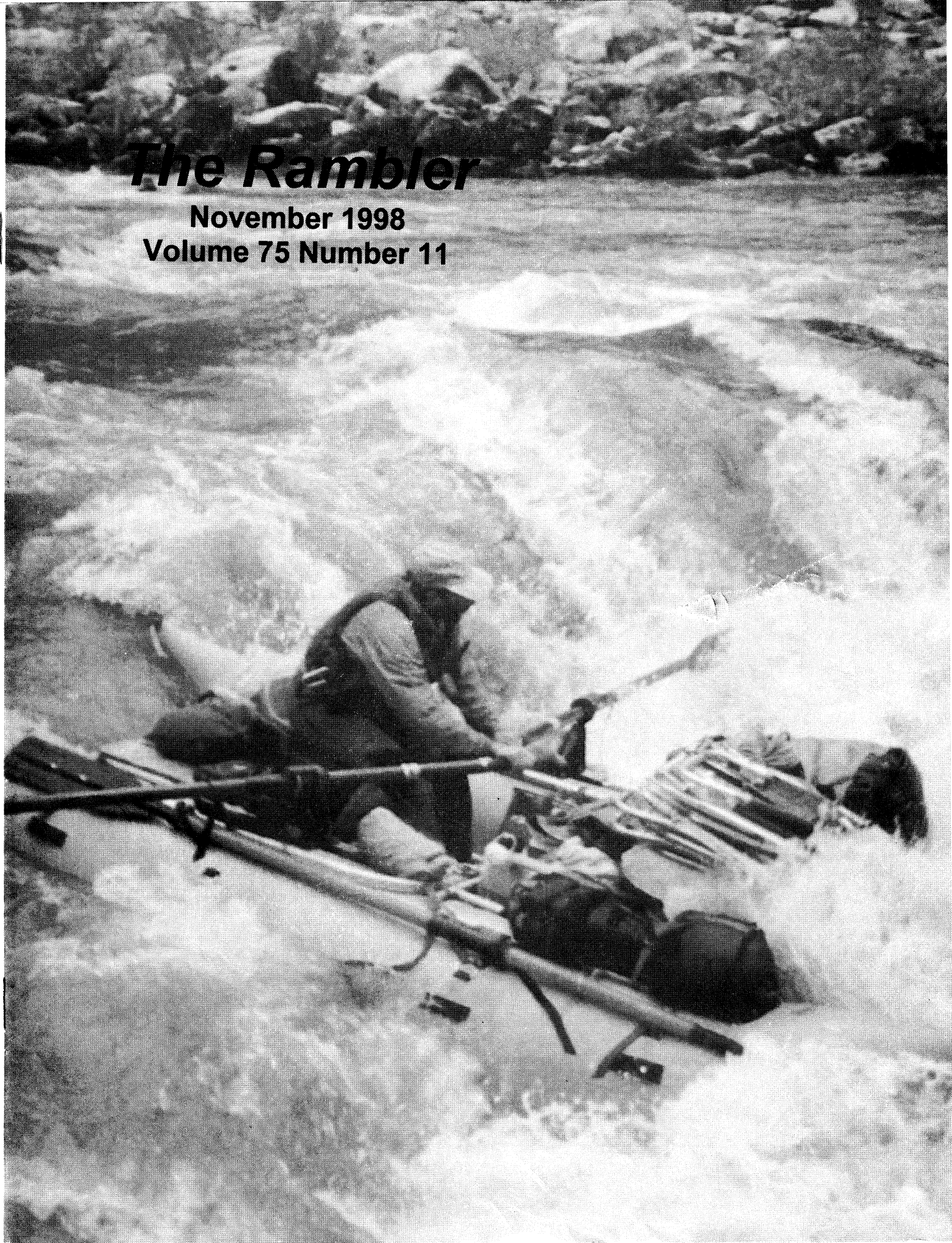


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(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

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Attention: All WMC Members

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

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

SIERRA CLUB PROGRAM MEETING

Wednesday, November 11th

7:30 p.m., Sugarhouse Garden Center

ALEXIS KELNER

"Reflections on Switzerland and Summit Restaurants –
Coming Soon to a Peak Near You"

Kelner traveled to Switzerland with the USFS and Snowbird representatives. He will authoritatively discuss the prospects for Snowbird expansion, and you will want to become involved in the public process. Contact Ann Wechsler at 583-2090 for more information.

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

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director can be listed in the Club activities section of *The Rambler*. Send your proposed activity for approval to the hiking, boating, skiing, etc., director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Those activities sent directly to *The Rambler* without approval will not be published.

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

*** Participation in any WMC activity can be dangerous. It is **your** responsibility to evaluate your own preparedness and ability to safely participate in any activity.

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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

HIKES AT A GLANCE

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| 10/30 | HARVEST MOON MOONLIGHT HIKE (74% FULL) (NTD)..... | Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) |
| 10/31 | HALOWEEN/SCORPIO CITY CREEK HIKE (NTD)..... | Kari and Tim Sewell (532-3432) |
| 11/01 | SHOW 'N GO INFORMAL DAY HIKE (ALL LEVELS) | |
| 10/07-08 | SAN RAFAEL OR BOOK CLIFFS (MSD/Leisurely)..... | Scott Patterson (963-2263) |
| 11/07 | POETRY HIKE, IRON CANYON OF PARK CITY (NTD-MOD) | Vince Desimone (435-649-6805) |
| 11/07 | MT. OLYMPUS NORTH FACE (MSD)..... | Chris Dalby (292-2675) |
| 11/08 | ORGANIZERS CHOICE DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE (ALL LEVELS) | Larry Nilssen (296-1716) |
| 11/08 | WEST DESERT ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MSD) | Brad Yates (521-4185) |
| 11/14 | ORGANIZERS CHOICE DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE (ALL LEVELS) | Norm Pobanz (266-3703) |
| 11/15 | ORGANIZERS CHOICE DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE (ALL LEVELS) | Russ Pack (572-5653) |
| 11/25-29 | MAZE 4-WD CAR CAMPING OVER THANKSGIVING (ALL LEVELS) | Bob Grant (273-0369) |
| 12/18 | SOUTH AMERICA OVER CHRISTMAS (MOD-MSD)..... | Scott Patterson (963-2263) |

Detailed Activity Schedule

OCT 30 FRI

HIKE/Night: HARVEST MOON MOONLIGHT

HIKE (74% FULL) (NTD) NOTE THE MEETING

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PRINTED IN THE OCTOBER RAMBLER! Cheryl

Soshnik (435-649-9008) is hosting a harvest moon evening hike in the Park City area. The moon's only 3/4 full tonight, but by next weekend, it will be past-full and will be rising too late for us. We'll hike the trails near Park City or Deer Valley, with the option of retiring to Chateau Cheryl for a little apres' hiking merriment. Bring: water, warm clothes, a flashlight in case the moon clouds over, and snacks/delicious beverages for the apres' hike gathering. Also, bring a suit and towel if you'd like to hot tub afterwards. Meet at 7:00 PM at 1007 Woodside (You may have to park on 10th and Park Ave, parking is at a premium in old town) and we'll carpool or walk from there.

OCT 31 SAT

HIKE: HALOWEEN/SCORPIO/BACKPACK

BABIES/ WELCOME HOME CITY CREEK HIKE

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THE OCTOBER RAMBLER! Kari and Tim Sewell

(532-3432) haven't even finished unpacking from their two years in Norway, but this darn hiking director snagged them into leading a hike before the season ended. Come out with them this morning to celebrate Halloween, Scorpio birthdays, their return home, and to meet Kristina, who was born in Norway. Other babies in backpacks are welcome to come along as well. Bring: Food and water (steal the halloween candy before you pass it all out tonight), and Meet at 9:00 AM at the Utah Travel Council Parking Lot, across from the State Capitol Building.

NOV 01 SUN

HIKE: SHOW 'N GO INFORMAL DAY HIKE (ALL LEVELS)

If the weather's nice and you're looking for some exercise this morning, show up at the meeting time and place to hook up with other interested folks. Group process will decide the trail and destination. Bring: Food, water, warm clothes, and appropriate footwear. Meet by 9:00 am at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride.

NOV 4 WED

Board Meeting 7 pm, 1390 S. 1100 E., #103 at the WMC Club Office. Any interested club members

are welcome to attend. (But you may walk out with an assignment!)

NOV 4 WED

SOCIAL: SAN FRANCISCO PIZZA/MOVIE NIGHT-

6:00 PM-Meet Joan for dinner at Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. (2227 Highland Dr.), followed by an inexpensive movie at Movies 10. Co-listed with Sierra Singles.

NOV 07 SAT

HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: POETRY HIKE, IRON CANYON OF PARK CITY (NTD-MOD)

Returning by popular request, Vince Desimone (435-649-6805) offers his annual "Poetry Hike". Vince invites the WMC to come hike (or snowshoe) and enjoy poetry along the way. It's OK to come along and just listen, or to join the bards as they recite original or someone else's poetry. The hiking will be at a MOD pace, with frequent stops for poetry recitation. Hint--if you tire easily, bring more poems! The hike today will be to Iron Canyon, which is between the Park City Thaynes Canyon and the Park City White Pine Canyon, and will hopefully make it to the top of Iron Mountain. Bring: poems in your head or on paper, lunch, water, warm clothes, and of course, your 10E's. Meet by 9:00 am at Skyline High for a generic carpool, or at 9:45 am at the NW Parking Lot of the Radisson Hotel on Hwy 224 in Park City, where Vince will be waiting. If the weather's iffy, or if it's snowed recently, call Vince beforehand to find out the appropriate footwear.

NOV 07 SAT

HIKE: MT. OLYMPUS NORTH FACE (MSD)

Chris Dalby (292-2675) ended up organizing this hike last September as a fill-in, and loved it so much he wants to do it again on his own. This will turn from MSD to EXT if there is any new snow, so be prepared for a rigorous day. Bring: Food, warm clothes, and lots of stamina. Call Chris to preregister.

NOV 7 THRU 08 SAT AND SUN

BACKPACK: SAN RAFAEL OR BOOK CLIFFS

(MSD/Leisurely) Scott Patterson (963-2263) hopes the weather holds for this weekend, for a weekend in Central or Southern Utah. If the weather is bad, he will probably still do the trip, but NEXT weekend. Call Scott to preregister and to discuss destinations and needed equipment.

NOV 08 SUN

HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE (ALL LEVELS)

Larry Nilssen (296-1716) will pick the best location for this late fall hike today. Weather will determine if snowshoes or hiking boots are appropriate. Bring:

Food, water, warm clothes, and appropriate footwear. Meet by 9:00 am at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride. Larry suggests you call him ahead of time to find out the appropriate footwear (boots or snowshoes).

NOV 08 SUN

HIKE: WEST DESERT ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MSD) Join Brad Yates (521-4185) as he hopefully finds warmer conditions in Western Utah. He knows of many good destinations, and I'm sure he'll pick a dandy hike for you today. Bring: 10E's and carpool\$. Please call Brad to pre-register and for the meeting time and location.

NOV 08 SUN

SNOWSHOE OR HIKE: SHOW'N GO INFORMAL (ALL LEVELS) Larry Nilssen (296-1716) is going to try to make this the first snowshoe of the year, but if the weather is nice, and the snow is not, he will turn this into a hike, the destination depends on the snow. So, call on Friday or Saturday to find out where to meet and what to put on your feet.

NOV 11 WED

SIERRA CLUB PROGRAM MEETING Wednesday, November 11th 7:30 p.m., Sugarhouse Garden Center, ALEXIS KELNER "Reflections on Switzerland and Summit Restaurants – Coming Soon to a Peak Near You"

NOV 12 THU

Conservation Committee Meeting, Meet at 7:00 pm at Susan Sweigert's house, 328 11th Avenue. Among other things, we'll discuss WMC donations to conservation causes along with current issues. Call Susan at 521-8554 for details.

NOV 13 FRI

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

NOV 14 SAT

SOCIAL: CONCERT/CRISTIE PRICE & JEFF GREEN-Singer-Songwriter and Guitarist-Extraordinaire respectively, will team up in a performance with something for everyone! See ad in this issue for more information. Contact Cristie (942-2291) with questions.

NOV 14 SAT

HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE (ALL LEVELS) Norm Pobanz (266-3703) Bring: 10E's and carpool\$. Since you'll want to verify the chosen mode of

human powered foot devices for today's outing, call the organizer beforehand.

NOV 14 SAT

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NOV 14 SAT

First Ski Tour of the Year, Scotts Pass, NTD, Tom Silbersdorf 255-2784, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 9am. Join Tom for his traditional inaugural tour. Skins recommended, beacon & shovel not necessary.

NOV 15 SUN

HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE (ALL LEVELS) Russ Pack (572-5653) Bring: 10E's and carpool\$. Since you'll want to verify the chosen mode of human powered foot devices for today's outing, call the organizer beforehand.

NOV 15 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SCOTT'S PASS (ALL LEVELS) The Pack is back! This means only one thing! The second annual Russ Pack (572-5653) official WMC snowshoe kickoff has begun. Have you ever kicked off your showshoes? Who was Scott and what did he pass? A football? How did he swallow it? Ask Russ these, and other penetrating questions like: Where and what time are you going to meet? Will you be wearing snowshoes or hiking boots? (Russ may turn this into a hike, his option)

NOV 15 Sunday

Organizer's Choice Ski Tour, MOD, Edgar Webster 496-7829, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 8:30am with beacon, skins & shovel. Probably to the Alta neighborhood, knee pads a good idea early season, let's go find some powder...

NOV 17 TUE

SOCIAL: DESERT EDGE BREW PUB MOVIE NIGHT-5:45 PM-Meet Craig (487-2077) for dinner at the Desert Edge Brew Pub in Trolley Square, followed by a movie. Tuesday is discount night for movies at Trolley Square theaters. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

NOV 18 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT-6:30 PM-Join LeeAnn Born (486-5294) and Emily Rosten (532-

8787) for Vietnamese food at Cafe Trang (818 South Main Street). RSVP to LeeAnn at least 24 hours in advance so she can make reservations.

NOV 20 FRI

SOCIAL: GALLERY STROLL-6:00 PM-Meet Craig (487-2077) at the Phillips Gallery (444 East 200 South) for wine and hors d'ouvres followed by a leisurely walk through a number of Salt Lake's fine art galleries. Co-listed with Sierra Singles.

NOVEMBER 21 (Sat)

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

NOV 21 SAT

SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK (NTD) Janet Friend (268-4102) has graciously agreed to lead one of her favorite tours, at a true NTD pace. The high trailhead elevation (8000'+) and north aspect should guarantee snow, but call just in case - Janet may turn this into a hike. Plan to meet at Butler Elementary at 0930AM.

NOV 21 SAT

Organizer's Choice Ski Tour, MOD, David Orza 463-2862, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 9am with beacon, skins & shovel. Join David, master of the Sierras, to look for Utah powder. Unless he somehow ends up in Pocatello...

NOV 22 SUN

SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE PASS FROM BRIGHTON (NTD+) Snickers, the Border Collie, has agreed to let her owner Barb Petty (486-7023) lead this beautiful high elevation 'shoe only under the condition that Barb also lead a "doggie walk" in December in Mill Creek. Tough negotiator. Butler Elementary at 0900 AM, call if snow is in doubt.

NOV 22 SUN

Silver Fork Ski Tour, NTD, Tim Boschert 298-1814, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 9am. Join Tim for this casual tour, beacon, skins & shovel not necessary, See if Tim remembers to bring ski pants instead of bicycle shorts...

NOV 22 SUN

Organizer's Choice Ski Tour, MOD, Pat Kottcamp 467-7231, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 9am with beacon, skins & shovel. Let's see if Pat brings his skis or snowboard today, pinhead or shredder...

NOV 25 THRU 29 THU THRU SUN

CAR CAMP: MAZE DISTRICT OF CANYONLANDS 4-WD CAR CAMPING OVER THANKSGIVING (ALL LEVELS) Bob Grant (273-0369) has a permit for the Maze District of Canyonlands over Thanksgiving. The trip will leave SLC Wed evening. He is driving in from Hite, has a campsite near Teapot Rock for 2 nights, and 2 more nights at the Maze Overlook. His permit is limited to 3 4-WD vehicles and 9 people. Because of the weather, you must be prepared for summer or winter camping. This will surely fill up early, so call soon to register. Obviously, if you have a 4-WD vehicle, you are especially invited to join Bob.

NOV 26 THU

SNOWSHOE: MT MORIAH (NEV) MSD Scott Patterson (963-2263) has this nifty adventure idea: Push away from the table, start driving. Camp Thursday Night, Friday snowshoe into a Forest Service Cabin (the elevation should provide good snow), Saturday snowshoe to Mt Moriah Summit (12,000'+) and come home Sunday. Besides his wife Kim, he can take three more.

NOV 27 FRI

Organizer's Choice, MOD, Jim Piani 733-0627, meet at parking lot #2 at 3360 E 7000S, look for the bus shelter. 9am with beacon, skins & shovel. Join Jim for his traditional after Thanksgiving ski tour and burn off some of the holiday calories from the day before...

NOV 27 FRI

SNOWSHOE: GREENS BASIN (NTD+) Mark ("Is this base camp?") Jones (583-7824) has agreed to prove that Greens Basin DOES exist in winter by trying to find it. I never could. Butler Elementary at the (holliday) hour of 0930AM.

NOV 28 SAT

Organizer's Choice Ski Tour, MOD, Tom Walsh 969-5842, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 9am with beacon, skins & shovel. A man has to believe in something, Tom believes it's time to ski. Group choice apres ski to follow, where Tom will discuss other things he believes in...

NOV 28 SAT

Organizer's Choice Ski Tour, NTD, Eileen Gidley 255-4336, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E.

7000S. 9am with beacon, skins & shovel. Come see Eileen show off her new free heel parallel skills...

NOV 28 SAT

SNOWSHOE: LEADERS CHOICE (NTD+ MOD-)

Gretchen Seigler (461-0407) would like to analyze conditions before she commits to a destination. With La Nina and the meandering jet stream, who can blame her? It will be high and beautiful, guaranteed. Butler Elementary, 0900 AM.

NOV 29 SUN

Organizer's Choice Ski Tour, MOD, Edgar Webster 486-7829, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 8:30am with beacon, skins & shovel. We live in a land of legendary winters, someone has to ski it. If not us, who? If not now, when?

NOV 29 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS (NTD+) Welcome Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) to the 98-99 season with this "warm up" to stretch those hamstrings (or tofustrings for you vegetarians). Mohamed is actually not quite so fast on 'shoes as on boots, so you may actually catch a glimpse of him now and then. Just follow the tracks. Butler Elementary, 0900AM.

DEC 2 WED

SOCIAL: MOVIE NIGHT AT BREWVIES-6:00 PM-

Meet Joan promptly for dinner and a movie at the hip Brewvies Cinema Pub (677 South 200 West). Co-listed with Sierra Singles.

DEC 5 SAT

Organizer's Choice Ski Tour, MOD, Cheryl Krusko 474-3759, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 9am with beacon, skins & shovel. Come and ask Cheryl how she liked skiing the Idaho sand dunes...

DEC 5 SAT

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

DEC 6 SUN

Utah Winter Games Beginner - Intermediate Telemark Ski Clinic, Solitude, NTD - MOD. This is a good thing; with purchase of a discounted lift ticket you will get an all day lesson with some of the best tele skiers on the planet. Beginners will have gear provided! There may be demo gear available. Call Utah Winter Games to pre-register at 972-1798 or watch for the forms in the Utah Sports Guide.

DEC 6 SUN

SNOWSHOE: PORTER FORK TO THE SADDLE

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

DEC 6 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SUNSET PEAK, CATHERINE PASS

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

DEC 11 FRI

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

DEC 12 SAT

SOCIAL: CHRISTMAS PARTY-Join Leslie Woods and Frank Bernard again this year for a fun evening. Mark it on your calendar now and details will follow in the December Rambler.

DECEMBER 12 (Sat)

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

DEC 12 SAT

SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE (MOD) Tom Walsh will lead, details to follow.

DEC 12 SAT

SNOWSHOE: GREENS BASIN (TRUE NTD) Joan Proctor to lead, details to follow.

DEC 13 SUN

Wasatch Telemark Series Women's Telemark Ski Clinic I, Alta. A special testosterone free telemark day. Learn from some of the best tele skiers on the planet at one of the best ski areas on the planet. \$60 gets you a lift ticket, demo equipment, lunch, party, fun & prizes. Register at Wild Rose, REI or call Maurine Bachman at 359-2554.

DEC 13 SUN

SNOWSHOE: BOWMANS FORK (NTD) Barb Petty will lead this doggie walk.

DEC 13 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (NTD) Patti O'Keefe, details to follow.

DEC 15 TUE

SOCIAL: BILL & NADA'S RENDEZVOUS-5:45 PM-Meet Craig (487-2077) at Bill & Nada's Cafe (479 South 600 East) for dinner a la Americana and a movie at either the nearby Trolley or Broadway Cinemas. Tuesday is discount night at movie theaters around town. Co-listed with Sierra Singles.

DEC 16 WED

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

Dec 18 for 2-3 WEEKS

BACKPACKING/MOUNTAINEERING: SOUTH AMERICA OVER CHRISTMAS (MOD-MSD) This trip is full, but you can call to get on the waiting list. Scott Patterson (963-2263) is taking advantage of low air fares to South America. He is planning a 2 to 3 week backpacking and mountaineering trip to the Andes Mountains, in Columbia or Equador. He will do several of the "smaller" non-technical mountains, and end the trip with a final 18,000' to 20,000' technical mountaineering trip. If you are not into technical mountaineering but still want to come along, you can still do all the preliminary hikes, and then pack to the basecamp of the final peak. If you can get the low airfares, the trip may run as low as \$1,000.00. Call Scott NOW if you are interested in this Christmas adventure.

DEC 19 SAT

Utah Winter Games Advanced Telemark Ski Clinic, Alta, MOD - MSD. This is a good thing; with purchase of a discounted lift ticket you will get an all day lesson with some of the best tele skiers on the planet at one of the best ski areas on the planet. Not a bad combination. There may be demo gear available. Call Utah Winter Games to pre-register at 972-1798 or watch for the forms in the Utah Sports Guide.

DEC 24 THU

Traditional Upper Green's Basin Christmas Eve Ski Tour, MOD, Jim Piani 733-0627, meet at Butler Elementary 2700E. 7000S. 9am with beacon, skins & shovel. Come see if Jim is naughty or nice this year and if Santa is bringing him more coal...

DEC 26 THRU JAN 1 SAT- FRI

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

snowboard backcountry gear and about \$200, plus food. There just a few spots remaining.

JAN 23 SAT

**Wasatch Telemark Series Women's Telemark
Ski Clinic II, Deer Valley.** Another special

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

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WMC Mtn Biking Team standing in front of the confluence of the Green and Colorado rivers. L to R – Dave Trask, Adrienne Boudreaux, Dave Vance, Debi Bouchard, and Cullen Ponte'.

Photo by the unknown tourist.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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VARIOUS DATES

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

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

The Tornak Yurt trip has details spelled out elsewhere in the ACTIVITY SCHEDULE. Outings to the Lily Lake Yurt system are being planned for the snowshoe and ski touring crowd. These yurts are in terrain best suited for day hikes and tours in the rolling terrain and looped trails of a new three yurt system with access near the Bear River Campground on the Mirror Lake Highway. Steam Mill, Bunchgrass, and Commissary Ridge are on

steeper terrain and are suitable for telemark skiing or the more energetic snowshoers or ski tourers.

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

May 8 - 23, 1999

TURKEY SAILING & LAND EXPLORATION

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



Avenues Twin Peaks Hike

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Contact Bob at (801) 232-7381. 11/98

For sale:

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Montana backcountry ski skins, two pairs, \$30 and \$20

Raichle Eiger mountaineering boots, size 9 M , \$50

Black Diamond Switchblade crampons, fits boots through size 8, \$75

Salewa hinged crampons, \$50

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

For sale:

Wild Country Mountain (Quasar) 2 person 4-season tent \$225

Sierra Designs Tiros 2 person 4-season tent \$200

Sierra Designs Lookout 2/3 person 3/4 season tent \$175

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Marmot CBS-25 goretex/down sleeping bag \$125

Climbing pack 2500 cubic inches \$40

Alpina plastic/leather telemark boots (comparable to T3). size 43 \$125

Scarpa Inverno plastic mountaineering boots.

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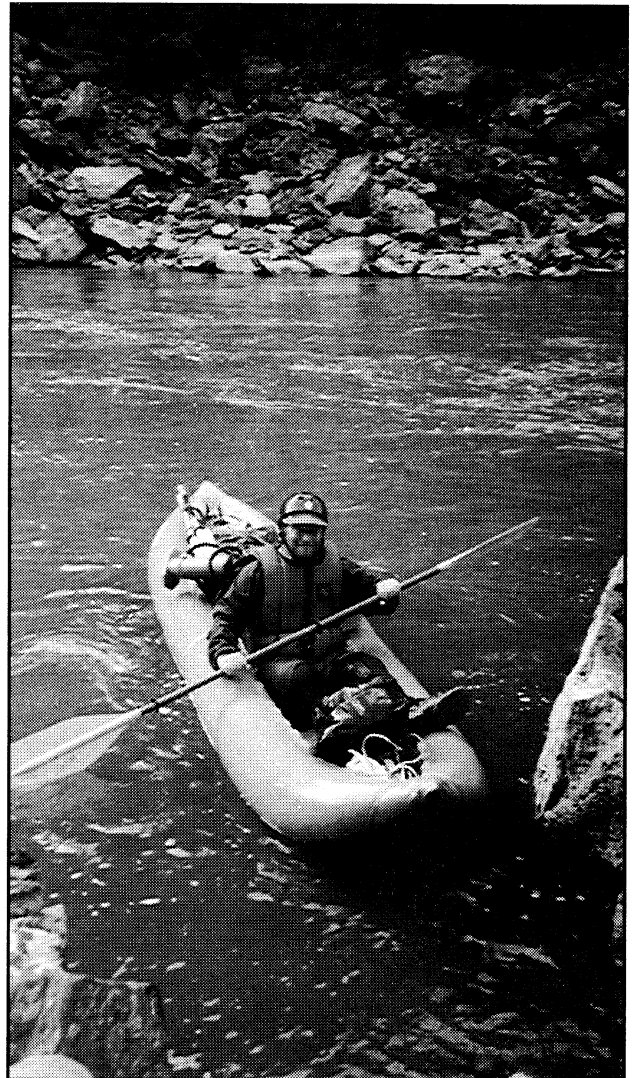
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Above: Brad Yates in Tappen Falls
Middle Fork of the Salmon. Sept 98.
Photo: Zig Sondelski.

Right: Brad Yates takes a break
between the action.





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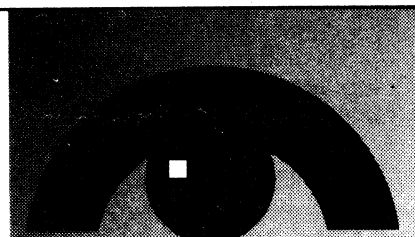
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DIRECTORS' MESSAGES

More Drivel From the Snowshoe Commander (aka Lawrence Nilssen)

Hikers: Are you plagued by osteomalacia? Do you have poor teeth, poor posture and a protruding abdomen? These are all symptoms of a shortage of "the sunshine vitamin" vitamin D. The treatment? Snowshoeing! (Ideally, naked snowshoeing, but with your poor posture and protruding abdomen, that would not be a particularly appetizing idea. See also "frostbite.") Snowshoeing is the "Fastest Growing Winter Sport." (source: LL Bean Catalogue) There are three good reasons - First: it is fun. You are lucky to live in Utah. The scenery is spectacular, especially in winter. The greatest snow on earth is fun to wallow in. (much better than self pity!) Modern technical clothing make it easy to be toasty and dry while the world around is swirling, wet and cold. Second: it is easy to learn; if you can walk, you can do it. Third: it is a great workout, and easy on your knees. You will be exhausted if you go on our more difficult trips. Lately, you can add a fourth reason: it has become cheap. Sophisticated, durable shoes have been spotted on sale for about \$60. You can use your ski clothing or backpacking fleece and goretex. So, hikers, you are encouraged to come out! Backcountry skiers should recognize that there are destinations more suited for snowshoes than skis. That the two are different (and complementary) sports.

This season features some new twists. La Nina may influence our snow. "Mountain snowfall and lake effect snow should be normal to above average." (Source: Tribune) We also plan on at least one "yurt trip" in January. So, modify your "ten e's" to include hose clamps, grab all the avalanche education you can find and join us in the snow somewhere. But a note of caution: if you detect polyuria and diarrhea, you've had too much. Vitamin D. So put some clothes on, and snowshoe under overcasts. Oh yeah, I almost forgot: lead a tour, you shameful freeloader. Someplace different. Someplace fun.

Membership Director's Message Carol Coulter

New Members Gather for Pizza Party!

We thought it was about time we had a new members' get-together to welcome new members to the Club, introduce them to the Board, get feedback on how we're doing as a Club, and (hopefully) inspire new members to volunteer for various activities. The membership committee personally called every new member from September, 1997, through September, 1998, to invite them to a pizza dinner prior to the club's general meeting on October 14.

The results were great. Many new friends gathered to enjoy pizza, chat with new and old members, and attend the general meeting which included a presentation on the re-inventorying of Utah's public lands and a travel/climbing presentation by Dr. Paul Zuckerman. (Great photos, Paul, now please stay home, dry, and safe!)

Jaelene Myrup New Life Member!

The membership of the Wasatch Mountain Club voted to grant Life Member status to Jaelene Myrup at the general membership meeting on October 14, 1998. Jaelene had formally applied for life membership status, and the Board recommended her for approval. Jaelene joined the WMC in 1972 and has been a continuous member since that time. She has participated in and led many activities and has most recently managed advertising for the *Rambler*—providing over 100 hours of service to the club. We welcome Jaelene as the newest of our 30 life members. (See the Constitution or the Membership manual for rules governing life membership.)

WMC Membership Statistics...

As promised, here are some of the latest statistics on Club membership. As of October 13, 1998, we had 1165 total members which included the following:

- 142 couples
- 46 partners
- 786 singles
- 3 students

From 9/1/97 through 10/13/98 we had 217 new members and reinstatements. Our youngest members are 24 and oldest is 89! (We don't have a median age this time around; still working on the "query" function in Microsoft Access.)

Information Director's Message (currently vacant)

New Webmaster Announced!

We are pleased to announce that Mike Dege has officially agreed to act as the Club's Webmaster, immediately operational. Mike relieves Tony Ackerman, who has done an incredible job (from a remote site) getting the Club's Web page to its current excellent state. With the Web site listing of *Rambler* activities plus general Club information, we are now able to offer both prospective and current members a way to track and participate in our many activities.

Thanks once again to Tony for his great work and to Mike for stepping into this important role.

Trip Talks

Skiing the Dunes

Paul Gahlinger

As a recent arrival from the Pacific isles and new member of the WMC, I looked forward to learning how to ski. I had heard all about the resorts, the great snow, and the Olympic hype. But my friends all agreed that the best way to go was back-country telemark skiing. Salt Lake is blessed with an aggressive collection of retailers and finding equipment was no problem. No problem, that is, if you have a platinum credit card and a tolerance of sticker shock. At REI, I saw some notices of used equipment and, as luck would have it, found perfectly fitting T2's and skis at a bargain price. Ready for the slopes!

"I'm glad you called," said the veteran trip leader, "let me introduce myself. Suleiman Sillyman. You don't know how to ski? No problem! I was a ski instructor for many years! You must join us! You will have a wonderful time!"

We left Friday evening. Five hours later, we pulled into a sleepy moonlit campsite in Bruneau Dunes State Park, about 2 cokes and a bag of chips past Twin Falls, Idaho. The next morning we awoke to meet our fellow adventurers, Habib Hellbob, Muamar Ben Dhouver, Sheik Yerbouti, Akbar the Insatiable, luscious Yassirah Ubetcha, pretty Babylon Babe, and a few whose names I dare not mention at risk of an Iranian fatwa -- almost 30 in total. A half mile away, the dunes, 470 ft tall, framed the sunrise. The other campers gave us some curious looks as we assembled our skis and donned our outfits. Kafiyehs, djalabas, the ladies in luscious bellydancer costumes and our leader in an Aladdin robe. (OK, some of the clothes did look suspiciously like bedsheets or tablecloths and a towel or T-shirt around the head. After all, the nearest *souk* is about 8000 miles!)

A half hour of tramping up the dune ridge line brought us to the peak, revealing a crisp virgin bowl on the opposite side. With a whoop or a cry we each leapt down the slope, carving garlands that vanished minutes later by the driving wind. It was the perfect place to learn to ski. Under the able tutelage of the Wadi Mensahib Club, superb skiers all, I was able to learn the fine points of parallel turns, stem turns, christi's, wedges, and, of course, the fall line -- which to me is more aptly called the cartwheel line. The windblown sand was remarkably light and forgiving, slower than snow but just as soft.

After each run, it was a long slog back up. Sand grips the skis better than snow, with no need for skins, and skis seem remarkably well suited to climb the slopes. Once at the top, it was all but impossible to resist another run. A few stayed for 8, 10, 12 runs -- the vertical mile of skiing -- only reluctantly returning to the camp after sunset.

Gritty and sore, we shook the sand out of our boots, our clothes, hair, and bodily orifices we didn't even know existed. The campground is a luxurious little oasis of watered grass and hot showers. We built a bonfire, toasted the new club members with the customary rituals, feasted royally and drank the drink of the infidels.

A few of our party slipped off under the cover of darkness, murmuring strange phrases like "work", and "babysitter" while the rest crept to our tents and awoke to another fine day at the dunes. By Sunday afternoon, we were exhausted. We regrouped at the parking lot, sustained ourselves with chips and salsa cooled by a few cans of Pig's Eye, and then set off in a caravan to our homeward way station, Crystal Hot Springs. As every desert traveler knows, the sands are deceiving and 2 of our party were lost -- missing the turnoff and then running out of gas. They finally arrived at the hot spring after we had soaked for a couple of hours, looking sheepish and a little worried that their story might end up in the Rambler.

I was exhausted and exhilarated with my new skills as a telemark skier and ready for home. As I walked to the car, a couple stood nearby and noticed the skis on the roof.

"Where did you go? There isn't any snow, is there?"

"Skiing on snow?" I said, "what a bizarre idea! All the skiing I've ever done has been on sand."

Sugarloaf Peak Hike

Saturday, August 29, 1998

by Randy Long

This nice mountain has always been another one of my "all time favorite hikes," as it's one of the only easy 11,000 foot peaks in the whole Wasatch Range to climb, yet being that high -- except for a few small bushes, it's above the timeline, therefore the scenery resembles some of the high Colorado peaks. This peak gets its name from its nearly perfect V shape. This peak was one of my very first hikes, and I've always gotten there "before I knew it."

Another group left half an hour earlier and went up via Collins gulch, (a much longer, and generally steeper route), but the Secret Lake route has usually been my preferred route. So: that's the way we went, reading all of the interpretive signs on the Secret Lake Trail, and stopping to enjoy a small waterfall just below the lake, as well as the lake itself, and again at Germania Pass of course. We then simply went east up the summit ridge to the peak, and met the Collins Gulch group as they were getting ready to leave. They soon left, but we stayed quite a while, eating a very leisurely lunch and succumbing to the spectacular alpine scenery. We then left reluctantly, and enjoyed an equally leisurely trip home.

Participants: Dagmar, Vitek, and Randy Long (organizer).

**Canyonlands--Needles District Carcamp
a/k/a "I Found My Thrills on Elephant Hill"**

**Debi Bouchard, Trip Organizer
September 25-28, 1998**

I've been a member of the WMC since June of 1997 and decided it was time to start giving something back to the club. So I gave my time and organized a mountain biking, hiking, and four-wheeling trip to a somewhat remote area of the country called the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park. Canyonlands is divided by the Colorado and Green Rivers into three separate districts. I had been in the Maze district last October with the club and wanted to try an area that was a little more forgiving to practice four-wheeling. I had heard Elephant Hill was the place. Since I had never really camped or explored the Needles District, I solicited the help of Dave Vance for planning activities since him and his wife, Leslie, had made a similar trip in May of this year.

The plan was to do a hike on Friday, mountain bike Elephant Hill on Saturday, and four-wheel in Horse or Salt Creek Canyons on Sunday. The Friday hike sort of panned out since several people left Salt Lake after work and didn't even arrive at the campsite until after 10 p.m. Friday night. I ended up asking a couple from Israel and a solo camper from N. Carolina to join our camp since I had reserved a very large group campsite and was in danger of being kicked out by the ranger for having too few people in it.

The group split up on Saturday, 9/26, with half going mountain biking and the other half doing a six

mile hike into the Needles. The Elephant Hill group included myself, Cullen Ponte', Dave Vance, Dave Trask, and Adrienne Boudreaux. We drove from the campsite to the trailhead and Dave Vance suggested we drive our vehicles part way up Elephant Hill instead of pushing the bikes up. I wanted to practice four-wheeling so I agreed. Cullen and his Jeep Cherokee went up first and seemed to make it with ease. I, however, being from Florida, was not used to "beating" up my vehicle and was soon asking Dave to drive my Tracker up. He obliged and we made it up to a higher parking lot and started the ride.

My goal that day was to ride a 17 mile loop that included a spur out to the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers. The jeep trails we followed were pretty sandy that day and Cullen gave me some good tips for riding in the sand. This turned out to be much easier than getting off my bike and pushing it. Dave Vance was a big help with the navigating since he had been in the area before. We made it out to the confluence in record time (about three hours), had lunch overlooking magnificent scenery, learned which rivers were which (the Green River really is green), and headed back to the trailhead following signposts. The terrain was spectacular, the ride sometimes thrilling and sometimes pretty hairy; especially that first endo I did just before we got back to the vehicles. Luckily, only Dave and Adrienne saw that one--I guess I was pretty exhausted by that time. I can't wait to go back and do it all again next year.

I heard the hiking group had a good time as well, with just a few rough spots along the way. I wasn't there so I can't tell their story. Beth and Jen Ebling, Terry Dunlap (N. Carolina recruit), and Wally "Gater" Carlson (a buddy of mine from Florida) were the participants involved. The weather throughout the weekend was beautiful--not a cloud in the sky and at night you could see the Big Dipper hanging over our campsite clearer than I think I've ever seen it. Late at night and early in the morning we could hear bats flying over our tents making unusual noises as they sent out sonar signals. On Saturday night, the group sang "Happy Birthday" to me around the campfire and Cullen surprised me with an awesome cake with a tiny, 4WD vehicle on it. That night and that day when I "found my thrills on Elephant Hill" were truly worth all the effort that went into organizing this trip.

On Sunday, 9/27, myself, Cullen, Dave Vance, and Wally G. headed out to Horse Canyon to find Paul Bunyan's Potty, ruins, arches, pictographs, and some other unmentionable adventures. The sand throughout the canyon was anywhere from six to nine inches deep and I felt like I was skiing in powder. It was a blast four wheeling in the sand, even though everything I had in my Tracker was eventually covered in it, including the occupants. Once again, Dave helped the group find all

the highlights of Horse Canyon--including some well-hidden pictographs.

I couldn't have asked for a better group or better weather for my first organized outing. Thanks to everyone who participated for making my birthday one that I will not soon forget...

HIKE TO AVENUES TWIN PEAKS FROM PERRYS HOLLOW ROAD

by **Richard J. Zeamer, Hike Leader**

We met at one of the most important places in the Avenues, Ensign Elementary School, at 12th Avenue and L Street. Three hikers came, Dick Leining, Gary Chan and Sonia Heiber. They proved to be good hikers.

Driving their own cars, they followed Richard Zeamer along Eleventh Avenue and Chandler Drive, through partially developed subdivisions, and finally on to Perrys Hollow Road, which led us up hill, to a steel gate. Suddenly we were out of town and into state-protected wilderness.

Dick, Gary and Sonia liked my plan, to make a full hike of it and really see the Twin Peaks. First we would see them from the open valley on the west side of the Peaks, where the view of the Peaks is open and unobstructed. Then, at the north end of the twin peaks, we hiked east along a flat ridge towards the North Peak, and continued, by this high route. This plan worked well. The hiking was easier than expected. The views were beautiful and spectacular.

One surprise was meeting a friendly mountain-bicycle group of four. They were friendly and helpful, to the extent that they took several photos of all of us, which we could not do, because one of us would have to take each picture, and the photographer could not be in the picture.

It was fun to talk and socialize with the bike riders, but soon we all moved on our ways again. They went down the slope and we went up North Twin Peak, by its north ridge. The bicyclists headed down the valley, from where we came.

We now hiked across a local flat ridge that led us eastward to the north slope of North Twin Peak. Then we continued, by this high route, towards the top. It was strenuous, uphill walking. The views from up there were beautiful and breath taking. Looking west.

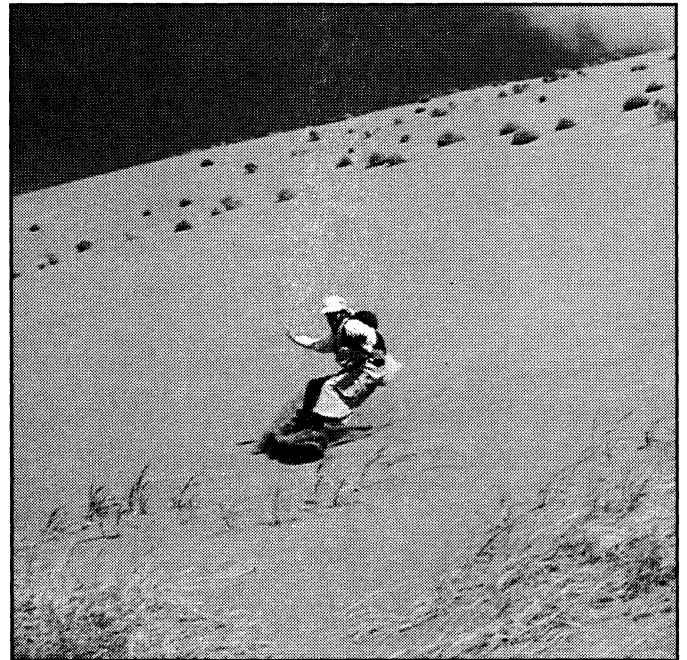
We could see clearly, the Salt Lake International Airport, Antelope Island on the right, and the Oquirrh Mountains on the left.

Soon we were on top of North Twin Peak. We were just captivated by the views. We could also look right at the Wasatch Mountains and downtown Salt Lake City.

We hiked south along the broad ridge trail between the peaks to the South Twin Peak. There in one view in all directions we literally we could see it all, even the University of Utah.

Then we started down. There was no trail going south. It was just open mountain meadow. The bushes and shrubbery were minimal. It was easy and almost fun. It was a long steep scramble, but it went fast. From there it was an easy matter to find a trail that would take us south and back to the gate to the Avenues subdivisions and the end of Perrys Hollow Drive.

It was a great hike, unbelievable views and challenges and great company. It took us just a little less than two hours.



Pat Kottcamp shreds the Dunes
Bruneau Dunes State Park
Oct 1998
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WMC Members on top of Thurston Peak, Sept. 27, 1998



Bruneau Dunes State Park, Oct 1998

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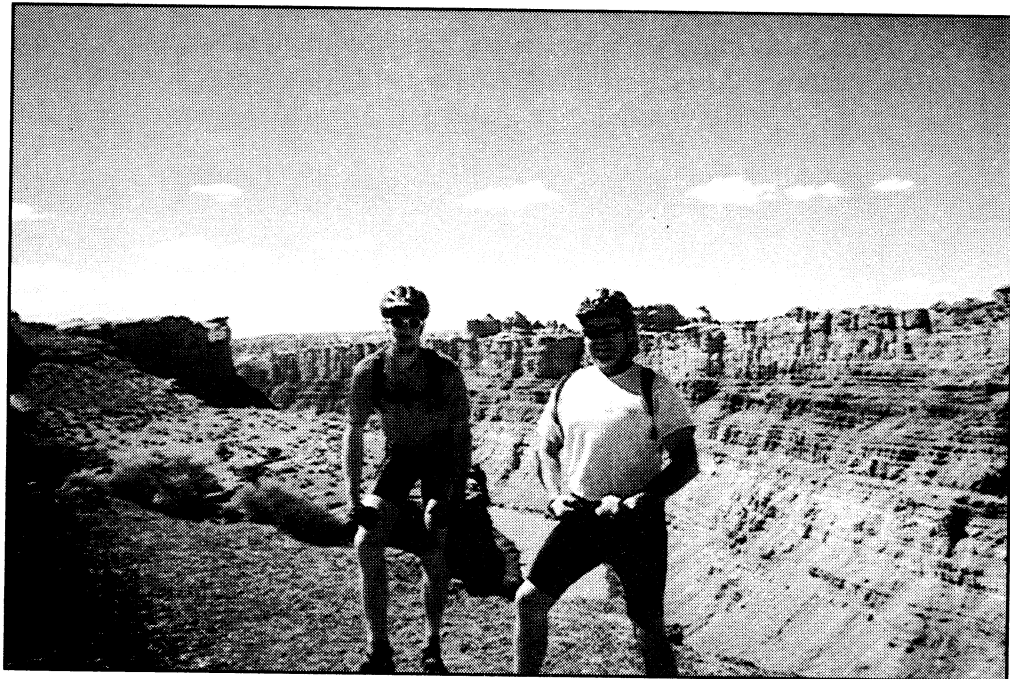


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Cullen Ponte' and Dave Trask showin' their stuff
on Confluence Overlook Trail, Needles District, Canyonlands.
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ACTIVITY SURVEY

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
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- Lodge:** ☐ general lodge repair ☐ skilled lodge work
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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.

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I am applying for:

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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> |
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I found out about the WMC from _____

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Wasatch Mountain Club
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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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