseburg, OR 97470
tel: (541) 672-4168
lottery questions
tel: (541) 479-3735
for river info
fax: (541) 440-0023
E-mail: tioga@gears.efn.org

*Send letter with launch date, party size, party leader address & tel, drivers license #, signature, \$5 payment by check, money order, cashier's check, VISA or MC.

* OR apply via internet
<http://www.umpcoos.com/rogue>
* first come first serve after April 1
at (541) 479-3735

Salt River, Upper

River Permits and Info
Tonto National Forest
2324 E McDowell Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85006
tel: (602) 225-5200

High season March 1 - May 15
Group size maximum 15
Deadline permits Jan 31

Wow! That's a lot of options, and it is only a partial list of the main rivers that need permits. There are lots more rivers that can be run at spring run-off, and with smaller craft. If you are interested in coordinating a trip - give Vera a call (292-8332), or come to the permit party in the spring with your info.

For all you canoeists and small craft boaters, Commodore Gidley (tel: 255-4336) has a full season in the works. Here is a sneak preview.

March -	Kanoe Kick Off Party!
April -	Canoe Safety & Skills
Summer-	Jordan River, Flaming Gorge, Green River, Provo River Windriver/ Teton Trip!!
September-	Boundary Waters in Minnesota
October -	Labyrinth Canyon (that's post-mosquito season)

WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR

Tom Walsh

What's happening with heliskiing?

Tough question. The Forest Supervisor signed an Annual Permit which extends the operation of the Powderbirds for another year. Meanwhile the policy issues and testimony from last year's public hearings are still being considered. The Forest Service received a little short of 300 letters on the controversy.

Beginning in January the Forest Service will test "rotations" of designated areas in which no heliskiing is allowed. At the same time there will be other areas where muscle powered skiers are supposed to avoid. The idea is to schedule areas where one type of user can be assured there will be no interference from the other type of user. In February they plan to use 2 day rotations. In March they will use a 7 day rotation.

As of the Rambler publication deadline I don't have much more information to offer. Details on the rotation areas will be forthcoming. Apparently two tests or experiments are being done. One is testing the compliance of muscle powered skiers with the proposed schedule. The other test is seeing if a way can be found to fairly allocate a scarce commodity, good powder snow. One thing is certain - we will be watched.

An article is planned to explain the Forest Service decision in the January issue of that fine magazine, *The Sports Guide*, which is available at local sports shops and coffee houses.

Who is Robert Frohboese?

This is an excerpt from a Memorial in the April 1981 Rambler by Joel Bown.

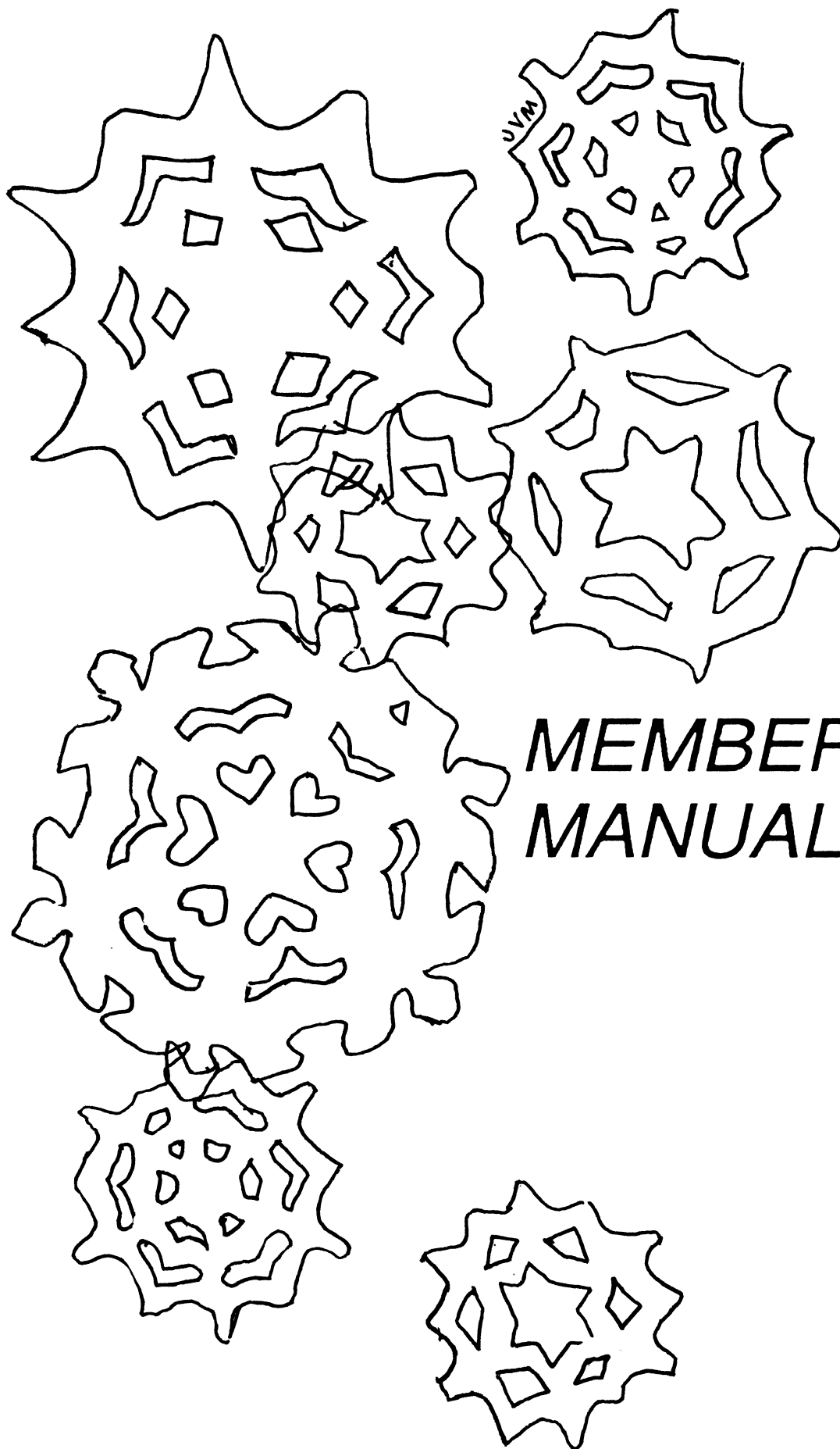
On Sunday, March 1, 1981, Bob Frohboese died in an avalanche while ski touring with friends in Porter Fork. As always, he went first to test ski the slope and to get first tracks. My last contact with him was his "yahoo" upon finding powder in fairly dense trees he was skiing through. How can I describe the loss I and his many friends feel?

Bob was a witty, vital, dynamic human being. He threw himself into whatever he did. Skiing brought Bob to Utah, and he excelled at it. He taught skiing several years, and for a while directed his own ski school at Wolf Creek Pass, Colorado. For the past three years Bob had worked for Systematics, Inc, a computer service company specializing in banking, and had been the manager of their Salt Lake City site since fall.

Outdoor sports were Bob's life. He loved rock climbing and mountaineering. He made many trips to Canada, the Wind Rivers, and the Northwest. No one who knew him will ever forget Bob -- he was always such a dominant force.

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After his death a memorial fund was established to enhance medical assistance capabilities in back country rescues. The Club sponsors the Robert Frohboese Avalanche Clinic each year to improve the avalanche skills



MEMBERSHIP MANUAL

Wasatch Mountain Club Membership Manual

"Onward and upward"
(Official WMC Motto adopted 1923)

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INTRODUCTION

The Wasatch Mountain Club was incorporated in 1920 by an informally organized group that had been hiking together for several years. The original Club Charter listed the purpose as:

To promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

The operation of the Club and how it attempts to promote these goals is spelled out in greater detail in the various sections of this manual as outlined below.

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OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

There are five tiers or levels of documents which organize and control operations of the Club. In descending order of importance they are:

1. Articles of Incorporation
2. Constitution
3. Bylaws
4. Rules of Conduct
5. Policies

The Constitution and Bylaws are printed separately and provided to new members along with this membership guide. Rules of conduct are incorporated into this document.

Articles of Incorporation: When incorporating, the State of Utah requires a document be filed which states several facts about the organization of the corporation. Our incorporation articles were deliberately written very broadly, allowing great leeway in the operation of the Club. Once filed, the articles may not be changed without reincorporating. Although one or two articles are out-of-date, state law allows this. The date of the current document is December 22, 1922. The original incorporation on May 13, 1920, was not adequate so a new filing was initiated a few years later.

Constitution: The Constitution broadly defines the Club's internal structure and operation. Upon proper notice, only a majority vote of a quorum of Club members at the general membership meeting can change the Constitution. Any member may propose a Constitution change. The Constitution's articles are kept as broad as possible.

Bylaws: The Club's day-to-day operations are governed by Bylaws. Duties of Directors, Coordinators, and Committees are defined, meetings scheduled, types and fees for membership established, and elections provided for. The Governing Board may change Bylaws at any of their regular meetings, provided proper notification is given. Bylaws may be detailed, if necessary.

Rules of Conduct: The Mountain Club expects a certain standard of behavior from its members. The Rules of Conduct outline this standard. A set of Bylaws provide for enforcement of violations depending on the seriousness of the offense. Please make sure you understand and follow the Club's Rules of Conduct. The Board takes violations seriously because they affect the image and, in certain cases, the legal liability of the Club.

Policies: Policies, policies and more policies! A recent policy distribution to the Board contained 25 pages. Policies are decisions of the Board which amplify on, but do not conflict, with the Constitution and Bylaws. Most policies are initiated by the Board member most directly affected and may be approved by a Board vote, especially where fees are to be assessed. Many non-controversial policies are formulated in committees and announced by a Board member at Board meetings. Tacit approval is given by their mention in the minutes. Policies may be changed at anytime, and in fact may be changed several times at one Board meeting!

ACTIVITIES

The club engages in a wide variety of outdoor activities: hiking, backpacking, car camping, skiing, snowshoeing, rock climbing, ice climbing, rafting, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, and bicycling. Participants have certain responsibilities. While the details vary from activity to activity, the underlying philosophy never changes. You must be prepared. The organizer sets the plan for the particular outing. If you don't like the ground rules, then don't join the outing. Descriptions and responsibilities that are particular to each activity are given below. Club activities are announced in the *Rambler* (as well as on our Web site). Activities are approved and scheduled by the director of the particular activity in question. However, it is the volunteers who make the Club work, including the volunteers who organize outdoor activities. We invite you to become an organizer of the activities that you take part in.

Hiking

Hiking is the most popular Club activity, with hikes scheduled on weekends and holidays from April through October. From May through September, hikes are also scheduled on most Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. It is during the busy summer hiking season that most new members join the Club. Early spring hikes are in the foothill area because the snow lingers in the higher country. As many as four and five hikes are scheduled each weekend day during the busiest part of the hiking season. There are hikes which cater to the casual hiker, the hard core hiker, and everyone in between. Most are in our backyard, the Wasatch Mountains, but we also schedule out-of-town hikes in the Uinta Mountains, to Notch Peak west of Delta, and elsewhere. Some out-of-town hikes entail driving to and camping at the trailhead the night before. We also schedule early-morning-back-by-noon hikes, flower hikes, moonlight hikes, and family hikes. The moonlight hikes are usually on the evening of or just before a full moon, but we have even had early morning moonlighters on or just after the full moon. There is a rating system which has been computed for the more common hikes; these are printed periodically in the *Rambler*.

Newcomers are welcome on Tuesday and Wednesday evening hikes, but Thursday evening hikes are limited to members. After the activity is over and everyone is accounted for, the group usually adjourns to a convenient watering hole or pizza parlor.

Group size is limited to 14 persons (13 participants and an organizer) for hikes into wilderness areas. This limitation affects a large proportion of our hiking activities and presents a problem when we have too many people wanting to go on the same hike. For this reason, any hikes scheduled in wilderness areas are by reservation only by calling the hike organizer at the number listed in the hike description in the *Rambler*. An organizer, particularly of a more rigorous or exploratory hike, may limit the size of the group, in which case participation is by registration only. The organizer may choose a meeting place and time which will generally not be announced in the activity schedule.

We try to car pool whenever possible, with riders sharing transportation cost. For local canyon trips, it is normally a dollar per person. Out of town transportation costs are computed according to the formula published under "Transportation Costs" in this guide on page 18.

There are strict limitations on the participation of minors, outlined in the Rules of Conduct. We do try to cater to children by scheduling several family hikes. So if you have children or grandchildren who want to take part in a family hike, consider calling the hiking director and offering to organize.

As with all Club activities, hikers must be prepared: physically, mentally, and with the appropriate boots or footwear, clothing, gear, equipment, food, and water. Just what is appropriate depends on the nature, length, and location of the hike. If you are not prepared for the hike, or if the organizer is not sure that you can complete the hike, the organizer will not allow you to participate.

One might think that problems of proper preparation would be most common with the more rigorous hikes. But in fact it is the easier hikes that have presented the greatest problem, perhaps because some individuals have a more cavalier attitude when the activity is less strenuous. If you have any questions about your suitability for a given hike, call the organizer a day or two ahead of time (name and number listed with the activity in the *Rambler* schedule).

As with all Club activities, you must sign the release form before you are officially on the hike. Before the hike starts, the organizer will give you details about the pace, route, etc. that she or he wishes to follow. It is your responsibility to abide by the organizer's instructions, and if you don't abide by them you will be asked to leave. If you don't like the way the organizer is conducting the hike (for example, if it is too slow for you), then don't join the hike.

If you are asked and you agree to organize a hike, a few days before the hike takes place you will receive by mail material which includes rules for hiking organizers and the release form to be signed by each hiker. Organizers should bear in mind the difficulty or ease of their hike. Participants in hikes rated less than about 4 are not expecting a rigorous hike; organizers should set their pace accordingly.

If you have a hike you wish to organize, call the hiking director or a member of the hiking committee to volunteer. You must allow enough time for it to appear in the *Rambler*. Bear in mind that if the hike is during the first week of a month, the announcement must be in the *Rambler* the month before, since there is no guarantee that the *Rambler* will be received in time for such hikes. For example, if you want to organize a hike for the fourth of July, it must be in the June *Rambler*. For the hiking director to meet the June *Rambler* deadline (May 15), you should contact the director the first week of May.

Backpacking and Car Camping

We schedule a variety of backpacks and car camps. Trips to the red rock and canyon country in southern Utah are in the cooler spring and autumn months, while trips to the Uinta Mountains, Wind River Range, and other high country places tend to be in the summer. Most are weekend affairs, but we try to have several longer ones as well.

There are several traditional trips, the most famous being the Mother's day car camp to Arches. Family car camps, with children welcome, are scheduled whenever we find willing volunteers to lead them. Please note that there are strict rules regarding participation of minors (see this page, third paragraph and page 17, General Rules of Conduct).

Because of the logistics involved in car pooling, trips are by registration only, and we need greater lead time for planning than for hikes. Transportation costs are computed according to the formula published on page 18.

Those who wish to organize or take part in Club backpacks and car camps must be properly prepared. The discussion on this topic under Hiking applies even more so to this activity.

Skiing

The ski season begins when Mother Nature ordains. Therefore the November tours are listed as ski or hike, depending. The season usually closes with the Gourmet Ski Tour, but sometimes one or two tours follow for the diehards.

The majority of the ski tours are in the Wasatch, with some tours further afield, including the Uinta Mountains. We try to cater to all tastes and abilities. Some are cross country tours in open rolling terrain, some mountaineering experiences with the peak as the goal, and many have the downhill powder experience in mind. We also have out of town trips, especially during the holidays and long weekends, to such places as Yellowstone, the Tetons, and overnights at a commercial yurt. The annual Audrey Kelly Clinic in January is a good place for beginners to start. And there is at least one telemark clinic early in the season.

Tours are listed as NTD (Not Too Difficult), MOD (Moderately Difficult), and MST (Most Difficult). There are a few listed as EL (Entry Level). The ratings depend on two factors: (1) degree of skill needed for the tour, and (2) length of the tour. There are some relatively short tours with difficult terrain and a narrow trail as the run out, and there are some very long strenuous tours, particularly in the Uintas, on fairly level or rolling terrain. And snow conditions, which cannot be assessed until the day of the tour, can turn an NTD into something more than an NTD. Descriptions in the *Rambler* schedule are brief, so if it is a tour you are unfamiliar with, and you have any questions about your preparedness or ability, call the organizer a day or two ahead of time.

If you have never been on skis, DO NOT try any of the scheduled tours, not even an NTD tour. Instead, look for the Audrey Kelly Clinic in January. We also try to have one or more entry level tours for beginners. Several of the local outdoor stores sponsor beginner clinics.

Preparedness is particularly important when entering snow covered backcountry. Track skis are OK for some tours in the Uintas, where one can sometimes find rolling terrain. But most trips in the Wasatch have at least some steep sections, for which you will need heavier skis, heavier boots, and skins. Avalanche awareness is a must; you can obtain a start by attending the Club's one-day avalanche clinic in January. But if you get into skiing seriously, you will want to learn more than the one-day class can give you. An avalanche beacon (Pieps, Ortovox, or other brand) and shovels are often required, plus you must be armed with the knowledge and ability to use them. You must sign the release form before you are officially on the tour. You must follow the rules laid down by the organizer at the start of the tour. If you are not prepared for the tour, or if the organizer has doubts about your preparedness, the organizer will not allow you to participate.

If you are asked to organize a tour, you will receive the release form and material about rules for organizers a few days before the tour takes place. If you have a favorite tour that you would like to organize, call the director or a member of the ski committee and offer your services. Because of the lead time needed to get it into the *Rambler* schedule, you should call about two months ahead of time.

We try to car pool whenever possible, with riders sharing transportation costs. Local canyon trips are a dollar per person. Out of town transportation costs are computed according to the formula published elsewhere in this manual. Locating hassle-free parking for car pooling during winter months is always a problem. Please consult the *Rambler* for parking lot locations.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is probably the most rapidly growing winter activity in the Mountain Club. At least two tours are scheduled every weekend day during the season. Sometimes tours include both skiers and snowshoers. Essentially all the rules that apply to skiing apply to snowshoeing, e.g. rules of preparedness, of conduct, of leadership, and sharing transportation costs.

Unlike skiing, it takes very little effort to become comfortable with snowshoes. Many first timers feel proficient on their initial outing. Although special insulated winter boots or "pacs" are available for sale, an ordinary pair of leather hiking boots plus gaiters will suffice for footgear. One reason for the popularity of snowshoeing is that it is not equipment intensive. Most participants already own backpacks, parkas, warm insulating layers, and the other gear necessary for a winter outing on snow.

Trips are typically on the same routes and go to the same destinations as the summer hikes. Variations on hiking routes are sometimes necessary, however, to avoid exposure to avalanche hazards. Since footing is not quite so secure, some routes or trails (such as a narrow, rocky ridge) that would be feasible on a summer hike might be too hazardous to snowshoe.

Snowshoeing is unique in some respects. Can you imagine any other way to run down a steep, rocky boulder slope? In summer, you would have to pick your way artfully between the boulders. On snowshoes, you can effortlessly blast over the surface with wispy powder snow billowing around your shoulders.

Rock, Ice, and Alpine Climbing

This is a hardy group that is active year round. Trust and friendship play a larger role in climbing than in most Club activities. It is a sport with tremendous emotional rewards, with inherent dangers which frankly, can kill you. Participants are responsible for their own safety and must conduct themselves so as to safeguard themselves and those around them. Unsafe practices will not be tolerated.

Participants must have proper training before they can take part in these activities. The Club schedules several events to help provide such training. The mountaineering group conducts rock, ice, and snow climbing seminars throughout the year, where the basics of safe climbing are taught. Beginners should practice these skills with an experienced partner on easy climbs until they become automatic and reflexive. Safety is the utmost priority on all mountaineering activities "Come

back unhurt, come back friends, reach the summit" is a good priority sequence. Safety helmets are required; a belay should always be given when requested.

Climbing trips are scheduled throughout the year. You must register in advance and provide an honest and complete assessment of your experience and fitness level. If you are an unknown quantity, the organizer may suggest meeting you at some activity before giving final approval for your inclusion on the trip. If you are excluded, the organizer will give an honest explanation, and if appropriate, suggestions for additional training. Please take exclusion as constructive action, with the safety of both you and the group in mind.

Weekday evening climbs are conducted during the warmer months. These are intended as an easy way to introduce yourself to the other climbers in the Club and to meet potential partners for individual climbing outings.

During the winter months, we arrange trips to the local climbing gyms. Children are allowed at these activities in a very limited fashion. If you want to bring your child with you, you are responsible for their supervision and climbing activity.

You are expected to provide your own personal gear such as harness/webbing, climbing shoes, locking carabiners and belay device. The Club has a limited inventory of ropes, ice axes, and safety helmets for training sessions.

Boating

A river trip places considerable responsibilities on participants since boating is a cooperative activity. Participants must have the appropriate skills for the trip in question, which means they must be forthright in relating their boating experience to the trip organizer. They must come prepared with the appropriate personal gear, which includes such things as a life jacket, a river bag, adequate clothing, and sleeping gear. They must be prepared to share in the work load, which includes preparation before the trip, work chores on the river, and clean up after the trip. River work chores include preparation of group meals (dinner and usually breakfast), setting up the portapotty (it's a dirty job but someone has to do it), setting up and taking down the boats, etc. Participants must sign a liability release recognizing that boating has inherent risks and that the Club, trip organizer and boat captains are not liable for any accident, and that they must comply with decisions of the trip organizer, Club Bylaws and government regulations of the river section being traveled.

We have ways for initiating the uninitiated into river running, which include instructional sessions and beginning rafting trips. For the kayaker, we have our own Eskimo roll instructional sessions and publish in the *Rambler* a list of sessions held by other groups.

On regulated rivers, we must apply for permits in the fall, and make plans in the spring once we know which permits we were successful in getting (more details of this process are listed in the section on the Governing Board, under Boating Director). Unregulated rivers don't need as much lead time, but because planning a boating trip is rather complex, we do like to have at least two months lead time.

The club owns several rafts: two oar rigs, and several paddle boats. Other club equipment includes stoves, portapotty, first aid kits, repair kits, pumps, ropes, nets, and other miscellaneous equipment. The Club collects fees to replace and maintain the Club equipment. We allows members to rent rafts for private trips provided the rental does not conflict with a Club trip. Members who kayak or canoe must provide their own equipment.

Work parties are a part of Club boating. Each trip has a work party to assign cooking and other duties, and there are also two general work parties during the year to repair and inventory equipment.

Kayakers and canoeists usually accompany rafting trips, and sometimes schedule their own trips. The landlocked WMC has sailing trips, usually one or two a year, going to places such as Belize and Greece.

Bicycling

Over the past few years, bicycling has become more and more popular. The season runs from March through late October or early November. There are usually at least two rides each weekend day, plus canyon rides (e.g. Emigration, City Creek,

Millcreek) Monday and Wednesday evenings. Some rides are on jeep trails and single track roads, for which mountain bikes are useful. Self-contained multi-day rides are becoming popular. Rides are rated, from NTD (Not Too Difficult), the most casual, to fast paced rides at 18 to 20 mph. As with other Club activities, bikers must be physically prepared and must have the appropriate gear. Training and lots of miles help. Helmets are required on every Club ride. You will have to sign the release form before you are allowed to take part.

GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board consists of a set of elected directors and four trustees. Each director is responsible for specified areas of Club activity, for forming committees to help them in their work, and for giving feedback to the membership through the *Rambler*. Some directors are also responsible for maintaining Club property and for keeping a current inventory list of equipment in their area of responsibility. There is also a set of coordinators who are not elected to the Board, but are important in keeping the administration and activities of the Club running smoothly. Four of the directors are defined as officers: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Each director is charged with keeping records of their activities, which are then passed to the incoming director.

President and Vice President

The president, as the chief executive officer of the club, makes up the agenda for the monthly board meetings, presides over the board and general membership meetings, and provides continuity for club affairs. The vice president presides at meetings if the president is unable to attend. The president is also an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees. The duties and qualifications for this office are listed in more detail in Articles I and II of the Bylaws. The president is the main contact for outside organizations and individuals who interact in one fashion or another with the Club. These include federal agencies (in particular the US Forest Service), as well as state and local agencies that are involved with outdoor matters such as recreation, environmental concerns and trail access. Since the Club, along with most of its members, is located on the Wasatch Front, the Club has its most frequent contact with agencies that deal with the Wasatch Front. The Club also interacts with sister organizations such as the Utah Wilderness Association, Southern Utah Wilderness Association, the Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, S'Plore, and many others. At the newly installed Board's first meeting in March, the Board elects from its members a Vice President who is responsible in the President's absence.

Secretary

The secretary takes minutes at each board meeting, which are then typed, duplicated and mailed to each board member and coordinator. The secretary also keeps a file of correspondence, copies of the minutes, monthly treasury reports, and miscellaneous documents. Brief reports of the general membership meetings are submitted to the *Rambler*, and ballots are provided for the Governing Board Election at the General Membership Meeting.

Treasurer

The Governing Board must authorize payment, but it is the treasurer's duty to present the bills to the Board. Checks must be signed by two officers (treasurer, president, vice president, or secretary). The treasurer also keeps the accounting books. Expenditures of a thousand dollars or more must also be approved by a separate vote of the trustees. To keep us legal with the IRS, every bill that Club members present for reimbursement must have a corresponding receipt.

We do not qualify as a nonprofit organization (the IRS classifies us as a social organization), and we must pay taxes. While we have an outside person prepare our taxes, it is under the treasurer's oversight. In addition to the regular checking account for liquid funds, the Club maintains an account with Merrill Lynch, which is under the supervision of the treasurer and the trustees. Further duties of the treasurer are listed in Article II, section 2d of the Bylaws.

Bicycling Director

The bicycling director has the direction and authority for road and mountain bike activities—rides, related activities, and social events connected with bicycling. The director may enlist coordinators to assist in either the road or mountain biking program by establishing the schedule of rides, soliciting individual trip organizers, and preparing new organizers for their responsibilities.

Approved helmets are required on all WMC rides. In addition, protective eyewear is suggested. Trip organizers are requested to advise participants of difficulties and potential experiences on the ride as well as potential weather, clothing, hydration, and snack needs so that participants are prepared.

The bicycling director arranges for an active road and mountain biking program that operates from spring through fall. Regular weekday evening bike rides are planned throughout the season as well as rides on both weekend days, with different levels of difficulty to appeal to a variety of abilities.

Boating Director

A very active boating program keeps the boating director busy on two fronts: (1) scheduling boating activities, and (2) maintaining the boating equipment. Since the boating program is more complex than most other Club activities, the most successful boating directors have reduced their work load by delegating various tasks to the several boating coordinators, namely the rafting, boat equipment, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and instructional coordinators.

While the director is responsible for scheduling the trips, it is up to individual members to apply for permits on regulated rivers, because permits are issued to individuals, not organizations. Based on permits received and snow pack conditions, the summer boating schedule is arranged at an April meeting. The director tries to make sure there are enough beginning trips for those who are just entering the boating program and family trips throughout the season.

The Club owns several rafts and accompanying equipment needed for daily and overnight trips. The boating director and equipment coordinator are responsible for maintaining this equipment, and for its replacement when necessary. A fee for maintenance and replacement is collected from the participants of trips using club gear.

Sailing, while under the boating program, is independent of the river running activities, and is scheduled by the respective coordinator. Kayaking and canoeing trips are usually undertaken in conjunction with rafting trips; occasionally they are separate trips, and are scheduled by the appropriate coordinator. With the help of Club volunteers, the instructional coordinator conducts the training trips that cater to the novice and intermediate boaters.

The director also sets boating fees (which are ratified by the Governing Board), coordinates boating orientation and safety courses, and oversees the activities of the several boating coordinators.

Conservation Director

The conservation director is responsible for coordinating the Club's environmental protection programs. Most work is done by individuals or small committees that focus on a single issue with intense personal dedication. Individual Club members often volunteer for the boards of other environmental organizations and for citizen advisory committees.

Entertainment Director

The club engages in a busy year-long schedule of social events, and it is the duty of the entertainment director to schedule them. Some events, such as the Halloween party and the yearly Awards and Nominations banquet are arranged by the director, while other events, such as Saturday or Sunday and winter socials, are hosted and arranged by individual members. The entertainment director also arranges for the general membership meetings. He or she works with other directors in scheduling events, so that, for example, if there is a social in Park City, there is also a ski tour in the Uintas; or if there is a hike or trail work party in Big Cottonwood Canyon, a social at the Club lodge might follow. Putting on a social event,

particularly if it entails preparation of food and the collection of money, is a big job. Therefore the director works with a committee to share the work load and to develop ideas.

Hiking Director

The hiking season runs from April through October. The director and his or her committee schedule and provide organizers for hikes, backpacks and car camps. The committee meets once a month during the hiking season to block out hikes for the coming month, and then the director or a committee member needs to line up the organizers. The committee uses the list provided by the membership director which gives the phone numbers of members who indicated on their activity survey that they would be willing to organize a hike, backpack, or car camp.

Information Director

The information director acts as a clearing house to the media for all activities of the Wasatch Mountain Club in order to promote the Club and its activities and to enhance the image of the Club. An individual, director, or committee wishing to have media coverage on a Club activity should coordinate this with the information director who will try to provide access to and obtain media coverage through print, TV, and/or radio. The information director interfaces with other groups regarding published information about Club activities and represents the Club at conferences or exhibits as requested.

The information director is responsible for producing materials that promote the Club (such as brochures) and for updating and publishing the Membership Manual. The Club Web page, email, and voicemail functions are a growing part of the information director's duties. In addition, the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup program is operated under the auspices of the information director.

Lodge Director

The lodge director is responsible for the lodge maintenance, which includes scheduling work parties, buying supplies and material needed for maintenance and repair, and, when necessary, making arrangements for licensed contractors who have the specialized technical skills when such skills cannot be found from the pool of Club volunteers. The director is the liaison between the Club and Forest Service in maintaining the lease with the Forest Service for the land on which the lodge sits. The director is also responsible for collecting fees from lodge users. We have had lodge caretakers (whose responsibilities are under the supervision of the lodge director) to monitor use.

Membership Director

The membership director is responsible for providing information for prospective and new members and keeping the list of members' names and addresses current in the Club data base. Most time consuming is the interaction with new and prospective members. The membership director mails *Ramblers* (for a \$5.00 fee for two issues) to prospective members, and provides new members with a membership card, patch, copy of the Constitution and Bylaws, and a form for the activity survey. Preparation of the membership list which is generally published semi-annually is also this director's responsibility.

The membership director prepares and mails the renewal notices. Included in the renewal, as well as in the material for new members, is an activity survey to identify potential volunteers for coordinating Club activities, serving on committees, and the like. The results of the survey, along with names and phone numbers of potential volunteers, are then made available to other directors to help them plan their activities.

Mountaineering Director

The mountaineering program includes rock, ice, and alpine climbing, with events scheduled almost every week of the year. The director has a committee to help him or her find volunteer organizers to coordinate the climbs. The Club owns ropes, safety helmets and ice axes that are used in training. The director is charged with taking care of this gear and replacing it when necessary.

Publications Director

As editor of the *Rambler*, the director of publications is responsible for getting our monthly schedule of activities into the hands of members in a timely fashion. The editor should be computer literate with a knowledge of desktop publishing. *Rambler* copy must be in the editor's hands by the 15th of the month so that the published copy will be in the members' hands on or before the first of the next month. The editor integrates the submissions from the directors of the various activities (hiking, climbing, social activities, etc.) into a single schedule and includes other material such as articles, advertisements, etc. into the final layout.

The editor is not simply a passive conduit for the material that gets published in the *Rambler*. The Board sets policy, but the editor is responsible for interpreting it. Scheduled activities must come from or be approved by the appropriate director of that activity. The editor must decide if articles and commercial ads adhere to Club policy and are appropriate for inclusion in the Club's official publication. Questions of layout, length, and place of insertion are at the discretion of the editor. The publications director is also charged with keeping the Club file of copies of the *Rambler*.

Winter Sports Director

We assume, for scheduling purposes, that the winter season runs from November through April. But Mother Nature is the one who really dictates the season. Many a scheduled trip has been changed to a hike due to lack of snow.

The winter sports director works with two coordinators, one for skiing and the other for snowshoeing. The ski touring coordinator and the snowshoeing coordinator both have committees. Meetings are held monthly to plan trips, review the program, and pray for snow. Schedules of trips are planned with a variety of outings ranging from easy to almost impossible. Most trips are focused on MOD-rated outings that are fun but provide enough difficulty to satisfy those interested in outdoor exercise.

An active training program is presented each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn to Ski Clinic is presented for those new to skiing. An intermediate and advanced clinic in telemark turns on cross country skis is done each year. The most important presentation is the Robert Frohboese Avalanche Clinic. This annual event consists of an evening seminar by an avalanche expert, and an outdoor session on Saturday practicing rescue techniques using an avalanche beacon. Training and more training are key to avoiding avalanche fatalities, such as the event which killed the namesake of our Frohboese Avalanche Clinic.

Although we do not do it frequently, ice skating is definitely considered a winter sport. If any volunteers will contribute the time and effort, it will be scheduled.

Coordinators

Coordinators are selected as required by the responsible director, with the selection then ratified by the Board. The coordinators report to the Board through a sponsoring Board member as follows:

Activity	Board Sponsor
Canoeing	Boating
Kayaking	Boating
Sailing	Boating
Rafting	Boating
Boating Equipment	Boating
Boating Instruction	Boating
River Issues	Boating
Snowshoeing	Winter Sports
Ski Touring	Winter Sports
Mountain Biking	Bicycling
In-Line Skating	Entertainment

Adopt-a-Highway	Information
Webmaster	Information
Commercial Advertising	Publications
Rambler Mailing	Publications
Trails Issues	Conservation

Committees

Style varies, depending on the individual who occupies the directorship, but most directors find it useful to have a committee to help share the work load. A functioning committee is more useful for some directorships than others. For example, it is unthinkable not to have a hiking and skiing committee to help find organizers and write up the information for the *Rambler's* monthly schedule of activities. You may get a telephone call asking you to be on a committee; but don't wait for the call. If you want to join in, call the appropriate director and offer to be on the committee. This would be especially useful if you are new to the Club and the director does not know you. Volunteers are always welcome in the Wasatch Mountain Club.

Trustees

The trustees function as the Club's institutional memory so as to ensure continuity in the Board's decision making. There are five trustees: four elected members plus the president. To be eligible for this office, an individual must have previously served on the Board as a director, and must have been a member of the Club for at least five years. The term is four years, and staggered, so that one trustee is elected each year. In addition to general overview, the trustees are charged with three specific duties: they must approve any financial transaction of one thousand dollars or more, they must ensure that the annual audit is performed, and they interpret the Club's Constitution and ensure that the Board lives up to its Bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.

Governing Board Meetings

The Board normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month. If that date lands on a holiday or there is some other conflict that makes it impossible for most of the board members to attend, the meeting date is normally shifted to the next Wednesday. The intent is to meet before the *Rambler* deadline (15th of the month) so that noteworthy board action can be reported. The meeting is chaired by the president, or, if unable to attend, by the vice president; if neither is able to attend, the president may ask another board member to chair the meeting. The Constitution requires at least one Board meeting a month, but if there is pressing business there can be more than one. Each director and trustee has an opportunity to report to the Board the activities that she or he feels should be brought to the Board's attention, to seek advice, or suggest action that the board should take. It is the chair's duty to make sure that each member and trustee have ample time to bring up items for discussion, but since most board members dislike long meetings, it is also the chair's duty to keep discussion to the point and succinct. Non-board members are encouraged to contact either the president or the appropriate board member to place items of concern on the agenda. Non-Board members, who may or may not be Club members, may be asked or invited to present information on timely or interesting issues to the Club. This provides a mechanism for a non-Board member to bring forth issues that need board attention or action. Examples of past invitees include Forest Service officials, Utah Wilderness Association officials, and representatives of ad hoc groups of petition drives that involve outdoor issues. The invitee may be asked by the president or other board member. The chair appreciates knowing in advance of any invitees.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As is befitting an outdoor organization, the Club seems to have developed a yearly rhythm, which can be expressed in an annual calendar. Typical monthly events are listed below and do not represent any particular year.

March:

New Board takes office and sets the dates for annual events.
Elect vice president, approve coordinators, appoint historian.

April:

River trip planning meeting and boating work party.

May:

Board retreat.

Adopt-a-highway cleanup.

June:**July:**

Service weekend: trail clearing and lodge work party (no hikes scheduled).

Coffee house at the Lodge.

August:

Old Timers Party at the Lodge.

September:

Service weekend: trail clearing work party (no hikes scheduled).

Leaders' Party.

New Members Only Party.

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup.

Nominate Pa Perry Award.

October:

General Membership Meeting (generally the second or third Wednesday).

Boating equipment work party and Boating party at the Lodge.

Conservation Party.

Halloween Party.

November:

Boating permit application party.

December:

Announce slate for Board elections.

January:

Annual Awards and Nominations Banquet (generally the first or second weekend).

Robert Frohboese Avalanche Clinic.

Audrey Kelly Ski Clinic.

February:

General meeting and Board elections (generally the second or third Wednesday).

Pa Parry award and service awards.

RAMBLER OPERATIONS

The *Rambler* is the Club's official publication which you should receive on or before the first of each month. The most important item is the schedule of activities for that month. The schedule also gives the next week or two of the following month; extended out of town trips that take more planning are listed two or even more months in advance.

The *Rambler* also publishes articles on topics of concern to outdoor types, e.g. discussion of ski area expansion, update on lodge repair, announcements of public meetings that concern members (e.g.) trail access, and such. Write-ups of some of the more memorable trips appear under "Trip Talk." The *Rambler* also has a classified section (free to members) and publishes commercial ads.

How to Submit Activities and Articles to the *Rambler*:

Material for the *Rambler* must be in the editor's hands by the 15th of the month before publication. Items that appear in the schedule of Club activities must come from or be approved by the appropriate director; other items (articles, Trip Talks, letters to the editor, public announcements, advertisements) need no such prior approval. The editor always likes material on computer disk, but will, of course, accept other copy, hopefully typed, and always double spaced. Never submit anything typed entirely in capital letters. If you submit material on a disk, also include a hard copy, double spaced. Use hard returns only between paragraphs, never between lines or sentences within the same paragraph. Use Times 12 point font, if you

have it. Reference to time of day (morning, afternoon) should be "am" and "pm", that is without caps or periods. For an activity, use the following format: Put the month, date, day of the week, before the write-up, using a three letter abbreviation without periods. Then type one return, and start the activity write-up. Type the kind of activity first in caps and bold, followed by colon and two spaces (e.g. HIKE, SKI TOUR, CAR CAMP). Name the activity, also in caps and bold, followed by two spaces (e.g. GREENS BASIN, CATHERINE PASS, SAN RAFAEL SWELL). Next, the degree of difficulty (if any), in parenthesis and not in bold type. Add the phone number in parenthesis after the first mention of the organizer. Type three hard returns between each activity. Example follows:

APR 3 SAT

SNOWSHOE TOUR: GOURMET TRIP (NTD) Enjoy snowshoeing and delicious food on the third annual gourmet snowshoe tour with our organizer, Leah Mancini (582-7912). Bring some gourmet goodies to share. Join Leah at 9:30 am at the Hillside Plaza for a stimulating mountain experience."

For other material submitted in disk form (Trip Talk, articles, letters to the editor, etc.), do not type the entire article in caps, because it will all have to be recopied. For Trip Talk, the writers' name and date of the activity are helpful and desired; naming the participants is at author's option (please check spelling of their names when used). Photographs are welcome and encouraged; please identify persons in the photos. The editor reserves the right to edit for clarity, spelling, grammar, and available space. Don't forget to submit hard copy, double spaced, with the disk.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB PUBLICATIONS

The Club publishes two books: *Hiking the Wasatch*, and *Wasatch Quartzite*. We have a written agreement with Wasatch Publishers for handling and storing the books, and for administering, printing, and sales.

These books are money makers for the Club. The profits are earmarked for Lodge capital improvements and the Conservation Fund. Wholesale price is 50% of retail; 10% royalty on *Hiking the Wasatch* goes to the author, John Veranth, while the 10% royalty on *Wasatch Quartzite* goes to the Club mountaineering fund, in memory of John Gottman; 2% is used for storage and administrative costs. Thus the Club receives 38% profit, which adds up to a tidy sum, and which is submitted to the Club every two months.

In conjunction with the University of Utah Press, the Club has published a trail map compiled by Dale Green also titled *Hiking the Wasatch*, which covers the tri-canyon area of Mill Creek, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The retail price of the map is \$9.95. After 3,000 copies of the initial 5,000 copy press run are sold, the club will receive 10% of the wholesale price of the map or approximately \$0.50 each. A specific use for the profits has not been established yet.

FINANCES

With about 1,300 members, the Club's financial operations are not simple. Some bills are monthly, such as *Rambler* printing. Others are occasional reimbursement, such as expenses associated with the avalanche class, buying of stamps and stationery for sending monthly Board minutes, supplies for Lodge repairs. Often Club members pay out of their own pocket and then ask for reimbursement, but an advance is given if the amount is large. However, payment is contingent on a receipt; no receipt, no payment (this keeps us legal with the IRS). We also contribute to worthy causes such as S'plore and local conservation causes. There is an annual audit, which is under the oversight of the trustees.

In addition to the regular checking account for liquid funds, the Club maintains an account with Merrill Lynch, which is under the supervision of the treasurer and the trustees.

Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues are acquired through annual member dues and donations, publications, lodge rentals, entertainment, boating fees, investment income, and other miscellaneous sources. Expenses entail costs of lodge operations, publications and mailing of the *Rambler* (about \$600/month), office administrative expenses (rent, phone, etc.), activity support (for entertainment and

boating), equipment, conservation, and taxes. The Club currently anticipates a major expenditure of approximately \$90,000 to bring the lodge up to code and create water and sewer hook-ups.

It is the philosophy of the Club that activities are financially self supporting through fees paid by the users. The breakdown of member dues indicates that 15% goes toward the lodge, 10% to conservation and 4% to emergency reserve.

Publications, which brought in almost \$12,000 in revenues, needs special comment (also see separate section discussing Club publications). Some years ago the old Wasatch Trails was written and published by volunteers, with the understanding that the profits would go for future publishing and for promoting trails. The original sum was about \$10,000, which has now grown so that about \$32,000 of the \$172,000 total assets is earmarked for these special purposes.

In addition to the capital improvement funds for the lodge, and the fund for publications, there are several other smaller special funds, each of which originated through donations earmarked for these special purposes. These are the Audrey Kelly Fund for conducting the Audrey Kelly beginners ski clinic, Alexis Kelner Fund for conservation, and the John Gottman Fund for mountaineering.

CONSERVATION

The Club has a long history of environmental activism starting with the original charter and continuing today. As citizens and as users of the lands we all need to work to preserve the places we enjoy. The Club tends to take the lead on local issues since most of our members and activities are located in Salt Lake County. On state-wide and regional issues we usually take a supporting role and let other organizations take the lead. Current local issues include ski area expansion, forest service land trades, heliskiing, trailhead access, and trail maintenance. State-wide issues include BLM Wilderness designation, management of the existing Wilderness Areas, wildlife management, and timber harvest.

The Conservation fund is financed by donations, by an allocation of 10% of dues and by a share of book publishing profits. Money is used for local projects and donations are made to support organizations that have full-time professional staff working on Utah issues. While the conservation program is under the direction of the conservation director, there is a history of individual club members working on single issues, with the director serving a coordinating role.

Contributing Tax Deductible Funds For Conservation

The IRS classifies the WMC as a social organization. Therefore, any contributions to our Conservation Fund are not tax deductible. However, through the Salt Lake Foundation, a section 501c3 organization, fully tax deductible contributions for conservation may be made. The most common time for these contributions to be made is during membership renewal. A special section on the renewal form is included for this purpose. Please make your checks out to "Salt Lake Foundation" not the Club. Specify on the check that your target is the "WMC Fund." The Foundation has a Board which scrutinizes all requests for funds. The WMC Fund usually goes to projects which have high visibility.

LODGE

The lodge is on the National Register of Historic Sites and is used for many Club social activities. It is also available to Club members and other groups for private functions. A fee, which is based on actual operating and maintenance costs, is charged for lodge use.

The maintenance of our historic log building is a constant job. The Club depends largely on the volunteer work of Club members, relying on outside help from contractors with specialized skills only when the task is beyond what can be supplied by Club members. Volunteers with all levels of skill are welcome, from cleaning and painting to specialized or technical tasks.

The lodge director conducts a regular schedule of weekend work parties throughout the year, including special service parties after July 4th and Labor Day. Some work parties are for routine maintenance, such as putting up shutters in the fall, snow removal in the winter, and cleaning in the spring. Other work parties are for special projects, such as the installation

of the fire exits, the construction of the grill and patio, or the replacement of logs that have dry rot. A building that is well over half a century old is in constant need of work, so there is always something to do.

The Saturdays following the July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend are reserved for lodge work parties and trail maintenance. No other local activities are scheduled on those days.

A sewer system has been installed in Big Cottonwood Canyon and we have been required to connect because of its proximity to the Lodge. In order to make the connection work, we will have to acquire a source of approved potable water to flush down the system. The Forest Service has renewed our land use permit with a condition that we acquire water and hook up to the sewer. The work will be challenging for a volunteer organization to accomplish. However, the Board and lodge directors are actively pursuing a solution and facility design to accomplish this goal.

Our past historian, Dale Green, has supplied us with the following historical notes on the history of the lodge:

“After a few years of discussion, negotiations with the Forest Service for a suitable lodge site at Brighton were completed the last of July, 1929. A few weeks later a contract was signed with Mr. Ernest V. Green for \$800 to construct the log walls and foundation and work immediately commenced. In 1930, other contracts were let for finishing the interior carpentry work and constructing a fireplace. Member use of the lodge began later that year, but several years elapsed before activities were scheduled during the Winter. During the mid-30's, members constructed the kitchen room. The last major addition was during the mid-50s when Harold Goodro and others constructed what is now called the Goodro Annex - the entry way and rest rooms. In July, 1981, largely through the efforts of the late Clair Sundwall Davis, the WMC Lodge was placed on the National Historic Register.”

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Club's outdoor activities promote a certain togetherness so that every outing is also a social event. Such togetherness spills over into events that are social events pure and simple, events that are under the direction of the entertainment director. These social events also allow the mixing of folks that might not otherwise meet on the trail, e.g. the Thursday night hiker and the hard core rock climber.

The Club has a year-long schedule of social activities that include such things as winter socials, a Halloween party, summer socials, an annual Awards and Nominations Banquet, Old Timers party, stargazing and still more; we have even been known to engage in Scottish country dancing to help celebrate John Muir's birthday. Most of the annual social events are listed in the Club Calendar. Some social events take place at the Club's historic lodge in Brighton, and some in the homes of members who are gracious enough to host a social. Some include a potluck, while others include a meal prepared by individual members. Some lodge socials are prepared by the Club under the direction of the entertainment director.

HISTORICAL NOTES

It is the historian's task to collect and archive all material of historical importance to the Club. Typical items are copies of the *Rambler*, Governing Board meeting minutes, Treasurer's reports, Directors' records, newspaper clippings, photographs, slides, and such.

Donated material is periodically transferred to the Wasatch Mountain Club section in the Western Americana Special Collection at the University of Utah Marriott Library. Members may also contribute important historical material to this collection.

The Salt Lake City Public Library's main branch and the Utah State Historical Society also maintain a file of *Rambler* back issues, though it is not as complete as the one at the Marriott. We encourage contribution to the Club archives, including old *Ramblers* and other documents that you might otherwise be discarding.

Former President Mike Treshow is engaged in writing a history of the Wasatch Mountain Club as a contribution to the celebration of our 75th anniversary.

Past Presidents

1920-	Leon Stoney
1921-	Leon Stoney
1922-	Leon Stoney
1923-	Einer Lignel
1924-	Eugene D. Amott
1925-	E.W. (Doc) Lambert
3/26-2/27	Dan Derby
3/27-2/28	Arvil Atkins
3/28-12/29	Roy Erickson
1/30-12/30	Frank Trottier
1/31-12/32	Guy Anderson
1/33-3/33	Glen Stewart
4/33-12/33	Edith Cook (Green)
1/34-12/34	Nephi Anderson
1/35-11/35	Jacke Wolfe
12/35-10/36	Homer Collins
11/36-10/37	Frank Trottier
11/37-10/38	Francis Bromley
11/38-11/39	Chic Pfeiffer
11/39-10/40	no record
11/40-10/41	Bill Kamp
11/41-10/42	Ray McGuire
11/42-10/43	Ford Holmes
11/43-10/44	Harry Duerkop
11/44-10/45	Bill Kamp
11/45-10/46	Stan Murdock
11/46-10/47	Steve Macdonald
11/47-10/48	James Shane
11/48-10/49	Lee Steorts
11/49-4/50	Orson Spencer
5/50-4/51	James Shane
5/51-4/52	Larry Rogers
5/52-4/54	Jack White
5/54-4/60	Harold Goodro
5/60-4/62	Cal Giddings
5/62-2/66	Dale Green
3/66-4/66	Ed Schneider
5/66-9/67	Charlie Keller
10/67-2/68	Tom Stevenson
3/68-2/70	Dale Green
3/70-2/71	Del Weins
3/71-6/73	Dennis Caldwell
7/73-2/74	Leroy Kuehl
3/74-2/76	Dale Green
3/76-2/77	Judy (Davis) Thomas
3/77-2/80	Dennis Caldwell
3/80-2/83	Mike Treshow
3/83-8/83	Lew Hitchner
9/83-2/84	Pete Hovingh
3/84-2/86	Bob H. Wright
3/86-2/87	Ann Cheves
3/87-2/88	Hank Winawer

3/88-2/91	John Veranth
3/91-2/93	Wick Miller
3/93-2/95	Jerry Hatch
3/95-2/96	Nance Allen
3/96-	Linda Kosky

Pa Perry Award

Clarence (Pa) Parry was one of the founding members of the Wasatch Mountain Club and a jeweler by trade. In 1954 Pa initiated an award to be given to a member who had given exceptional service to the Club. In some years, no award was given, while in others more than one was given. Recent recipients include:

1954	Janet Roberts (activity)
	Jim Shane
	Harold Goodro (mountaineering)
1955	Janet Christensen (activity)
1956	O'Dell Petersen (activity)
	Lee Steorts (mountaineering)
1957	Don Pearson
1958	Austin Wahrhaftig (service)
	Caine Alder (special effort)
1959	Robert Goodwin
1960	Art Hicks
1961	Harold Goodro
1962	Clair Sundwall (Davis) (service)
	Harold Goodro
	Ron Perla (mountaineering)
1963	Carl Bauer
1964	Pete and Pinky Petersen
1965	no award
1966	Jack McLellan
1967	David Cook
1968	George Smith
1969	Bud and Fern Reid
1970	no award
1971	Carl Bauer
1972	Dale Green
1973	Fred Bruenger (service)
	Alexis Kelner (service)
1974	Betty Bottcher
1975	George and Georgia Randall
1976	no award
1977	John Gottman
1978	Larry Hoskins
1979	Larry Swanson
1980	Bob Myers
1981	Dennis Caldwell
1982	Pa (Clarence) Perry
1983	Elmer Boyd
1984	Milt Hollander
1985	Trudy Healy
1986	Norm Fish
1987	Dave Hanscom

1988 O'Dell and Edith Petersen
 1989 Mike Budig
 1990 Gale Dick
 1991 Charles Leslie
 1992 Mel Davis
 1993 Milt Hollander
 1994 Vince Desimone
 1995 Dale Green
 1996 John Veranth
 1997 Rich Osborne
 1998 Karin Caldwell

The Alexis Kelner Conservation Award

Marga Raskin and Karin Caldwell undertook the establishment of a conservation award in honor of Alexis Kelner. The text establishing the award was adopted by the Club at a general membership meeting in 1988, and reads as follows:

"In celebration of 50 years of active life, much of which has been spent preserving the natural beauty of the Wasatch Mountains, the friends of Alexis Kelner have established 'The Alexis Kelner Conservation Fund' to be administered by the Wasatch Mountain Club. It is suggested that revenues from this fund be spent on annual awards to individuals, inside or outside the Club, who have given distinguished service to the cause of Utah Conservation. These awards are to be named 'Alexis Kelner Conservation Awards'."

The establishment of the awards was, in fact, a formalization of a trend started some years earlier at our annual nominations and awards banquet for honoring individuals who had contributed significantly to the preservation and conservation of Utah's public lands. In 1973, Fred Bruenger and Alexis Kelner were honored for the effort to stop the 1976 Winter Olympic Games that had been proposed and promoted for the Wasatch Front canyons. In the early 1980's, Chuck Reichmuth was recognized for his impassioned plea for rapid congressional enactment of the Utah Wilderness Bill. A few years later, Marilyn Tueller and Bob Wright were jointly recognized for efforts to stop nuclear testing in southern Nevada. The list of formal awardees follows:

1989: Dick Carter, founder and director of the Utah Wilderness Association, for his continued activism on behalf of the state's public lands, wilderness areas, wildlife, and eco-systems.

1990: Tom Berggren, Salt Lake attorney, for his work on behalf of Wasatch Front canyons preservation, for utilizing his legal skills to prepare numerous appeals of Forest Service decisions regarding the Brighton-Solitude expansion, and for being instrumental in helping convince Salt Lake City officials to enact a moratorium on canyon land development.

1991: Steve Lewis, for his ceaseless activism to bring about a heli-free Wasatch, and his participation on the mediation team of backcountry tourers during the Forest Service's ill-fated attempt to resolve the continually escalating conflicts between backcountry tourers and the heliski concessionaire.

1992: Rick Steiner, for his active participation in the formulation of the Salt Lake County's Master Plan, his enthusiastic involvement in the mediation between the backcountry and heliski tourers, and the use of his talents for creative compromise.

1993: no award

1994: no award

1995: no award

1996: Will McCarvill

SCOUT LEADER EDUCATION

The Club and the Salt Lake Ranger district of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest are co-sponsors of a program to educate scout leaders in minimum impact camping and backcountry skills. Topics include clothing, gear, water purification, sanitation, setting up camp, preparing food, use of stoves, trip planning, environmental ethics, building awareness, and activity ideas. An educational video is being produced to cover many of these subjects and should be available in 1995. The video is mostly the production of Norm Fish who has done an enormous amount of work videotaping and editing. Randy Klein has been spearheading this program; please contact Randy if you would like to help.

TRAIL CLEARING

Our trail clearing efforts are expended on lesser used trails that the Forest Service does not maintain rather than helping where there are already sufficient resources being expended. Hikes are not scheduled on trail clearing days. Lunch is supplied to the workers and often a social is scheduled for the Lodge once the work is done.

The Saturdays following the July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend are reserved for trail maintenance and lodge work parties, i.e. service weekends. No other local activities are scheduled on those days.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The Club has adopted the section of Wasatch Boulevard and Highway 210 between I-215 and the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. There are 2-3 annual cleanups.

NOTICE TO NEW (AND PERHAPS OLD)

MEMBERS: THIS IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION!

After reading this manual, it should be clear that the Club operates on volunteer labor: volunteers to organize activities, volunteers to maintain the lodge, volunteers to call for organizers, volunteers to mail the *Rambler*, to host socials, etc. As with many volunteer organizations, there is a tendency for the Club to keep asking the same folks, and not get "new blood." If we call the same old folks, and not you, it is because we don't know you yet. So if you are "new blood," don't wait to be called! Call and volunteer to organize your favorite hike, to help with the *Rambler*, or whatever.

We sometimes have trouble finding enough organizers for hiking and ski touring where there is a lot of demand. So two things: (1) if you are asked and will be available, please say "yes"; and (2) please call early and offer your services.

From time to time, various Club members have suggested that we have a service requirement for maintaining membership. Even though the Club has no official regulation to this effect, there is a wide spread unofficial feeling that *each* member should undertake a volunteer obligation at least once a year. More if you are a heavy Club user (at least one volunteer obligation for every ten times you use the Club).

If you organize an activity, you get invited to the yearly Leaders Party in the fall, one of the most enjoyable socials of the year.

WMC GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

1. In the event of any accident or rescue, the expenses shall be the sole responsibility of the individual incurring such expenses whether or not said individual shall deem them necessary.
2. No person shall be permitted to carry or use firearms.

3. The trip organizer is in full charge and all persons will be governed by her/his decisions.
4. No person shall be allowed to participate in a trip if, in the opinion of the organizer, she/he is not qualified and adequately equipped to successfully complete the trip.
5. Leave camps and trails in the same or better condition than found. Carry all non-burnable trash (cans, glass, foil, etc.) back out.
6. Use of illegal controlled substances or obnoxious indulgence of alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated in connection with Club functions.
7. Children
 - a. Children are allowed at the lodge during the day and for lunch at regularly scheduled Club work parties.
 - b. Children are not allowed in the lodge on the evening of, or overnight, on a regularly scheduled Club function unless permission is expressly given in the *Rambler* announcement for that function.
 - c. Children are not allowed on activities unless permission is stated in the *Rambler*. (It is at the organizer's discretion to allow specific children on pre-registered activities as long as all prior registered adults concur and the organizer notifies each additional participant.) The organizer should grant permission only if he is certain parents will assume full responsibility and children will not interfere with the enjoyment of adult members.
8. Dogs are not allowed on activities unless permission is given in the *Rambler* announcement for that function.

SELECTED WMC POLICIES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life member designation is a privilege and recognition of service in the Club. Payment of dues and participation in Club activities for the designated period of time are not in themselves sufficient for candidacy for life membership. Article V, Section 2 of the Bylaws give the requirements. The details are as follows:

1. Twenty five years of continuous dues paying membership in the WMC. In the case of interrupted membership the candidate may update the dues in arrears with the approval of the Board of Directors.
2. The life member candidate must have satisfied one of the following: (a) Served as a member of the Board of Directors; or (b) accumulated the equivalent of 100 hours in the organization and or leadership of WMC activities and functions. The following scale will be used as a guide in the tabulation of equivalent time participation:
 - a. One-day trip organizer: (1) within close proximity to SLC: 2 hours; (2) at a distance from SLC: 5 hours.
 - b. Extended trip organizer: Over-nights (e.g. backpack, river and ski trips): document organizing time.
 - c. Participation in work parties: 2-5 hours.
 - d. Committee work: document time.
 - e. Social event organization: document time.
 - f. Other.

3. Life membership is not granted automatically:

The life member candidate must submit a written application documenting the fulfillment of the requirements to the Board of Directors.

Life membership is an individual recognition. In the case of couple membership each must satisfy the requirements for life membership individually.

Life membership applications must be cleared by the Board of Directors and must be approved by a vote of the general membership at the regular WMC general membership meeting.

Life members pay no regular dues, but postal regulations require that we charge all subscribers, including life members, *Rambler* subscription fees (currently at \$12). Non-subscribing Life members must notify the membership director each year that she or he desires to be included on the membership roster because we have no mechanism for automatically tracking such information.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FORM

Every applicant and member renewal must sign a form acknowledging that risk is involved with outdoor activities and that they release the Club from liability. In addition, a release form with essentially the same wording is required to be signed by each participant before every outing. The essence of this release is outlined below.

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. The 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.

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 organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death, and 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, if 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.

(The application/renewal version of the form also requires a witness's signature.)

TRANSPORTATION COSTS

We try to car pool whenever possible, with riders then sharing in the cost of transportation. For trips in the local canyons, riders normally pay the driver one dollar a head. For longer trips, riders pay the driver according to the following formula: 15 cents per mile plus the cost of gas divided by the number of people in the car, including the driver. This can be modified for particular trips; if a four wheel drive has to be used, it is 25 cents per mile. Riders split user fees (for example, at the tollbooth in Millcreek Canyon).

Drivers need to be sure that they are adequately insured, since Club policy does not allow reimbursement in case of an accident.

LODGE FEES

Rental fees for the lodge are currently \$250 per day and \$150 per half day. The daily user fee for Club members is \$3.00. The Club has adopted a policy that the lodge shall be made available for public use to the greatest extent possible without restriction as to member status as long as the lodge is operated under a USFS special permit.

CLUB YELLS

We are the Shepherds of Wasatch,
A regular gang are we; We play with vim, our opponents to trim
With ease and alacrity. Baa-a-a-a-a Baa-a-a-a-a
Climbing Mountains, Conquering Peaks;
In this great sport we can't be beat. Rah! Rah! Wasatch-Hip-Hooray! !

Rub-a-dub; rub-a-dub Rub-a-dub-a-dub,
We are the Wasatch Mountain Club.
Sing around, ring around, Shout it to the sky, We're for Wasatch, do or die.

(From the WMC 1923 *Rambler*)

SELECTED RULES AND REGULATIONS FROM AN EARLIER DAY

3. That none will conduct themselves in a manner unbecoming to a lady or gentleman.
6. That all persons while on trips will at all times be in communication with those in charge of the trip.
7. That the members of the Club shall respect the rights of other citizens by refraining from all unnecessary noise when congregating for trips, especially on Sunday, when passing Churches, or other public gatherings.

8. That gambling in any form will not be permitted.
9. That intoxicating liquors will not be permitted to be carried or used while on trips.
11. That the Club will not at any time tolerate the so-called "petting parties."
13. That all members of this Club will at all times refrain from mutilating or destroying wild plant or animal life and at times help in the preservation of all public or private structures.
14. That only members of this Club shall be permitted to go on overnight trips, except by invitation of two or more members of the Board.
15. That all overnight trips shall be properly chaperoned.
16. That any person or persons, members or otherwise, violating any of the above rulings shall be deprived of the Club privileges for such length of time as the Board of Directors may determine.
17. That all persons while on trips will at all times remember the Golden Rule.

(From the 1924 *Rambler*, courtesy of past historian Dale Green.)

of Club members. If you go out in the snow to snowshoe or ski you owe it to yourself to learn about avalanche hazards. What you learn can save the lives of your friends. Better yet, you might learn something that could save YOUR life.

Lecture & video:

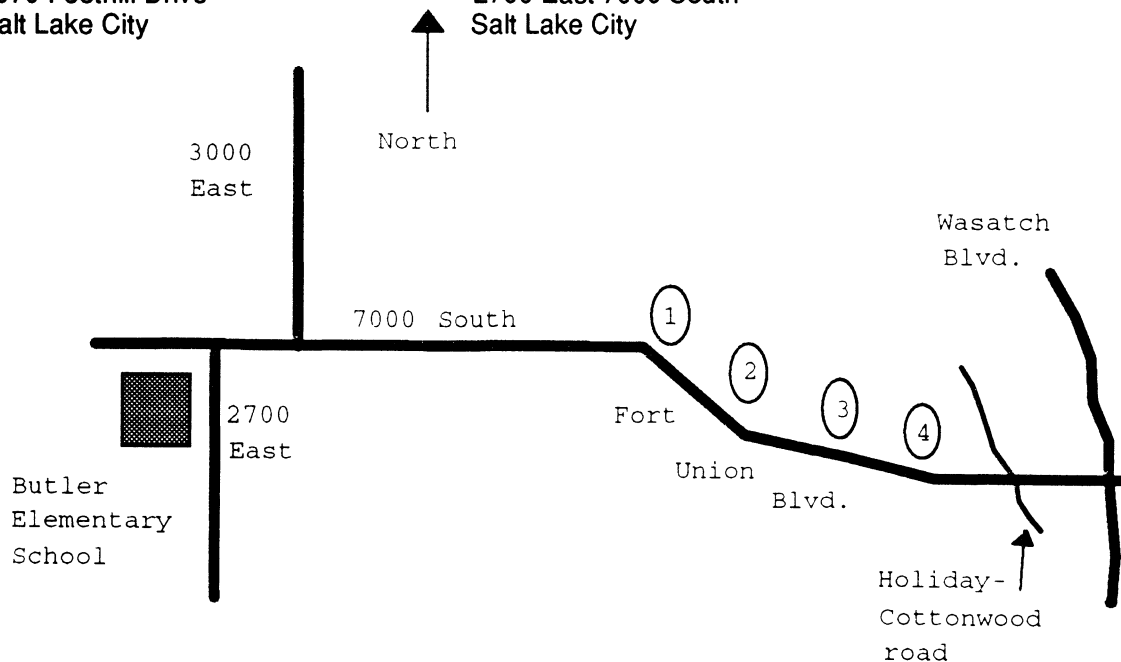
January 8, 1998 Thursday

Zions Lutheran Church
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Field practice with radio beacons:

January 10, 1998 Saturday

Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9 am
2700 East 7000 South
Salt Lake City



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.

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3220 East Fort Union Blvd. (7000 South)

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Lot #2

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This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.

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.

Jan 1998

THE 1998 YURT UPDATE

Brian Barkey

A couple of notes. First, the Yurt trip to Baldy Knoll in Idaho is filled. However, there may be cancellations, so if you want to get your name on the list contact the trip organizer, Brad Yates at (801 521-4185).

The other yurts are filling fast! I have explained our reservation/deposit policy to all those who have signed up, but it's always worth a repeat. Those folks who call are signed up on the yurt list. In order to "lock" your position, I must receive your deposit, otherwise you may lose your position to another person who sends their deposit quicker. Also, the deposits are nonrefundable, i.e. if for some unpredicted circumstance, you cannot go on the trip, you will not get your deposit back, unless either you or I manage to find a replacement. Please make deposit checks out to the Wasatch Mountain Club.

Here again are our trips:

Steammill Yurt in Logan Canyon, January 2nd and 3rd. Deposit \$42.00

Baldy Knoll Yurt in Driggs, Idaho, January 16-18. Call leader Brad Yates for info.

Bunchgrass Yurt in Logan Canyon, February 14th and 15th. Deposit \$42.00

Steammill Yurt in Logan Canyon, March 6th and 7th.

Please contact Brian Barkey (801 394-6047) for information about the Logan Canyon yurts. Happy yurting.



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**THANK YOU to those of you who
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WEB ADDRESS: www.digitalpla.net/~wmc



WASATCH FRONT FORUM

THE FUTURE OF WASATCH FRONT FORESTS *Biological Refuges, Resource Sinks or Urban Playgrounds ?*

Tuesday Evening, January 13, 1998 - 7:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion, Slide Show, Audience Questions and Refreshments
First Unitarian Church, Meeting Hall, 569 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City

The U.S. Forest Service is embarking on the revision of their long range Land and Resource Management Plans. These "Forest Plans" lay out a 15 year guideline and vision for forest management. In many cases, forest planning is the battleground for competing multiple uses of the forests. Along the Wasatch Front, recreation users compete among themselves and with grazing, timber and development interests for use of a finite land base. In addition, increasing pressure to preserve the forest as biological refuges exists. The upcoming forest planning process will serve as a platform for public and special interest groups to influence the future uses of Utah's forests. We encourage your participation in this evening forum and in the upcoming forest planning process.

This program is sponsored by the *Wild Utah Forest Campaign*. For further information contact program moderator and organizer **Amelia Jenkins**, Issues Coordinator, Wild Utah Forest Campaign, 165 South Main Street, Lower Level, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, 801-539-1355, e-mail: wufc@xmission.com

Panel Participants Include:

Bernie Weingardt, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Forest Supervisor

Jim Baker, Snowbird Corporation

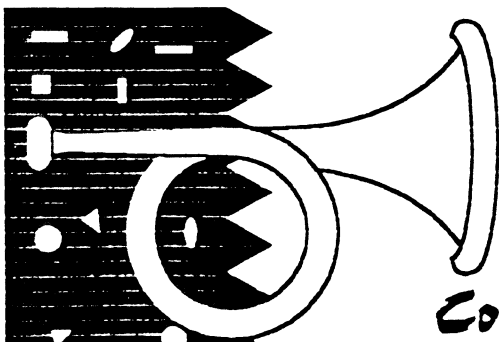
Dave Jarvis, Utah 4 Wheel Drive Association

John or Jane Doe, Grazing interest representative

Jim Catlin, The Wildlands Project

The Wasatch Front Forum, now in its sixth year, features 1997-98 meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month - Oct. through March. The "WFF" 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 organized by the Citizens' Committee to Save Our Canyons and in 97-98 is supported in part by the UOICC, League of Women Voters, Predator Education Fund, Wild Utah Forest Campaign, GSL Audubon and the High Uintas Preservation Council. If you wish to comment on or participate in future forums or have your name placed on a mailing list, write to P.O. Box 58671, SLC, Utah 84158-0671; or contact Stephen W. Lewis 272-2598, Joyce Maughan 359-5900, or Wes Odell 943-3835.

Former forum sponsors include Friends of Great Salt Lake, Friends of the Uintas!, SLCounty Fish and Game Assoc., The Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, The Utah Nordic Alliance, Utah Mt. Bike Assoc. Utah Rivers Council, Utah Wilderness Assoc. & Wasatch Mountain Club.



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Name of Guest(s) _____

Entree Preference: _____ Non-Vegetarian _____ Vegetarian

TRIP TALKS

LAVA FALLS: HOW NOT TO DO IT

Kerry Amerman

My husband, George, and I ran the Grand Canyon on a private permit with 12 other friends for three weeks this past July, 1997. We had five boats: 2 catarafts, an oar rig, a paddle boat, and a ducky operated by three "manly men". (This boat was dubbed the "Cosmic Grape", due to its delightful purple hue, and was captained by our leader, Ed Christy, or "Captain Beyond".) G and I rowed a 17' Aire Cougar Cataraft.

As a bit of background, George and I have been running rivers for the better part of 20 years, mostly in the InterMountain West. We began boating as newcomers to the WMC, and as time passed, acquired our own "fleet" of whitewater craft. We ran "the Grand" for the first time in May 1983, at about 35,000 cfs, with our own permit. We were very impressed with its spectacular power.

We looked forward to our 1997 trip as a chance to revisit some very special memories. The river was running about 22,000 cfs, deemed an optimal level. In general, the lower the flow, the more difficult the rapids are to negotiate. The canyon had changed quite a bit since 1983. It was welcome that we no longer had to deal with the "tides" caused by Glen Canyon Dam fluctuation. Many rapids had changed in scope and sculpture. The "roaring twenties" of the second day certainly woke us up, especially mile 24 ½. We certainly felt there could have been a flip in that one! Hance was as gnarly as ever, and Hermit was still a rollicking haystack monster, with its 17-foot waves. Crystal, while still nothing to sneeze at, was a perfect run-on-right if done correctly.

Ah, correctly. The purpose of this article is to talk about our experience at Lava Falls Rapid. This is the rapid touted as the biggest piece of whitewater in North America. I believe it. In the old days of 1983, we successfully ran it using the "sneak" on the left. What it really was, was a bumpy, boulder-strewn hack of a ride, but infinitely preferable to getting anywhere near "Big Bertha", a huge hole mid-rapid that only the commercial "baloney boats" dared touch. The right side, while considered runnable, had its own hazard consisting of a rock slab that the current might just want to wrap your boat around.

Big Bertha no longer exists, but has been exchanged for a no less frightening phenomenon called The Ledge. We were repeatedly told by passing commercial boaters that the left was definitely the way to run Lava now, and that once you found "the slot" (or "burble line"), things were a piece of cake. This was very encouraging. No matter how many times you may run a particular rapid (Skull Rapid in Westwater Canyon always comes to my mind), some always give you cotton-mouth.

The afternoon before we were to run Lava, we camped on river-left just above a volcanic monolith called Vulcan's Anvil, which is about 1 mile from the rapid. A few of our more curious/masochistic group bushwhacked it down to the rapid for an advance scout, returning sweaty and covered with burrs. The rest of us did our best to enjoy ourselves, setting out our traditional pink flamingoes on the beach and watching several groups go by for their date with destiny. One especially amusing episode was hearing what sounded like Indian drums and chanting coming from upriver. It turned out to be a bunch of dories, the occupants using their boat hulls as drums. We did an impromptu dance on the beach as they went by, and they praised our flamingoes.

The next morning, I awoke with a sense of anticipation. We had all done so well so far, I actually looked forward to more of a challenge. Be careful of what you wish for...!

Vulcan's Anvil is supposed to be a sort of lucky charm, if you happen to be the superstitious type. People touch it as they go by. We didn't. Oh well.

When we reached the scout point, I opted to stay on the Cat. This was for two reasons. I had injured my foot in camp a few days before. Also, if I'm not captaining, I prefer not to psych myself out more than necessary! Scouting this rapid is an absolute necessity, but I trusted George and the rest of our group to get a handle on it.

When the group came back, the route to be taken was a unanimous decision. Everyone was stoic as we all donned various layers of protective clothing. I knew my weak point in that regard was wearing my Teva sandals, but my injured foot would not tolerate anything else.

The first of our rafts to leave was the oar rig manned by Bill Soltis. We were second. The Cosmic Grape, being third, got a gut-jarring ("don't go there!") preview of subsequent events. Our other Cataract and paddle boat had the honor of remaining on shore to take pictures.

George was completely confident of the landmarks and watermarks he had chosen to detail his path. He had the mien of someone who knew exactly where he was going. I thought perhaps we were more river center than we should be, but I hadn't been at the scout.

Then: one final pull on the oars to straighten the boat, and....my brain didn't even have time to articulate it (use any expletive you wish). We were staring straight into Hell's Mouth. Nanoseconds later we ejected over the about-to-explode Cataract.

Our horrified friends still on the beach described seeing our bobbing little helmeted heads eventually swimming clear. I've swum a few times over a couple of decades. My learned reaction, just prior to "blap", is "oh crap, what a pain in the butt this is going to be".

Breathing is the first priority, and it's often quite difficult to achieve in such incredible turbulence. I remember getting "maytagged" a bit as I tried to keep hold of a Cat D-ring. Fortunately it was ripped from my hand. Most of the time I felt like I was in my own private, underwater railroad tunnel, with a runaway locomotive. After literally clawing my way to the surface, getting liberally slammed in the face by run-out waves, I managed to check out moving body parts. Everything seemed to be there. My Texas had been sucked off, as well as my prescription sunglasses, even though they had been secured by an eyeglass strap. (I found the strap nestled in my helmet later.).

The boat disappeared into the hole (a drop of about 20 feet), and when it finally re-emerged, right-side-up again, our friends tell us it *was* an explosion lifting right into the air. Gear was strewn everywhere, a sort of river catalog of clearance items.

Being downstream, I wasn't aware anything was seriously wrong (except having to chase an upside-down raft) until I saw pieces of personal stuff float by that had been in my ammo can, and half the double lid to our 178-quart cooler.

Then I knew we were seriously screwed, but couldn't do a thing about it, as Little Lava Rapid was coming up and I was trying to avoid the looming undercut cliff. I had been squirreling flotsam from the Cat in the hiatus between the two rapids (the goofy things that go through your head at such times!), but I jettisoned the whole load before the next onslaught.

Little Lava swirled me around in a mad dance, so much so that when it spat me out that at first I was unaware that I had my back faced downriver. I was grateful that the hydraulics had pushed me away from the cliff, not under it.

Soltis' boat rescued us below Little Lava. His reassuring comments helped us both to hang on. When we managed to eddy out, I was so exhausted I couldn't move and had to have considerable help getting in his boat. All I could do was gasp subhuman sounds for a while. Everybody else was busy collecting whatever they could, including boat parts. One of the two pontoons was ripped completely from the frame; the remaining pontoon was still somewhat supporting it. Thank God the frame didn't sink. The Cosmic Grape had the daunting task of trying to maintain support of a structure twice as big as it was in a surging eddy while Mike Budig's Cataract recovered the wayward pontoon. The other boats looked like salvage tankers with all kinds of things juxtaposed anyway they could fit.

That mother ripped 10 of 16 D-rings welded to the pontoons completely off (those holding the frame). We both lost our personal ammo cans containing things like wallets, keys and eyeglasses. Also lost were a camera box, the battery for the Katadine water purifier, and the solar panel used to charge the battery. Summation: we lost a whole slew of techy stuff meant to make life for a bunch of old-fart river rats easier! We did however, retain some non-essential gear (including the flamingoes), two rocket boxes of human waste, and another box full of garbage, found the next day - placed thoughtfully on a rock for us. Such is life's irony. I was glad we were both in one piece.

We found the nearest campsite (we managed to travel 3 of 20 planned miles that day) to assess the damage. One good omen was that my only other pair of prescription eyeglasses, from the exploded ammo can, were resting innocently on the beach. Everything else looked pretty bad, as there were several long jagged rips in the outer material of the Cat's pontoons. Fortunately, the inner air bladders seemed to be intact. So in a very long, thunderstorm-punctuated afternoon, a bunch of river rats-turned-tailors managed to jerry-rig the poor thing back together. All held their breath as we started to pump the pontoons up. With one very small leak, everything held air. We then lashed the frame back on using the Camlock straps we had left. Soltis proclaimed it "the Phoenix". For the rest of the trip, without the stabilizing influence of the D-rings, the pontoons tended to get

shifted around and skewed. George likened the arrangement to doing a river snowplow. But it floated the remaining five days out, including enduring several more difficult rapids.

We had some great good fortune in the remaining days of the trip. Naturally we all had run out of beer many days ago, and a bag of wine intended to be celebratory after running Lava was a victim of our ill-fated cooler. (I hope someone reaped it from some eddy!)

A Grand Canyon Expeditions "baloney boat" eddied out at our camp one day after the incident. They were taking out the next day and asked the incredible question "Want any beer?" After a stupefied second, the shout "YEAH!" went up as we slobbered into the river like lemmings. They gave us a case and a half. The next day, the same boat donated a bunch of fresh food, including salad makings, fruit, and meat, things the likes of us had despaired of ever seeing again.

What a feast we had that night! We really did eat the whole thing. Bless those guys; it was worth just about getting run over by their giant pontoons as we transferred the goodies.

George was pretty much unscathed by the Lava event, except for some pretty graphic nightmares. I did not fare quite as well. I actually peed my pants while swimming, something that's never happened before. I remember thinking, "well, so what? no one's going to notice". Apparently while I was ejecting I did hit boat parts, including the back of George's steel jockey seat. My pelvic bone and right leg got pretty banged up. I couldn't sleep on that side for several weeks. A friend observing my launch advised me to get a diving board!

All in all, though, it was an epic trip. I'm sorry my journal was one of the casualties; I had some pretty good anecdotes written down. I did complain a bit to our friend Soltis regarding this, and he just pointed to his head and said, "It's all there". And he's right.

Final anecdote: George: "What kind of warranty to you have for a 1990 Cataract?"

Aire: "Well, probably only three years. What's the problem?"

George: "Your boat fell apart in Lava Falls."

Aire: "What? Did you run the Ledge or something?" (only joking)

George: "Well....yeah."

Aire: "Jeez!!!!"

Aire fixed our boat

THE MAZE OVERLOOK CARCAMP by Debbie Bouchard

I have lived here in the Salt Lake Valley since September of 1994 and joined the WMC in June of this year. This was my first carcamp with the club and initially I had quite a few fears and reservations about this particular trip. I had heard the Maze District of Canyonlands National Park required a greater degree of self-



Elain Steenson and Debbie Bouchard clowning around. The closed Jasper Canyon in background.

sufficiency than the other two areas of Canyonlands and that the four-wheel drive roads to get into the Maze were just brutal. The only part of Canyonlands that I had been in to date was Dead Horse Point and my four-wheeling experiences were

limited to a small section of Potash road near Moab. So with these thoughts in mind, I called up the trip leader, Alex Ranney, and signed up for a camping trip that I knew would leave all others in the dust.

I met the other two ladies, Lauraine Stephen and Elaine Steenson, involved in this trip at Ray's Tavern in Green River on Thursday, October 16, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. After a quick burger we drove on to a remote campsite outside of Goblin Valley to meet Alex. Around 10:00 p.m. we met up with Alex, set up our tents, and bedded down for the night.

The next day we registered at the Hans Flat Ranger Station and started our four-wheel adventure to the Maze Overlook Campsite. The mileage between the ranger station and our campsite was a mere 34 miles but took nearly four hours to get there. The roughest points were the infamous Flint Trail and the Golden Stairway. I let Alex drive my Geo Tracker for this part of the trip and he proved to be extremely knowledgeable in four-wheeling, but I still had to close my eyes on several particularly steep climbs. Upon arriving at our campsite we were all taken in with the incredible view of the Maze District that unfolded before us. It was like camping on the edge of the world.

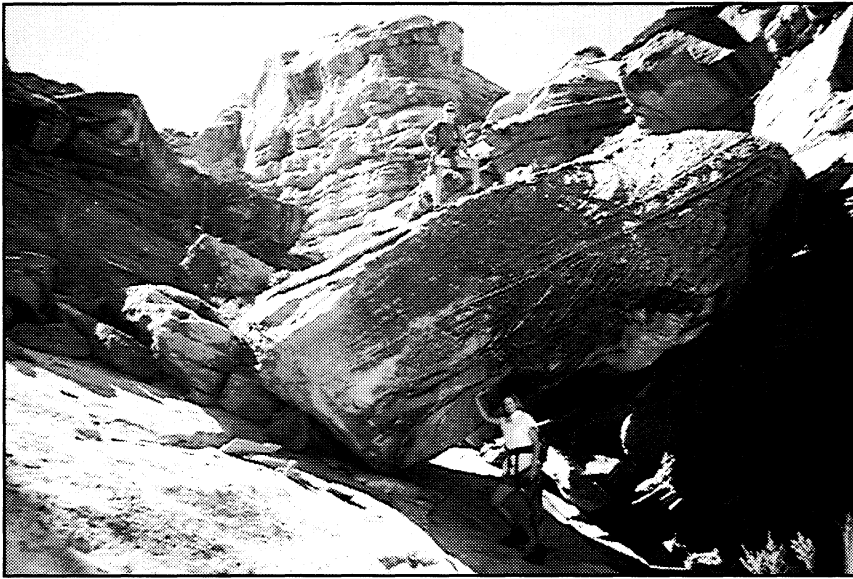
Over the next three days we did several incredible hikes that took us into a land that few people have ever experienced. All of these hikes started at the Maze Overlook Trail which required some knowledge of basic climbing maneuvers as of pour offs, steep steps which are small slickrock. This trail was faint of heart or anyone found the trail to be especially finding our cairns. The Overlook floor of the canyon and executed several day areas of the Maze having lunch atop a overlooked Jasper completely closed to backpacking activities We also visited a including a remarkable appropriately named



well as the negotiation slickrock, and "moki" steps carved into the definitely not for the afraid of heights. I most challenging, way following the Trail led down to the from there we hikes to other remote District, including plateau that Canyon, which is any type of hiking or at the present time. number of arches triple arch "Abbey's Triple."

Alex Ranney (taking picture) and Elaine Steenson looking into Abbey's Triple Arch. Lowest arch cannot be seen from this angle. photo by Deb Bouchard.

I had been warned by Alex that one of the hikes would require rappelling down a couple of steep sections that were about 20 to 25 feet high. I had never rappelled before but I wasn't going to let that stop me. As it turned out, it was nearly dark by the time we got to the area we would be rappelling and we had been hiking since 9 a.m. that morning and I was too exhausted to be overly concerned about anything except getting back down to the canyon floor. By the time all of us made it down it was dark and we had to hike back to the bottom of the Maze Overlook Trail (which I'm guessing was about a mile). I could not believe it when Alex was able to navigate us by starlight back to the trail head without falling in a muddy pothole or getting lost. I was completely clueless which way to go and was convinced we would be stuck sleeping on the canyon floor that night. Elaine, Alex, and I made it back to camp that night around 10 p.m. and after nearly thirteen hours of hiking all I could do was drink mega gallons of water and lie prostate on Lauraine's sleeping bag. Lauraine renewed our spirits that night by cooking a wonderful dinner of pork chops, au gratin potatoes, and corn on the cob.



All of us brought unique skills and contributions to this trip and I saw a remarkable degree of teamwork and cooperation. There were a few rough spots like the time we got stuck at the backside of a canyon and the only way back to camp was over the steep white rim that stretched about twenty feet above us. I had to get boosted up to a ledge that

Elaine Steenson and Debbie Bouchard in Maze District. Photo by Alex Ranney.

was about six or seven feet high by Alex and then ended up standing on his shoulders then his head before I was able to use my upper body strength to pull myself up on the narrow ledge. I was extremely frightened by this time because I had to stand up, turn around, and shove my arm up into a crack in the rock ledge above me in order to haul myself up on that next ledge that led to the top of the white rim to a place called Pete's Mesa. At any point in this maneuver I could have slipped and fell down the steep boulder-strewn cliff that we had spent an hour hiking up. I also knew that if I failed to get over the white rim, our group would have to hike back down the boulder cliff and back out the canyon the way we had hiked in, which would have put us even further behind schedule. I couldn't believe that I was able to make it over the rim. Once I was on the top, I was able to secure a length of rope to a rock and drop it over the rim to Elaine and Alex who used it to climb their way to a walk-up ledge. It took nearly an hour for all of us to make it on top of Pete's Mesa but along the way we learned some invaluable lessons about route-finding and teamwork.

All in all, the experience was one I will never forget and I thank Alex for sharing it with us. I will end this narrative with a quote by Edward Abbey who wrote Desert Solitude. "The land here is like a great symphony; it invites approaches toward comprehension on many levels from all directions."

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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?

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.) _____ Single Birth date(s) _____
_____ Reinstatement _____ 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 1997-98

President and Directors

President	943-1871	Linda Kosky
Vice President	969-5842	Tom Walsh
Secretary	262-6698	Sam Kievit
Treasurer	969-2825	Bob Janzen
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Hiking Director	968-1252	Martin Clemans
Boating Director	292-8332	Vera Sondelski
Conservation Co-Dirs.	521-8554	Susan Sweigert
	521-4185	Brad Yates
Entertainment Co-Dirs.	583-8133	Lori Ball
	973-7984	Patti O'Keefe
Lodge Co-Directors	523-0790	Bill Hughes
	278-4753	Julie Jones
Mountaineering Co-Dir	942-0641	Alan Lindsay
	233-9404	Doug Harris
Publications Co-Dirs.	277-4652	Kathy Anderson
	649-9504	Rob Merritt
Winter Sports Dir.	969-5842	Tom Walsh
Bicycling Dir.	298-1814	Tim Boschert
Information Co-Dirs.	277-1043	Carol Coulter
	882-4108	Carol Milliken

TRUSTEES

1997-01 term	649-6805	Vince DeSimone
1994-98 term	484-2338	Leslie Woods
1995-99 term	943-8500	Phyllis Anderson
1996-00 term	278-5826	John Veranth
<i>Emeritus</i>	355-7216	O'Dell Petersen
<i>Emeritus</i>	277-6417	Dale Green

COORDINATORS

(under boating director)		
Canoeing	255-4336	Eileen Gidley
Kayaking	364-4820	Chuck Howisey
Sailing	649-6805	Vince DeSimone
Rafting	944-8619	Gene Jarvis
Boating Equ.	273-0369	Marilyn Smith
	273-0369	Bob Grant
Boating Instr.	322-4326	Janet Embry
River Issues	486-1476	Allan Gavere
(under winter sports director)		
Snowshoeing		Larry Nilssen
Ski Touring		Tom Walsh
(under bicycling director)		
Mountain Biking		<vacant>
(under entertainment directors)		
In-Line Skating		Dave Vance
(under information directors)		
Adopt-A-Highway	943-0244	Randy Long
Webmaster	(503) 690-1823	Tony Ackerman
(under publications directors)		
Commercial Adv.	583-1678	Jaelene V. Myrup
Rambler Mailing		<vacant>
(under conservation directors)		
Trails Issues	364-5729	Chris Biltott

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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