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In 1926 there were approximately 500 members of the Wasatch Mountain Club and between 60 and 300 attended Club meetings.

In 1999 there were approximately 1200 members of the Wasatch Mountain Club and only 30 attended the February General Membership meeting!

What's wrong with this picture? LOTS!!

Your Club needs you! Be there-

**General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2000 7:00 pm**

(See inside for details.)

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PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION

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

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

TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE: Articles on trip talks or other topics of general interest are welcome. Articles may be submitted in any of the following ways:

1. Email submissions as an attachment to wmc@xmission.com.
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, in Microsoft Wordpad, Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format. For activity submissions, please do not use any special formatting other than bolding the text. Use Times Roman font, 10 point for all submissions. Label the diskette with your name and identify what file(s) are submissions. You may want to enclose a hard copy in case your diskette cannot be read. The deadline is 6:00 PM on the 15th of the month.

Photos are always welcome. (At this point, hard copy is better than electronic copy.) Make sure that each photo is labeled with the photographer, date, and names of people. If you would like your photo(s) returned to you by mail, please label each photo with "Return to (your name and address)." Otherwise, they will be available in the red bucket outside the WMC office door.

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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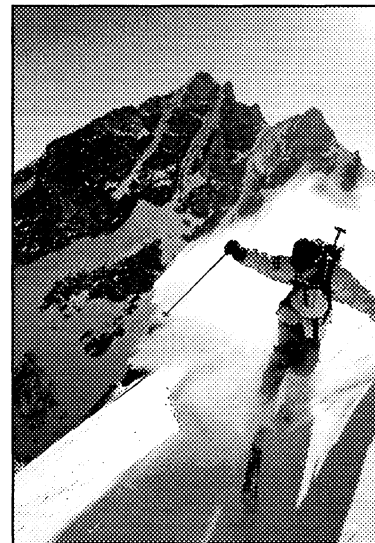
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WMC General Membership Meeting

February 16, 2000

7:00-8:30 pm (short and sweet)

Zion's Lutheran Church (off Foothill) 1070 S. Foothill

Refreshments served

Two important agenda items:

4. Vote for the new 2000-2001 Board of Directors

5. Talk to us about your interests, questions, concerns re: the WMC

Yes, the February meeting is a MEMBERS' FORUM

Instead of talking *to you*

We want to hear *from you*

(Be there!)



The Norwegian Outdoor Center (800) 649-5322

Bulletin Board

WMC LODGE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL USE

The WMC Lodge can be rented on a full or half day basis. Full day rate is \$250. Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535 for information.

Friends of Great Salt Lake is pleased to announce their third Great Salt Lake Issues Forum: "Toward a Comprehensive Watershed-Based Restoration and Protection Program for Great Salt Lake," February 25th and 26th, 2000 at the Quality Inn in downtown Salt Lake City.

Join us for two days of inspiration, examples, and catalysts on comprehensive watershed-based thinking. Guest speakers, including Jim Corven (Executive Director, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network); Cameron Davis (Executive Director, Lake Michigan Federation); and Mike Hirshfield (Vice President Resource Protection, Chesapeake Bay Foundation) will spotlight selected watersheds around the country and share their accomplishments and lessons learned. Friday night's banquet speaker will be Charles F. Wilkinson (Moses Lasky Professor of Law and Distinguished University Professor at the University of Colorado).

Cost is \$50 before February 11th; \$60 after the 11th. For information or a brochure, contact Lynn de Freitas, 801-583-5593 or ldefreitas@earthlink.net

Upcoming Ethnic Supper Nights

2/9	Wed	6:00 PM	Dinner at Bangkok Thai
3/6	Wed	6:30 PM	Dinner at Yanni's Greek Express
4/12	Wed	6:30 PM	Dinner at Al Forno's
5/10	Wed	6:30 PM	Dinner at Kenji's Japanese Grill
6/15	Wed	6:30 PM	Dinner at Baba Afghan

We are in need of someone's condo clubhouse or an activity center for upcoming social events (difficult to use Lodge during snow months!). Please call Carol Ann Langford, Entertainment Director, at 255-4713. Thanks!

Wasatch Adventure 2000
Adventure racing (Mountain biking, trekking, canoeing, snowshoeing, and climbing) on April 20, 2000. For more information, contact Corey Franken at 801-816-0964.



**RED SHOES
& CHOCOLATE
DESSERTS
VALENTINE
POTLUCK/DANCE**

*FEB 12 - SAT
6:30 PM*

*Orchard of Country Woods
Clubhouse
(1300 E / Ft Union Blvd)*

** * * SEE DETAILS INSIDE * * **



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

Car pool 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.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

FEB 2 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM

- Join us any time after 7:00 PM for an evening of indoor climbing at 427 West 9160 South. Cost is \$8.00 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 the gym for the best way to get around the construction. This week there may or may not be a WMC host. You may be on your own but it still beats sitting around watching TV. Call Alan Lindsay (942-0641) if you have questions.

FEB 2 WED

WMC BOARD MEETING, 7 PM Location 1390 S. 1100 E., Suite 103. All WMC members are welcome to attend. Meeting usually runs from 7 - 9 pm. New/upcoming board members are also invited.

FEB 4 FRI

SKI BACKCOUNTRY FREE-HEEL FRIDAY or E-SKI (MOD) Steve Pritchett proposes the following excellent deal: Join a group of free-heel enthusiasts every other Friday for a backcountry ski outing. The

destination will change each time and will range from the Uintas, Red Pine Canyon, Willows Area, etc. A typical outing will require metal edged skis and skins. To subscribe send your Email address to Steve.Pritchett@fairchildsemi.com or phone 523-9243

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SKI TOUR: MOUNTAIN DELL (NTD) Eric Rieux invites people interested in learning or just working out, to join him at Mountain Dell or possibly Millcreek Canyon at 3:30 PM to dark. Eric offers training tips using the Classic style kick and glide ski touring. Call to register and discuss plans at 461-0970

FEB 5 SAT

SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD+) Mary Ann Losee (278-2423) plans to ski upper Millcreek if the snow conditions are good. Expect a tour of at least 8 miles round trip. Meet at the Skyline High School parking lot with your skis of choice by 9:00 am. Bring \$2.25 per car for the canyon exiting or use fee.

FEB 5 TO 7 SAT THRU MON

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BUNCHGRASS YURT (MOD+) 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 Saturday morning with skiing that afternoon and all day Sunday. This is followed by several runs just for eye openers

on Monday morning. Checkout time is noon on Monday. Call Brad Yates for information at 521-4185 or write to bnyslc@earthlink.net. To secure your reservation you must pay a deposit of \$40.00.

FEB 5 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SCOTTS PASS (NTD) For skiers comfortable with the familiar, there is none so familiar as Scotts Pass. Mohamad Abdallah has organized this outing of 5 round trip miles and 1500 feet of elevation gain. For the work of ascending you are rewarded with a long and smooth glide down. Bring metal edges skis with traction grooves or else bring skins. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 AM. Phone 466-9310 to get additional information.

FEB 5 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BIG COTTONWOOD EXPERIENCE (MOD) Karen Perkins invites you to join her to ski some MOD slopes in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Karen is planning to ski someplace other than Powder Park. You can trust her to find the good stuff. Meet at 9:00 AM at Butler Elementary School (Fort Union Blvd and 2700 East). Phone Karen at 272-2225 if you need additional information. Equipment Requirements: Skins, beacon, shovel, 10 E's and your personal food and water.

FEB 5 SAT

SOCIAL: SING-A-LONG - 7PM Join Frank Bernard (533-9219) for a session of folk singing. Bring your voice and/or guitar to Frank's home at 417 N. Center St. on Capitol Hill (about 130 W 400 N) and we will entertain ourselves in this 100% audience participation event. Bring your own beverages and snacks. An enthusiastic attitude is the only other requirement! Call Frank if you have questions.

SAT 5 FEB

SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD (MOD) Maybird is more a state of mind than a place. It looks different each time, because the trail there is spectacularly ambiguous. In fact, there is no real trail. It is one of Larry Nilssen's (296-1716) favorite snowshoes; he gets guidance from the spirits of the ancient Maybirds. But, since it is a state of mind, it is hard to tell if he ever got there at all! But at least he has never been lost. (!) It is one of the truly spectacular views of a gorgeous cirque with the Pfeifferhorn in the background. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

FEB 5 SAT

BICYCLING PLANNING PARTY 6:30 PM Come on

out to western Utah (Magna) tonight and fill in the calendar to lead your favorite ride(s) this year. If you're not ready to sign up come anyway because we'll be kicking around ideas for some great trips this year. Chili and other goodies provided. BYOB. Please RSVP. Tim MacDonald @250-3882.

SAT 5 FEB

SNOWSHOE: ALBION BASIN (NTD+) Doug Stark (277-8537) is the guru of Albion Basin. He knows its secrets, but don't ask, because if he told you then they wouldn't be secrets. He leads a tour every year before the place is overrun with all those beautiful wildflowers. Butler Elementary at 9:15AM.

FEB 6 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MT. TIMPANOGOS VIA TIMPOONEKE (SKI MTN) Join George Westbrook to climb the second highest peak in the range. This one is a beauty; pack a lunch, it's an all day job. Early start for safety, please call George to register 942-6071.

FEB 6 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FARMINGTON CANYON (MOD+) This is an exploratory trip to assess the terrain for telemark and touring possibilities near the top of this narrow and steep area of the Wasatch Front. Mike Berry organizes this trip. Skins, shovel, and avalanche beacon are required. Call Mike (583-4721) by 6:00 pm Saturday to register, discuss plans, and learn the meeting place and time. Limited to eight.

FEB 6 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: JULIE ANDREWS MEADOW (NTD and MOD) Pete Mimmack is the only guy clever enough to lead two trips at once. The NTD portion of his 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. In Salt Lake City meet at the parking lot of Denny's at 420 West and 4500 South at 9:00 AM. Or meet Pete at the Park and Ride lot off I-15 at Timpanogos Cave Exit # 287 at 9:30 AM. Plan for a \$3.00 fee per car for entry to American Fork Canyon; also plan for car pool money. At a minimum bring sturdy touring skis for the NTD. For the telemark portion of the trip bring metal edges skis with skins, plus transceivers, and shovels. Pete can be reached at 1-801-377-2330

FEB 6 SUN

SNOWSHOE: LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN (MOD) Carolyn Clark (957-3238) wants to try a new tour - go for it! Grab your "Mountain Dell" quad and check upper left. From Affleck Park, this is about a 3.5 mile snowshoe with a gain of about 2700'. Prior pioneers of this tour say it is a challenge. For that reason, call Carolyn for a time and snow adjusted meeting

place.

FEB 6 SUN

SNOWSHOE: GREENS BASIN (NTD) Tom Willis (485-0370) leads this gentler tour for those who don't care to go to Lookout Mountain but would like to get out and stretch out today. We have a lot of NTD participants who enjoy the program, but not many who volunteer to lead. Without leaders, there is no tour! Why not step up and try? Call 296-1716. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

FEB 8 TUES

SOCIAL: CHEAP FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT Singles and everyone are welcome to meet Craig (487-2077) at 6PM at Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. for dinner (2227 Highland Dr) followed by an inexpensive movie at the Sugar House Movies 10 next door.

FEB 8 TUES

SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD) Vince DeSimone leads this informal (no black tie) group on Tuesdays. The group's flexibility has been a key to its past success. Contact Vince in cyberspace (preferred) at vincedesimone@yahoo.com; if unwired at (1-435-649-6805) to find out the day's destination and meeting place.

FEB 9 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT Join LeeAnn Born and Emily Rosten at 6:00 PM for dinner at Bangkok Thai, 1400 S Foothill Dr 582-thai. We will order a variety of items to share "family style" so everyone can taste a number of different dishes. We are meeting a little earlier than usual to take advantage of the restaurant's early dinner special please be on time. Plan on spending about \$12 (drinks & dessert additional). RSVP to Lee Ann (486-1485) at least 48 hrs in advance so she can make reservations. Please bring cash or a personal check rather than a credit card.

FEB 9 WED

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FEB 10 THU

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FEB 12 SAT

SKI TOUR: YELLOW PINE CREEK TO YELLOW PINE LAKES (MOD)

Michael Berry (583-4721) will lead you on a tour of seven miles round trip with a 2,400 foot elevation gain in the Uintas. Sturdy touring skis are needed, and climbing skins are suggested. Pack the extra mittens, energy bars, and liquids. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:30 am. If you live outside the valley, call to arrange alternate meeting times. Remember the \$3.00 per car Forest Service fee.

FEB 12 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SCOTTS PASS (NTD) Whenever this trip comes up Larry Nilssen's conundrum comes to mind: *"Who was Scott and what did he pass?"* The answer might manifest itself to you on this NTD ski trip organized by Dave Rabiger. Meet at Butler Elementary School at Fort Union Boulevard and 2700 East at 9:00 AM. You will do best with study touring skis or metal edged skis. Skins make the going easier. Bring lunch and prepare for a picnic at the pass on top. (964-8190)

FEB 12 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CENTRAL WASATCH PLATEAU (MOD+) Three out of three means you are batting 1000. On the past three trips that have gone to the Central Wasatch Plateau near Fairview, the skiing has been memorable. The plateau has numerous slopes descending from 10,000'. One thing they don't have is skiers. You can go all day with no other skiers to mess up your tracks. The local host, Paul Sheya, knows enough slopes to be considered an expert by the Eastern Press. Besides that, he knows where the local microbrewery is located. Call Tom Walsh at 969-5842 no later than February 9 to register and get the car pool details.

FEB 12 SAT

SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK TO THE MEADOW (NTD) If you've ever gone to Green's Basin and wondered "what happens if I miss the first turn" now is your chance to find out. Norm and Carma Pobanz ((266-3703) will host this gentler tour for those who wonder where that trail really goes. Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

FEB 12 SAT

SOCIAL: RED SHOES & CHOCOLATE DESSERTS

VALENTINE POTLUCK AND DANCE Orchard at Country Woods Clubhouse (Ft. Union Blvd 7200 S/1300 E) 6:30 pm potluck, 8PM dancing Happy Valentine's Day! Strap on your red shoes and come out to celebrate this special holiday for friends & lovers. Bring side dish to share for 6-8 people + BYOB (beverage). Cover charge will be your best pair of red shoes (or a Valentine's costume wear something RED) and \$5 members; \$7 non-members. Extra credit given for chocolate desserts! For more information call Carol Ann Langford (255-4713) or Martin Clemans (968-1252).

FEB 13 SUN

SKI TOUR: CARDIFF FORK TO DOUGHNUT FALLS (NTD)

Howard Barlow (328-4701) organizes a most leisurely tour suitable for light or general touring gear. wax less skis are fine, but if you have any questions about the terrain, call Howard ahead of time. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

FEB 13 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: DAYS FORK FROM ALTA (MOD) Join

Walt Haas on this favorite route from Little to Big cottonwood Canyon. Please bring bus fare (\$1.75 each way) and contact Walt to register: 435-1262, haas@xmission.com.

FEB 13 SUN**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SILVER FORK VARIATION**

(NTD+) Craig Anderson has a variation on the normal. His version of Silver Fork is to go up the west side, to the lower mine, then sip tea and munch treats, then go down the east side through the woods and clearings. This will be a NTD with respect to length but will require ability to turn and negotiate a route in trees. Craig recommends metal edges skis and skins. Call Craig for details. (487-2077). Meet at Butler Elementary at the afternoon time of 1:30 PM.

FEB 13 SUN**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MILLCREEK VIA BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON (MOD)**

Organizer Mohamed Abdallah has scheduled a general route, then will pick out a specific route to descend to suit the conditions. You might get Little Water, you might get Big Water, maybe you will get Soldier Fork. Meet at Skyline High School at 9:00 AM to form carpools. You will need skins, shovel, beacon, and the regular 10Es. (phone: 466-9310)

FEB 13 SUN

SOCIAL: MEET THE FORECASTERS Come to a gathering from 5 to 7 PM at the Salt Lake Roasting Company, 320 East 400 South in Salt Lake City. Meet the staff of the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center. Free to the public. Chat with Bruce, Carol, Eric and the other avalanche forecasters who provide the critical information to keep us safe in the backcountry.

FEB 13 SUN

HOT 'N SPICY POTLUCK Make it a complete party weekend by helping WMC Gourmet Chef & Baker, Bob Graves celebrate his birthday with his favorite kind of food - HOT & SPICY!! Craig McCarthy (424-2376) will host this gala event with the festivities at 5PM. Bring a hot/spicy dish for 4-6 to share or a salad to cool the blazing palates, BYOB and PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PLATE, BOWL & UTENSILS. We will not be supplying paper plates or plastic silverware as there is already plenty of it in the local landfill. The place: 4619 S. Russell St (Murray Holladay Rd & 2500 E/Russell Street) near downtown Holladay. The \$1 fee will cover fire extinguishers and other miscellaneous party expenses.

FEB 13 SUN

SNOWSHOE: NEFF'S CANYON (MOD) Join Barb Hansen (485-0132) for this new tour, that covers almost three miles and gains about 2500, ending in a bowl of jagged limestone cliffs with a great view. Since this is a lower elevation tour, snow conditions may require a change. Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

FEB 16 WED**ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:00**

PM. - 8:30 PM. Zion's Lutheran Church, 1070 S. Foothill.

Annual board member elections to be held. Refreshments will be served.

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♣ FEB 18 FRI**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ALTA BY MOONLIGHT (NTD)**

This will be one of the highlights of the year. Skiing by moonlight is ethereal and surreal. It is light enough to see quite well, but the lack of glare and the soft moonlight infuse the snow with a mysterious and intriguing character. Bring something warm to drink, and have lots of layers to wear. While it will be cold, the climb up the basin will warm you up, but then the descent will cool you off fast. Since skiing will be done around Albion Basin, touring skis will be OK, but metal edges will give better control. Meet at the Butler Elementary School (7000 South and 2700 East) at 8:00 PM Organized by Bob Cady - phone 274-0250. If it's cloudy, Saturday will be the back up date; DO NOT go out on Saturday without calling Bob first!

FEB 19 SUN**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: 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 19 SAT**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CATHERINE PASS FROM**

ALTA (NTD) John Veranth's book Wasatch Winter Trails claims the area on the way to Catherine Pass is described as the best beginning ski area in the Wasatch. Check it for your self on this trip. Meet Barbara Hanson at 9:00 in the morning at the Butler School, which is on the corner of Fort Union Blvd and 2700 South. Heavy duty touring skis, or else metal edged backcountry skis are suitable. Bring food, water, and a good mood. (485-0132)

FEB 19 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TOMS HILL (MOD) This must be the best slope in the Wasatch, otherwise how can you explain its popularity? Join Cheryl Krusko and do the tele thing on this 600 ft vertical slope. How many turns can you do in one run? Meet at Butler at 7000 South and 2700 East at 8:30 AM. The usual backcountry requirements apply. Bring food, water, 10Es, skins, shovel, and beacon. Phone Cheryl at 474-3759 to get details. What are the 10Es anyway?

FEB 19 SATURDAY**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD)**

By this date, the snowpack should be deep enough for this fine tour, watch out for the creek crossing! Call Edgar Webster to register 486-7829.

FEB 19-TO-21 SAT THRU MON**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SOMEWHERE (RATING**

??) Due to reluctance of Club members to commit to organizing a trip, only two outings are scheduled for this 3-day weekend. However, here is a suggestion: Plan to SHOW & GO. Assemble at the Butler Elementary School parking lot at 8:30 AM, and be prepared for anything. Have your radio beacon, shovel, and skins and use grass roots democratic processes to decide where to go. Also if you plan to go to the backcountry and want to join other skiers, phone Tom Walsh at 969-5842. He will collect and disperse names and phone numbers.

FEB 19 SAT**SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS AND BEYOND**

(NTD+ to MOD) Welcome Rick Kirkland, a past bicycling director, to his first leadership tour to White Fir

Pass, which is not too difficult. If possible, he would like to find a suitable return leader and continue with a MOD tour, perhaps to Baker Spring. Flexibility. Skyline at 9 AM.

FEB 20 SUN

SKI TOUR: STRAWBERRY RIVER VALLEY (NTD) This loop in the Daniel's Summit area will assess the Forest Service's recent development of trails and trailheads specifically for cross country skiers. Michael Berry (583-4721) will leave tracks beyond the snowmobiles (hopefully). Suitable for Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski graduates. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:30 am. If you live outside the valley, call to arrange alternate meeting times. Remember the \$3.00 per car Forest Service fee.

FEB 20 SUN**SNOWSHOE: AMERICAN FORK LOOP (MOD) DOGS**

OK Russ Pack runs the second iteration of his American Fork Loop Adventure Series. If you haven't done the American Fork loop this year, you owe it to yourself to get this one under your belt. You will feel better for it. The dogs sure do. Call Russ (572-5653) for meeting place and time.

FEB 20 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (NTD+) For those lighter duty souls, or those who may suffer from "Canyon Anxiety" when they are out of the tri canyon area, Zig Sondelski (292-8332) offers the tasty Mineral Fork at an NTD+ pace. Butler Elementary at 9 AM. Again, we are always recruiting (shamelessly begging) for NTD leaders to expand our venues.

FEB 21 MON**SNOWSHOE: WILLOW LAKE (NTD) BEARTRAP**

FORK LOOP (MOD) Larry Nilssen (296-1716) will start a vanilla run to Willow Lake, swear in a deputy to lead the NTDs back out, and then take the remainder to N. Willow Lake, and straight up the ridge, run the ridge to "VABM 10006" (a weird name for a peak) then out Beartrap Fork. It is one of his favorites. Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

FEB 22 TUES**SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD)**

Vince DeSimone leads this informal (no black tie) group on Tuesdays. The groups flexibility has been a key to its past success. Contact Vince in cyberspace (preferred) at vincedesimone@yahoo.com; if unwired at (1-435-649-6805) to find out the day's destination and meeting place.

FEB 23 WED**CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM**

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FEB 24 TO 27 THUR THRU SUN**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: COMMISSARY RIDGE**

YURT (Advanced backcountry skiing). We will spend the long weekend at Commissary Ridge Yurt on the west side of the Tetons. The attraction is long expert runs on nearby Beard Mountain, where it is possible to ski thousands of vertical feet without stopping. Drive up Thursday evening, spend Thursday night in a yurt, ski in Friday morning and spend three nights in the yurt, then return Monday. Reserve your place by mailing a nonrefundable deposit of \$75.00 to organizer Walt Haas, 717 Ninth Avenue, Salt Lake City UT 84103. The first check to arrive gets the place on the trip. Payments arriving after the trip is full will be returned. If you have questions ask Walt at 801-534-1262 or haas@xmission.com.

FEB 25 - 29

DEATH VALLEY BIKE TRIP If you would like to escape from the wintertime chills and have a great time too, try the sixth 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 water. A visit to Scotty's Castle, Ubehebe Crater, Titus Canyon, Telescope Peak, Stovepipe Wells Sand Dunes, Badwater, and Artists Drive are on the agenda.

There will be a planning meeting on Wed., Feb 9 at 7:30 pm at Donna and Ralph Fisher's house, 7411 N. Hitching Post., Park City. Call Bob at 801-209-2392 or Fisher's at 435-649-0183 to register and get directions to their house for the planning meeting.



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FEB 26 SAT**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SNAKE CREEK CANYON (MOD)**

Dave Nardinger 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 swimsuit 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.

FEB 26 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GREENS BASIN (NTD) For those inclined to do a mellow one, pick Dave's trip. They don't get any more mellow than 4 miles round trip and 1000ft elevation gain. Besides where else can you find a destination with a nice oval meadow just perfect for lunching or writing huge words in the snow. Dave Vance will meet the group at the easy-going hour of 9:30 AM at Butler Elementary School. (444-0315)

FEB 26 SAT**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: STAN'S INTERCONNECT PART II (MOD)**

Stan deJong invites you to do Part II of Stan's Interconnect, which is a Brighton to Catherine Pass to Alta trip. (Part III will be scheduled near the end of the season). The plan is to meet at the Park and Ride at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 8:30 AM then catch UTA Bus 95 or 96 going to Brighton. You should bring lunch or you can buy some at Alta. Transportation down the canyon will be via UTA bus 95, which will drop you off nearby your car. Exact bus fare of \$1.75 is required each way. You will need the customary skins, metal edged skis, shovel, and radio beacon. (Call Stan for info 572-4157)

FEB 26 SAT

SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK (NTD) Our own dear Janet Friend (286-4102) enjoyed leading the Silver Fork so much last November without snow that she thought she would try it again WITH snow. (hopefully) Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

FEB 27 SAT**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MAYBIRD GULCH (MSD)**

Dale Woodward (435-615-8479) is organizing this trip which climbs into Maybird from Red Pine and descends through the lower part of the gulch. A crossing of Little Cottonwood Creek is then required to reach the highway. You will need all the essential backcountry equipment including an avalanche beacon, shovel, and skins. Meet Dale at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

FEB 27 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SCOTTS PASS (NTD) From the trailhead across the highway from Solitude you go 2 ½ miles and gain 1500 to reach the pass formerly known as Scott's. There are some smooth low angle slopes on which to get a few turns, before the road on which you can maintain a cruise with just a bit of poling. Nice trip. (If there is interest amongst the participants, it can be expanded to a MOD to get a few more turns.) Pete Mimmack will lead this one. Meet him at Butler School at 9:00 AM. Phone 1-801-377-2330.

FEB 27 SUNDAY**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: DESERET PEAK (MSD)**

Highest peak in the Stansbury Range, lots of good glade skiing. Long approach, early start for safety. Call George Westbrook to register 942-6071.

FEB 27 SUN**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: WILLOWS AREA (MOD)**

Instead of fighting for parking space, Steve Townsend will focus his energy on skiing. This is truly a better plan; let the UTA buses do the driving. Meet at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at or before 8:30 AM. Have your radio transceiver, rescue shovel, skins, food, water, and layers ready to go. Also bring two bus fares of \$1.75 (or tokens) for the canyon transportation. If you phone 463-9465 Steve will answer questions.

FEB 27 SUN**SNOWSHOE: MAYBE HERE, MAYBE THERE**

(MOD) Leslie Woods (266-3317) refuses to be pinned down. Just try it. She agreed to lead a MOD this day, but wants to keep the destination open. This makes sense since the snow is unpredictable. Leslie encourages peeps. Meet at Butler, 9AM with an open mind.

FEB 27 SUN**SNOWSHOE: MILL CREEK DOGGIE GAGGLE**

(NTD+) Barb Petty (486-7023) encourages a good pace, cleanup bags. These have been well received, and the people enjoy them, too. No dog necessary, of course. Skyline High School, 9 AM.

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MAR 3 THRU 5 FRI TO SUN**SKI TOUR OR SNOWSHOE: EAST FORK YURT-**

UINTAS (NTD) Tour on a world class trail system or ski the backcountry of the North Slope south of Evanston, WY. Stay in a deluxe BRORA yurt equipped with bunks, a stove, and plenty of firewood to ward off the cold. 'Working dogs' are welcome. The trip is now full, but call to start a waiting list. Michael Berry is the organizer (583-4721).

MAR 4 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS (MOD) Welcome Bob Wardell (553-2354) as a Uintas kick & glide organizer. Bob will attempt to reach the 'flats' before turning around. This trip is also approved for 'sled' & 'snow' dogs. Bring your sturdy touring skis. Skins may be helpful for the long uphill stretch. Call Bob to register and also to find out if his idea of a winter 'cook-out' is still on. Remember carpool \$ & USFS fee.

MARCH 4 SAT**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ALTA TO BIG COTTONWOOD**

(MSD) We will descend Cardiff, Mineral or Lake Blanche depending on conditions. Please bring bus fare (\$1.75 each way) and call Edgar Webster to register 486-7829.

MAR 4 SAT**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BCC to MCC by UTA (MOD)**

The ever cryptic Paul Dowler is organizing a trip from Big Cottonwood Canyon to Millcreek Canyon descending through either Soldier Fork or maybe Wilson Fork. Being an inter modal-transit kind of guy, Paul will utilize UTA buses for part of the transportation. Here is the plan: Meet at the Olympus Hills Shopping Center near the Einstein's Bagel shop at 8:00 AM. Cars will be spotted in Millcreek then carpools will be formed to go to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon and thence bus up to a trailhead. Bring 10Es, shovels, transceivers, skins, and one each bus fare of \$1.75. Call Paul at 294-5310 for additional info.

**MAR 4 SAT****SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD) TO REYNOLDS**

(MOD) Frank Bernard (533-9219) does double duty today - first leading the NTDers to Dog Lake, where a suitably mature, capable and focused individual will be selected to lead the way back out, then striking forth with abandon to tackle the summit of Reynolds. Butler Elementary, 9 AM.

MAR 5 SUN

SKI TOUR: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD) Gloria Leonard (484-1240) organizes this leisurely tour behind Solitude ski resort which is suitable for Audrey Kelly Learn-to-ski graduates. The outing will finish around noon, but bring a snack for the turn-around point. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00am.

MAR 5 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SCOTT'S HILL (MOD) Norm Pobanz (266-3703) has hit on a variation of Scott's pass: start to Scott's Pass, then attain the ridge, ridge run to Scott's Hill, and then loop back. High elevation means good snow, good view, good deal. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

MAR 7 TUES

SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD) Vince DeSimone leads the Tuesday Group. Contact Vince in cyberspace (preferred) at vincedesimone@yahoo.com; if unwired at (435-649-6805) to find out the day's destination and meeting place.

MAR 8 WED

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MAR 8 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT - 6:30PM Join LeeAnn Born & Emily Rosten for dinner at Yanni's Greek Express (2761 S. HIGHLAND Dr @466-6525). Yanni's has good, inexpensive Greek cuisine. Everyone can order what they like; maybe we will share some appetizers and desserts. Expect to spend about \$5-7 for dinner. RSVP to Emily (532-8787) so she knows how many people to expect. Please bring cash or personal check rather than a credit card.

MAR 11 SAT

SKI TOUR: WILLOW HOLLOW- LITTLE SOUTH FORK LOOP(MOD)

Mike Berry (583-4721) and Dave Nardinger will guide you on this 8 to 10 mile (2,000 foot) warm-up for the Uintas traverse and King's Peak tours scheduled later in the month. Call Mike to register and discuss ski equipment choices.

MAR 11 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SILVER FORK (NTD) Mary Ann Losee always organizes trips that are fun but which don't kill you with exertion. This morning's NTD outing will be on the Silver Fork route, going until the group feels ready to call it a day. Meet at Butler Elementary at 7000S & 2700E at the hour of 9:00 AM. Light touring skis are OK. To inquire call 278-2423.

MAR 11 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LITTLE TO BIG CROSSOVER (MOD+)

The plan here is to start at Alta, ascend, pick a safe route via Cardiff or Grizzly Gulch, work to the top of Silver Fork, then ski down. The plan includes plenty of time to taper off from the exhilaration of a day-o-backcountry at the Silver Fork Lodge. Organizer Rick Schmitz will meet you at 8:45 AM at Butler Elementary School (7000 South & 2700 East). Usual backcountry equipment rules apply. (Phone 944-8399)

MAR 11 SAT

SOCIAL: SING-A-LONG - 7PM For a session of folk singing, come to Frank Bernard's home at 417 N Center St on Capitol Hill (about 130 W 400 N). Take your voice and/or guitar along with you. Bring your own beverages and snacks. Requirement: 100% audience participation and enthusiastic attitude! If questions, give Frank a call at 533-9219)

MAR 11 SAT

SNOWSHOE: MALAN PEAK (OGDEN) (MOD) (DOGS & PACKABLE KIDS) Brian Barkey (801-394-6047) wants to do Malan Peak at a MOD pace while carrying Matthew. (He can do this, believe me) If you have a dog or a Matthew, or neither, feel free to show up at this out-of-tri canyon tour. Call Brian for place and show time.

MAR 11 SAT

SNOWSHOE: GRIZZLY GULCH (MOD-)

Cassie Badowski (278-5173) wants to do Grizzly Gulch, one of our most spectacular (Superior to the west, Devil's Castle to the south, Wolverine cirques to the southeast) at a MOD pace. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

MAR 12 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: HOYT PEAK VIA SWIFTS

CANYON(MSD) Ski the spectacular 10,228 foot backdrop for

Oakley and Marion at the north end of Kamas Valley. The 14 miles round trip and 3,500 foot vertical feet to the summit will be mostly on trail. Avalanche beacons/shovels are required. Call Steve Pritchett (523-9243) to register for this memorable day and discuss details, including the meeting place and time. Bring carpool \$, high-energy foods, water, and a full pack for this all day adventure.

MAR 12 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BEARTRAP FORK (MOD)

The very long and wide slopes of Beartrap provide all the room you need for a day of skiing without too much risk of having to cross another track. That's why we like it. The Chris Proctor version will go up Beartrap, ski the slopes, then exit via a westerly route to Power Park and out Mill D North Fork. Assemble at Butler School at 8:30 AM with all the beacons, skins, shovels and backcountry gear you need. Phone Chris at 485-1543 for further information.

MAR 12 SUN

SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE (MOD) Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) has finally cleared his work desk and returned to complete his annual tour to White Pine lake. Dr. Abdallah says "Enough of this carbon fiber engineering mental stuff - lets get physical: bring on some snow, ice and cold!" Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

MAR 14 TUES

SOCIAL: FIRST-RUN MOVIE NIGHT - 6PM Singles and everyone are welcome to meet Craig (487-2077) at the Desert Edge Brew Pub in Trolley Square followed by a first-run movie at one of the Trolley Square Cinemas.

MAR 15 WED

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MAR 16 THU

SKI TOUR: DOGGIE TOUR (NTD) Sheeba invites her canine friends Trek, Bubba, and Archie to join her in a Millcreek Canyon bark-a-rama. The more the merrier says Sheeba, so bring Fido, Spot, Fifi and Bowser too. Bring any dog you want as long as they are controllable. You need a leash in the parking lot. "Bag and Carry" rules are in effect for the humans. Humans will want to have touring skis, or metal edged skis and skins. Meet at 6:00 PM west of the bagel shop in the Olympus Hills Shopping Center. Call Cheryl Krusko for information. 474-3759)

MAR 17 FRI

SOCIAL: ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY! Want to claim Irish power for a day? Come celebrate with the leprechauns, shamrocks and make those Irish eyes smile! Look for details on this fun event in March Rambler.

MAR 18 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CO-OP CREEK TO SMITH-MOREHOUSE (UINTAS) 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 upper 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, high energy food, a head lamp, and lots

of fluids for this classic traverse.

MAR 18 SAT

SNOWSHOE: BEARTRAP FORK (MOD) Gretchen Siegler, Details in March

MAR 18 SAT

SNOWSHOE: BOUNTIFUL PEAK (MSD) . This tour needs good snow, into the lower elevations to work. Leader Burt Balzar (453-0858) says "You can schedule it if you tell everyone not to come." On the map, its one mile up, five miles in. In reality, the vertical gains, then descends, then gains more. The horizontal meanders. Brave souls wail. Lesser souls gnash their teeth and rend their gore-tex. Need we say more? If snow is perfect, plan on meeting at Albertson's parking lot, SE corner, Parrish Lane, straight off I 15 exit 322 at 8 AM.

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MARCH 25 - KINGS PEAK SKI TOUR (MSD)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN - Start your waxing! The last Saturday in March is the big event of the ski season. The Kings Peak ski tour, hosted for the 25th (or so) year by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 24th) at the Henry's Fork Snow-Parking area and get under way very early on Saturday morning. We meet for car pooling at the K-Mart parking area on Parleys Way about 5:30 PM and leave for Evanston and the old standby, Lotty's Café, at 6:00 PM. Avalanche transceivers, shovels, and registration are not required. Headlamps are mandatory (double check that they work). Lots of water (2-3 liters) and protection from

facing directly into the sun for most of the day are also important. Standard backcountry touring gear is best but every possible combination has been used in the past. Climbing skins are often handy but not essential. We generally leave the skis at Gunsight Pass and climb the peak on foot so Vibram-type soles on your boots are usually helpful if the snow is hard. Snowshoers are welcome.

It will be a long day; usually ending after dark, but it's not at all necessary to climb the peak to enjoy the ski touring in this lovely, gentle drainage. Normally, at least half the participants turn around short of the peak. Elkhorn crossing is a good scenic NTD destination used by many and Gunsight Pass, 5 miles farther, is MOD and gives wonderful views. The summit is MSD chiefly because of the length and the climb at the end. We carry out ALL waste paper so plan for it. For additional information call Steve at 272-5750 or Larry at 583-4043.

MAR 25 SAT

SNOWSHOE: THOMAS FORK (MOD) Allen Olsen and Ilka Allers-Olsen. Details in March

MAR 29 WED

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COMING ATTRACTIONS:

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY

SKI BACKCOUNTRY FREE-HEEL FRIDAY or E-SKI (MOD) Steve Pritchett proposes the following excellent deal: Join a group of free-heel enthusiasts every other Friday for a backcountry ski outing. The destination will change each time and will range from the Uintas, Red Pine Canyon, Willows Area, etc. A typical outing will require metal edged skis and skins. To subscribe send your Email address to Steve.Pritchett@fairchildsemi.com or phone 523-9243

APRIL 2000

ROAD BIKE: TBD (NTD)

Bill Habel would like to know how much interest there would be in road rides at an easy (about 10 mph) pace. If interested give him some feedback at 486-2567.

WMC Marketplace

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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 WMC.

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NOV 18 TO DEC 3, 2000

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Contact VinceDeSimone@yahoo.com or 435-649-6805 to express interest. Those who participated in the planning for the May trip will be given preference in signing up. Cost \$2500. Details in the next RAMBLER.

MARCH 23 THRU 26, 2001

HIKE: GRAND CANYON PHANTOM RANCH (MSD)

Our first planning meeting is scheduled in the fall of 2000. Be on the lookout for "traction enhancers" for your boots in case we encounter snow/ice on the trails. Contact Zig Sondelski (292-8332).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brad Yates

Congratulations to Leslie Woods as this year's recipient of the Pa Perry Award for outstanding contributions to the Wasatch Mountain Club, and Gale Dick, recipient of the Alexis Kelner Conservation Award for helping to protect Utah's remaining wild lands. Leslie has served the club in many capacities, including being entertainment director, trustee, nominations chair, ski touring committee member, and over the years has led many hikes, ski tours and snowshoe trips. She is presently up for election for a second four year term as a trustee.

Gale is currently President of Save Our Canyons, being one of the original founders along with Alexis Kelner. He has spent many years striving to protect the Wasatch Mountains in Salt Lake City's backyard, working hard on such issues as ski resort expansion, heliskiing, watershed protection and wilderness designation.

I would like to thank those individuals who have volunteered to run for board positions. We still need a boating director though. This year we are experimenting with absentee ballots for board elections, though we would much rather have folks show up at the February 16 General Membership meeting for the election. Hope to see you all there.

Trip Talks

Steam Mill Yurt Trip--Logan, UT

January 7-10, 2000

By Carol Ann Langford

This trip was an introduction to the back country and its moods for all the participants, particularly for the two novices (Carol Ann Langford and Dudley McIlhenny) who had never before spent a winter night in a yurt. When we left the trail head on Friday morning the weather forecast was relatively benign. We donned our skis/snowshoes about 10:30 and set out to climb/skin in with full loads and high expectations of spending all day Saturday exploring and playing on the nearby slopes. With the able assistance of trip leader Chris Winter, along with the help of his son David (the pack animal) and the navigational skill of Carrie Clark, we all arrived safely at the yurt in mid-afternoon when the sky began to cloud up.

The yurt itself was more comfortable than we anticipated and we settled in for a pleasant dinner and conversation. Unfortunately the talking soon was dwarfed by the lugubrious roar of the wind and we turned in early. Saturday found us in blizzard conditions (white-out) which lasted through Sunday, preventing us from leaving on schedule. David's cell phone was declared the device of the year as he relayed messages to various offices regarding our revised return timetable.

Fortunately we had more than enough extra food, allowing us to relax and lay around by the cozy fire while the wind howled. We set out early on Monday morning even though it was still blowing and snowing and returned safely to the trail head by noon. The biggest challenge then was to dig out our snowed-in vehicles to get to the road. Despite what the news reports said about the weather that weekend, a great time was had by all. Our survival skills certainly were sharpened!

Thanks to the teamwork on this trip, a potential catastrophe turned into a successful outing. Dudley kept us fed throughout the unexpected extra day with his bottomless supply of hot soup; Carol Ann kept up our spirits with her singing and

joking during our endless hours of claustrophobic "captivity"; David cheerfully carried heavy items from others' packs (including extra skis and boots!) when the traveler's became exhausted; Chris provided calm and consistent leadership; Carrie taught the gang how to use the porta-pottie efficiently and how to play "sets" to keep our minds off the blizzard outside. We are all grateful to have returned safely, even if it was a day late, and not to have been among the many who had to be rescued by back country patrols that weekend.

Lessons learned by the two neophytes:

1. For winter camping, the ability to use the groover without actually touching the seat is a skill worth acquiring.
2. This skill is more easily mastered by females.

3. In the back country, it is helpful to have one person under 35 for each person over 55.
4. Singing old camp songs loudly can drown out the most lugubrious wind sounds.
5. The pack/gear combination that seems just right in the summer somehow is considerably more heavy in the snow.
6. Starting the third night spent in the snow, the distance to the groover can be reduced by half.
7. The leadership of Chris and Carrie can turn bad weather into a good time.

Editor's Note: Trip talks on any WMC trip are welcome and may be submitted to wmc@xmission.com, by mail, or by hand to the WMC office.



Steam Mill Yurt - Logan
Jan 7 -10, 2000
Carrie Clark, Dudley McIlhenny

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 _____ Reinstatement ☐ Couple _____
 _____ Student (30 years or younger)

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

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

Activity Section

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

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

I found out about the WMC from _____

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

Leave Blank—For Office Use Only

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

Board approval date _____

Please Complete Both Sides

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 1999-2000

President and Directors

President	521-4185	Brad Yates	bnyslc@earthlink.net
Vice President	969-5842	Tom Walsh	cletejac2@cs.com
Secretary	444-0315	Leslie Whited-Vance	dvlv@softcom.net
Treasurer	272-8059	Kathy McKay	kathy@aros.net
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Hiking Director	649-9008	Cheryl Soshnik	csoshnik@uswest.net
Boating Director	292-8332	Vera Sondelsk	Zig@xmission.com
Conservation Dir.	521-8554	Susan Sweigert	
Entertainment Co-Dirs.	255-4713	Carol Ann Langford	
	968-1252	Martin Clemans.	
Lodge Co-Directors	943-1871	Linda Kosky	lkosky@uswest.net
	523-0790	Bill Hughes	
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	534-1262	Walt Haas	haas@xmission.com
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Bicycling Dir.	250-3882	Tim MacDonald	tim333@networld.com
Information Dir.	776-9206	Alan Brennan	

TRUSTEES

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

COORDINATORS

BOATING

Canoeing	255-4336	Eileen Gidley
Kayaking		open
Sailing	435-649-6805	Vince DeSimone
Rafting		open
Boating Equ.	733-7740	Dudley McIlhenny
	273-0315	Bret Mathews
Boating Instr.		open
River Issues	486-1476	Allan Gavere

LODGE

Lodge Use	278-2535	Julie Mason
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WINTER SPORTS

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

ENTERTAINMENT

In-Line Skating	486-7829	Dave Vance
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INFORMATION

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Webmaster	571-7684	Mike Dege (mdege@novell.com)

PUBLICATIONS

Commercial Adv.	583-1678	Jaelene V. Myrup
Rambler Mailing	364-4544	Chris Venizelos
Activities	537-7969	Rob Merritt

CONSERVATION

Trails Issues	364-5729	Chris Biltott
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HISTORIAN

Historian	Mike Treshow
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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"



Wasatch Mountain Club 2000 – 2001 Governing Board

Mail-In Ballot

(For those not attending the General Membership Meeting 2/16/2000)

The slate of candidates is listed below. Nominations for board positions were closed on January 22, 2000 at the nominations banquet. If you are voting by mail, sign your name and submit this entire page to:

2000-2001 Elections
Wasatch Mountain Club
1390 South 1100 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84105

All ballots must be RECEIVED in the WMC office PRIOR to the general membership meeting on February 16, 2000.

VOTE	POSITION	CANDIDATE
	President	Brad Yates
	Secretary	Cindy McCormack
	Treasurer	Kathy McKay
	Membership Director	Carol Coulter
	Hiking Director	David Trask
	Boating Directors	Zig Sondelski and Craig McCarthy
	Conservation Director	John Veranth
	Entertainment Director	Carol Ann Langford
	Lodge Director	Rob Merritt
	Mountaineering Directors	Curtis Turner and Walt Haas
	Publications Director	Jeanette Buenger
	Winter Sports Director	Michael Berry
	Bicycling Director	Tim MacDonald
	Information Director	Pamela Hale
	Trustee 2000 – 2004	Leslie Woods

I am a current member of the Wasatch Mountain Club. I am submitting my official ballot for Governing Board 2000 –2001 by mail. If I do attend the general membership meeting and election on February 16, 2000, I am not eligible to vote again at the meeting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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