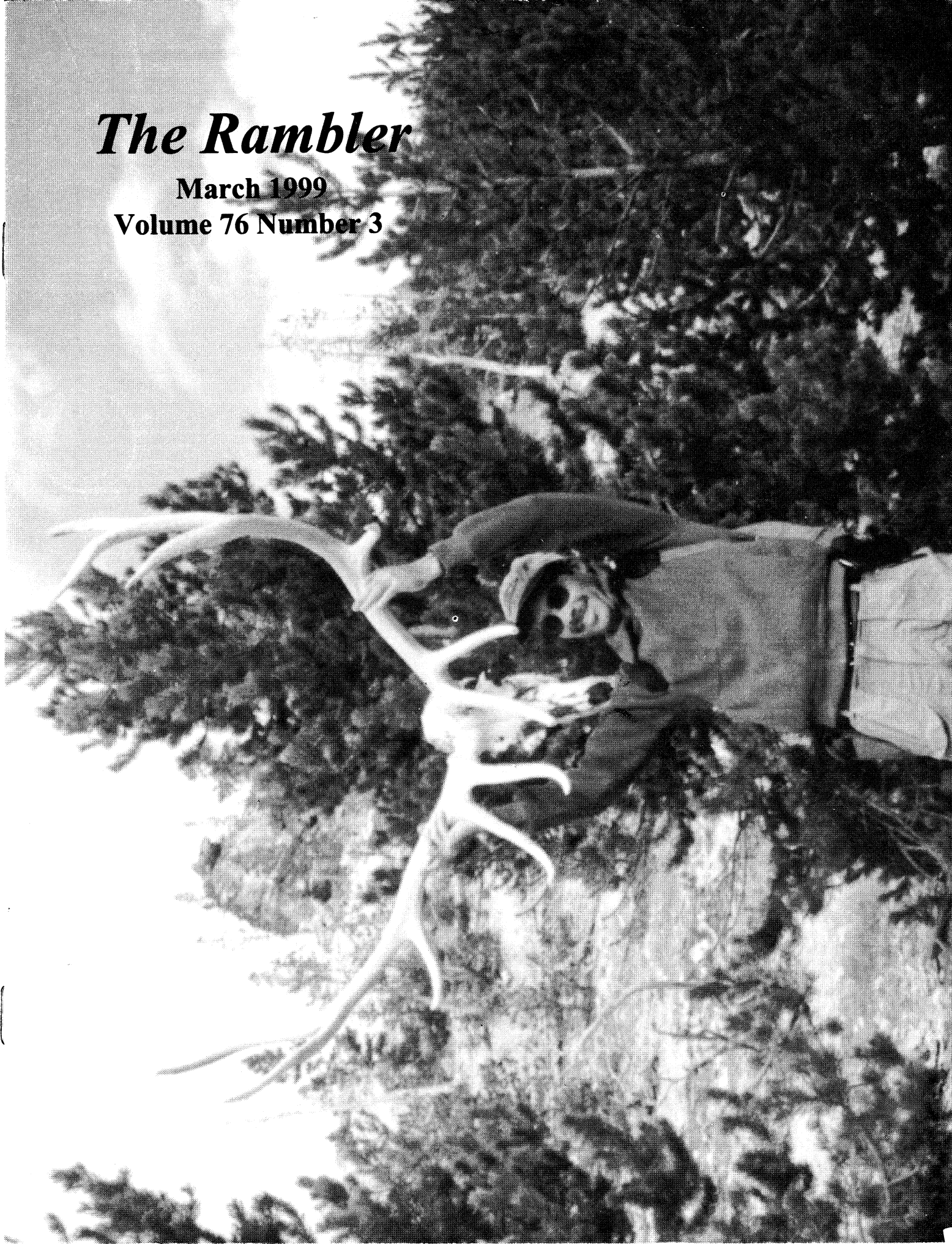


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Applicants must attend two official WMC activities other than socials. Activities are listed in *THE RAMBLER* which is the official publication of the Wasatch Mountain Club, published by and for its members. Prospective members may receive *THE RAMBLER*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

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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.

If on diskette, please use 3.5" diskettes, MS/DOS format, and in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format. Use Arial font, 10 point for all submissions. Label the diskette with your name and identify what file(s) are submissions. Enclose a hard copy in case your diskette cannot be read. The deadline is 6:00 PM on the 15th of the month.

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(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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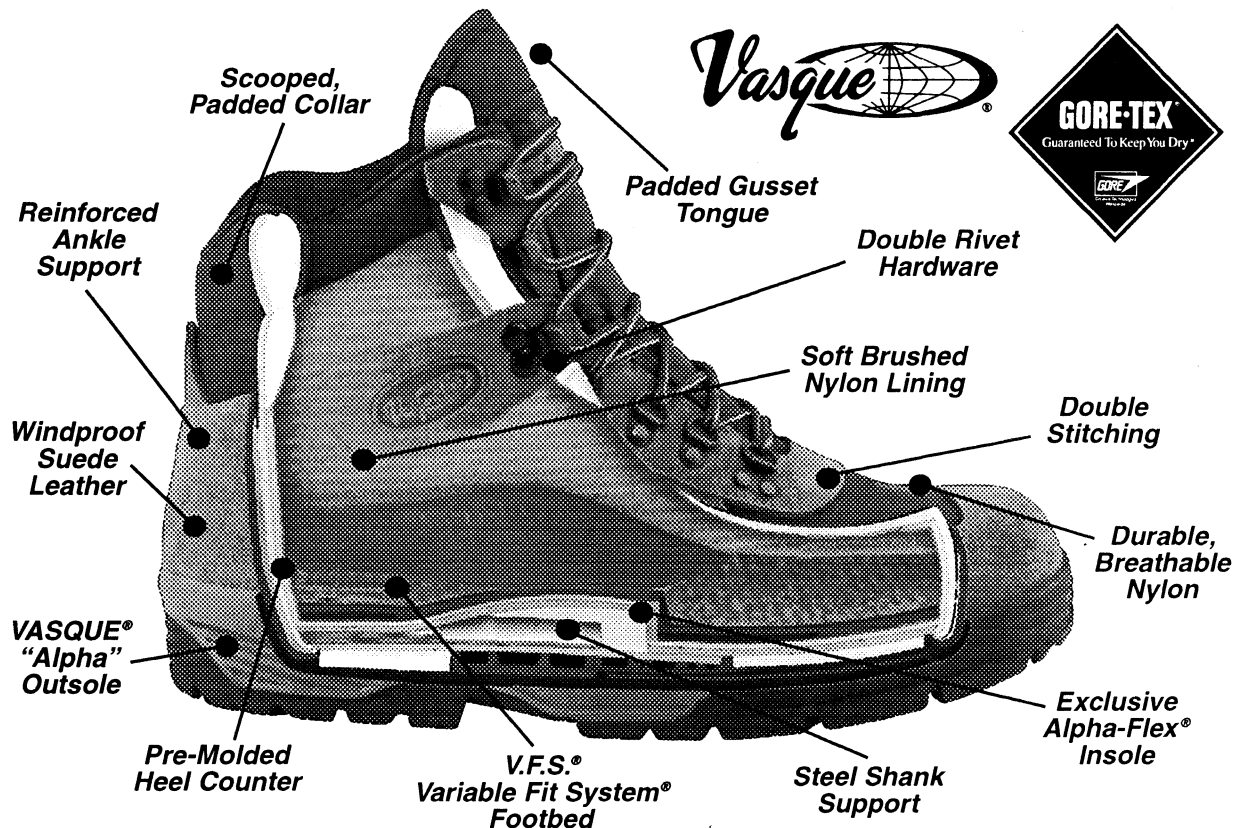


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BOATERS

Bring your permits, your ideas and your volunteer spirit to our Planning Party MARCH 6, 7:00 PM. Zion Lutheran Church basement, 1070 S Foothill. Light hors d'oeuvres pot-luck. For any questions, call Vera 292-8332.

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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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*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

MAR 3 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING

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

MARCH 5 - 7 FRI-SUN

MOUNTAIN BIKE: GOOSEBERRY/MESQUITE

WEEKEND (MOD, 10-15 mi./day.) Enjoy the new Moab with Dave Vance 444-0315 and Tim MacDonald 250-3882. Give them a call to find out about reserving camp space for this little known Utah corner of redrock ridding. All trail and terrain conditions can be found in this area. Expect lots of riding and riding and riding.

MAR 5 - 7 FRI - SUN

SKI OR SNOWSHOE: EAST FORK YURT-

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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 Friday afternoon 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. The trip is now full, but call if you want to get on the waiting list.

MAR 6 SAT

SOCIAL: SING-A-LONG (NTD)!!! - 7:00 PM - Join Frank Bernard (533-9219) for a session of folk and joke singing. Bring your voice and/or guitar to Frank's home at 417 N. Center St. on 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.

MAR 6 SAT

SKI TOUR: MILL CREEK CANYON BY NIGHT (NTD) Two wheel guru Tim has a scam for the masses who prefer an alternative to the typical Saturday night bar fight. Join him for an evening tour up Mill Creek Canyon. Meet at Skyline Highschool east parking lot at 7:00 p.m. You do NOT need \$ for entry to the Canyon. Touring skis are preferable; metal edged ones are OK but will require extra work. After the tour, the group will probably seek out one of the multitude of places to eat and imbibe fluids at the bottom of the Canyon. Call Tim at 298-1814 for details.

MAR 6 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MILL D NORTH FORK to LITTLE WATER PEAK to PEAK 9300 and EXIT TO MILL CREEK CANYON (MOD +) This sounds like an excellent adventure - has anybody ever been to Peak 9300? Eric Rieux wants fellow thrill seekers to call him to register and plan the trip. You will be required to bring food, water, carfare, skins, shovel, 457hz radio beacon, and enthusiasm. Call 461-0970 for details.

MAR 6 SAT

SKIING: ALTA HALF-DAY (MOD) Crystal knows a good thing when she sees it. Depending on the weather she intends to organize a half day (maybe a full day for the energetic) of resort skiing at Alta. Whether you are a full day skier, or opt for the half-day, meet at the Albion Basing ticket building at 12:30 just past noon. Look for Crystal in red. After the day of cruising, Crystal plans an apres ski get-together; you are requested to BYOB and bring a non-sweet appetizer. Phone 943-0316 for details.

MAR 6 SAT

BOATING - PLANNING PARTY

Zion Lutheran Church basement, 1070 S Foothill, 7:00 PM. Light hors d'oeuvres pot-luck. Time to plan our action packed 1999 summer season!! Everyone is welcome - old time river rats and newbies too. Bring your permits, your ideas and your volunteer spirit to our Planning Party. For any questions, call Vera 292-8332.

MARCH 6 SAT

ROAD RIDE: ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S RIDE / POT LUCK (NTD+, 20 mi.) The Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club is offering a get together and pot luck social / ride. Call Kent Wallace 377-1194 for food assignment and info. Hey why not ask him about joining BBTC!

MAR 6 SAT

SKI TOUR: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD) Warren Stockton (253-0395) organizes this leisurely tour behind Solitude which is suitable for Audrey Kelly Learn-to-ski graduates. Warren says bring snacks and water, but no avalanche beacons or skins needed. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

MAR 7 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: EXPLORATORY TRIP TO FARMINGTON CANYON (MOD+) Brain Barkey swears he has seen carbon based life forms on skis in this canyon. He believes it is possible to ski it, and to determine the truth that is out there. There has never been a Barkey outing that has not been fun. Call 1-801-394-6047 to register and plan.

MAR 7 SUN

SKI / SNOWSHOE-POT LUCK AT THE WRIGHT PLACE IN PARK CITY (very NTD) This will be a very NTD outing in Brown's Canyon 6 miles east of Park City. The outing begins at 2:00 PM, or come at 5:00 PM for the potluck. Directions: From Salt Lake go east, take Highway 40 exit to Heber, then get off at East Park City exit (Highway 224). Turn left under the bridge for Kamas for 1.5 miles, turn left at Browns Canyon (no sign), go 3 miles to a sign reading "The Wright Place" next to a white semi trailer. Go right up hill 0.5 miles to the house. Call Bob Wright at 801-209-2392 for info.

MAR 7 SUN

SKI TOUR: SNAKE CREEK CANYON (MOD) Dave Nardinger has rescheduled this trip which was cancelled in January, and will follow 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 Friday to register and obtain the necessary information about where and when to meet.

MAR 9 TUE

SOCIAL: THE PARK IVY/TOWER MOVIE NIGHT - 6:00 PM - Join Craig (487-2077) for dinner at the Park Ivy Garden Café (878 South 900 East) for vegetarian cuisine, followed by an art film for a dollar off at the nearby Tower Theater. Co-listed with the Sierra Singles

MARCH 9 TUES

MOUNTAIN BIKE: RED BUTTE GARDENS/ U of U Trails (MOD, 10+ Mi.) Its that time again to start the Tuesday evening rides. Come on and get back in the saddle. The Red Butte area offers trails and terrain for all abilities. Meet at the new entrance to Red Butte Gardens off Wakara Way ready to ride at 6:00 p.m. Call Tim MacDonald 250-3882 or Tim Boschert 298-1814 for more info. All riders must wear a helmet!

MAR 10 WED

CLIMBING - ROCKREATION CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! Join us any time after 5:30 pm for an evening of indoor climbing at 2074 East 3900 South. Discounted cost for WMC members is \$7.50 per visit, or monthly memberships are available. Equipment rental is free to WMC members. Kids are welcomed, but they must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at

all times. Since this is a professionally monitored, controlled environment, helmets are not required. Group size is limited to 10, so if you get there late, you may miss the discount. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) or Frank Stock (963-9115) if you have questions.

MAR 10 WED

Meeting: 1999 HIKING SEASON PLANNING MEETING (NTD) ATTENTION ALL HIKERS!!!! Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) is hosting an organizational meeting for the 1999 hiking season this evening. The hiking program is the backbone of the Wasatch Mountain Club, and needs a strong committee to plan the over 400 hikes, backpacks, and car camping trips for the season. If you have ideas for hikes, or would be willing to volunteer to do a month of calling, WE NEED YOU! Bring your ideas, maps, and a calendar to the WMC office (1390 South 1100 East) at 7:00 pm. Snacks and beverages will be provided. You don't have to call Cheryl first, just show up and lend a hand.

MAR 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.

MAR 12 to 14 FRI to SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUSHAR YURT (MOD to MSD) Something new under the sun. A yurt located adjacent to Elk Meadows ski resort (near Beaver, UT,) at about 10,000', with nearby slopes going up to 12,001', sounds almost too good to be true. This is a formula for good powder and abundant skiing. Within skiing distance is Mt. Holly at 12,001, Lake Peak at 11,400 and Mt. Delano at 12,173. The yurt itself is new and big. Capacity is 6 or 7, perhaps 10 if you sleep on the carpeted floor (14 have occupied it on one occasion). A carpeted floor! This is an unheard of luxury amongst yurt enthusiasts. Yurtmeister Walt Haas can tell you more if you leave a message at 534-1262.

MAR 13 SAT

SOCIAL: "LET'S TWIST AGAIN LIKE WE DID LAST SUMMER @ THE LODGE" - 6:30 PM - The 60's are back! Potluck is at 6:30 PM, bring enough to share with 6 - 8 people and drink of choice. Paper goods provided. Cost \$3 /members - \$5 /non-members.

Overnight stay is \$3 /per person and breakfast is \$2. RSVP for overnight stay and breakfast by Friday to Alene Watson (268-3836) or Barbara Green (466-7702). Be there or be square. Greasers allowed! Fun, fun, fun!

MAR 13 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GRIZZLEY GULCH (MOD)

Here's another deJong mass transit special for the environmentally conscious. Bring \$3.50 for UTA bus fare (\$1.75 each way) to the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride at 8:30 am. The plan is to take UTA bus # 98 to Alta and do the Griz. The same bus takes you back to your car at the Park n' Ride. You will need to be self-sustaining so bring water, foodage, skins, metal edged skis, and radio beacon. Phone 572-4157 for info. It's cool to bus.

MAR 13 SAT

SKI TOUR: BEAVER CREEK TRAIL (NTD) Join Uli Hegewald (582-3502) for a snow tour of the Beaver Creek area or alternate location with similar terrain and good conditions. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parleys Way at 8:30 am. Bring snacks, water, and \$3.00 per car for the Forest Service toll booth.

MARCH 14 SUN

LODGE WORK PARTY Meet at the Lodge at 9:30 AM. Projects will be snow removal from the bathroom roof, dormer windows and kitchen roof of the Lodge. Winter snows have been heavy since the last work party and your help is greatly needed. Without your help, the snow loads may damage the structure. With your help, we'll have fun and keep the snow load at reasonable levels. We have several shovels, a snowblower, and a couple of snow scoops. Call Bill Hughes 523-0790 if you have questions or need directions.

MAR 14 SUN

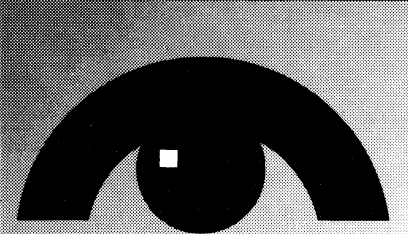
SKI BACKCOUNTRY: North Fork (EAST OF OGDEN) (MOD) In Ogden the skiers who want a Powder Park type of experience go the North Fork. Try it. You'll like it. This is the legendary place where a skier was observed replacing a missing ski basket with a Power Bar and duct tape. Organizer Brian Barkey will tell you the plans if you call him at 1-801-394-6047.

MAR 14 SUN

SKI TOUR: STRAWBERRY RIDGE (MOD-) This tour in the Daniel's Summit area offers varied terrain on its way to towards the 'ridge' with possible loop. Steve Pritchett (523-9243) will lead the way. Sturdy touring skis or light metal edged skis. Avalanche beacons are not required. Bring carpool \$ for the drive. Call by Friday to register and obtain details for this late winter outing to an ideal touring area.

MARCH 16 TUES

MOUNTAIN BIKE: RED BUTTE GARDENS/ U of U Trails (MOD, 10+ Mi.) Lets get in shape! The Red Butte area offers trails and terrain for all abilities. Meet at the new entrance to Red Butte Gardens off Warka Way ready to ride at 6:00 p.m. Call Tim MacDonald 250-3882 or Tim Boschert 298-1814 for more info. All riders must wear a helmet!



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MAR 17 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT - 6:30 PM - Join LeeAnn Born (486-1485) and Emily Rosten (532-8787) for dinner at "**Sahara Middle Eastern Cuisine**", located at 368 South State Street. 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!

MAR 19 FRI

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.

MAR 20 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW AND GO (probably MOD) Due to the flagging interest in skiing at this time of year, and the difficulty of finding leaders, the plan is to show up and go out if the snow is OK for skiing. Assemble at the Butler Elementary School at 9:00 AM with the customary avalanche beacon, rescue shovel and backcountry ski gear. With luck there might be some turns to make and fun to be had.

MAR 20 SAT

SKI TOUR: CO-OP CREEK TO SMITH AND MOREHOUSE TRAVERSE (MSD) Michael Berry (583-4721) has 18.5 miles and 2,200 vertical feet of varied ski terrain for you today. After the long climb to Castle Peak, enjoy the untracked powder of Box Canyon, and skate or diagonal stride to the finish. Please call Mike to register for the very early start and to plan for the long car shuttle. Bring light metal-edged skis and

gear, high energy food, a head lamp, and lots of water for this classic traverse.

MAR 21 SUN

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MARCH 23 TUES

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MAR 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.

MAR 27 SAT

SKI TOUR: KINGS PEAK VERY ANNUAL TOUR (MSD due to Length) Larry and Steve Swanson are again hosting the fine old tradition of the one-day spring skiing marathon to Utah's highest peak! The trip is rated MSD, only due to its length (17.5 miles one way and 5000 feet elevation gain). The plan is to drive 2.5 hours from SLC on Friday night to camp out at the end of the road to Henry's Fork campground. We'll get up at 4:30 AM and begin skiing at 5:00 AM and return to the cars 12-14 hours later, just as darkness descends in the Uintas. Since the trip returns the same way, skiers may opt to turn back at Henry's Fork Basin or at Gunsight Pass, both are scenic and worthwhile destinations. Usually less than half of the group opt for the summit climb. For this very long day, bring plenty of lunch, 2 (or more) quarts of water, sunscreen, and a headlamp. Standard weight touring gear is best. Heavy backcountry gear or racing skis are usually the wrong choice for the conditions. Climbing skins are often helpful but not mandatory as the track is generally not steep and the final traverse and ascent are made on foot. Beacons and shovels are not required. Registration in advance is not mandatory, but we ski in and out on the same track for safety so get instructions at the trailhead or stay with the group until high in the basin. Call Larry Swanson at 278-3269 or 583-4043 or Steve Swanson at 272-5750 for more information and ride-share information.

MAR 27 SAT

Day Hike: Foothills, Wasatch Front or West Desert SHOW 'N GO Day Hike. (NTD to MOD) Early season hikes are dependent on the snow conditions, so it is difficult to plan them too far in advance. There is usually good hiking in the Foothills or on Stansbury/Antelope Island. If you have a favorite early season hike in mind, please call your hiking director, Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) and volunteer to organize the group today. Otherwise, the group can decide the destination at the meeting location. It is especially important to be prepared for changing weather for these early season hikes. Bring warm clothes, waterproof boots, a lunch, water, first aid supplies, and a flashlight. Always bring \$\$ for carpooling. Meet at Skyline High Parking Lot for a 9:00 am departure.

MAR 28 SUN

SOCIAL: PARK CITY DINNER NIGHT - 6:00 PM
– Call Bernadette Clahane (435-649-6762) at least 48 hours in advance so she can make reservations and inform you of the location. Please bring cash or personal check. Do **not** plan to use a credit card!

MAR 28 SUN

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MARCH 30 TUES

MOUNTAIN BIKE: MERIDIAN PEAK/RADIO TOWERS (MOD, 12+ Mi.) A little change this week. Lets meet at the Northeast corner of the State Capitol at 6:00 p.m. ready to ride. We will go up the trail toward the radio towers and maybe beyond? Plenty of climbing and fast descent. Call Tim MacDonald 250-3882 or Tim Boschert 298-1814 for more info. All riders must wear a helmet!

APRIL

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING CLEARINGHOUSE (MOD and MSD) For those occasions when snow is good, and you want to get in some turns, call Edgar Webster at 486-7829. Every so often in spring a new snowfall will deposit good powder. Our most dedicated skier will surely be out there. If you want to join him, call to plan a trip.

APRIL

SKI TOURING CLEARINGHOUSE (mostly MOD) In the spring our thoughts turn to biking, backpacking, and other non-snow activities. However, good powder may occasionally be with us. Mike Berry will serve as a clearinghouse and contact point for ski touring enthusiasts who want to get out on the good spring skiing days. Call him to plan a trip! 583-4721.

APR 2-4 FRI TO SUN

CANYONEERING/CLIMBING. The destination will be decided on after we find out how many are coming and what their technical abilities are. Suffice it to say it will be something deep, dark, technical and way fun. Participants should have some climbing skills and be able to rappel. Call Scott Patterson at 963-2263 by March 27 to register and for more details.

APR 2 THRU 4 FRI – SUN

Backpack: Grand Gulch (MOD) Gretchen Siegler (461-0407) would like to Coordinate a MOD backpack into Grand Gulch to look at archeology sites. We should leave Salt Lake Thursday night on April 1st to beat the Easter weekend rush out of town. We will probably come out Sunday afternoon for those who need to go to work on Monday. Gretchen might stay over Sunday night, again in order to avoid traffic. Dogs are welcome only if the owners are prepared to lug in lots of water, since it may not be found on the trail. Numbers are

limited to 12 people, so call early to reserve your spot. There is a \$24 permit fee per person (\$8/day for 3/days) that needs to be collected before she can make the reservation. Deadline to sign up and pay the registration fee is St. Patrick's day, March 17th.

APR 2 AND 3 FRI – SAT

Family Car Camp: Northeast Section of San Rafael Swell Exploratory Car Camp (NTD to MOD) Join Martin McGregor (967-9860) as he camps and explores either Cottonwood Wash or the Smith Cabin. The latter is located West of the railroad siding, near Woodside, on Hiway 6). Martin does need to return home late Saturday evening, ending the official club activity at that time. However, participants can camp overnight Saturday on their own. Adolescent children are allowed, but no young children, please. You will need to bring your camping equipment and \$\$ for carpooling. Please call Martin to register, and for more details.

APR 3 SAT

Day Hike: Foothills, Wasatch Front or West Desert SHOW 'N GO Day Hike. (NTD to MOD) Early season hikes are dependent on the snow conditions, so it is difficult to plan them too far in advance. There is usually good hiking in the Foothills or on tansbury/Antelope Island. If you have a favorite early season hike in mind, please call your hiking director, Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) before March 15, so the details can appear in the April Rambler. Otherwise, the group can decide the destination at the meeting location. It is especially important to be prepared for changing weather for these early season hikes. Bring warm clothes, waterproof boots, a lunch, water, first aid supplies, and a flashlight. Always bring \$\$ for carpooling. Meet at Skyline High Parking Lot for a 9:00 am departure.

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APR 4 SUN

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APRIL 6 TUES

MOUNTAIN BIKE: RED BUTTE GARDENS/ U of U Trails (MOD, 10+ Mi.) Tuesday evening rides are a great way to get to know other bikers! Come on and get back in the saddle. The Red Butte area offers trails and terrain for all abilities. Meet at the new entrance to Red Butte Gardens off Warka Way ready to ride at 6:00 p.m. Call Tim MacDonald 250-3882 or Tim Boschert 298-1814 for more info. All riders must wear a helmet!

APRIL 9 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.

APR 9 FRI

CLIMBING - PLANNING PARTY/SOCIAL – any time after 6:00 pm: Okay, it's finally here, time to start planning our summer activities. There's only so many weekends to pack it all in, so ya gotta plan ahead. Every one is invited, new and old, leaders and seconds, sport or trad. The more input we have the better. This will be at Alan Lindsay's - 2051 E. Falcon Hill Drive in Sandy. Call 942-0641 if you need directions and to give me a rough idea of how many are coming. I'll have some snacks and soft drinks, you take it from there. If you have some climbing videos that'd be fun, too.

APR 9 THRU 11 FRI – SUN

Backpack: SE Utah Organizers Choice Exploratory Backpack (MOD) Paul Sheya (435-636-8102) has explored tons of wonderful places in Central and Southern Utah, but his quest for new sites drives him to do an exploratory backpack weekend for the WMC. He'll have details later, right now he just wants to go someplace in SE Utah that he's never been before. There is a limit of 8 participants, so call him in Price to register, and to discuss his final destination.

APR 10 AND 11 SAT – SUN

Family Car Camp: Goblin Valley Car Camping (NTD) Nancy Inaba (485-0537) has reserved a group camping site for Saturday night in Goblin Valley. Participants can go down earlier and camp out Friday night on their own if they wish. Nancy says we can hike in the State Park, or go to the Little Wild Horse Canyon, or other nearby areas. Dogs are allowed, but may cause problems in slot canyons, and must be leashed in the state park. Children are also allowed on this weekend outing. Bring your camping and hiking gear, and money for the State Park Entrance and Camping Fees, as well as \$\$ for carpooling. Register with Nancy no later than April 5.

APR 10 SAT

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APR 11 SUN

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APR 14 WED

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

APR 16 THRU 18 FRI - SUN

Car Camp: Upper Paria River Car Camping, Hiking, and Exploring (MSD) Phil Giles (487-5046) heads to South Central Utah this weekend to the beautiful canyon country of the Upper Paria. Can we persuade Congress on this one? Join Phil as he camps and explores this beautiful countryside. Camping and hiking equipment are needed, as well as camping and carpool fees. Please call Phil to register and for more information.

APR 17 SAT

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP - Please join us for this important highway cleanup of Wasatch Boulevard between I-215 and the Big Cottonwood Canyon. This stretch really needs our help as a result of accumulated winter debris! Organizer Randy Long welcomes all volunteers and their adolescent children (but PLEASE no one younger than 12). All volunteers are required to wear an orange safety vest and work gloves and to sign the roster before starting work, even if you arrive late. Meet at the Park and Ride lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10:00am. (Note: this is a qualifying activity for club membership.) Call Randy with any questions at 943-0244.

APRIL 17 SAT

MOUNTAIN BIKE: ANTELOPE

ISLAND/BUFFALO BIKE RIDE This is the annual Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club event on the Island. All types of bike rides are offered around the Island. It is a great chance to see parts of the Island only opened for this event. Call Jon Smith 596-8430 for more info and to register.

APR 17 AND 18 SAT - SUN

Family Car Camp: San Rafael Swell Area Family Car Camping and Hiking weekend (NTD) Join Mike & Nanci Bockelie (942-6972) for a weekend of family camping and hiking in the San Rafael Swell area of Central Utah. You will need camping and hiking equipment, as well as money for carpooling. They may be leaving SLC on Friday night. Please call to register, and for details and destinations.

APR 21 WED

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APRIL 21 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT - 6:30 PM - Join LeeAnn Born (486-1485) and Emily Rosten (532-8787) for dinner at "Taj India", located at 73 East 400 South. We will eat "family style", each ordering a dish to be shared (along with the check) by everyone. This enables us to taste a wide variety of dishes. 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!

APR 24 AND 25 SAT - SUN

Car Camp: Organizer's Choice Car Camping and Hiking, Somewhere in Southern Utah (MOD) Tom Munn (533-0819) is heading for Southern Utah this weekend, for two days of camping and hiking in the beautiful spring weather. You will need camping and hiking equipment, as well as money for carpooling. They may be leaving SLC on Friday night. Call Tom to register, and for trip details and destination.

APR 24 AND 25 SAT – SUN

Family Car Camp: Goblin Valley and Horseshoe Canyon Family Car Camping and Hiking (NTD)

Scott and Berni Poppen (576-8547) invite you to take the family for a weekend of camping and hiking in Southern Utah. They plan to camp at Goblin Valley State Park and hike nearby Little Wildhorse Canyon, which has some tight fun narrows. Then, on the way back to Green River, they will stop at Horseshoe Canyon, which is part of Canyonlands National Park, and is known for its rock art. Both areas are remote, and high clearance vehicles may be needed. You will need to bring camping and hiking gear, money for the State Park Entrance and Camping Fee, as well as carpool money. Call Scott and Berni to register, and for more details of the trip.

APRIL 23-25 FRI-SUN

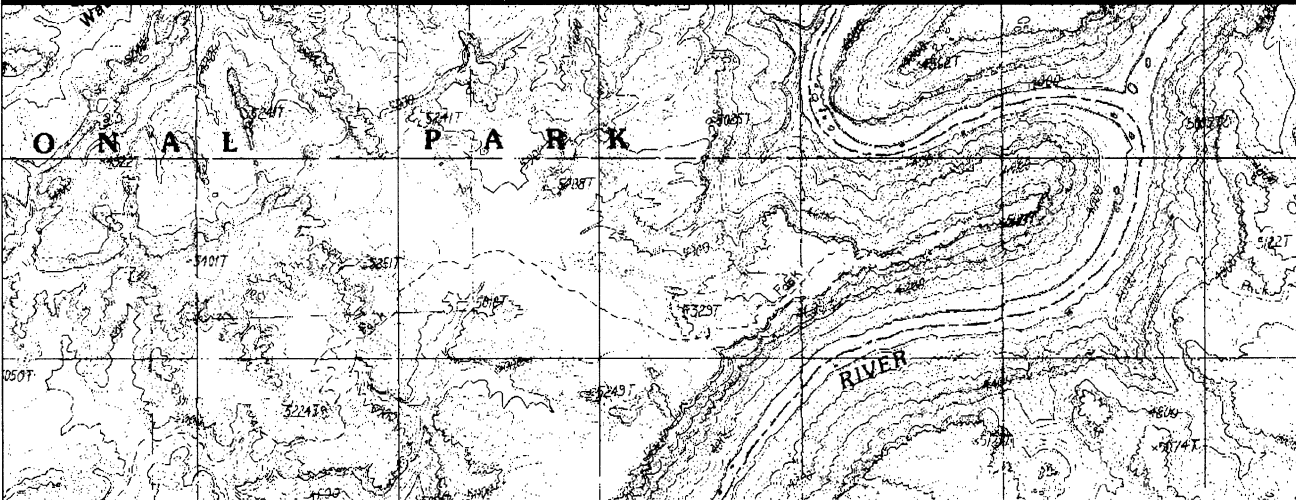
MOUNTAIN BIKE: MOAB WEEKEND (NTD+, MSD) Get your tires dusted on the redrock. Ride/shop with the girls, Leslie Vance and Lori Boschert or try the area trails with Dave Vance 444-0315, Tim Boschert

298-1814, Tim MacDonald 250-3882. We may get trailers or camp or hotel we'll see who calls. Call for info!

APR 28 WED

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| Feb 6 thru 8 | Bunchgrass Yurt, north of Logan, Utah |
| Feb 26 thru 28 | Steam Mill Yurt, north of Logan, Utah |
| Feb 26 thru 28 | Commissary Ridge, east of Driggs, Idaho |
| Mar 5 thru 7 | Lily Lake Yurt, north slope of Uinta Mountains |
| Mar 12 thru 14 | Tusher Yurt, near Beaver, Utah |

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. The Lily Lake system has four new yurts 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.

All the yurts except the Lily Lake system of four, 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.

May 8 - 23, 1999

TURKEY SAILING & LAND EXPLORATION

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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.

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.)

JUNE 1999

BACKPACKING/MOUNTAINEERING - Scott Patterson is on the move again, this time to either Peru or Bolivia for some peak bagging. The actual destination will depend on the abilities and skills of the participants. This trip will take from 2-3 weeks and the approximate cost will be \$800, depending on airfare, etc. Call Scott Patterson at 963-2263 ASAP to register and for more details.

JULY 1999

CLIMBING/MOUNTAINEERING - BOLIVIA:

Wasatch Mountain clubbers with considerable mountaineering experience are welcome to apply for a joint trip with the Colorado Mountain Club, July 3 - 25. We'll trek into two seldom-explored ranges, the Apolobama and Quimsa Cruz, for climbs of 5,000-meter-plus peaks. Certified climbing guide, transportation, cook and food provided by local agency. Visits to fine restaurants in La Paz, a vicuna reserve and hot springs are also on the itinerary. For more information, contact Jane Koerner at janek@media.usu.edu, 435-750-0051, or 518 E 600 S, River Heights UT 84321. Better yet, send mountaineering resume with at least one reference.

Preference given to mountaineers with prior high-altitude experience.

1998/1999 Utah Cross Country Ski Race Schedule

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 - (4) UP Carbon Fiber Mast (2 pc Sport 27 Slalom: 460cm) w/ DaKine Reflective Mast Cover
 - (5) Miscellaneous Accessories:
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 - Boom Bra
 - Magic Maui Mast Pad
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Please call before 9 pm @ 776-1031 3/99

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DIRECTORS' MESSAGES

Message from the Winter Sports Director Tom Walsh

As the warm weather activities of spring approach we tend to pack our skis away and forget them until the next November. However, some occasional great snowfalls occur in March and April. Alta gets its maximum snow depth in early May. To organize spring skiing trips we tried a voice mail program last year. It was a dud. So this year we dropped back to a lower technology program based on contacts with real humans.

For ski tours (kick and glide style) call Mike Berry at 583-4721.

For Backcountry climbing for turns, call Edgar Webster at 486-7829.

Last year there was a great powder day ski day at Alta on Memorial Day. It could happen again. Call Webster or Berry when there is a good storm, and get in on the fun.

From the Hiking Director Cheryl Soshnik

EEK! I have only skied a few times this winter, and now it's time to begin planning the hiking season already. What's going on here???

I have a favor to ask everyone this year—in order to produce a quality hiking season for the Wasatch Mountain Club, we are going to have to organize early, and get a lot of folks involved in this hiking program. Last year we offered over 400 hiking, camping, and backpacking trips, from March to November. Our Tuesday and Wednesday evening hikes became so popular that we're going to have to expand the program this season. I want to offer many diversified trips, get new organizers involved, and provide a quality lineup of hiking activities in 1999. Since I'm travelling a lot this year with my job, I have to depend on many capable helpers to pull off a quality hiking season. I ask only 2 things of you right now: 1) If you receive a hiking questionnaire in the mail, please fill it out and return it to me ASAP. 2) I have scheduled a hiking planning meeting for Wed, March 10 at the WMC office. If you have ideas for the hiking season, or can offer your time to call for hikes, please attend this very important planning meeting.

The club has received, via generous donations from their inventors/authors, several exciting new hiking books, a device to keep your back dry with a pack on, and the entire set of Utah topographic maps on CD-ROM. In future months I will review each new addition for you, but come to the meeting and examine our new additions first hand!

Let's all work together to make the 1999 WMC hiking season the best ever. Come help out on the 10th, and thanks in advance for your contribution to the hiking program.

For Your Information

LEAVING NO TRACE IN CANYON COUNTRY

By the end of the month many of us will start our springtime jaunts to southern deserts and canyons. Here are a few ideas to take with us which will help leave what we find there in as good or better shape.

CHOOSE RESISTANT CAMPSITES. The election of an appropriate campsite is the most important aspect of Leave No Trace backcountry use. In arid lands, the most **appropriate campsites are on durable surfaces**, such as rock and gravel, or on sites that have been so highly impacted further use will cause no additional disturbance. Generally, the more pristine and remote the area, the fewer previously disturbed sites you will find.

SOIL CRUSTS. Crytobiotic soil crusts are self-sustaining biological communities that look like tiny, black, irregularly raised pedestals in the sand. In the Colorado Plateau region they represent almost 70% of the living cover in some places. They are essential to the ecology of arid lands. By reducing erosion, fixing nutrients in the soil and increasing water absorption, these crusts create hospitable environments for other plants to establish themselves.

If you find yourself without a durable hiking surface or surrounded by crusts, **follow in one another's footsteps** to create the least disturbance. Do not spread out, as it

is the first footprint that causes most of the damage. Never camp on crusted soils.

AVOID POLLUTING WATER SOURCES. Avoid introducing anything directly into water supplies, especially small streams and self-contained pools. Lotions, sunscreens, and soaps can become quickly concentrated leading to pollution. Biodegradable soaps pollute by introducing highly concentrated nutrients (fertilizer) into the water body. All dish and personal washing should be done away from the water source, some experts in Leave No Trace and desert ecology suggest at least 300 feet distance.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES. These sites are irreplaceable, fragile, and are sacred to some people. Leave No Trace means just that! **Stay off the walls, leave the artifacts where they lay, don't dig, don't pee** (you would not believe some stories natural resource managers tell), **don't touch, don't lunch and don't camp.**

Do enjoy them. Sometimes binoculars give you a better view and perspective than actually entering them. There will be more on protecting and enjoying archaeological sites in a later Rambler.

Gerrish Willis (material for this article from Grand Canyon National Park, BLM, and LNT, Inc.)



ACTIVITY SURVEY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD?

All of the Club's activity leaders are volunteers. You can be a leader too—just check off the activities you want to lead, and we'll give you a call. Help your Club and have fun too!

- Hiking:** ☐ easy day hike ☐ moderate day hike ☐ advanced day hike ☐ car camp
 ☐ backback
- Boating:** ☐ trip leader ☐ instruction ☐ equipment ☐ sailing
- Skiing:** ☐ NTD tour ☐ MOD tour ☐ MSD tour ☐ out of town trip
- Climbing:** ☐ Wasatch climb ☐ out of town trip ☐ winter mountaineering
- Bicycling:** ☐ road bike tour ☐ mountain bike tour ☐ camping tour
- Other outings:** ☐ snowshoe tour ☐ caving ☐ other

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT?

The Club also depends on volunteers for all the rest of its work. Some of this work is critical to the day-to-day functioning of the Club; some of it is important to our community; some of it is just fun. You can let us know how you'll help by checking off activities below.

- Conservation:** ☐ air and water quality issues ☐ trailhead access ☐ wilderness
 ☐ telephone tree ☐ trail clearing
- Socials:** ☐ social host ☐ Party assistance ☐ lodge host
- Rambler:** ☐ word processing ☐ mailing ☐ advertising ☐ computer support
- Lodge:** ☐ general lodge repair ☐ skilled lodge work
- Information:** ☐ public relations ☐ membership help ☐ recruiting ☐ instruction

Would you like to participate on an activities committee? Which one?

Is there a special trip or activity you would like to lead?

What phone numbers can we use to reach you?

Please Complete Both Sides

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

Please read carefully and fill out completely.

Name(s) _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

I am applying for:

Check one:

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

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

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

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

Activity Section

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

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

I found out about the WMC from _____

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

Leave Blank—For Office Use Only

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

Board approval date _____

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

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

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

I verify this statement by placing my initials here: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Signature _____ Print name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

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

Witness signature _____ Print name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

Membership applicants must participate in at least two Club outdoor or service activities. Yearly dues are \$30 single, \$45 couple, \$15 student, \$5 application and reinstatement fee.

GOVERNING BOARD 1998-99

President and Directors

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|---|
| President | 943-1871 | Linda Kosky |
| Vice President | 969-5842 | Tom Walsh |
| Secretary | 444-0315 | Leslie Whited-Vance |
| Treasurer | 272-8059 | Kathy McKay |
| Membership Dir. | 277-1043 | Carol Coulter ccwired@xmission.com |
| Hiking Director | 649-9008 | Cheryl Soshnik cheryl.soshnik@hsc.utah.edu |
| Boating Director | 292-8332 | Vera Sondelski vera@digitalpla.net |
| Conservation Dir. | 521-8554 | Susan Sweigert |
| Entertainment Dir. | 572-5653 | Linda Pack |
| | 255-4713 | Carol Ann Langford |
| Lodge Co-Directors | 523-0790 | Bill Hughes |
| | 278-4753 | Julie Jones |
| Mountaineering Co-Dir | 942-0641 | Alan Lindsay Aklindsay@aol.com |
| | 534-1262 | Walt Haas |
| Publications Dir. | 969-2825 | Bob Janzen |
| Winter Sports Dir. | 969-5842 | Tom Walsh |
| Bicycling Dir. | 250-3882 | Tim MacDonald |
| Information Dir. | | Alan Brennan |

TRUSTEES

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 1997-01 term | 649-6805 | Vince DeSimone |
| 1998-02 term | 474-0275 | Joan Proctor |
| 1999-03 term | 943-8500 | Phyllis Anderson |
| 1996-00 term | 278-5826 | John Veranth |
| <i>Emeritus</i> | 355-7216 | O'Dell Petersen |
| <i>Emeritus</i> | 277-6417 | Dale Green |

COORDINATORS

BOATING

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|----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Canoeing | 255-4336 | Eileen Gidley |
| Kayaking | 571-7684 | Mike Dege |
| Sailing | 649-6805 | Vince DeSimone |
| Rafting | 424-2376 | Craig McCarthy |
| Boating Equ. | 273-0369 | Marilyn Smith |
| Boating Instr. | 322-4326 | Janet Embry |
| River Issues | 486-1476 | Allan Gavere |

LODGE

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| Lodge Use | 278-2535 | Julie Mason |
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WINTER SPORTS

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

ENTERTAINMENT

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| In-Line Skating | 486-7829 | Dave Vance |
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INFORMATION

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| Adopt-A-Highway | 943-0244 | Randy Long |
| Webmaster | 571-7684 | Mike Dege (mdege@novell.com) |

PUBLICATIONS

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Commercial Adv. | 583-1678 | Jaelene V. Myrup |
| Rambler Mailing | 483-0632 | Jeanette Buenger |
| Classy Ads | vacant | |

CONSERVATION

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| Trails Issues | 364-5729 | Chris Biltoft |
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HISTORIAN

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| Historian | | Mike Treshow |
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Commercial Advertising

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

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

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