A black and white photograph of a steep, rocky mountain slope. A deep, snow-filled gully runs diagonally from the upper left towards the center. The rock face is rugged with various cracks and ledges. The sky is bright and overexposed.

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


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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.



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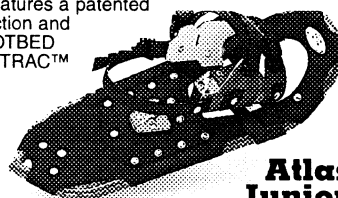
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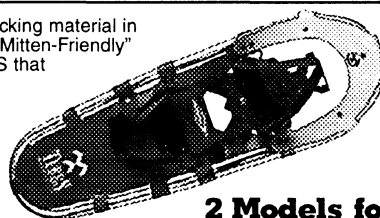
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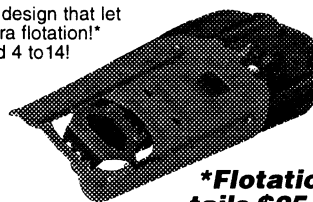
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEW YEAR'S EVE?

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SNOWSHOEING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

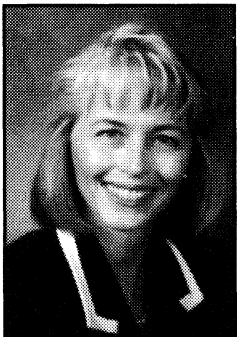
Potluck: December 31, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Call Linda to RSVP @ 943-1871

See the ACTIVITIES SECTION for more details.



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Information Director	Alan Brennan
Trustee 1999-2003	Phyllis Anderson

All positions remain open until January 23, 1999. All positions are up for election. If you are interested in running for any of the above offices, contact Brad Yates at 521-4185 or bnyslc@earthlink.net.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS BANQUET

Saturday, January 23, 1999

ORGAN LOFT

3331 South Edison Street (145 East, behind HO HO Gourmet)

\$ 23.00 per person

- 6:00 – 7:00** **Social Hour** (BYOB-Setups/\$1.25).
- 7:00 – 8:15** **Buffet Dinner** (Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roast Baron of Beef, five salads, potato, vegetable, rolls, pastries, coffee, and punch).
- 8:15 – 9:00** **Presentation of Awards**
Nomination of 1999/2000 Governing Board
- 9:00 – 12:00** **Dancing** (*Wind River Band*)

Reservation form with payment must be received by **Tuesday, January 19, 1999**. Send or give to: Linda Pack at: 1996 E. 10980 S., Sandy, UT 84092. Make checks payable to **Organ Loft**.

Questions??? Call Linda at 572-5653.

RESERVATION FORM - AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS BANQUET

Your Name _____ Number of Individuals attending _____

Check(s) enclosed in the amount of _____

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

***Notice to Non-Members:**

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

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Detailed Activity Schedule

DEC 2 WED DEC 31 Thursday (NEW YEARS EVE)

POTLUCK AND DANCING 6:30 pm – 8 . 8 –
whenever dancing– on New Year's Eve at the WMC Lodge. Members only or invited guests. Cost \$2 for Lodge User Fee. You are welcome to stay overnight at the Lodge. Bring sleeping bag if staying overnight. Add \$3 if you want to stay overnight. Please note the pancake breakfast and snowshoeing the next day. Call Linda Kosky for more info at 943-1871. Please RSVP to Linda.

JANUARY 1 (Fri)

LODGE WORK PARTY on NEW YEARS DAY

Start the year out right, with a service project!
Come to the Lodge early for JANUARY 1 (Fri)
LODGE WORK PARTY on NEW YEARS DAY
Start the year out right, with a service project!
Come to the Lodge early for breakfast with the New Years group. They are serving pancakes between 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. This year's forecast is for lots of snow so projects will primarily be snow removal from the Lodge entrances, the kitchen roof, the back dormer and the back roof of the Lodge. With your help, we'll have fun and hopefully keep up with the snow load. Your help on New Year's morning will be most appreciated. We have several

shovels, a snowblower, and a couple of snow scoops. Call Linda Kosky to RSVP for breakfast (943-1871) or Julie Jones for questions about the work party (278-4753).

JAN 1 FRI

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

JAN 1 FRI

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

JAN 1 FRI

SNOWSHOE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Pancake breakfast is 8:00 – 10:00 am. Snowshoe to Lake Mary (NTD) led by Martin Clemans leaving at 9:30 am. Meet at the WMC Lodge for either or both. Call Linda for more info at 943-1871.

JAN 2 SAT

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

JAN 2 SAT

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

JAN 2 SAT

SKI TOUR: SNAKE CREEK CANYON (MOD)

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

JAN 2 SAT

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

JAN 3 SUN

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

JAN 3 SUN

SKI TOUR: TWIN PEAKS - STRAWBERRY PEAK LOOP (MOD) This kick and glide tour in the Daniel's Summit area offers varied terrain as it climbs past Telemark Hill on its way to Strawberry Ridge. Steve Pritchett (523-9243) will show it to you. Sturdy touring skis or light metal edged skis will work. Avalanche beacons are required. Bring \$10.00 per car for the Daniel's parking voucher.

JAN 3 SUN

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

JAN 3 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS (True NTD) For those who prefer chilly in a bowl, Caryn and Brian Kelly (359-8267) have agreed to lead a leisurely Scott's Pass tour. Welcome these new leaders on this, their first tour. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 3 SUN

SKI TOUR: BROADS FORK TWINS (SKI MTN)

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

JAN 7 THU**SKI TOUR: THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST**

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

JAN 9 SAT**CENTRAL WASATCH PLATEAU** (MOD to MSD)

This trip is co-listed with the Castle Country Canyoneers from the Price area. Hey, these guys know how to have fun. They have terrific mountains for MOD+ skiing on long slopes with widely spaced aspen. By this date, the snow deities will SURELY have applied lots of white stuff to the mountains. Call Tom Walsh no later than Wednesday, January 6th, for info.

JAN 9 SAT

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

JAN 9 SAT

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

JAN 9 SAT

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

JAN 9 THRU 11 SAT - MON**SKI OR SNOWSHOE: STEAM MILL YURT**

OUTING (MOD-MSD) Live where you ski - that's the gimmick with yurt trips. You live in a warm Mongolian style tent with furniture, a propane kitchen, and 5 of your best ski buddies. Travel to Logan Utah will be on Saturday with skiing that afternoon and all day Sunday, followed with several runs just for eye openers on Monday morning. Checkout time is noon on Monday. The trip may be filled, but it might not hurt to sign the waiting list. Call Paul Dowler for information at 294-5310.

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JAN 9 SAT

SNOWSHOE: S WILLOW LAKE (MOD+) Kathy Hunn hosts this legendary classic again. 4 mi each way, 2500' elevation change from the ranger station to the lake. Meet at Home Depot (328W 2100S), SW area of the parking lot at 9AM sharp to carpool - 4wd vehicles 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..

JAN 9 SAT

SNOWSHOE: GATE TO MT AIRE SADDLE (NTD+) Adrienne Boudreaux (278-1814) says this Mill Creek is not for early birds. So, wake up, stretch, have a cup of coffee, and get to Skyline High School at the civilized hour of 10AM.

JAN 9 SAT

SOCIAL: SING-A-LONG (NTD)!!! - 7:00 PM - Join Frank Bernard (533-9219) for a session of folk singing and jokes. Bring your voice and/or guitar to Frank's home at 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 beverages and snacks - an enthusiastic attitude is the only other requirement! If you have questions, call Frank.

JAN 10 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) To get the maximum options for skiing on good snow, Mohamed Abdallah will do an organizer's choice

today. Meet at 9am at Butler Elementary School. Be prepared for anything, although Mohamed does not plan to go into terrain where an avalanche beacon will be needed.

JAN 10 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) The only thing faster than Brian rolling upright on his skis after a fall, is the speed with which he tells corny jokes. You can witness this for yourself on Brian's tour which will focus on yo yo, up and down, again and again multiple runs down the slopes. Call him at 1-801-394-6047 to register and get the meeting time and place.

JAN 10 SUN

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

JAN 10 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (NTD) Norm Pobanz (266-3703) knows Mineral Fork like Bo knows Baseball. He promises to take it easy, if you're recovering from S. Willow lake (or anything else). Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 10 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MILLCREEK (NTD) DOG EVENT Snickers, the Border Collie feels she has attained the same avalanche skills as Lassie used to show on TV. Meet Snickers and owner Barb Petty (486-7023) for a Mill Creek (dog) walk. No psycho K9s please, just friendly dogs and people. Skyline High School at 0930.

JAN 10 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MSD) We'll pick a destination based on snow conditions with a goal of skiing a lot of good snow. Maybe Lake Blanche? Multiple laps in Maybird Gulch? Gobbler's Knob to Mill Creek? Be at Butler Elementary at 7am with beacon, skins and shovel to find out. Call Edgar Webster to register 486-7892.

JAN 12 TUES

SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD) Vince DeSimone has run this Tuesday snowshoe formally and informally for some time now. He gets a nice group, and they go to nice places. But be

forewarned - they also go at a nice, healthy pace. Call Vince (1-435-649-6805) beforehand for meeting time and destination.

JAN 13 WED

SOCIAL: SUGAR HOUSE MOVIE NIGHT - 6:00 PM - Meet Craig (487-2077) at Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. for dinner (2227 Highland Dr.), followed by an inexpensive movie at Movies 10 next door. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

JAN 14 THU

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

JAN 15 FRI

SOCIAL: TGIF @ GREENSTREET - 5:00 PM - Join Rick Schmitz (944-8399) at Greenstreet (610 Trolley Square) to socialize, dance, or just forget about work. First person there with a membership will save a table and sponsor the WMC group.

JAN 16 and 17 SAT and SUN

SNOWSHOE AND SKI: LILY LAKE YURT TRIP (NTD to MOD) On-site research has been done on the Lily Lake Yurts - they are the best. Living inside them, you wouldn't know you weren't in a cabin. Imagine a trail system like the Solitude Touring Center, in a high Uinta setting. You might hear a snowmobile in the distance, but they are not allowed near the skiing trails. Other than deer, rabbits, and birds, you are not likely to encounter any carbon-based lifeforms other than some miscellaneous snowshoers. Call organizer Larry Nilssen for a glowing report on how great this trip will be. (296-1716)

JAN 16 SAT

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

JAN 16 SAT

SNOWSHOE: RIDGE YURT, HIGH UINTAS (MOD+) Larry Nilssen (296-1716), having joined BRORA, reserved Ridge Yurt, a palatial (by Yurt standards) facility in the high Uintas, 4.5 miles from the trailhead, with a gorgeous view and a wood stove, for this overnight snowshoe. Unfortunately, the very limited number of overnight bunks are sold out. If you are interested in next year (we could

reserve three of four yurts, they are cheap), or if you would like to be on the waiting list should someone cancel, let Larry know.

JAN 16 SAT

SNOWSHOE: AMERICAN FORK (MOD) DOGS

OK Russ Pack (572-5653) enjoys 'shoeing with his dogs for miles and miles through the beautiful American Fork loop. Most come without dogs, but you are welcome to bring dogs that have the endurance to enjoy the cold and snow. Call Russ for meeting time and place.

JAN 17 SUN

SKI TOUR: LIBERTY TO AVON ROAD (MOD)

This road provides access to a wonderful high plateau that overlooks the Ogden River Valley to the south and Cache Valley to the north. The tour originates in the Liberty area. Michael Berry suggests light backcountry skis. Meet at the Utah Travel Council lot (just south of the State Capitol Bldg.) at 7:30 am. Call Michael (583-4721) for alternate meeting sites north of Salt Lake.

JAN 17 SUN

SNOWSHOE: BOWMANS FORK (NTD) DOGS

OK Is snowshoeing going to the dogs? Vickie Ashby (583-3634) leads this dog walk up Bowman's Fork. Dogs not mandatory, but control of them is. Please, no K9 wackos. Skyline High at 9:30 AM.

JAN 17 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (MOD-) Tim

Boschert (298-1814) has traded his bike & lycra for a pair of snowshoes & Gore-Tex for this trek at mod minus level up the fabulous Mineral Fork. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 17 SUN

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

JAN 20 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT - 6:30 PM -

Join LeeAnn Born (486-1485) and Emily Rosten (532-8787) for dinner at "Incantation," a Peruvian Restaurant, located at 159 South Main Street in Salt Lake City. RSVP to LeeAnn at least 24 Hours in advance so she can make reservations. Please bring cash or personal check. Do not plan to use a credit card!

JAN 21 THU

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

JAN 23 SAT

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

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

JAN 23 SAT

SKI TOUR: DESOLATION LAKE (MOD) Tom

Silberstorf says this trip is an NTD, because it doesn't work you as hard as some other trips of similar distance. Tom will do a tour to the Lake of Depressing Nomenclature and invites other who want to get out for some exercise, but at a pace that will cause sore muscles. Radio beacon and skins required. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. (255-2784)

JAN 23 SAT

SKI TOUR: UPPER GREENS BASIN PEAK (

MOD) There may not be an official name for this peak, but we all agree that it is south of Greens Basin, up on the ridge that connects to the Meadow Chutes above Honeycomb Canyon. It is a nice ski, if the helicopters aren't around. Pete Mimmack will organize this one. Meet him at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. Have your radio beacon, skins and avalanche shovel. Call 1-801-377-2330 for information.

JAN 23 SAT

SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD) Uli

Hegewald (582-3502) is organizing this trip which features a route 24 feet wide. The length and elevation gain of today's outing will depend on snow conditions. Uli says skins will be useful before reaching the yet to be determined turn-around point. Meet at the east side parking lot, behind the theatre, at Olympus Hills shopping center, at 9:15 am.

JAN 23 SAT

SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD+) Holly Smith, (272-5358) in keeping with our k9 theme, has decided to visit Dog Lake via North Fork. Dog Lake sits amid pine trees, (vs. the usual alpine cirques), and is uniquely pretty. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 23 SAT

SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND DANCE - Join us "One and All" for this "Dress-up Affair." Evening includes: **Social Hour @ 6:00 PM** (BYOB-setups \$1.25 each); **Buffet Dinner** (Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roast Baron of Beef, five salads, potato, vegetable, rolls, pastries, coffee and punch); **Recognition Awards** ('98 outstanding contributions by WMC members); **Board Nominations** ('99/2000); **Dancing until Midnight** to the ever popular "*Wind River Band*"!!! Location: **Organ Loft** (485-9265) 3331 So. Edison Street (145 East - behind Ho Ho Gourmet). Cost: **\$23/person** paid in advance to Linda Pack (1996 East 10980 South - Sandy, UT 84092) by **Jan. 19th**. Make checks payable to Organ Loft. **See Reservation information in this rambler issue.** Please give us your support and the pleasure of your company by joining us for this once a year gala. Questions: Linda Pack (572-5653).

JAN 24 SUN

SKI TOUR: WILLOW LAKE (NTD) Organizer Oscar says to bring your best lunch and prepare to eat on a sunny south facing slope. You might even get a tan. Oscar Robinson will meet NTD'ers who like an easy going tour at the Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. Call 1-801-547-1559 for details. If you don't have skins, you may to work overly hard.

JAN 24 SUN

SKI TOUR: REYNOLDS PEAK (MOD) Here is a good one for the telemarker who requires yo yo skiing. Karen Perkins wants to do multiple runs on this excellent slope. If the day is good, she may opt for an exit out Butler. Bring radio beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, lunch, and a good attitude. Met at Butler at 9:00 am. For details Karen's phone is 272-2225.

JAN 24 SUN

SNOWSHOE: GREENS BASIN (NTD) This is the outing for the person who wants an easy going scenic trip with gentle slopes. At about 4 miles for the round trip, you will have time to catch the sunset back in the valley. Hank and Brenda Winawer are co-organizers for this trip (277-1997). Note the different meeting place at the Fort Union Boulevard Parking Lot #4 (3600 East).

JAN 24 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD LAKES (MOD) Larry Nilssen (296-1716) believes what the world needs now is a snowshoe trek to Maybird, not love, sweet

love. One of our most spectacular outings. Butler Elementary at 9AM sharp.

JAN 24 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (NTD) Welcome Liz Cordova (486-0909) who promises a true NTD pace on this, her inaugural snowshoe tour. Thanks Liz! Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 24 SUN

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

JAN 26 TUES

SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD) Vince DeSimone (1-435-649-6805) says to call him first, to find out the day's destination and meeting place.

JAN 26 TUE

SOCIAL: DESERT EDGE BREW PUB MOVIE NIGHT - 6:00 PM - Join Craig (487-2077) for dinner at the Desert Edge Brew Pub in Trolley Square, followed by a movie. Tuesday is discount night at Trolley Square theaters. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

JAN 28 THU

SKI TOUR: THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB. (MOD to MSD) Refer to JAN 21 above.

JAN 30 SAT

SKI TOUR: DOG TRIP IN MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD) Fido, Rex, and Spot like to get out too! Audrey Rindfleisch (233-8231) will organize this dog trip up a gentle canyon road. Bring a leash for control in the parking area. Extra water and a bowl for the dog is a good idea. (You are expected to clean up dropage.) Meet Audrey at Skyline High-school at 8:00 am.

JAN 30 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK PARK, COULTER RIDGE, AND APRES SKI FANDANGO (MOD) Gerrish Willis has a great idea for a memorable ski trip on the east side of Ben Lomand Peak in Ogden. After the day of skiing, the apres ski plan is to soak your bones in the spring at the mouth of Ogden Canyon. Bring a towel, shorts, radio beacon, shovel and skins. Meet at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot on 3rd West and 21st South at 8:30 am. Plan to rendezvous with Gerrish at 9:30

am at the Smiths parking lot on 12th Street and Washington Blvd. Call 1-801-622-5611 for info.

JAN 30 SAT

SKI TOUR: COTTON CANYON- ROCKPORT

STATE PARK (NTD) Ski along with Michael Berry (583-4721) on gentle terrain in a scenic area known to harbor deer and eagles. General touring or track skis are suitable for this outing. Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic graduates may want to try this one. Meet at the K-mart parking lot on Parley's Way @ 9:00 am or call Michael for Park City meeting time.

JAN 30 SAT

SNOWSHOE: BOUNTIFUL PEAK (MSD)

Norm Pobanz 266-3703 got a call from Burt Balzar, a longtime former club member, who is in town this week, and wants to do this one more time for old times sake. Start in Centerville and go about five miles east and one mile up, to a gorgeous view. (oh yeah, then come back!) This will be toughest of the season, but rewarding. Call Norm for details.

JAN 30 SAT

SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK (NTD)

Janet Friend (268-4102) has graciously volunteered to lead this beautiful side canyon tour at a true NTD pace. If you have not yet toured it, be sure not to miss this. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 31 SUN

SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (NTD)

Tired of the hassle of heavy duty equipment and long-hard outings? Diane Robinson offers the cure with an easy trip that won't kill you. Metal edged touring skis are OK for this trip. Meet at the parking lot at K Mart on Parleys Way at 8:45 am.

Remember money for car pool expenses and the Forest Service fee area. Diane will provide more info if you call her at 583-8047.

JAN 31 SUN

SKI TOUR: WINDY RIDGE IN THE UINTAS

(MOD+) The time has come for the teledream trip. You will forget the work it takes to get to the ridge, when you rip turn after turn after turn down this perfect slope. They just don't get any better. Organizer B. Yates requires you to bring radio beacon, avalanche shovel, skins, and be at Kimball Junction at 9:00 am. (Hint: If you gather at the K Mart on Parleys Way at 8:15 am, you might hook a car pool.) Phone 521-4185.

JAN 31 SUN

SKI TOUR: LITTLE SOUTH FORK (NTD-MOD)

Here's another Uintas cross-country tour, but longer and with more variation in terrain. Dave Nardinger will make you work harder than Mike (see trip above). Touring skis or light backcountry skis are suitable. Loop tour via Willow Hollow is an option depending on energy of the group. Call Dave (582-0881) no later than Friday to register.

JAN 31 SUN

SNOWSHOE: PRE-SPAGHETTI WORKOUT

(NTD-MOD) Don't forget Cheryl Soshnik's (435-649-9008) pre spaghetti Iron Canyon calorie dump - details in Dec Rambler - to recap: meet at 2:00PM at NW corner of Radisson Hotel parking lot on #224. Chateau Cheryl will be available to spruce up for Vincens' Spaghetti pump. (details also in Dec)

JAN 31 SUN

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

JAN 31 SUN

SOCIAL: 13 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI PARTY -

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

FEB 4 THU

SKI TOUR: THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

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

FEB 6 SAT

SKI TOUR: LOWER MINERAL FORK TO

LEPRECHAUN CABIN (NTD) Holy Shillelagh! Since when did the Irish move into Mineral Fork? Martin McGregor will take a group to investigate the Leprechaun cabin on an easy ski requiring only curiosity and solid touring skis. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. (967-9860)

FEB 6 SAT**SKI TOUR: TOP OF WILLOWS COIN TOSS**

(MOD-MSD) From the ridge north of Willow Lake in Big Cottonwood Canyon Pat McEwen will toss a coin to decide whether to ski Dutch Draw, Monitor Bowl, or whatever looks good. Call Pat at 571-5033 for the time and meeting place. Be ready for a full day of skiing. A radio beacon, shovel, and skins are mandatory.

FEB 6 SAT

SKIING: ALTA HALF DAY (NTD to MOD) If you can spot Norah's orange coat, you can join her half day alpine, lift-served skiing at Alta. (If it snows, the trip won't go. This outing is for fun, not to show how well you can deal with hardship.) Meet at 12:30 at the upper Albion ticket office. Look for Norah Morris in the orange coat. Bring money for the lift ticket and for food/drinks if you desire. For planning call 262-8003.

FEB 6 SAT**SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (NTD)**

This is located a bit up the Mirror Lake Highway in the Uintas. Bob Janzen plans an outing of 6 to 8 round trip miles on a rolling tour which gains 600 feet elevation. General touring or light backcountry skis are suitable (skins optional), but call Bob (814-7724 or 969-2825) to discuss equipment if you have any doubts. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way at 8:30 am. If you live outside the valley, call to arrange alternate meeting times. Remember the \$3.00 per car fee.

FEB 6 SAT**SKI TOUR: WOLVERINE- TUSCARORA (MSD)**

Meet trip organizer Larry Larkin at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am for this classic telemarking trip above Brighton. You must have skins, shovel, and an avalanche beacon (486-9060).

FEB 6 SAT**SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD)**

Leslie Woods (266-3317) understands that she wants to get out and go this weekend, but is not yet sure where. She may narrow it further in the February Rambler, but for now plan on Butler Elementary at 9AM. Leslie encourages you to bring/wear pieps.

FEB 6 SAT**SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD)**

Thank Joan Proctor (474-0275) for this true NTD outing. Details to follow in the Feb. Rambler. (We

need more like Joan - people who step forward to help lead - especially leisurely tours. Call 296-1716)

FEB 7 SUN

SKI TOUR: TOMS HILL (MOD) Jim Piani (733-0627) chose Toms Hill because it is close, and has a smooth surface which does not need a lot of snow for good skiing. Meet Jim at Parking Lot # 2 (by the UTA bus shelter)(block or two west of the 7-11) on Fort Union Blvd at 9:00 am. Bring radio beacon, shovel, and skins for ascending. P. S. Jim would like it if participants brought licorice for him.

FEB 7 SUN**SKI TOUR: WOLVERINE - TUSCORORA BOWL**

(MSD) Larry Larkin is organizing the big one. The plan is to approach via Brighton, Katherine Pass, then the bowl. Better call Larry to plan for this one, especially to get right with the route. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. (Phone: 486-9060) (You must have beacon, shovel, skins.)

FEB 7 SUN**SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS TO BIG ELK LAKE**

(MOD+) This tour in the Uintas will provide an aerobic workout. It will also push you to dip into your 'bag of tricks' for efficient ski techniques to cover the territory. Light metal-edged backcountry skis are recommended. Call Michael Berry (583-4721) no later than Friday regarding the meeting place/time and to register.

FEB 7 SUN

SNOWSHOE: BIG WATER (MOD) Join Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) and revel in the enigma that is Big Water. Why is Big Water smaller than Little Water? At the triple phasic point, does Big Water coexist with Big Steam and Big Ice? (a little physical chemistry humor) Find out. Butler Elementary 9AM.

FEB 7 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MSD) We'll pick a destination based on snow conditions with a goal of skiing a lot of good snow. Maybe Red Baldy? How about Hogum Fork? Be at Butler Elementary at 7am with beacon, skins and shovel to find out. Call Edgar Webster to register 486-7892.

FEB 9 TUES**SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY SOMEWHERE (MOD)**

Call Vince DeSimone (1-435- 649-6805) for destination and meeting place.

FEB 10 WED

SOCIAL: SAN FRANCISCO PIZZA /MOVIE NIGHT - 6:00 PM - Meet Craig (487-2077) for dinner at the San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. (2227 Highland Dr.) followed by an inexpensive flick at Movies 10 next door. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

FEB 11 THU

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

February 11 THRU 15

Death Valley Bike Trip If you would like to escape from the wintertime chills and have a great time too, try the fifth annual Death Valley Days bike trip with the old ranger, Bob Wright. There will be road biking, mountain biking, hiking, swimming, and relaxing. We will stay at the Furnace Creek campground with a wonderful swimming pool and museum nearby. It usually has been 85-90 degrees of crystal clear weather, but last year there were flash floods in some areas and the flowers were incredible. A visit to Scotty's Castle, Ubehebe Crater, Telescope Peak, Stovepipe Wells Sand dunes, Badwater, and Artists Drive are possibilities. There will be a planning meeting and pot luck on Sunday, January 24, 1999 at 6:00 P.M. at Bob Wright's home, 5459 Brown's Canyon Highway, Park City. Estimated cost including camping and food is \$75/person, not including transportation. We will do group cooking. Payment due at planning meeting. Call Bob at 801-209-2392 to register and get directions to his house for the planning meeting.

FEB 12 FRI

SOCIAL: TGIF @ GREENSTREET - 5:00 PM - Join Rick Schmitz (944-8399) at Greenstreet (610 Trolley Square) to socialize, dance, or just forget about work. First person there with a membership will save a table and sponsor the **WMC** group.

FEB 13 SAT

SKI TOUR: DOG LAKE AND BEYOND (NTD) Tom Silberstorf is planning a roaming tour around the Dog Lake area. He plans to go wherever the snow seems good and the scenery is appealing. One thing is for sure, it won't involve heavy duty steep slopes. Tom will meet NTD tourists at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary School. For information call 255-2784.

FEB 13 SAT

SKI TOUR: WINDY RIDGE IN THE UINTAS (MOD to MSD) This trip is so good it has to be repeated. Scott Berry is limiting the trip to no more than 8 participants. Call early to register and get the necessary info on where and when to meet for transportation. For sure you will need beacon, shovel, skins, and money for transportation expenses. (Phone 583-6618)

FEB 13 SAT

SNOWSHOE: MALAN PEAK (MOD) DOG EVENT Brian Barkey (801-394-6047) walks his dog often to Malan Peak in the Ogden Area. If you are interested in a vigorous walk and a new destination, dog or no dog, call him. Only friendly dogs (and people), please.

FEB 13 thru 15

SNOWSHOE: MT MORIAH (MOD+) Scott and Kim Patterson (963-2263) would like to lead a truly memorable snowshoe trip to a remote location. Details in Feb Rambler.

FEB 14 SUN

SKI TOUR: JULIE ANDREWS MEADOW (NTD AND MOD) Pete Mimmack is the only guy clever enough to lead two trips at once. The NTD trip will be along a route that climbs gradually and which fills your heart with the sound of music. The MOD aspect of the trip is telemark skiing at the end of the route and which will remind you of the mountains of the old country. Due to freeway construction the meeting time and place is confusing - meet at the south perimeter of the Jerry Seiner dealership on 7200 South and 144 West at 9:00 am. From here participants will form car pools then move their cars to suitable park and ride lots for the day. You must call Pete at 1-801-377-2330 to confirm the meeting place in Utah county. MOD participants must have skins, shovel, and beacon. **DON'T FORGET THIS IS VALENTINES DAY!**

FEB 14 SUN

SKI TOUR: WINDY RIDGE (MSD) Scott Berry is organizing this trip to a high, wide (and windy) area north of the Weber River drainage in the Uintas. A 3,000+ foot elevation gain will be involved in accessing the telemarking slopes. You will need an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Call Scott early for meeting place/time and to register. Trip will be limited to 8 or 10 participants.

FEB 14 SUN

SNOWSHOE: DESOLATION LAKE VIA BEARTRAP FORK (MOD) Gretchen Siegler (461-

0407) leads this winter classic to a gloriously scenic destination. If you have not done this one this year, you owe it to yourself. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

FEB 14 SUN

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

FEB 15 MON

SKI TOUR: BEAVER CREEK (NTD) This will be a leisurely tour, at a relaxed pace, and participants are not supposed to be in a hurry. Just kick and glide, and listen for chickadees. Constance MacKay will meet participants at the Parleys Way K Mart at 9:00 am. If anyone from out of the Salt Lake City area wants to go, call 274-2606 to plan a rendezvous. Bring money for transportation expenses and the Forest Service fee area.

FEB 17 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT - 6:30 PM - Join LeeAnn Born (486-1485) and Emily Rosten (532-8787) for dinner at "House of Tibet," located at 145 East 1300 South. RSVP to Emily at least 24 hours in advance so she can make reservations. Please bring cash or personal check. Do **not** plan to use a credit card!

FEB 19 WED

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

FEB 20 SAT

SKI TOUR: CENTRAL WASATCH PLATEAU (MOD to MSD) Ask anyone who has skied Candland or the nearby mountains. This is primo tele territory. We are co-listing this outing with the Castle Country Canyoneers (from the Price area).

More details will be published next month.

Contacts: In Salt Lake call Tom Walsh at 969-5842, or in Central Utah call Paul Sheya at 1-435-636-8102.

FEB 24 WED

SOCIAL: MOVIE NIGHT AT BREVIES - 6:00 PM - Meet Craig (487-2077) promptly for dinner and a movie at the hip Brewvies Cinema Pub (677 South 200 West). Co-listed with the Sierra Singles.

FEB 27 SAT

SKI TOUR: SUNDANCE NORDIC CENTER BY TORCHLIGHT (EL-NTD) A new Club outing to the 17 kilometers of Sundance trails. Dave Rockefeller and Mike Berry's trip leaves the valley after 2:00pm to catch the late afternoon light and continues with twilight skiing along torch-lit trails through mature pine and aspen groves. (Trail pass \$5). Bring your skinny skis, handwarmers, and a few extra dollars because a stop at Sundance's Owl Bar for Apres ski beverages is definitely planned. This trip is suitable for the new graduates of the Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic. Call Dave (363-6912) or Mike (583-4721) for more information and to arrange carpools.

MAR 5 THRU 7 FRI - SUN

SKI OR SNOWSHOE: EAST FORK YURT-UINTAS (NTD+) Tour on a new state-of-the art, groomed, Forest Service trail system or ski the backcountry of the North Slope. Stay in a deluxe yurt equipped with bunks, a stove, and plenty of firewood to ward off the cold. Four unique yurts on raised wooden platforms are maintained by the Bear River Outdoor Alliance (BRORA) south of Evanston, Wyoming. We will probably leave early Friday evening after work and return Sunday evening after final trail explorations. Well-mannered canines are allowed if they don't mind sleeping on the deck (with the ill-mannered types). Evenings promise to be filled with great food, frivolity, and occasional howling. Call Michael Berry for more information at 583-4721.



WASATCH FRONT FORUM

ROADLESS AREAS IN UTAH'S 6 NATIONAL FORESTS; What's the near and long term future of these lands?

Tuesday Eve. January 12, 1999, 7:00 p.m. Free to the Public
Gore Auditorium - Westminster Campus 1840 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City
Slide show, panel discussion, audience questions and refreshments; map on back side

In the past ten years the BLM wilderness debate has repeatedly grabbed headlines. In the near future though, the dialogue shifts and combines not only a continued look at BLM roadless areas, but also at all Forest Service roadless regions in the state. Presently, each of Utah's six national forests - Wasatch-Cache, Ashely, Uinta, Fishlake, Manti-LaSal and Dixie - is or will soon be, undertaking its required re-inventory of more than 3 million acres of public roadless lands. Private groups on both sides are also documenting the roadless status of these lands. This next year, the public has the opportunity to learn more about the planned future of these roadless areas and in the process meet some old and new players and organizations that wish to shape the future of these public lands. In the mean time, questions abound?

* Will the land ultimately be designated undeveloped, developed, primitive, backcountry or wilderness; and will mechanical, animal or human powered recreation be permitted?

* Will ski resort expansion, timber harvesting, oil and gas development and sheep and cattle grazing occur on these lands?

* Will roadless designations be an "all or nothing" call? Are some roadless areas more suitable for one type of use than another? If so, which ones? What will the designation process be?

* What public, private and citizen organizations have an interest in the process, and what opportunity exists for these and other interested groups to work together - if so, how?

Wes Odell of SOC will moderate; Program participants include:

Dick Carter, High Uintas Preservation Council; **Brad Barber**, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget
Robert Uzelac, Off Highway Vehicle Association; **Brian Louw**, Utah Shared Access Alliance
Liz Thomas, Attorney, national forest issues; **Denise Boggs**, Co-founder, Utah Environmental Congress

The program is co-sponsored by the *Wild Utah Forest Campaign* and the *Citizens' Committee to Save Our Canyons*. For more information contact *Susan Ash* of WUFC at 539-1355; email wufc@xmission.com; or *Wes Odell* of SOC at 943-3835; email odell@xmission.com.

The Wasatch Front Forum, now in its seventh year, features 1998-99 meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, Sept. through March. The Forum provides an opportunity for Utahns to learn more about the natural history of the Wasatch Front and the legal, political and social issues facing public land managers and local governments. The Forum is generally organized by the Citizens' Committee to Save Our Canyons and in 98-99 is supported in part by the Predator Education Fund, The League of Women Voters of Salt Lake, Utah Population and Environmental Coalition, Entrada, Wild Utah Forest Campaign, High Uintas Preservation Council, and the Utah Wilderness Coalition. If you wish to comment on or participate in future forums, contact Stephen W. Lewis 272-2598, Joyce Maughan 359-5900, or Wes Odell 943-3835.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

END OF FEB

OUT OF TOWN SKI TOUR: YELLOWSTONE

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

END OF MARCH

OUT OF TOWN SKI TOUR: BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

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.

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

Jan 9 and 10 north of Logan, Utah	Steam Mill Yurt,
Jan 16 and 17 north slope Uinta Mountains	Lily Lake Yurt,
Feb 6 and 7 north of Logan, Utah	Bunchgrass Yurt,

Feb 26 and 27 Ridge, east of Driggs, Idaho	Commissary
Mar 5 thru 7 north slope of Uinta Mountains	Lily Lake Yurt,
Mar 12 and 13 Beaver, Utah	Tusher Yurt, near

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 four yurt system with access near the Bear River Campground on the Mirror Lake Highway. The Tusher Yurt is also new, and is located at about 9940 feet on a slope that goes up to 12,001, and has prospects of being fantastic.

Steam Mill, Bunchgrass, Commissary Ridge, and the Tusher Yurt are all on steeper terrain and are suitable for telemark skiing or the more energetic snowshoers or ski tourers. Yurting is the greatest! Join up with your best buddies have some big fun. 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.

June 26 - July 11, 1999

East African Safari and Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb
The 10th Westminster College East African Safari, led by Dr. Barry Quinn and Dr. Robert Warnock, Department of Biology, will depart June 26 for Kenya and Tanzania. The 16-day trip will explore some of the major game parks and reserves of these countries. These parks and reserves include Kenya's Samburu, Lake Nakuru, and Maasai Mara game parks, and Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge, Serengeti National Park, and Ngorongoro Center (considered one of the seven wonders of the natural world.) Of interest to WMC members will be a non-technical climb of Africa's highest peak, Mt. Kilimanjaro (at 19,340 feet,) in lieu of the Kenyan game parks. Cost of the trip is \$5350 and includes all air and land transportation from Salt Lake City, superior hotels and game lodges, park entrance fees, most meals, and guides and porters for the Kilimanjaro climb. A slide show introduction will be held in Malouf Hall 202 at 7:30 P.M. on February 15, 1999 at Westminster College. For a brochure or further information, call Dr. Barry Quinn at 488-4191 (office) or 272-7097 (home.)

1998/1999 Utah Cross Country Ski Race Schedule

For up-to-date information, call The Utah Nordic Alliance's Cross Country Ski Hotline at 461-9000 or

check their web page at:
<http://www.cs.utah.edu/~hanscom/CrossCountrySkiRacing.html>.

For further information concerning cross country ski racing in Utah, call Dave Hanscom at 581-7023 (work) or 649-3213 (home,) or write to 1451 Moray Court, Park City, UT 84060.

Classy Ads:

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

WANTED: ANY PHOTOS, GRAPHICS, or other ideas suitable for the cover page of future 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.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer Opportunity:

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

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

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DIRECTORS' MESSAGES

Message from the Winter Sports Director Tom Walsh

As you might expect from one of the nation's leading avalanche professionals, Bruce Tremper put on an excellent and informative avalanche clinic for the Club. The basement meeting room in the Zions Lutheran Church was an ideal setting for Bruce's comments and demonstrations. Using Styrofoam cups and cardboard boxes, he made models of how snow blocks act on weak layers and showed us the mechanism of how avalanches get started. Many of us at the clinic have heard this before, but we are always refreshed in our understanding of avalanche hazards when we hear an expert like Tremper.

For those who are interested in more information on avalanche hazards and how to avoid them, there are some library and video references you can check out. The Club donated three copies of each of the following to the Salt Lake County library system (spread out among the various branches):

- Video tape Winning the Avalanche Game. Informative and dramatic, narrated by Bruce Tremper and featuring footage from all over North America.
- Handbook Snow Sense: A Guide to Evaluating Snow Avalanche Hazard by Fredstone and Fesler. This small book is very useful as a short course in recognizing hazards and ways to avoid them. Has very good illustrations. About 90 pages.
- Reference Book The Avalanche Handbook by McClung and Shaerer. Detailed, scholarly, scientific, and technical. This book could make you an expert. About 500 pages.

Time spent studying these books and videos will make you far safer and smarter in the outdoors.

Essentials and Essential Behaviors

Edgar Webster – Skiing Coordinator

Last month I discussed preparation for winter recreation and mentioned the ten essentials for safety. This month I'm going to discuss those ten essentials and essential behaviors for winter recreation safety. First I'll discuss what I carry on me and in my pack. Then I'll discuss behaviors for safe winter travel.

On me:

Wool hat

Avalanche Beacon

Good long undies & socks, no cotton. Comfortable = safe, no hypothermia.

Good shell pants, side zips to vent on the uphill

Windbloc vest, nice balance of warmth, light weight & ventilation

Compass/inclinometer/signal mirror, the inclinometer is used for avalanche safety evaluation

Good sunglasses & sunblock to protect eyes & skin from the high altitude sun
Lightweight gloves, for the uphill, I use windbloc

In my pack:

Map

Shovel/Knee pads/Space blanket

Avalanche probe pole, way faster to use than probe ski poles

Storm gear; shell jacket w/hood, pile jacket, extra hat, neck gaiter, goggles, heavy gloves

Food & water, 50 to 100 oz in my camelback depending on length of tour

Tool kit including Leatherman, replacement cables, candle, duct tape

Kite, for those windy summits (Murphy's Law says a kite will stop wind)

* If I had a cell phone I'd bring it

In my mind, essential behaviors:

- Always check beacons before leaving the parking lot. Practice with your beacon.
- For skiers or snowshoers: Know before you go. Bruce Tremper said at the WMC avalanche clinic that he has 95% of his avalanche information before he gets to the slope to ski. His resources are the Forecast Center update, the wind blowing plumes of snow from the peaks, observing recent avalanche activity from the road & trail, feel and appearance of the snow underfoot, does the snow break and move when making kick turns, hasty snow pits on the approach, etc. Then he will dig a pit & do a stability evaluation. When travelling a questionable slope, 35 degrees or more, across, uphill or downhill; it is one at a time, safe place to safe place, do not go above one another. Avoid places with unsafe consequences like gullies, cliffs & singles bars. Be prepared to rescue your own group. If you have to go for help it will just be a body recovery.
- Be cognizant of the ability, gear and experience of the members of the group. For an inexperienced tourer, even an NTD tour is a big deal. If someone is without televisions they will not be able to climb the same lines. On sunny days help each other with eye & skin protection. On stormy days help each other watch for frostbite. Pick a route that the group can stay together on. Having a mob strung out all over the place is a recipe for trouble.
- Trouble usually starts with small problems that are ignored, then Murphy's Law says things snowball from there. We recently tried to do the Pfeifferhorn. A member of the group pulled the binding out of his ski on the approach, leaving his ability to ski in question. We backed off our summit attempt to avoid getting stuck out after dark. This can be tough. Groups are dumb, they tend to be stupider than the least intelligent member and develop their own momentum.

That's all for now, your comments are welcome. Edgar Webster (edgar.webster@fmr.com)

Trip Talks

Yellowstone Backpack Michael Berry

A late summer hike across the Mirror Plateau, promises of exploring remote geyser basins, listening to wolves howl, and escaping the crowds. This was enough to prompt five of us to register with Mike Budig for his annual week of backpacking in Yellowstone.

After setting up our car shuttle, the backcountry tour began in blustery weather at Artist's Point near Canyon Village.

We strolled past gawking tourists peering over the rim as we headed into the woods and left civilization behind. A brief afternoon excursion took us to Ribbon Lake, just two miles from the trailhead, for camp one. Leader Mike, Mike R., Steve, and Gloria went in search of Silver Cord Cascade and nearby hot springs; Keith unpacked his fishing pole; author Mike took notes.

The next morning we took our last look at fellow humans for the next six days as we walked past the adjacent backcountry campsite. We had a long day hiking the woods. Mike R. got our attention by recounting his poisonous mushroom episode on a Budig trip two years ago.

No mushrooms on the menu this year! Along this stretch of trail a series of grizzly scat obstacles motivated us to "group up" tightly on the way to camp two. We passed a new burn area and log-hopped through the fire of '88 burn area to our camp on Broad Creek drainage. A debate ensued over which feature represented Whistler Geyser – no park signage here to help us!

The fourth day found us hiking in a heavy, wet snow to Wapiti Lake; by this time, we began to wonder if we would have any good weather on this trip.

Fortunately, this stretch was short, and we had the opportunity to dry out in the afternoon as the snow subsided. Another layover day here, and the early morning fog gave way to bright, sunny skies – finally. Time to meander out of camp and explore "Hot Springs Basin Group" as indicated on the topo map, and get that early explorer feeling in our first national park.

For the next camp, we had to backtrack slightly before heading for upper Broad Creek and our "five-star" camp sight, according to the definitive guide book on the subject. Leaving Wapiti Lake, however, Keith took a wrong turn and leader Mike saved the day by dropping his 50 pound burden and racing after the off-track traveler. By early afternoon of a fairly pleasant day (sunny, high's in the 50's,) we had all regrouped in the final camp and unanimously agreed that "five-stars" was appropriate for the luxurious camp with well-placed trees and gurgling brook nearby.

A side trip was now in order before dark, and everyone except Keith (fishing) hiked over to the "hot springs" shown on the topo map south of Fern Lake Patrol Cabin.

This thermal curiosity turned out to be a boiling mud caldron spewing black debris up to 30 feet high! Views of Pelican Cone and Mount Chittenden in the distance provided a fitting backdrop to the other worldly scene. Along this stretch wolf tracks were plentiful and sometimes fresh.

Another perfect campfire blaze closed the day, as leader Mike and Gloria "covered" their own wrong turn that day by claiming to have stopped in at the (closed) cabin to chat and drink wine with the "phantom ranger." Steve and Mike R. countered with their own tall tale of seeing "a grizzly above and a wolf below" along the trail. Keith had a plausible story of actually seeing elk at Fern Lake (near Wapiti Lake, of course.) Shortly after dinner that night, Mike R. summoned an "expert" to come over and look at something in the dark. Steve quickly arrived and sees the attraction and confirms that our last evening is celebrated with the Northern Lights dancing on the horizon. This was a real thrill for the first time witnesses of this phenomenon, which lasted throughout the night. (I can attest to that!)

Friday, our last day, proved to be a fitting end to an awesome trip. We started early on the trail for the long haul out. No camping allowed within twelve miles of the trailhead in Pelican Valley because of an intensive "bear management" area. We hiked on a brisk, sunny morning along the wilds of Astringent Creek and past Tern lake and White Lakes (site of a fatal grizzly attack about 15 years ago according to our leader.) in a creekside clearing, we spotted a

large, humped creature in the tall grass, but the initial "grizzly sighting" turned out to be a bison. The tail finally popped up as we peered through our field glasses, and we all had a good laugh without having to say much. Time to relax again.

We closed-in on Pelican Valley as the drainage began to open up, and we enjoyed the scenery and animal tracks. After the false alarm, we were a bit more than surprised when leader Mike cried "wolf," and we peered around him to see the real deal. Two beautiful wolves with piercing yellow eyes stared back at us on the trail from 20 years. A "fairy tale" encounter to be sure, with the stare down broken when they bounded off into the brush. The wolves hesitated again, looked back, and finally took off in the opposite direction. Later, in the open sage-covered valley we spotted another wolf loping across the hillside at a much further distance.

A final lunch break in the full sun of Pelican Valley provided an opportunity for group pictures and reflections on the week past. The food fueled our final push to the end that was slowed a bit by a washed out Pelican Creek bridge and talkative day hikers asking if we saw any interesting wildlife. Well, let me tell you... We then strode for the trailhead with Gloria leading the "pack." A final night and morning of relaxing at Mammoth Hot Springs was the perfect finish to another Mike Budig classic.

Participants were: Mike Roundy, Steve Negler, Gloria Watson, Mike Budig (leader,) Keith Hubbard, and scribe Mike Berry.

AMERICAN FORK SILVE LAKE HIKE Saturday, October 10, 1998 Randy Long

Is Silver Lake at Brighton getting a little bit to crowded? Try this version. This little jewel of a lake is located in the far reaches of the fork of American fork Canyon, at the end of an easy two mile hike in the Lone Peak Wilderness Area. And, with big cliffs and all kinds of waterfalls surrounding this little lake, it's every bit as spectacular as its Brighton counterpart and without the crowds. I hiked to this lake on my own last year, really enjoyed it, and decided it would make a great Wasatch Mountain Club hike. So I decided to lead this hike there.

Three hikers (or were they nature lovers?.) including the organizer, met at the Draper exit and really enjoyed driving to the trail head and hiking this great trail. The sky was cloudless, the temperature was

just right, green was still the main color, and the camaraderie was perfect. Even paying the American Fork Canyon fee was enjoyable.

So, to all those who registered then forgot to show up, (still an absolute NO NO,) Ya really missed another great NTD W.M.C. hike.

Participants: Pamela Hale and grandson Lane Criddle, and myself, Randy Long organizer.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LODGE

Once again a nice time was had by 75 or so folks at this year's edition of the Christmas Party. More people showed up for the snow shoe (ski tour was canceled due to minimal snow) than last year and most made it to Catherine Pass. This is a spectacular Wasatch Mountain outdoor experience with gorgeous trees, cliffs, mountains and views of skiers coming off the chutes near Catherine Pass.

When the hosts arrived at the lodge at noon all the electrical power was out. We were on the verge of sending Mark Jones back to his home with the turkeys to be cooked when the UPL guy showed up (only 1/2 hour after I talked to a mentally challenged high school dropout in Portland, Oregon, at the UPL headquarters) and fixed the problem that Mark had noticed on the power pole outside the lodge. So we carted the turkeys back inside, fired up the furnace and turned on the ovens for roasting the birds. Leslie Woods zoomed off with the first 30 or so of the snowshoers close to 1 PM while Bart and LaRae labored up the hill towing a 10 foot long wooden sled loaded with musical instruments, food, and party decorations. Frank left with the snowshoers who were a little slower getting ready around 1:30, while others just stayed around the lodge.

Brian and Geri Barkley arrived with their son somewhat later and found the lodge filled with smoke from overflowing juices of the rapidly cooking turkeys. They rescued the birds, set them up right for continued cooking and headed up the hill with Brian decked out in his famous Santa cap.

Back at the lodge around 4:30 Christine, Alene and Leslie started spreading out the bags of decorations and hanging lights for festive cheer. The returning snowshoers dug into the appetizers and rehydrated while socializing around the fireplace. Turkeys and ham were whacked up by Bart and Frank and tossed on the table for the starving hordes - pot luck did not work out quite as well this year as many more people brought

appetizers versus salads and things but we all survived - with the possible exception of those who arrived around 7 for the 6 PM potluck. I believe they learned not to be too far behind 40 hungry snowshoers!

By 7 the musicians (and some who could only be loosely described as such) were tuning up for the caroling. After 5 seconds of intensive rehearsal we launched into many of the songs you have come to know and love since before Thanksgiving through intense repetition at the every mall, gas station and McDonalds. Special thanks to Richard Peterson (keyboard), Karen Perkins (flute), Dave Trask (sax and flute), Bart (washtub bass and guitar), Dallas Chopping (guitar) and Bob Peterson (tempo chief and guitarist). Guest singers were led by Melody (no kidding) Stockton who said some of the printed words on the song sheets bore no resemblance to any verses she had previously seen. But every song we got through led to applause and cheers from the crowd at our end of the lodge, while those who specialized in socializing were at the other end, hopefully undisturbed by the racket.

The party wound down relatively early for those who showed up for just the evening, although we who had come for the whole affair starting at one had 8 hours of entertainment. Once again the games and puzzles were untouched (I may not carry those up the hill next year), but I think most folks had a good time. If you helped out and I didn't get a chance to mention your name or thank you personally -- thanks a bunch. These parties are not catered and they certainly are not expensive so every little thing you do as a guest to help make it better is highly appreciated and indeed makes it easier for the current hosts to think about doing it again and for those who have never hosted to think about possibly doing it in the future. (SPECIAL EDITORIAL NOTE) For those of you unable to appreciate the subtle hints inherent in the previous sentence please call and I will be happy to educate you on being a good Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge guest and helper-outer.

Happy Holidays from the beach in San Diego - my fingers were worn to the nubs and I am out here recovering.

Your Correspondent from the Christmas Party frontlines -- Frank Bernard

Coyote Gulch Trip, Oct. 1998

Snowshoe & ski time, a good time to reflect on my last really sunny, warm time with the WMC. And

also makes up for the times I've procrastinated writing all of you out there who missed it - and that was about all of you - about the wonders of Coyote Gulch.

Trip leader was Ben Everitt. The party consisted of me, Ben and Ben's son David. I leapt at the chance for solitude and went anyway. It was UEA weekend and I learned a few things:

Coyote Gulch is part of the Glen Canyon National Recreation area and gets supervised and watched over by the rangers.

It is very popular, esp during UEA weekend. It is accessed in various spots on the Hole in the Rock Road, a graded gravel road takes off near the town of Escalante, in the enchanted of Grand Staircase National Monument.

We left SLC on Friday afternoon, Oct.10 and arrived to sleep on the equally enchanted Sheffiled Road where the Everitts and I and my spouse have spent Memorial Day with the Veranths and WMCers. The overlook there of the Escalante wonderland is stupendous, and also considerable colder than in the spring, brrr.

Saturday we arose early and headed for Red Well Trail Head about 30 miles out on the Hole in the Rock Road. From there we hiked into the Gulch about 7 miles to Jacob Hamblin Arch.

Other things I learned? Jacob Hamblin or Lobo Arch is about as spectacular an arch as one could ever view. And downstream is the equally gorgeous Coyote Natural Bridge, which were able to view on our Sunday hike down to the Escalante.

And what else I learned, tamarisk takes over the Cottonwoods wherever the normal flood cycle is disturbed, like in Lake Powell. The poor Cottonwoods are easily killed by the rising lake waters and cannot replenish themselves because they can only throw seed in the spring and depend on normally flowing streams to scatter and plant it. But the evil tamarisk survives flooding and throws seed almost all season long. {I'd always been led to believe it was because of the nefarious Tamarisk long tap root.}

Sure enough, when we arrived at the confluence of Coyote and the Escalante, there were no cottonwoods left, but only Tamarisk. Those

rangers think they only have to clear out the Tamarisk and they do so in that stretch of Coyote, but with Lake Powell there, the Cottonwoods don't have a chance. That's how I heard it from Ben, I think.

This is a place to visit folks. I guess you've all been there, but we hadn't. What a wonder! I would

suggest you go another weekend than UEA, if possible. At least the second night, most everybody else was on their way home and I got to sleep under the arch and marvel at it, the redrock walls surrounding me and listen to the stream talk to me.

And if you do go, be prepared to walk in lots of water for most of the trip! Karen Perkins

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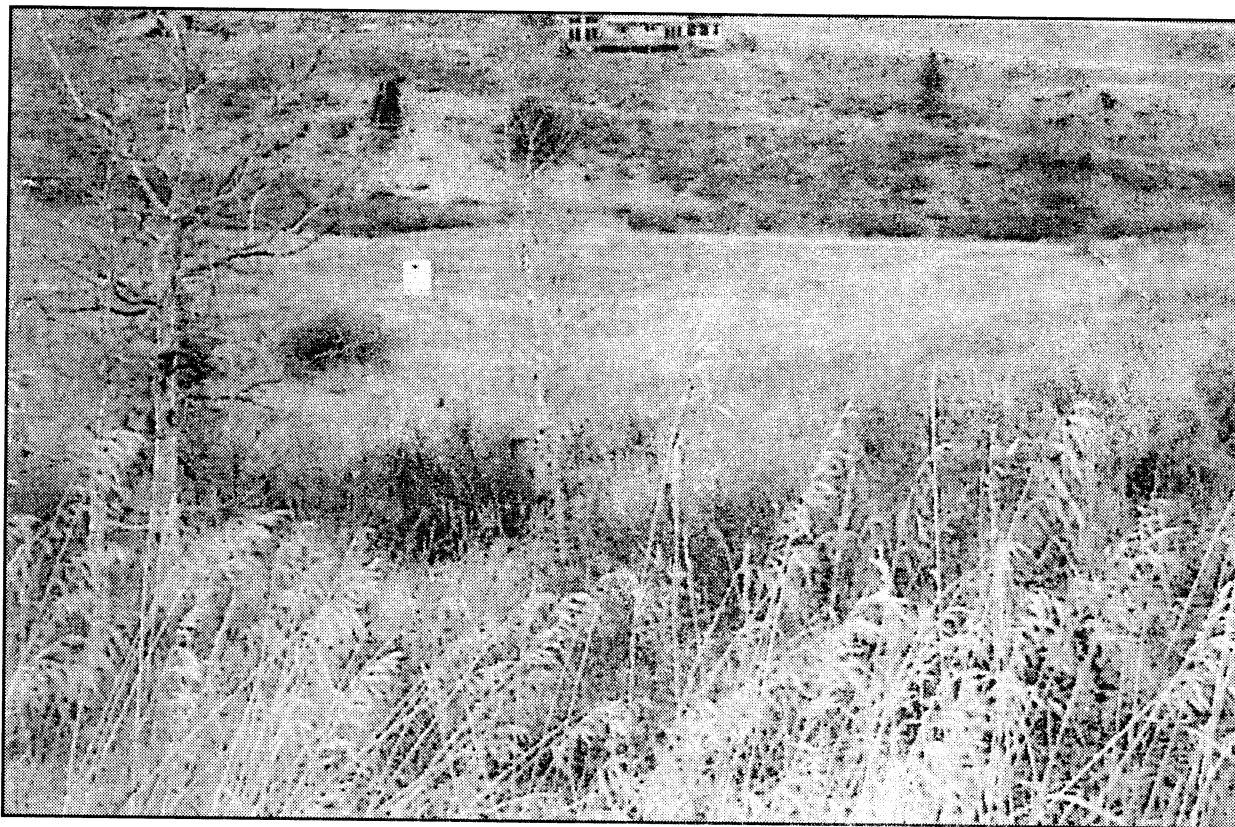
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