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

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

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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: Janet Webster near the Commissary Ridge Yurt, Teton, WY . Photo by Edgar Webster.

Editor's apologies: Inadvertently, Pat Kottkamp's name was left off the page of Timp photos in February's Rambler. Sorry, Pat. Thanks for the photos.



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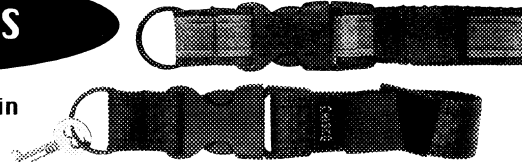
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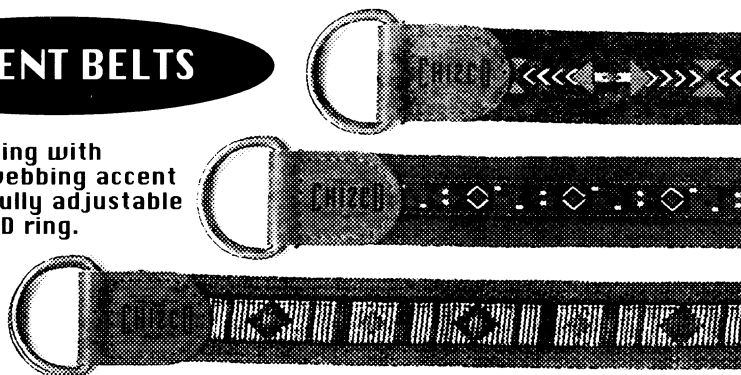
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The WMC Lodge can be rented on a full or half day basis. Full day rate is \$250. Contact Julie Jones (1-801-278-4753) for information.

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.

BOATERS

Not yet time to dust off the paddles, but it is the time to plan for an action packed river season 1998! Bring your permits, your ideas and your volunteer spirit to our Planning Party. March 7 @ 7:00 pm. Light hors d'oeuvres pot-luck. Zion Lutheran Church Basement, 1070 S Foothill. For any questions, call Vera 292-8332.

The **Wasatch Tango Club** meets weekly at the Casalino School of Creative Arts, for brief instruction and practice in the **Argentine Tango**. All are welcome, regardless of dance experience. No partner is needed. Instruction begins on Wednesdays at 8PM, and dancing continues until 10+ pm. Address: 1595 South, 1100 East.

And...be looking for notice of a special two week engagement of master teacher Florencia Taccetti from Buenos Aires, coming the second and third weeks of March! Please call 463-7992 for more information.

ROADIES AND TREAD HEADS

I Need **YOU** to lead rides! If you want casual rides in the country, all out training rides, rides in the mud, scenic vistas, etc. – then **YOU** must pedal forward and help lead those rides. Even if you are going out of town to ride somewhere – call and list the ride – you might get others to go! Don't be shy. Leadership has its benefits. Call me and I'll help schedule an activity.

Call me to schedule a ride!
Tim Boschert 298-1814 h / 299-5710 w

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

EVERY THURSDAY

SKI TOUR: MILL CREEK ROAD TO ELBOW FORK AND BEYOND (NTD). Beginners

Welcome! Every Thursday afternoon take in the beauty of Mill Creek Canyon, and get some good exercise each Thursday afternoon – till March 26 weather and snow permitting. Meet at Skyline High School east parking lot by 3:45 pm to car pool up the canyon. For more information please call Ginny Coombs at 961-3371, or Wes Groesbeck at 485-0280.

MAR 1 SUN

SNOWSHOE: COOP CREEK TO UPPER SETTING LOOP (MOD) Cheryl Soshnik serves up this "away from the front" trek to stir the imagination. Meet to carpool at Parley's Way Kmart (by Foothill Drive) at 8:30 am or meet the leader at Kamas High School at 9:30 am. Remember to bring \$3.00 per car for toll for the Mirror Lake Highway Rec. Area Fee.

MAR 1 SUN

SNOWSHOE: GREENS BASIN (NTD) Loraine Lovell will lead a "kinder, gentler" tour for those who would like a "softer walk," and perhaps would like to have some time free in the later afternoon. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

MAR 1 SUN

SKI TOUR: CARDIFF FORK (NTD) The good news is that this route is on a wide, smooth road.

The bad news is that it is also used by snowmobiles. Nevertheless it is a nice easy tour. Gloria Abdullah wants participants to stick with the group, or don't go. The start will be at 9:00 am from Butler Elementary School. (466-9016)

MAR 1 SUN

SKI TOUR: WEBER CANYON TO HOLIDAY PARK (NTD-MOD) Ski along with Michael Berry (583-4721) to scenic Holiday Park or turn around at any point for a shorter day. General touring gear is appropriate. Dogs are allowed on this Uintas trip. Meet at the K-mart parking lot on Parley's Way at 8:30 am or call Michael for Park City meeting time/canine questions.

MAR 1 SUN

SKI TOUR: AMERICAN FORK TWIN PEAKS VIA WHITE PINE CANYON. (MSD) George Westbrook will organize a climb and ski trip to the tallest summit of the Salt Lake area. It requires an early start, a steady day-o-work, plus lots of endurance and strength. Call George to register at 942-6071.

MAR 3 TUES

MOUNTAIN BIKE: BONNEVILLE SHORELINE TRAIL ROAD BIKE: EMIGRATION CANYON (NTD+ - MOD) Back to the classic Salt Lake area rides. Depending on the weather - all riders can meet at the mouth of Emigration canyon (800 So. Wasatch Dr.) across from Hogle Zoo. The rides are **show and go weather permitting** starting at 6:00 p.m.. Ride

either the Shoreline trail or out n back in Emigration Canyon. Expect at least an hour or more of riding. Call Tim Boschert, 298-1814, for more info.

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CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING

GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME!..New days, going to twice a week to get ready for climbing outdoors. 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. 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.

MAR 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 go back to work by noon. You must have an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Call Edgar Webster at 5830703 to plan your scam. Official Mantra: Early to bed. Early to Rise. Break some trail. Burn your thighs.

MAR 4 WED

BOARD MEETING, 1390 S. 1100 E., #103, 7:00 pm. Open to all interested WMC members. This will be the transition board meeting between old and new board members.

MAR 5 THUR

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM -

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MAR. 6 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 requirement!

MAR 6 -7 Fri Thru Sun

Yurt trip (Ski/Snowshoe/Snowboard) to Steammill Yurt in Logan Canyon. Last WMC yurt trip of the season. While everyone else is heading for the crowded red rock country, find out why the best skiing/snowshoeing/snowboarding is in the spring. Call Brian Barkey (801-394-6047) for details.

MAR 7 SAT

BOATING - PLANNING PARTY - Time to plan our action packed 1998 summer season!! Everyone is welcome - old time river rats and newbies too. Bring your permits, your ideas and your volunteer spirit to our Planning Party. March 7 @ 7 pm., light hors d'oeuvres pot-luck. Zion Lutheran Church basement, 1070 S. Foothill. For any question, call Vera 292-8332.

MAR 7 THRU 8 SAT - SUN:

SNOWSHOE: NORTH FRANCIS PEAK (9706')

OVERNIGHT (MSD) Scott and Kim Patterson, our arctic adventurers, would like to challenge us to a 6.5 mile (one way) 4500' gain trek close to home - Francis Peak North, near Farmington! The destination: a cabin that was there in 1982 - get out your "Peterson Quad," check the upper left for Hobbs Canyon - see that trail? That's the route to "Francis 9706" Want more details? Talk to Scott (963-2263)

MAR 7 SAT:**SNOWSHOE: THOMAS FORK OF NEFFS**

CANYON: (MSD) Ilka Allers-Olsen and Allen Olsen have offered to share one of their favorite treks - an exquisitely beautiful but very challenging tour up the Thomas' fork of Neffs Canyon. (3 miles one way, 3000' el change) Snow conditions must be ideal for safety considerations, so call the day before to see if the trip is canceled (272-6305). Plan on an 08:30 meeting at Skyline High School.

MAR 7 SAT**SKI TOUR: REYNOLDS PEAK (MOD)**

Once again in 1998, the peoples choice winner for best MOD slope is Reynolds. Rich Gregerson is organizing a trip which will depart from Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. Phone 467-6247 for info. Like every outing where there is any exposure to avalanches, you must have a beacon, shovel, and skins for climbing.

MAR 7 SAT**SKI TOUR: STRAWBERRY PEAK (MOD ~)**

This tour in the Daniel's Summit area climbs past Telemark hill and Twin Peaks (1,700 foot elevation gain over 5 miles) on its way to a great vantage point of the southern Wasatch. Michael Berry says light backcountry skis are best as steep slopes will be avoided on the selected route. Skins are not needed if you are good at waxing. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way at 8:30 am. Call Michael (583-4721) for alternate meeting sites outside the valley.

MAR 7 SAT**SKI TOUR: SOLDIER FORK VIA MILL D**

NORTH FORK (MSD) It is said this is an easy MSD trip, with its 1600 elevation gain. Peter Campbell is planning to enter Big Cottonwood Canyon, ski down Soldier Fork, then exit at Mill Creek Canyon. You must have your avalanche beacon, skins, and rescue shovel. Meet at the east parking lot of Skyline High school at 8:00 am. Call Peter at 966-6032.

MAR 8 SUN

CONSERVATION SKI TOUR: MOD Scott's Hill to Desolation Lake area. Are you aware of the Expansion plans of the Canyons ski area to the Big Cottonwood crest via peak 9990 just above Beartrap fork and Desolation Lake? If you are interested in finding out what's going on and What you may be able to do about them, join Brad Yates with beacon, shovel and skins 8:30 A.M. Butler Elementary School. If you can't make the ski tour but you would still like to get involved. Call Brad at 521-4185.

MAR 8 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS (NTD+) Thank Norm and Carma Pobanz for leading this less difficult, though still enjoyable, trip today. Come to think of it, if your a less difficult type of person and have not volunteered to lead a trip lately, guess what: you've been slacking! We really do need help for next year from those who "do NTDs but don't lead NTDs" Nuff said? Thanks Norm and Carma. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

MAR 8 SUN

SUGARHOUSE AREA ROAD BIKE: (NTD, 30+ mi.) Join Rick Kirkland, 486-0909, on an early season ride about the Sugarhouse district. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the north entrance to Sugarhouse Park (2100 South / 1500 East, Salt Lake City). Call Rick to check on the status of the ride, **WEATHER PERMITTING**. Bring water and a snack. All riders must wear a helmet!

MAR 8 SUN:**SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE TRAILHEAD TO BASE OF PFEIFFERHORN (MOD+)**

A real adventure - presented by Mohammad Abdallah. This looks to be about 4.5 miles one way, with about a 2400' elevation change. And what a view when you get there! You'll never forget it. Butler Elementary at 8 AM to take advantage of the earlier daylight. (don't show up at 9)

MAR 8 SUN

SKI TOUR: SCOTTS PASS (NTD) We just can't get enough of that ol' standby, Scotts Pass. Bob Grant wants you to have substantial touring skis,

or back country skis with skins. No beacon nor shovel is required. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 8:30 am. (273-0369)

MAR 8 SUN

SKI TOUR: UPPER SETTING (NTD) Dave Nardinger (595-6744) promises a tour at a "conversational" pace, and encourages those nordic souls with modest aerobic capacity to join him on this delightful Uintas tour. General touring or light backcountry skis are ok. Meet at the K Mart Parking lot on Parley's Way at 8:30 am.

MAR 8 SAT

SKI TOUR: MAYBIRD (MSD) By this time of year there ought to be 90 inches of snow to cover up those 88 inch boulders. The very babely Jane Webster will organize this outing, providing that participants meet her demands for dark chocolate, cashews, or high density licorice. If you can pay the price, you might have fun skiing this exciting side canyon. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 8:30 am with the mandatory beacon, shovel, and skins. (583-0703)

MAR 10 TUES

SNOWSHOE: UINTAS SOMEWHERE (MOD) Vince Desimone (1-435-649-6805) has expanded his Tuesday venue to include the Uintas. Call him to see what he has in mind.

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MAR 11 WED

MOUNTAIN BIKE AND ROAD BIKE PLANNING & DESERT SOCIAL BYOB&DD Meet at the home of Tim Boschert 298-1814, to plot out your favorite rides for the season. Everyone welcome. Tim needs your ideas and help to put together the Bicycle Season. Sign up to lead rides and suggest your favorite tours. Bring your own beverage and most decadent desert to share. Get reacquainted with your riding pals and learn about new rides! Call Tim for directions or if unable to make it - suggest a ride to lead.

MAR 11 WED

SOCIAL: PIZZA & A MOVIE Join Joan Balde (467-2223) at 6:00 pm for dinner at Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. (2227 Highland Dr.) followed by a movie at Movies 10.

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MAR 13 FRI

KANOE KICKOFF PARTY Let's tempt fate and have a party on Friday the 13th. Now that you have mastered your water skills in the bathtub, let's get together and try them out on the big water. Pot luck at Jacquie and Bill Kennedy's house, 1954 E. Wilson Ave.(1790 S.), 6:30pm. Call Jacquie (801) 467-3018 or Eileen Gidley, (801) 255-4336 for more info.

MAR 13 THRU 15 FRI TO SUN

CLIMBING/CANYONEERING - THE SLIDES TO CABLE CANYON (MSD) It may be a bit early in the year for this, but let's give it a go. This'll be a long, strenuous undertaking, not for the faint of heart or tender of foot. The route features two loops (8 or 12 hard miles r.t.). You'll need to be an experienced climber, comfortable with scrambling and exposure, Many boulder problems two rappels and maybe a swim or two (brrrr). On the plus side we'll have great hiking in a beautiful canyon with seemingly endless stretches of tight narrows. Group limited to 8. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) for details and to register

MAR 14 SAT

ROAD RIDE/CROSS BIKE: SOUTH DAVIS COUNTY, BOUNTIFUL / FARMINGTON (20 mi., NTD+) Tim Boschert, 298-1814, will take a slow and comfortable ride out and back from Bountiful to Farmington. Meet at 10:00 am at the Smith's Food store in Bountiful on US 89. I-

15 Exit 318 at 2600 south. Call Tim for more details about the ride, weather permitting.

MAR 14 SAT

SNOWSHOE: S. WILLOW LAKE, STANSBURY MOUNTAINS (MOD+) Join Cathy Hunn for a repeat of the January 10 epoch, when 17 happy snowshoers attained this beautiful lake in it's pristine setting. Last Chance this winter. Meet at Home Depot (328W 2100S), SW area of the parking lot (9AM sharp) to carpool - 4wd vehicles are necessary to attain the trailhead. Meet Cathy at the (unmissable) Maverick Station at Stansbury Park, @ 9:30 - take I 80 to exit 99. If snow is in doubt, call 1-435-882-6529.

MAR 14 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS (EL+) Here is the 3rd in the series of easier tours for beginning skiers and graduates of the Audrey Kelly Learn-to Ski Clinic. Good touring skis are fine for the trip. Back country skis are always suitable, albeit heavy. Martin Clemens is planning a departure from the K Mart on Parleys Way at 8:30 am. He plans to pause at the Kamas highschool at 9:30 am. Phone 968-1252 for info.

MAR 14 SAT

SKI TOUR: DESO SKI-ABOUT ADVENTURE (MSD & EXPLORATORY) This may be a new route, its new to me anyway. Peter Campbell proposes an outing going from Terraces in Mill Creek Canyon to the Big Cottonwood Canyon ridge between Gobbler and Raymond. Any stouthearted explorers willing to help? Peter will explain the concept if you phone 966-6032. Meeting place and time revealed after you register. Beacon, shovel, and skins required.

MAR 15 SUN

ROAD BIKE: SOUTH VALLEY (MOD, 42 mi.) Rick Kirkland, 486-0909, will lead an adventuresome group of riders on a loop ride about the south end of the Salt Lake valley. Visit the booming towns of West Jordan, Draper, Bluffdale, Riverton and Herriman. Meet Rick at the West Jordan Park (7941 So. 2200 W) at

10:00 a.m. Call Rick to check on the status of the ride, **WEATHER PERMITTING**. Bring water and a snack. All riders must wear a helmet!

MAR 15 SUN

SNOWSHOE: DESOLATION TRAIL (MOD)

Carrie Clark (519-9257) would like to follow the Desolation Trail for a new scenic challenge, beginning from Mill Creek Canyon. We have not seen this tour this season. This should have some nice scenery. Meet at Skyline High School, 9AM. Call if the snow is questionable.

MAR 15 SUN

SKI TOUR: UINTAS TOUR (NTD OR MOD) This trip will be at a steady but not "athletic" pace. (It won't kill you.) Cindy Cromar advises participants to bring lunch and \$3.00 per car for the forest Service fee to enter the Mirror Lake highway. The regular plan prevails for trips to the Uintas: meet at 8:30 am at the K Mart on Parley's Way. In Kamas meet at the Kamas Cafe at 9:30 am. Cindy will elaborate if you call her at 355-4115.

MAR 15 SUN

SKI TOUR: CROSS-COUNTRY IN THE UINTAS (MOD)

Cheryl Soshnik will assess the snow and weather conditions and plans an intriguing tour from one drainage to another in the Mirror Lake Highway area. Skis are recommended. Beacons and shovels are not needed. Call Cheryl (1-435-649-9008) regarding the chosen route, meeting places/times, and to register.

MAR 17 TUES

MOUNTAIN BIKE: BONNEVILLE SHORELINE

TRAIL ROAD BIKE: EMIGRATION CANYON

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MAR 20 THRU 22 FRI-SUN

SKI TOUR: ABAJO RESEARCH

(EXPLORATORY) Paul Dowler proposes a trip to a mountain with a defunct ski resort and man made runs. At 11,600 or so, there ought to be decent snow. Off season motel prices in Montecello are low. Paul has promised to install climbing tracks for his friends who want to party, that is, ski the Abajos. Call 294-5310 and leave a message to start the planning for this outing.

MAR 21 SAT

SNOWSHOE: THE GOURMET TOUR (NTD+)

Gosh, is it that time already? Where has the season/year/decade gone? When will it snow? How can I get something really good to eat? How can I raise my blood pressure to an

aerobically effective level? Where are we going? Find out the answer to all of these with Holly Smith (272-5358) Butler Elementary, 9AM Bring an outstanding/ unusual morsel.

MAR 21 SAT

SKI TOUR: CO-OP CREEK IN THE UINTAS OVER TO SMITH AND MOREHOUSE

RESERVOIR (MSD) Mike Berry 583-4721. 17 miles and 2200 vertical feet of climbing. You don't need avalanche beacons or shovels, and if you are good at waxing, you don't need skins. Please call Mike to register for the very early start and to help with the long car shuttle. Bring food, a head lamp, and lots of water.

MAR 21 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Due to weather and snow uncertainties, Leslie Woods prefers to select the tour de jour at the last minute. If you want to ski, call Leslie at 484-2338. Being a MOD outing, you will need an avalanche beacon, shovel and skins.

MAR 21 SAT

SOCIAL: WESTERN NIGHT AT THE LODGE

Hey Dudes & Dudettes - Dust off those cowboy hats and boots and come up for a fun evening at the WMC Lodge. Potluck at a 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share for 6-8 people and drinks of choice. Paper goods provided. Line dancing is on the agenda. Cost is \$2/person for the evening. Overnight stay is \$3/person and breakfast is \$2/person. Any ??? or to RSVP- call Barbara Green 466-7702.

MAR 21 AND 22 SAT-SUN

BACKPACK:MOUNT NEBO SNOW CLIMB

Scott Patterson (963-2263) organizes this backpack which **REQUIRES** an Ice Axe, Crampons, and Avalanche Beacon. This is a wilderness area - limit 13 - so call Scott to register and for info.

MAR 21 SAT

SNOW-BLOWERS HIKE TO THE LODGE .

This is a Work Party to clear the snow from the entrances and roof of the Lodge. We have

some new snow scoops and a snowblower that will help us remove the snow more efficiently. We may also use a snow slide and sleds. Your continuing support is needed, plus it's fun to work together. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to come Saturday morning. Plan to be at the Lodge at 9:00 AM of thereafter. Lunch will be provided free for all workers. Call Julie to reserve lunch and for questions at 278-4753.

MAR 22 SUN

SNOWSHOE: AMERICAN FORK (MOD) All "blimped up" from Holly's gourmet tour?

Work it off while doing something socially useful (absolutely no green house gasses generated) and enjoy spectacular views of Mt Timpanogos (which makes an occasional appearance thru the fog) Russ Pack is your convivial guide for this, his fourth and final American Fork Extravaganza. Thanks for a nice year, Russ. Call 572-5653 for details.

MAR 22 SUN

SKI TOUR: CATHERINES PASS (NTD +) With its high altitude, Catherines usually has decent snow both early and late in the season. Tom Silberstorf will be demonstrating this phenomonon on one of the last NTD ski outings of the year. Meet Tom at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. Bring the usual avalanche beacon, skins, and rescue shovel. (255-2784)

MAR 22 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZERS CHOICE. Call the office Voice Mail at 463-9842 and select line 2. Choose from the listing of trips. Read the **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGES** elsewhere in the **RAMBLER** for details.

MARCH 22 SUN

ROAD BIKE: SARATOGA (MOD, 51 mi.) Rick Kirkland,(Mr. March Miles) 486-0909, will lead an out and back ride to the north end of Utah Lake. First traverse the south end of the Salt Lake valley. Pass through South Jordan, Riverton, Draper and Lehi. Meet Rick at the West Jordan Park (7941 So. 2200 W) at 10:00 a.m. Call Rick

to check on the status of the ride, **WEATHER PERMITTING**. Bring water and a snack. All riders must wear a helmet!

MAR 24 TUES

SNOWSHOE: UINTAS SOMEWHERE ELSE (MOD) Vince Desimone, having explored the Uintas Somewhere on Mar 10, will explore the Uintas Somewhere Else on this Tuesday. Call 1-435-649-6805 for details.

MAR 24 TUES

MOUNTAIN BIKE: BONNEVILLE SHORELINE TRAIL/ROAD BIKE: EMIGRATION CANYON (NTD+ - MOD) Back to the classic Salt Lake area rides. Depending on the weather - all riders can meet at the mouth of Emigration canyon (800 So. /Wasatch Dr.) across from Hogle zoo. The rides are *show and go weather permitting* starting at 6:00 p.m.. Ride either the Shoreline trail or out n back in Emigration Canyon. Expect at least an hour or more of riding. Call Tim Boschert, 298-1814, for more info.

MAR 24 TUES

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME!..New days, going to twice a week to get ready for climbing outdoors. 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. 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.

MAR 25 WED

SOCIAL: AN EVENING AT THE CASA BLANCA Craig Anderson will meet you at 6:00 pm at the Casa Blanca Restaurant (1049 East 2100 South, park in the rear) for dinner before catching a movie at the Movies 10. Call Craig at 487-2077 for more information.

MAR 26 THUR

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! New days, going to twice a week to get ready for climbing outdoors. 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. 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.

MAR 27 THRU 29, FRI to SUN

BICKNELL HOUSE CAMPING (Rating: VARIABLE, if not QUESTIONABLE) This is your all purpose, one-size-fits-all, come as you are, zippity do da, art deco, outdoor fandango. There could be biking, skiing, snowshoeing, or hiking. Cheryl Soshnik has arranged for the rental of a fully furnished house in Bicknell for a weekend of outdoor play. If you want to gain altitude you can snowshoe or ski on Boulder Mountain. If you want to drop altitude you can hike in Capitol Reef National Park. For the party minded, Cheryl says that night life in Bicknell is unbelievable. The plan is to depart Friday after work and arrive about 9:30 pm. BYOT (bring your own toys). Call Cheryl for details 1-435-649-9008.

MAR 28 SAT

SNOWSHOE: BEAR CLAW (MOD) Gretchen Siegler responded to my shameless begging with an email volunteering to lead a mod to "Bear Claw." I don't where that is, and I don't dare call to ask because she could cancel! To find out, be at Butler Elementary at 9AM.

MAR 28 SAT

THE VERY ANNUAL KINGS PEAK SKI TOUR (MSD DUE TO LENGTH) Larry and Steve Swanson are again hosting the fine old tradition of the one-day spring skiing marathon to Utah's highest peak! The trip is rated MSD only due to its length (17.5 miles ONE WAY and 5000 feet

elevation gain). The plan is to drive 2.5 hours from SLC on Friday night to camp out at the end of the road to the Henry's Fork campground. We'll get up at 4:30 am, begin skiing at 5:00 am, and return to the cars 12-14 hours later, just as darkness descends in the Uintas. Since the trip returns the same way, skiers may opt to turn back at Henry's Fork basin or at Gunsight Pass, both scenic and worthwhile destinations. For this very long day, bring plenty of lunch, 2 (or more) quarts of water, sunscreen, and a headlamp. Standard weight touring gear is best. Heavy backcountry gear or racing skis is usually the wrong choice for the conditions. Skins are often helpful, but not mandatory as the track is generally not steep and the final traverse and ascent are made on foot. Beacons and shovels are not required. Registration in advance is not mandatory, but we try to ski in and out on the same track for safety so get instructions at the trailhead or stay with the group until high in the basin. Call Larry Swanson at 278-3269 or Steve Swanson at 484-5808 for information and ride-share location.

MAR 29 SUN

SNOWSHOE: LITTLE WATER UP MILL D (MOD) Mohammad Abdallah and group had such a great time investigating why Little Water is bigger than Big Water that he wants to do it again. Last chance this year. Butler elementary at 9AM.

MAR 29 SUN

HIKE: DESERET MOUNTAIN AND PAUL BUNYAN'S WOODPILE (MOD+) Join Brad Yates (521-4185) for 2 hikes in one. There will be some exposed scrambling. Call Brad for info and to register.

MAR 31 TUES

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME!..New days, going to twice a week to get ready for climbing outdoors. 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. 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.

APR 4 SAT

SNOWSHOE HOYT PEAK UINTAS (MOD) This will be a coordinated effort with the back country skiers. See details under ski tour, same date.

APR 4 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD)

Whatever he chooses will be good, for sure. His plan is to do a MOD type of ski outing, which will require skins, avalanche beacon, and shovel. Meeting time, meeting place, and destination will be revealed only to those who call Pete Mimmack at 1-435-377-2330.

APR 4 SAT

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE Phone the WMC Voice Mail at 463-9842 and choose 2 for a listing of trips. Read the DIRECTORS MESSAGES for details.

APR 4 AND 5 SAT-SUN

CAR CAMP: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD)

Brian Dannemann (1-801-225-0969) organizes this family car camp with possible destinations of Capitol Reef or Zions National Park. Bring your children and call Brian for info and to register.

APR 5 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MURDOCK PEAK (MOD+) From the keyboard of Cheryl Soshnik I quote: "Here's a chance for all you Wasatch Fronters to get to our backcountry playground via a new access and unique new views. We will go to Murdock Peak via two mile canyon. Two mile canyon begins at the top of the Pinebrook subdivision of Park City. There is a short section of trail at the beginning of the hike, but it is mostly an off trail ridge adventure. Weather permitting, we should be able to look across three mile canyon to the luge and bobsled tracks at the Winter Sports Park. Along the way, we'll be travelling on ridges above the Canyons Resort, Lambs Canyon, and Toll Creek Canyon. This will be an

all day adventure so bring lots of food and fluids. Generic carpools can meet at the Parleys Canyon Kmart at 8:30 or meet the organizer at 9AM at the entrance to the Pinebrook Subdivision. (Exit I-80 at Jeremy Ranch MM143, then go east on the south frontage road for 1/8 mile.)

APR 9 THUR

CLIMBING - PETE'S ROCK- Join us after work for real climbing on real rock after a long winter in the Gym. This Quartzite outcrop at 5200 S Wasatch Blvd. is a great place to get back into it, with routes of all difficulties. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions. If the weather is bad we can go to Rockreation. If you ask real nice, I could be talked into Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom, afterward. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED** (For the climbing, that is, not the Cotton Bottom)

APR 11 AND 12 SAT-SUN

BACKPACK: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Plan to accompany Walt Haas (534-1262) to the new national monument in the Escalante area. Call Walt to register.

APRIL 11 SAT

MOUNTAIN and ROAD BIKE: MILL CREEK CANYON ROAD (NTD+ ~ MOD, 20 mi.) Tim Boschert, 298-1814, has scheduled a training ride for all riders up Mill Creek Canyon. Go at your own pace up till the snow line then descend. Push it hard or just ride and see spring unfold in the canyon. Meet Tim at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of Skyline High School (3800 South/I-215 east). Bring water and energy food. Helmets required. Call Tim to check on the status of the ride, **WEATHER PERMITTING.**

APR 15 THRU 19 WED-SUN

BACKPACK: GRAND GULCH (MOD) Richard Jensen (582-4942) is organizing this backpack into an area with many ruins. The trip will be postponed or changed to a car camp if rain threatens. There is a limit of 11 people so call Richard to register.

APR 16 THUR

CLIMBING - PETE'S ROCK- Join us after work for real climbing on real rock after a long winter in the Gym. This Quartzite outcrop at 5200 S Wasatch Blvd. is a great place to get back into it, with routes of all difficulties. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions. If the weather is bad we can go to Rockreation. If you ask real nice, I could be talked into Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom, afterward. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED** (For the climbing, that is, not the Cotton Bottom)

APRIL 17 THRU 19 FRI TO SUN

CLIMBING/CANYONEERING LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED Too far out to decide where to go, but it'll be something technical, beautiful and way fun. Watch for the April Rambler for details.

APR 18 AND 19 SAT-SUN

CAR CAMP: SAN RAFAEL SWELL (MOD) Herb Hayashi (278-2620) is organizing this camp in the Chimney Rock area. There will be some scrambling so call Herb to register no later than April 14.

APR 18 AND 19 SAT-SUN

CAR CAMP: CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK (NTD-MOD) Join Jerry Hatch (583-8047) in this green Eden beneath great cliffs. While this is still one of America's less visited national parks, there are a lot of nice trails just waiting to be hiked.

APR 18 AND 19 SAT-SUN

BACKPACK: SLOT CANYON (MSD) Join Scott Patterson (963-2263) and bring your rappelling skills to this destination south of Green River, Utah. You will find them necessary for a number of drops. He will be leaving Friday night, April 17, so call Scott to register.

APR 23 THUR

CLIMBING - PETE'S ROCK- Join us after work for real climbing on real rock after a long winter in the Gym. This Quartzite outcrop at 5200 S

Wasatch Blvd. is a great place to get back into it, with routes of all difficulties. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Doug Harris (233-9404) if you have questions. If the weather is bad we can go to Rockreation. If you ask real nice, I could be talked into Garlic Burgers at the Cotton Bottom, afterward. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED** (For the climbing, that is, not the Cotton Bottom)

APR 24 THRU 26 FRI-SUN

BACKPACK: SALT CREEK (NTD) Mike Roundy (1-801-745-3106) organizes this trek to Canyonlands National Park. Because of possible group size limits and a park entrance fee, call Mike to register.

APR 24 THRU 26 FRI-SUN

BACKPACK: MULEY TWIST CANYON (MOD) Plan to go with Ben Everitt (272-7764) to this location in Capitol Reef National Park. The group is limited in size to 14 so call to register. Ben says we'll do this one earlier this year to avoid the heat so plan to leave Thursday evening. Vehicles will be used for shuttling. Be prepared for weather.

APR 25 SAT

CLIMBING - SNOW CLIMBING CLASS-With the huge amounts of snow this year, the snow climbs should be great. Come on out early Saturday and learn the basics of snow climbing and self arrest. Please register with Larry Coulter at 485-9623. You will need an ice axe (the club has a few) boots and adequate clothing. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED**

APR 25 AND 26 SAT-SUN

CAR CAMP: LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD) Bring your children and join Bill Habel (486-2567) for two days of fun. Call Bill for details.

APR 25 AND 26 SAT-SUN

CAR CAMP: SAN RAFAEL SWELL (MOD) Robert Turner (1-801-593-0676) is organizing this exploratory camp on the west side near I-70. Call Robert to register.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

TURKEY SAILING AND LAND EXPLORATION: Late Fall 1998 is the time for the next WMC sailing adventure. Tentatively, we fly to Istanbul for two days visiting the Topkapi Palace, Hagia, Sophia and the Blue Mosque, shops, bazaars and local culture. On to the ancient Greek and Roman City of Ephesus and possibly on to Cappadocia region of antiquities. At Marmaris, we board our yachts for seven days sailing along the Turquoise Coast. Sailing distances allow for time to explore land bases sights along the way. Several days remain to visit small towns and enjoy hikes in the countryside. The 16 day trip is expected to cost about \$2900 for international air fare, hotel, boat expenses, most meals, ground transportation, guide service, etc. The final dates and details will be worked out by the participants once signed up. A \$100 refundable deposit is necessary in order to sign up. Mail to Vince Desimone, P.O. 680111, Park City, UT 84068-0111 phone (435) 649-6805.

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.

CANADA TO MEXICO BIKE TOUR Planning Meeting Sunday April 5, 1998

Tired of day rides and need an unforgettable challenge? Starting this summer, the WMC is planning a cross country bike tour starting at Banff, Canada and ending at the Mexican border. The route will take us through Jasper, Waterton Lakes, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park, the Tetons, Steamboat, Rocky Mountain National Park, Durango, Santa Fe, and Carlsbad. Generally, this follows the Bike centennial route.

We will do this in three 2-week stages starting August 7-23, 1998 and finishing in August, 2000. Total mileage is approximately 2800, doing 60-80 miles per day with rests and plenty of time for sight seeing. This epic ride follows the same format as we did with the Sea to Shinning Sea ride from 1988 to 1991, with a motor home for a sag wagon, trailer for bikes, and possibly a professional cook and driver.

There will be a planning meeting and **sign-up meeting on Sunday April 5, at 7:00 pm** at Ralph and Donna Fishers, 649-0183, 7411 N Hitching Post

(Pinebrook) Park City. Also, Call Bob Wright, 272-6792 for more information.

YELLOWSTONE SPRING CYCLING TOUR April 11 & 12, 1998

The West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Yellowstone Spring Cycling Tour '98". A 65 mile, with 30 mile option, organized ride is planned for April 11, 1998. The ride will begin in West Yellowstone, Montana and loop west toward Hebgen Lake, Earthquake lake and Henry's Lake. Rest stops are planned along the way with the Earthquake Lake Visitor Center as a main attraction stop. Sag wagons will be provided. Remember to bring your all weather gear. A spaghetti dinner and live entertainment are planned for Saturday night at the West Yellowstone Conference Center. A casual ride option is available for all riders on Friday or Sunday into the Yellowstone National Park. Ride distances of 30, 60 and 80 miles are available to fun seekers who wish to explore the Park in Spring time. See bison, elk, bald eagles or even coyotes! The Park will be auto free during this time until April 17. The road to Old Faithful, however, will be closed. For more information and registration forms please contact the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce at 406-646-7701 or e-mail at wyc@wyellowstone.com. Also call Tim Boschert at 801-298-1814, Y22tim@aol.com, for more info. Or call Bob Grove at 801-483-6307 for loding packages and rates.

MAY 2 SAT

GLACIER TRAVEL CLASS – Planning on Ranier or Gannett? Come learn basic roped travel for safe movement on glaciers. Larry Coulter will conduct an outdoor class (maybe at a local glacier?) on roped travel. Basic rock climbing belay skills are nice but not necessary, as the fundamentals will be taught. Harness, ice ax (the club has a few) and prussik loops are needed. Call Larry at 485-9623 to register. Included in the class will be tall tales of the giant, sled eating crevasses on the lower Kahiltna Glacier.

JUNE 24 1998

EAST AFICAN SAFARI AND MT. KILIMANJARO CLIMB The 10th Westminster College East Afican 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 interst 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 thirteeners: 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)

SIERRA CLUB PROGRAM MEETING

Charmaine Thompson
from the
Uinta National Forest, USFS

will present
"Silver Saloons and Sudden Riches"
A History of Mining in the Tri-Canyon Area

Wednesday, March 11, 1998
7:30 p.m.
Sugarhouse Garden Center
(Northeast corner of Sugarhouse Park)

This program is free and open to the public; light refreshments

Classy Ads:

Notice: *The Rambler* cannot accept any ad that is inconsistent with the purposes of the WMC or offends the sensibilities of Club members. Send your ad, with enclosed payment if required, to **Sue DeVall**, 11730 S., 700 W., Draper, UT 84020. 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.

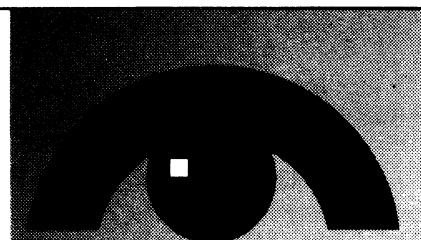
CLIMBING GEAR: Simond CHACAL ice hammer--excellent cond., large size cams #4 friend through 8" (custom made), bolt kit. Please call before 9PM @ 776-1031.

SKI BOOTS FOR SALE: Alpine Ski Boots: Technica TNS, Mens Size 7 , \$40. Backcountry Alpina Boot, Mens Size 42 and corresponding NNN BC Binding, \$50. Barely worn, didn't fit my foot. Call Vera 292-8332, before 9pm.

FOR A WEEKEND GETAWAY:

Furnished 3 bedroom house in Bicknell, available for weekend rental to individual members of the WMC. Bicknell is located near the entrance of Capitol Reef National Park, with nearby access to Thousand Lakes Mountain, Boulder Mountain, and Fish Lake Forest. Great for all seasons! Call Cheryl (435) 649-9008 or Karthy (435) 783-2923 for details.

FOR SALE: SCHWINN ROAD BIKE, \$250: Schwinn 684 Aluminum, red color, 54cm with Shimano 105 group. No pedals. Computer, bottle cages, frame pump and saddle bag included. Call Tim at 298-1814.



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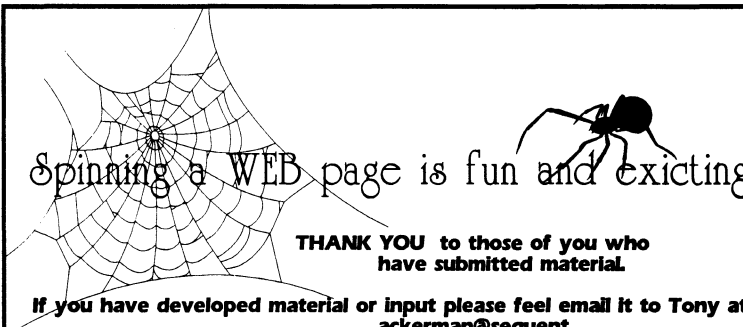
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PICTURES: Put your favorite shots of WMC activities on web.
Tony has a contact for scanning.

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DIRECTORS MESSAGES

PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

Bob Janzen

When submitting articles, activities, ads, etc., you may email them to my email address at janzenrg@inquo.net OR you may drop them off at the WMC Office as in the past. If by email, you may send the information as an attachment or as the text of the message. I'm not really sure how graphics, such as photos, would come through, even if you were able to scan them in, so I wouldn't recommend it quite yet. I will send a return reply to you when I receive your information. My intent also is to send to each director, that has an email address, the finished Activity Section prior to final publication. Given that the timing is fairly tight, this may not provide a lot of time to review the material, but hopefully, it will provide one additional potential accuracy check for information going into the Rambler. Deadlines, and other policies regarding the Rambler and submission of items will remain the same. The deadline is still the 15th of the month. Your suggestions, comments, etc. are welcome.

THANKS A BUNCH, EVERYONE!

Kathy Anderson

Someone once said that "experience is the best teacher—and considering what it costs, it ought to be!" Forgive me for not giving proper credit—I can't remember where I saw that saying, but that is how I feel about the past two years as **RAMBLER** editor. For someone who was a complete neophyte when it comes to computers, the past two years have provided quite a learning experience—a kind of baptism by fire, so to speak. Many thanks to all of you for being so patient and helping me along. Thanks to Jim and Reda Zinanti, Rob Merritt, and Janice Huber for showing me the ropes. A very special thanks to Janice for the many hours of computer work she has put in to fix various problems during the past two years. Also, a very big thank you to Jan Brittan, Jerry Yamashita, and Jaelene Myrup, for the hours of time they saved me by their willingness to help out. Thanks also to Laila Hughes, mailing coordinator for the first year, Randy Long, for faithfully calling people to mail the **RAMBLER** each month, and to those of you who so willingly responded to his calls. I couldn't have done it without you.

Good luck Bob--I'm sure you will do a great job.

CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

Susan Sweigert

ALERT

New Threats to the Cottonwood Canyons

Two new development proposals have raised their ugly heads to threaten our beloved Wasatch Front canyons. The first is a 140-house development in the White Pine area. The second is an expansion of The Canyons ski resort into the Desolation Lake and Beartrap Fork areas. Unfortunately, both these proposed projects involve private inholdings in the National Forest.

The Canyons resort expansion appears to depend on a land swap for private holdings in Millcreek Canyon. The Forest Service would have to agree to such a land swap, and therefore NEPA proceedings including public input would be required before the swap could be approved. The public's input can make a difference - unless, of course, our notoriously development-loving Congress critters do a legislative end-run as they did in the Snow Basin case.

Mercifully, Gray Reynolds (the FS official who played a key role in the Snow Basin swap) is no longer with the Forest Service. (Reynolds left to take a job heading the Snow Basin Ski Resort, showing the level of sleaze involved in *that* land swap.)

But The Canyons expansion can be fought successfully, if we hit all fronts. The area is in Merrill Cook's district, and he has shown himself good on at least one forest issue, that of timber roads. Calling him now to state your objections to this project is important *before* the project gains momentum. So is calling the Salt Lake County Commission and/or the S.L. Water Conservancy (the latter because the project will significantly impact water quality from this watershed. WMC member Milt Hollander is coordinating S.L. County efforts. Certain approvals are required from the Summit County Commission - attending their meetings or calling Commission members in the next month is also important (call Brad Yates at 521-4185 for details). Finally, calls to Wasatch-Cache Forest Supervisor Mike Sieg are needed as well.

The White Pine housing project poses a more difficult fight. Here the issues may come down to water rights and water quality impacts, and whether road building or road improvements impact Forest Service lands. As yet, we are not familiar with the details - but I'll keep you posted.

Save Our Canyons will be putting in a large effort here - contact Wes Odell, Steve Lewis, or Gale Dick to get more involved.

Immigration - Should Environmentalists Advocate Limits?

Susan Sweigert

The Sierra Club will conduct a vote in March on whether to adopt a policy favoring limitations on immigration to the U.S., or to stick with the present policy which is to take no stand on immigration. If you're a Sierra Club member, make sure to weigh in.

Those who advocate limitation of immigration, say we have to stabilize the population of the U.S. in order to at least preserve the environment here, before we can be effective worldwide. They also argue that immigrants increase their environmental "footprint" when they come here, to match that of other Americans, and thus immigration worsens the global environmental impact of America.

Those who advocate that the Sierra Club maintain its current position, neither pro nor con on immigration limits, say that to take an anti-immigration policy will cost minority support for the Club. They also point to the many ways in which the Sierra Club already offers much support for population control measures, such as making birth control widely available and improving the status of women in third world countries.

Here is my view: it is simply unfair to limit immigration. Yes, I love living in the intermountain West because of its relatively low population, because of the vast reaches of public lands, because even a city can feel like a small town. But I agree with those who say limiting immigration to the U.S. will not solve the world population problem, which threatens extinction to more species, and many more little- or unknown species, than increased population density in the U.S.

But more importantly to me, limiting immigration to the U.S. is to say, I'm here, now we can close the door. We in Utah - I myself - feel that way about this place. Welcome to Utah, now go home. But who am I to say, no one else can move here? I moved to Salt Lake in 1984. Does that make my desires more important than a Mexican or Ethiopian seeking to bring his or her family out of poverty, or an Afghani or Bosnian wanting to escape horrible conflict or repression? Or an exiled Tibetan seeking life in the U.S. to achieve money and influence to pressure the Chinese government to free Tibet? My great-great grandparents came to California from England and Scotland in the 1850's. Am I more deserving simply by reason of priority in residence?

Californians and Arizonans and Oregonians have all felt this same thing - welcome and now go home. But if we limit immigration to the U.S., should we also limit immigration of people to the arid Western states, or to cities like Portland or Salt Lake City or Seattle or Tucson? There is no end to this kind of thinking.

And that is why I will vote NO on the Sierra Club's March ballot. I urge you who are Sierra Club members to do the same.

**A SPECIAL THANKS
FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT CO-DIRECTORS
PATTI O'KEEFE AND LORI BALL**

The last two years have been a happy, busy, heart-warming time for us and we wish to thank all of those WMC members who contributed their time, energy, and special qualities that made the entertainment events so successful. The entertainment activities are seasonless, and therefore, a large group of enthusiastic people are necessary to support the events, and the committee. You have all been so wonderful & we are grateful to & for you because **YOU** are the glue with which the WMC membership becomes bonded. As you have seen, no special equipment in this NTD venture - just a fun-loving spirit!!!

A special "THANK YOU" to:

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March 1998

WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR

Tom Walsh

We live in a changing world. That's what I always hear when someone changes something in my simple world and forces me to learn something new. A change is about to occur in the WMC skiing world.

We are going to use Voice Mail to schedule ski trips for the balance of the season. There are several reasons for this change. One thing is the weather and snow conditions are increasingly unpredictable as Spring approaches. When you consider there is as much as a 6 week span between planning and actually completing a ski tour, you can see how speculative it is to set up a late spring trip. Another very practical reason is that it gets increasingly difficult to get a commitment from trip leaders - everyone wants to ski but no one wants to lead. Using Voice Mail enables us to do short term scheduling.

This is the way SKI MAIL will work:

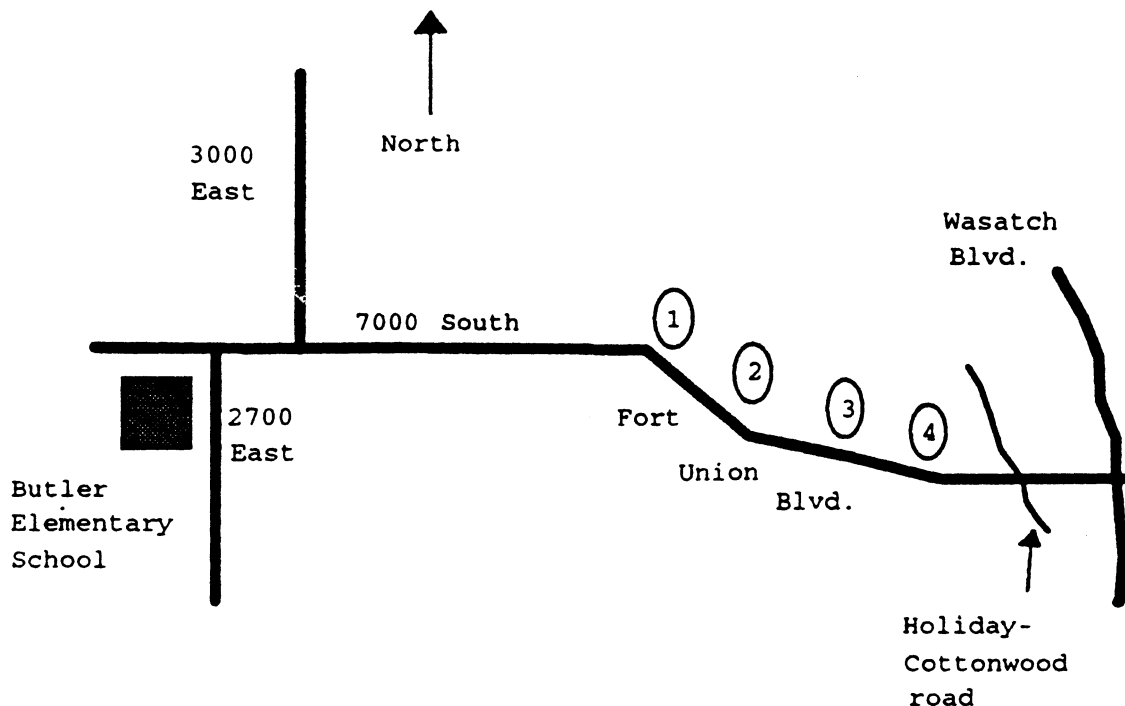
1. To propose a trip, call me before 8:00 pm on Tuesday, with the destination, date, and your phone number.
2. I will enter the information on Voice Mail.
3. Skiers will call Voice Mail to check out available trips.
4. Skiers then call the organizer to get details.

Each Tuesday I will update the Voice Mail for the coming week. Only one person (me) will be allowed to update the Voice Mail message. Trip organizers will be mailed the usual WMC Release form and envelope for each trip. To make things easy we will continue to meet at the usual places to carpool to the trailheads. The Club practice of requiring avalanche beacons and shovels on trips where the route goes near avalanche hazard zones will be continued.

On paper it looks good. Lets make this work! Brian Barkey is always looking for co-conspirators for spring skiing. Edgar Webster is always on alert for skiable snow. Last year Pete Mimmack skied on Memorial day. Call me with your trip ideas.

Call Tom Walsh to schedule your proposed trip: 969-5842

Call Voice Mail to check out scheduled trips: 463-9842



CAR POOL PARKING LOTS FOR SKIING AND SNOW-SHOEING

Butler Elementary School

Access the parking lot from 2700 East just south of 7000 South. (Fort Union Blvd.)
We do not have a guarantee that cars won't be towed from here in the event of snow.

Fort Union County Parking lots

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

Lot #1

3220 East Fort Union Blvd. (7000 South)
This lot will hold an estimated 5 cars.

Lot #2

3360 East Fort Union Blvd. (7090 South)
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.

TRIP TALKS

Winter Wonderland Photographic Essay By Cheryl Soshnik

A yurting we will go! The WMC near Driggs, ID in January.



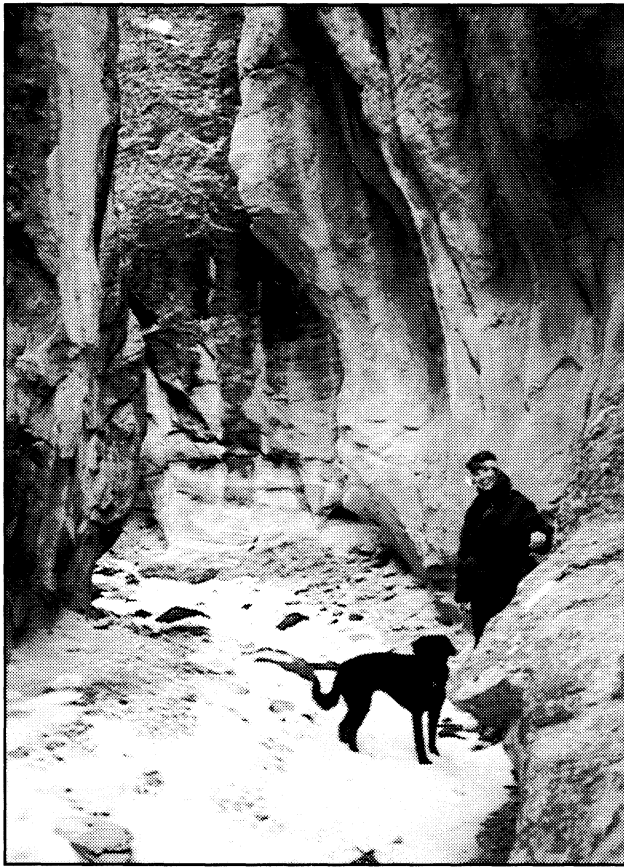
Tom Walsh inventing new uses for his skis as stream crossing aids, on the approach route to the Baldy Knoll Yurt. Each of the 6 adventurers approached the challenge uniquely, but all negotiated the stream without falling in (too far).



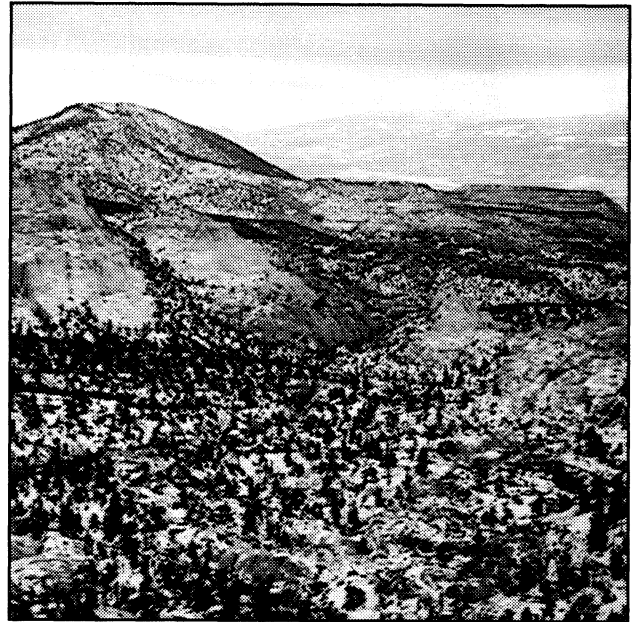
Brad Yates, anticipating a great day of backcountry skiing from the Yurt's front (and only) door.



Checking the route up Acid Ridge, noting recent avalanche activity on fairly low angle terrain.



**Checking out hiking possibilities near Bicknell.
Kathy McCarthy and Hawkins in an unnamed canyon below
Thousand Lakes Mountain.**



**The view while hiking towards Thousand Lakes
Mountain.**



**WMC members pausing to enjoy the beauty of Summit County's White Pine Canyon from the ridge that separates
Iron Canyon and Park City Mountain Resort. Currently there is no development in the area, but if you have been
following the development plans for both Park City and the Canyons Resort , this area may eventually contain
nothing but ski lifts and luxury homes.**

Overnight Snowshoe Trip-Gray Head Peak

Scott Patterson

The original plan was to climb Mount Logan on this trip which took place on January 17 and 18. However, because of extreme avalanche danger in the northern Wasatch, the destination was changed to Gray Head Peak. Gray Head Peak is an isolated and never climbed summit located in the Bad Lands Cliffs (western Book Cliffs) off Highway 191 between Price and Duschene. The change in plans turned out to be an excellent move as we discovered one of the best snowshoeing areas any of us had been to. Participants included myself, Kimberly Patterson, and Paul Howard. I had never climbed Gray Head before nor had I known anyone who has. We left SLC at 7:00 AM and after a 2 hour drive we were ready to hit the slopes from Indian Pass.

The weather was stormy, but the temperature was mild (32F) for January at 8600 feet elevation. After 90 minutes of strenuous trail breaking through deep powder we reached the ridgetop and then the going got easier with fairly firm wind blown snow. After following the ridge for a few hours camp was set up at an early 3:00 PM at 9,000 feet because of howling winds and blizzard conditions. After dinner, reading, and socializing we settled down for a comfortable night in our sleeping bags.

The sunrise in the morning was spectacular and the sky crystal clear with no haze in sight. The temperature was 13F; downright balmy for January in the mountains. We could see everything between Mount Emmons in the Uintas to Mt. Nebo in the Wasatch. After breakfast we set forth to climb Gray Head Peak. The entire route stayed on the ridgetop which afforded us good views the entire way. We passed through several groves of Bristle Cone Pines; the oldest living things on earth. After lunch and enjoying the spectacular views in all directions it was time to head back. There was great snow conditions for the entire distance along the ridgetop. We didn't quite make it to the summit of Gray Head due to lack of time, but we all agreed to try it again next year. After packing up we reluctantly headed back to the car at Indian Pass.

This was a great trip and the avalanche danger along the entire route was almost zero since we stayed on the ridgetop for the entire distance. It would make a great day trip for a ski or snowshoe tour and there are also lots of sheltered areas among the trees for camping. The scenery here is really spectacular and there is definitely going to be another trip here next year.

Not many people do overnight snowshoe or ski tours. I would invite all of those who have never tried it to come and join us sometime. Get your equipment ready, call us and have a great time!

GO FOR THE COLD

SKI

INTRODUCTORY SKATE SKIING* *Jan. 9-Feb. 13*

Get a great cardiovascular workout and fulfill your need for speed. *LL 32R-52.*

UINTA MOUNTAINS: SKI THE BEAVER CREEK TRAIL* *Jan. 10*

Combine practical experience with instruction on cross-country ski technique and backcountry skills. *LL 32R-50.*

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Impress your friends both slopeside and out back with the elegant telemark turn. *LL 98R-10.*

SKI TOUR: UINTA MOUNTAIN YURT* *Jan. 26-27*

This overnight tour follows gentle terrain, well-suited to skiers with minimal touring experience. *LL 32R-51.*

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Tired of being left behind? Hone your skiing, safety, and avalanche-awareness skills. *LL 98R-11.*

SNOWSHOE

MAKE YOUR OWN SNOWSHOES* *Jan. 7-14*

Experience the thrill of snowshoeing on shoes you build yourself. *LL 40R-50.*

SNOWSHOEING FOR FAMILIES *Jan. 18*

No lift lines, pricey tickets, or confusing equipment. Just family fun, winter beauty, and healthy exercise. Children ages 10 and up. *LL 98R-12.*

INTRODUCTION TO SNOWSHOEING* *Mar. 7*

You don't have to be a skier to enjoy the outdoors in winter. *LL 32R-54.*

CLIMB

BEGINNING ICE CLIMBING* *Feb. 7-8*

Up close and personal on a frozen waterfall. *LL 32R-55.*

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Learn basic climbing movement in a safe, controlled, noncompetitive environment. In Park City. *LL 32R-53.*

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Feb. 11 or Apr. 15

Learn basic climbing movement and the skills needed to pass a top rope belay test. At Rockcreation. *LL 33R-50.*

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Learn footwork, hand positions, and how to use your body efficiently. At Rockcreation. *LL 33R-52 or 53.*

AND MORE

AVALANCHE FORECASTING*

Jan. 7, 10-11

Protect yourself in the mountains by learning to evaluate avalanche hazards. *LL 32R-56.*

HOW TO TUNE YOUR ALPINE SKIS *Jan. 8 or 15*

It may be powder heaven, but a pass with the file is still well worth your while. *LL 92R-13 or 14.*

HOW TO FIX A MOUNTAIN BIKE ON THE FLY *Feb. 19 or 26*

Get ready for spring now. *LL 92R-11 or 12.*

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Do Not Use this Form for Regular Annual Membership Renewal

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Remit: \$35.00 for single membership (\$30.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)
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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: _____

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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

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