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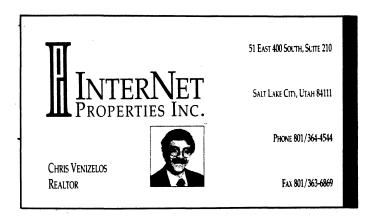
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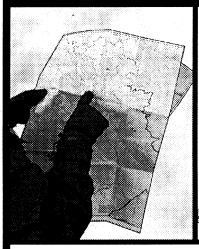
WMC Purpose

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities: to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; and to foster awareness of our natural areas including their plants, animal and bird life.



Cover Photo: Escalante Family Car Camp, Calf Creek Fall. L-R: Kristen Keefe, Curtis Turner (back), Herb Hayashi, Victoria Saldana, Carol Anderson (kneeling), Steve Clawson, Stuart Hayashi.







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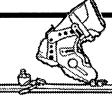
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Bulletin Board

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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.

BOATING REQUIRES A LEADER

Vera has done a great job as Boating Director over the past years. She has led the boating group to new boats and a greatly increased quantity of trips. Now she is unable (not unwilling) to continue in this post. WE NEED A LEADER. There are a number of people who have helped Vera over the past year and will continue in their positions. The Boating Director supplies the leadership and overall coordination and we worker bees do the rest. So--- Come on and volunteer for this position.

MOST IMPORTANT BOATING EVENT OF YEAR Permit Party. Join us Thursday Dec. 9 to ensure a great year 2000 boating season. See details in "Activity Schedule"

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

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.



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4516 South 700 East • Suite 360 Salt Lake City, Utah 84107 Nominations are open for the 2000-2001 governing Board. All but three positions have volunteers running for them. The emphasis is on volunteer, this is a volunteer organization and we need people to step forward and help out, we presently need people to run for Boating, Lodge and Winters Sports Directors. But all positions are still open for other candidates. This will be my 5th term on the board and believe it or not, it's rather fun. If you are interested in running for any of these positions contact Leslie Woods, nominations chair 266-3317, Craig McCarthy 424-2376. Kyle Williams 886-0159 or myself, Brad Yates 521-4185

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2 0 0 0 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & BALL

Saturday - January 22, 2000 6:00pm - Midnight

DOUBLETREE HOTEL BALLROOM 255 S. West Temple (FREE parking!)

DiningCash Bar

- * Recognition Awards
- **Solution** Board Nominations
- Dancing to music of Tony Summerhays

Enjoy this lst social of the millennium dining & dancing with your friends!

Semi-formal attire is requested ~~ Your non-WMC friends are welcome to attend

COST: \$24/person in advance

Advance registration: Please clip and mail the coupon below with payment by January 16th. Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club. Questions?? Call Carol Ann (255-4713) or Martin Clemans (968.1252). Mail to:

Carol Ann Langford WMC Entertainment Director 6897 Country Woods Circle #G Midvale, UT 84047

CLIP & MAIL Registration for WMC 2000 Awards Banquet & Ball

Your name	No. of attendees	
Name of guest(s)		
Entree preference: -	Marinated London Broil with garlic au jus Stuffed Grilled Chicken Breast with wild mushrooms Vegetarian (stuffed portebella mushrm with Swisschard/spaghetti squash & roasted tomato sauce)	

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

JAN 1 SAT

SNOWSHOE: CHAMPAGNE ON MT MILLICENT: Y2K (MOD-) What a great way to toast the new Millennium! (Or celebrate the end of civilization, as we know it, if the Y2K bug eats everything) Larry Nilssen (296-1716) plans to run up to Twin Lakes dam, and summit Mt Millicent, to the magnificent view up there. Bring a flute to fill with your favorite bubbly. If you have a drinking problem, bring a trombone! Bring Beethoven (on a headset, naturally) This is not an easy ascent. Butler at 10AM.

JAN 2 SUN

SNOWSHOE: BROADS FORK (NTD+) Holly Smith (272-5358) organizes this day-after-the-end-of-civilization trip. If civilization has ended, please call first. (How? - I haven't the foggiest) Otherwise, be prepared for an enjoyable scenic tour with Holly, great company. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

JAN 2 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: WILLOWS AREA (MOD)

Organizer Steve Townsend is not going to be caught utilizing inefficient single passenger vehicle use in the new Millenium. Park at Lot 4 just west of Wasatch Blvd and Fort Union Blvd. Then meet at the Big Cottonwood Park and Ride bus stop no later than 8:30 am Note that you must

be ready to go not later than 8:30 am, because the UTA bus will not wait for you to put mole skin on your heels. Have your transceiver, shovel and skins ready for a day of backcountry skiing around the Willows area. (463-9465)

JAN 2 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MSD)

The free ranging Allen Gavere knows the ski slopes like the back of his hand. His choice of slope today will be one that is adventurous and rewarding. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 0900 hours. Bring your skins, transceiver, and shovel, food, water, and 10E gear. Call Allen at 486-1476 to check conditions and register.

JAN 2 SUN

SKI TOUR AUDREY KELLY LEARN TO SKI CLINIC (EL)

That white slippery stuff intimidate you? Feel like you might have a learning disorder when it comes to skiing? A cure for these problems is to sign up for the Audrey Kelly Learn to Ski Clinic. It is intended to provide lessons and a learning environment so a student can acquire some skill and comfort with cross country skiing. The plan is to group an experienced skier with 2 to 4 students for some personal instruction and coaching. We will practice on a smooth location in one of the Cottonwood Canyons. If you do not own your own equipment, you need to plan to rent your gear. Bear in mind that demand for rental equipment is high during the Holidays. Volunteers are needed to help teach. To register or discuss equipment & transportation, phone Mike Berry at 583-4721 or Tom Walsh at 969-5842.

JAN 4 TUES

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

JAN 5 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.

JAN 6 THUR

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.

JAN 7 TO 9 FRI THRU SUN

STEAM MILL YURT (MOD) As of the publication deadline of Dec 15, 1999 for this Rambler, there was room on this yurt trip. Call Tom Walsh at 969-5842 to check out a last minute sign up.

JAN 7 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

JAN 8 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GREENS BASIN (NTD) Here is one that won't kill you; er, I mean; here is an outing that won't utterly exhaust you. Greens Basin is about 4 miles round trip with about 1000 feet of elevation gain. Martin

McGregor will preside. Meet at Butler Elementary School (2700 E 7000 S) at 9:00 am. Metal edged skis are advisable. (967-9860)

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JAN 8 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TOMS HILL (MOD) Everybodys favorite – both the slope and the organizer. Meet Jane Webster at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. For this most excellent backcountry tele-party bring your shovel, 10 E's, transceiver, and skins. Questions? Call Jane at 583-0703.

JAN 8 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (NTD) This kick and glide tour provides access to miles of touring in the upper Provo, however, Martin Clemans (968-1252) will turn around near the old yurt location (3 mi.). Martin approves the use of sturdy touring or light metal edged skis. No avalanche beacons needed. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way at 8:30 am. Bring \$3.00 per car for the Forest Service toll booth.

JAN 8 SAT

SNOWSHOE: POWDER PARK (MOD) Cassie Badowski (278-5153) is back! We greatly missed Cassie, and welcome her back to a tour organizer role - it is just great that her first outing will be to (one of) her favorite haunts - Powder Park. For new members, Powder Park is not on the map as such, but is a showshoe friendly (great views, pine and aspen) area north-west of Desolation Lake. All is right with the world. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

JAN 9 SUN

SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD) Our angel of mercy, Patty O'Keefe (973-7984) extends a kinder, gentler alternative to refugees from the Willow Lake "Death March," - a leisurely tour to "Dog Lake." Having secured the location of "Dog Lake" last year, (or at least having delegated that task to the alternate organizer, when she became temporarily unavailable) Patty is eager to return! For the first time. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

JAN 9 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, 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.

JAN 9 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MILL D TO MILL CREEK (MOD)
This might revert to an Organizers Choice, but Kyle's current plan
is to ski up Mill D North Fork, go over Little Water (maybe Big

Water) and thence ski to Mill Creek Canyon. With luck and good snow fallage, Kyle will do Soldier Fork. Mandatory gear includes the 10E's, skins, shovel, and transceiver. (Call Kyle @ 486-2261 to register)

JAN 9 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: PFEIFFERHORN (SKI-MTN)

Pfeifferhorn is a different world in the winter - stark, steep, and exciting. You need skills to even think about this Ski Mountaineering trip of 10 round trip miles and 3700 feet of elevation gain. Email Walt Haas at haas@xmission.com for details, equipment, time, meeting place, etc. By phone Walt can be reached at 534-1262.

JAN 9 SUN

SKI TOUR: SHINGLE CREEK (NTD) Jerry Hatch (583-8047) leads this classic tour in the Uintas. Sturdy touring skis are needed, and climbing skins are suggested. Bring your thermals and adequate liquids to really enjoy this one in comfort. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:45 am. If you live outside the valley, call to arrange alternate meeting times. Remember the \$3.00 per car Forest Service fee.

JAN 9 SUN

SNOWSHOE: S WILLOW LAKE (MOD+) Kathy Hunn hosts this legendary, tho often cancelled, classic again. 4 mi each way, 2500' elevation change from the ranger station to the lake. Meet at Home Depot (328W 2100S), SW area of the parking lot at 9AM sharp to carpool - 4wd vehicles necessary to attain the trailhead. Meet Cathy at the (unmissable) Maverick Station, at Stansbury Park, @9:30 - take I80 to exit 99. Call 1- 435-882-6529. beforehand, as ice may prevent reaching the trailhead, or the snow may be problematic.

JAN 11 TUES

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JAN 11 TUES

SOCIAL: FIRST-RUN MOVIE NIGHT Singles and everyone are welcome to meet Craig (487-2077) at 6PM at Mr. Z's Cucina Italiana for dinner (111 E 300 S) followed by a first-run movie at the Broadway Cinemas next door. Co-listed with Sierra Club.

JAN 12 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM - BEGINNERS WELCOME! 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. If you've never been to a gym before, WMC members will be on hand to help you out. Call Kristen Keefe (484-8729) if you have questions.

JAN 12 WED

ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT Join LeeAnn Born and Emily Rosten at 6:30 PM for dinner at Cafe Madrid, 2080 E 3900 S, 273-0837. We will share a variety of tapas, appetizer sized portions of Spanish favorites (examples include: shrimp sautéed in olive oil w/ hot peppers & garlic, salads, olives, roasted red peppers, Spanish meats & cheeses, wild mushrooms sautéed w/ garlic in olive oil etc.) Plan on spending about \$20 for a wonderful dinner + wine. RSVP to Emily (532-8787) at least 24 hrs in advance to advise restaurant. Please bring cash or a personal check rather than a credit card.

JAN 13 THUR

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.

JAN 13 TO 17 THURS THRU MON

SKI BACKCOUNTRY COMMISSARY RIDGE YURT. (Advanced back country skiing) Sorry, the trip is filled up. You have to move fast and get your deposit in early. If you snooz, you loose!

JAN 14 FRI

CLIMBING – ADVANCED SKILLS CLASS/PARTY #4 When bad things happen to good climbers. This is the fourth of a monthly series of parties/classes we're holding through the winter, working on various advanced skills they don't teach in the gym. This month we will explore a few more techniques out of Chockstone's "Self-Rescue" book. Bring your harness, belay device, slings, cordelette, food, drinks, etc. Location to be announced. Any volunteers?

JAN 15 SAT

SNOWSHOE: NORTH OGDEN PASS CLIMBOUT: LEFT CHILLY PEAK OR RIGHT: LEWIS PEAK (MOD +) Sick and tired of being warm, dry, and comfortable? This is it: the event no one in their right mind is waiting for (and very few show up for)! The fourth annual North Ogden Pass climbout: straight up the canyon side, and ridge run towards Chilly Peak or Lewis

Peak, whichever has best snow. Great views. High Wind. 3 Moose. (last year) Cold. Brrrrrr. Larry Nilssen (296-1716) meet at NW corner, Super Target parking lot, I-15 exit 322 at 9AM.

JAN 15 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BEARTRAP FORK (MOD)

Seven round trip miles and 2400 feet of elevation gain is the price you pay to ski Beartrap. However Beartrap pays you with great slopes, and good runs. Larry Stewart, the organizer, requires skins, beacons, shovels, plus the usual food, water, and 10E's. Meet at Butler Elementary school at 9:00 am. (944-0213)

JAN 15 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORTH FORK OF THE PROVO (NTD)

This tour is so good Howard Barlow (328-4701) will follow Martin's tracks from one week ago and diagonal stride for about 3 miles in. Will new snow have fallen, requiring trail breaking? Come and help out today! Martin approves the use of sturdy touring or light metal edged skis. No avalanche beacons needed. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way at 9:00 am. Bring carpool money (6-\$8 per person) and Mirror Lake Highway parking change (\$3 per car).

JAN 15 SAT

SNOWSHOE: MILL D-DESO LAKE - BEARTRAP

(MOD) One of Norm Pobanz' favorite, this 6.3 mile (total) tour avoids the challenging climb of Beartrap while giving rewarding views of Desolation Lake and the fun descent out of Beartrap. Is it alchemy? Is it Bull----t? Find out. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

JAN16 SUN

SKI TOUR: GREENS BASIN (NTD) Bee Lufkin and Peter Hanson are organizing this scenic 4 mile round trip (583-8249) up the switchbacks into "the Basin". Meet them at Butler Elementary School at 9:30am. The leaders prefer you bring skins, but going with 'fishscales' is ok if you are a proficient skier.

JAN 16 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MILL CREEK (NTD) DOGS OK

Snickers, the Border Collie and owner Barb Petty (486-7023) return to Mill Creek Canyon somewhere (depending on snow) for another K9 adventure/socializing experience. These have proven popular, even for those among us who are dog disadvantaged. Bringing a dog? Be sure to bring a bag. Skyline High at 9AM.

JAN 16 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MILL CREEK (NTD) PACKABLE KIDS OK Ken Engstrom (486-0442) would like to invite

those who have small, packable kids to join him and his son (three teeth already!) on a leisurely snowshoe into a suitable area of Mill Creek. Kids not required, if you would like to just snowshoe a true NTD. Good deal!. Skyline High at 10AM.

JAN 16 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: OGDEN AREA HILLS (MOD) Tour the Ogden area hills with Brian and Geri Barkey (801-394-6047) Explore the backcountry WITHOUT hundreds of your best friends! No crowds, no helicopters, and no tracked out slopes. The excellent skiing up in northern Utah is unknown to the folks who have limited their sights to the tri-canyon area. Please call Brian or Geri to get specifics and the meeting place. Well behaved dogs allowed on this tour. Naturally beacons, skins, and shovels are required.

JAN 16 SUN

ICE SKATING ORGANIZERS CHOICE (NTD) In our continuing quest for something new under the sun, we have implemented Sunday afternoon ice skating. We are planning to use one of the big community rinks such as the ones at Cottonwood Recreation Center or Murray Park. Call Pamela Hale (652-6200) for details on the place and time. Skates will be available to rent. There will be a nominal charge for the rink, but on the other hand you won't need an expensive down filled parka.

JAN 16 SUNDAY

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BROADS FORK TWINS (SKI MTN)

Join George Westbrook to climb the highest peak above the Salt Lake valley. Big vertical, lots of skiing. Early start for safety. Please call George to register 942-6071.

JAN 19 WED

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JAN 22 SAT

SNOWSHOE: MILL D TO LITTLE WATER VIA BIG WATER (MOD) Biking Director Tim MacDonald (250-3882) will ask the same two questions posed by many who have looked at Little Water while standing on Big Water: Why is Big Water lower than Little Water? Why do we have to go all the way over there when we worked so hard to get over here? What does water have to do with it at all? (whoops, thats three!) Butler Elementary, 9AM.

JAN 22 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: DAYS FORK TO THE SECOND MEADOW (NTD) Dave and Susan Rabinger are doing a couples thing, skiing up Days Fork. If conditions are good and energy is high, perhaps they will go to the second meadow. Single people are welcome also, in spite of uncoupleness. Meet the Rabingers at Butler Elementary school (2700 south & Fort Union Blvd). Be ready to go at 9:00 am. Bring food, water (or hot chocolate), metal edged skis with traction scales at a minimum, or skins. (964-8190)

JAN 22 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: STAN'S INTERCONNECST (MOD) Stan deJong invites to do Part I of Stan's Interconnect; Part II will be next month. 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 which will go to Alta. The ski plan is to go up Grizzley Gulch to Twin Lakes Pass and down to Brighton. You should bring lunch or you can buy some at Brighton. Transportation down the canyon will be via UTA bus 95, which will drop you off at nearby your car. Exact bus fare of \$12.75 is required for each way. You will need the customary skins, metal edged skis, shovel, and radio beacon. (Call Stan for info 572-4157)

JAN 22 SAT

SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & BALL **DOUBLETREE HOTEL 6PM** Welcome to the Club's first social event of the new millennium! In the heart of SLC find your way to the Doubletree Hotel Ballroom (255 S. West Temple FREE parking!). Recognition Awards ('99 outstanding contributions by WMC members) along with Board Nominations (2000/2001). Make this a special evening with semi-formal attire and dance to the exciting music of TONY SUMMERHAYS (a whirl of energy who provides both music for dancing and entertainment...guitar, trumpet, keyboard [full band sound]!). Cost: \$24/person paid in advance to Carol Ann Langford by January 16th made payable to WMC. See Reservation information in front of this Rambler issue. Be sure to attend this millennium gala event!! Questions: Carol Ann Langford (255-4713) or Martin Clemans (968-1252).

JAN 23 SUN

SKI TOUR: LITTLE EMIGRATION CANYON (MOD) Tour past Little Dell Reservoir, Affleck Park, and Mormon Flat via Big Mountain Pass on a 14.5 mile (1,320 ft. elevation gain) ski. General touring or light, metal-edged skis are recommended. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:15 am. Park City folks please call ahead for details. Michael Berry organizes this car shuttle trip (583-4721).

JAN 23 SUN

SKI TOUR: BOULDER CREEK (NTD+) This tour is a classic Uintas outing along the Norway Flats Road. Dave Nardinger (582-0881) plans to the vicinity of the TUNA yurt overlooking Boulder Creek and excellent skiing terrain. Dave approves the use of general touring skis, but skins may be helpful for the climbs. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:30 am. Remember carpool & USFS dollars.

JAN 23 SUN

SNOWSHOE: UPPER RED PINE LAKE (MOD+) Mohammad Abdallah has added an interesting twist to Red Pine Lake, an extra 0.39 miles and 400' el to the upper lake. This has not been scheduled recently. Cardiovascularly challenged need not apply. Butler Elementary, 9 AM.

JAN 23 SUN

SNOWSHOE: CARDIFF FORK TO THE MINE (NTD+) Adrienne Boudreaux (278-9894) enjoys her morning coffee, followed by leisurely climb to the Cardiff Mine. (or at least in that general direction) After all, this is supposed to be enjoyable and civilized, right? Join Adrienne at the civilized hour of 10 AM at Butler Elementary.

JAN 23 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GREENS BASIN FROM THE SPRUCES (NTD) It's hard to get too much of Greens Basin – either summer and winter it's a great destination for a short outing of 4 miles round trip and 1000 feet of elevation. Bob Cady is organizing the trip. Meet him at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary with your metal edged skis equipped with traction groves or skins. Don't worry about that P-trap of a dip near the trailhead. It's easy to walk it. Details? Phone 274-0250

JAN 23 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: EXPLORATORY TRIP TO FARMINGTON CANYON (MOD) Brian 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.

JAN 23 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MOUNT RAYMOND VIA BUTLER FORK (**SKI-MTN**) You have to call to register for this one – you will need to be strong, skilled, and daring. There will be an

early departure. You will need skins, rescue shovel, transceiver, and an ice ax for the knife edge summit ridge. Don't forget the 10E's and a bit of carpool money. Depending on the group size and desire, we could make this trip a loop by visiting the west slope of Gobblers Knob and ski down into Millcreek Canyon with an prearranged shuttle. (Phone Eric Rieux at 461-0970)

JAN 23 SUNDAY

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BOX ELDER PEAK (SKI MTN) Join George Westbrook to climb this beautiful peak above Alpine. Big vertical, lots of skiing. Early start for safety. Please call George to register 942-6071.

JAN 25 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.

JAN 26 WED

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JAN 27 THUR

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.

JAN 29 SAT

SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON (NTD) Uli Hegewald (582-3502) is organizing this trip which features a route 24 feet wide. The length and elevation gain of today's outing will depend on snow conditions. Uli says skins will be useful before reaching the yet to be determined turn-around point. Meet at the Skyline High School parking lot at 9:15 am.

JAN 29 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MAYBIRD GULCH (MSD) Peter Hanson (583-8249) is organizing this trip which climbs into Maybird from Red Pine and descends thru 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. Call Peter for details and to register.

JAN 29 SAT

SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (MOD-) Shawn Bodine (553-0153) Will get to the mine today - about three miles one way, with close to 2000' elevation change. A nice walk in a wide, spectacular canyon, but don't drink the water. Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

JAN 29 SAT

SNOWSHOE: BOWMANS FORK (NTD+) DOGS OK Is snowshoeing going to the dogs? Vickie Ashby (583-3634) and Abby (no phone, but beautiful blue eyes) lead this tour up Bowman's Fork. Dogs not mandatory, but control of them is. Please, no K9 sociopaths. And really, if you just want a less ambitious outing, come without a dog. This is becoming increasingly popular. Skyline High at 9:30 AM.

JAN 29 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GREENS BASIN FROM THE SPRUCES (NTD) The meadow at the end of the Greens Basin has some gentle slopes with aspen spaced widely enough for a less experienced skier to do a few telemark turns. Dallas Chopping is organizing this trip and plans to do a turn or two. For details call him at 292-6298. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 2700 East and 7000 south at 9:00 am. Bring metal edged skis.

JAN 29 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: WILLOW AND POST CARD (MOD) Pat McEwen has some great ideas for an excellent backcountry outing. His plan is to ski the area adjacent to Willow, drift north the Post Card, then consider skiing Monitor. If a snow pit shows Monitor to be safe, he will toss that one in too. Bring your usual radio transceiver, rescue shovel and skins. Be prepared for an all day outing by bringing plenty of water, food, and clothing. Pat will meet you at Butler Elementary School (7000 South and 2700 East) at 9:00 am. For details phone him at 571-5033.

JAN 30 SUN

SNOWSHOE: AMERICAN FORK (MOD) DOGS OK Russ Pack (572-5653) kicks off his inaugural American Fork season. This can be a physical challenge for both man and beast. If you've never toured American Fork, Russ is a great guide. But he doesn't accept American Express. Call for meeting place and time.

JAN 30 SUN

SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS (NTD) FROM

SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS (NTD) FROM BRIGHTON Frank Bernard (533 9219) took pity and offers this less ambitious but lovely alternative to the American Fork, for those of us who like a good stretch, a good view, and American Express. Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

JAN 30 SUN

ICE SKATING ORGANIZERS CHOICE (NTD) In our continuing quest for something new under the sun, we have implemented Sunday afternoon ice skating. We are planning to use one of the big community rinks such as the ones at Cottonwood Recreation Center or Murray Park. Call Pamela Hale (652-6200) for details on the place and time. There will be is a nominal charge for the rink and skate rental.

JAN 30 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: POWDER PARK (MOD) Everybody's favorite is back on the schedule. Larry Stewart plans to work the area around PP to find the most agreeable slope conditions to suit the energy of the group. Larry wants you to assemble at Butler School at 2700 East 7000 South at 9:00 am. You must have the 457 hz transceiver, rescue shovel, and endurance for a full day of backcountry skiing. For details phone 944-0213.

JAN 30 SUN

SOCIAL 14th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI PARTY Vincenzo De Simone (435-649-6805) invites you to his annual evening of Italian cuisine and fellowship by the fire. Cost: \$5 (includes all food)--this is NOT a potluck!! Time: 6PM (PLEASE NO EARLY BIRDS)! Hot coffee and chocolate provided; please bring other beverages of choice. Directions: I-80 to Park City exit (Hwy. 224), heading into Park City, turn left at Meadows Drive (just past the large white barn on the right). Turn left on Mtn Top Lane. Drive to the crest of the hill; turn left up the hill to the T; turn right and follow the sound to the fun. No pets or children, please. Questions: contact Vincenzo!

JAN 30 SUNDAY

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LAKE BLANCHE VIA MT. SUPERIOR (SKI MTN) Join George Westbrook to climb this classic peak above Alta. Big descent, lots of skiing. Early start for safety. Please call George to register 942-6071.

FEB 2 WED

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FEB 4 FRI

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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 entrance fee.

FEB 5 SAT

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).

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 Scott's 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 groves 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 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

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. Bonus: The exposure of Greens Basin guarantees fine snow this time of year. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

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 (801) 377-2330

FEB 6 SUNDAY

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MT. TIMANOGOS 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 8 TUES

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FEB 9 WED

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FEB 9 WED

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 11 FRI

CLIMBING – ADVANCED SKILLS CLASS/PARTY #5 When bad things happen to good climbers. This is the fifth of a monthly series of parties/classes we're holding through the winter, working on various advanced skills they don't teach in the gym. This month we will explore a few more techniques out of Chockstone's "Self-Rescue" book. Bring your harness, belay device, slings, cordelette, food, drinks, etc. Location to be announced. Any volunteers?

FEB 12 SAT

SNOWSHOE: DAYS FORK TO THE MEADOW (NTD) Norm and Carma Pobanz, Details in Feb. Rambler.

FEB 12 SAT

RED SHOES & CHOCOLATE DESSERTS VALENTINE POTLUCK AND DANCE Orchard at Country Woods Clubhouse (Ft. Union Blvd--7200 S--/1300 E) 6:30 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

SNOWSHOE: NEFFS CANYON TO THE MEADOW (MOD) Barb Hanson Skyline at 9am. Details in the February Rambler.

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

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.

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FEB 19 SAT

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. Plan on it! Details will be published in the February Rambler. Organized by Bob Cady. (Phone 274-0250)

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questions.

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 motel, 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.

MAR 3 TO 5 FRI THRU 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 may be full, but call to check, or to get on the waiting list. Michael Berry is the organizer (583-4721).

MAR 6 WED

ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT Join LeeAnn Born and Emily Rosten at 6:30 PM for dinner at Yanni's Greek Express, 2761 South Highland Drive 466-6525. Yanni's has good, inexpensive Greek cuisine. Everyone can order what they like, and 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 a personal check rather than a credit card.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

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VARIOUS DATES - YURT TRIPS

About the most fun you can have on skis, is to yurt all weekend. You live in a semi-permanent yurt tent with a built in wood burning stove, kitchen, and furniture. Living on the same slopes that you ski is fantastic – step off the porch and you are standing on the slope to came to ski. This is what the excitement is all about. We have reserved a full yurt program for the coming winter. Check out this schedule:

Jan 7-9, Steam Mill, north of Logan UT
Jan 13-17, Commissary Ridge, Victor ID
Feb 5-7, Bunchgrass, north of Logan UT
Feb 24-27, Commissary Ridge, near Victor ID

The trips listed below are also being considered. If there is enough interest we will arrange reservations.

Feb 18-20, Castle Peak, near Kamas UT (maybe?) Mar 10-12, Lilly Lake, Uinta Mountains (maybe?)

To sign up just call Tom Walsh at (801) 969-5842 or send an Email to cletejac@cs.com. You will have to make a deposit to hold a reservation. You will not be considered to be signed up until the cash deposit is made. The designated yurtmeister will be in charge of booking and reserving spots on any given yurt trip. Admittedly this is overly bureaucratic, but it is necessary in order to plan and accomplish the trips. In the past we have had lots of problems with last minute drop-outs, and uncertain arrangements. The more businesslike reservations and payments in advance will make yurting more rewarding for participants and less stressful for organizers.

WMC Marketplace

Notice: Send your ad with enclosed payment if required, to Wasatch Mtn. Club, Attn: Marketplace, 1390 S. 1100 E., #103, SLC, UT 84105. Please submit by the 12th of the month to ensure your ads inclusion.. Advertising rates are \$5.00 for up to 20 words and 20¢ for each additional word. WMC members may place free ads for used recreational gear or for private non-commercial and not-for-profit activities. WMC members may email submittal to wmc@xmission.com, subject line: Marketplace.

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

CYCLOPS FLUID bicycle trainer. Bought \$269 new, will sell for \$150. 250-3882.

SNOWSHOES Atlas Excellent condition with NEW bindings \$125. Also MSR like new- used once \$75. Contact vincedesimone@yahoo.com or 435-649-6805.

For Sale: Nordic Track exercise machine (model 505); good condition. \$150. Simulates cross country skiing. Call Carolyn at 519-9257 or 957-3238.

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.

MAY 2000

SAILING/DIVING/LAND EXPLORATION BELIZE

Persons considering this trip should contact vincedesimone@yahoo.com or phone 435-6449-6805 to express interest. This is NOT A SIGN-UP.

MAR 23 - 26, 2001

HIKE: GRAND CANYON PHANTOM RANCH (MSD)

The list and a wait list are full. A planning meeting will be scheduled about a year from now. If anyone else would like to make reservations and organize a trip, you are welcome to call me for details. Contact Zig Sondelski at 292-8332.

WANTED: Volunteers to run for the Wasatch Mtn Club Board of Directors. We need people to run for Boating, Lodge and Winter Sports Directors, Call Leslie Woods 266-3317 or Brad Yates 521-4185 if interested.

CD Case Mate Lost and Maybe Found

We had a great hike and afterwards I lent my CD Case Mate to you. We have not connected on another hike since then so please call or write me so we can arrange for their return.

Happy hiking Joseph M. Radford 4076 South 1400 East

Salt Lake City, UT 84124-1445 Home Phone: 801-272-7507 Work Phone: 801-582-1565 x 5109

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FAX: 801-584-1278

Lutheran Social Service of Utah invites RN, LPH, Certified Nurse Assistants and Certified Home Health Aides, with part-time or full-time availability, to call our office and be placed on our Senior Assistance listing for elderly and their families, friends and neighbors use, at no cost. Please call: 801-588-0139 or 877-388-LSSU, Leslie, for more information. 12/2000

For Sale: Downhill Ski Equipment

Men's Rossignol Ski Boots - new R725 size 9 ½ Blue \$100 Novara Canvas Bicycle Travel Bag. (For planes, etc.) \$125. Salomon Binding 757 on Olius Pro Cx 180 - free (older skis) Call Sandy 801-355-9414

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGES

From the Membership Director Carol Coulter

We are pleased to welcome Maribel Luengo as a new member. (If you meet any of our newer members on your ski tours, snowshoe jaunts, etc., take time to get to know them and make them feel extra welcome.)

Just a note that the February General Meeting will be dedicated to a "Members' Forum." That means we want to hear from you, the members, about your interests, concerns, questions. So plan on attending and share your ideas with us all.

From the Winter Sports Director Tom Walsh

The Frohboese Avalanche Clinic was a success. Every year it is successful because participants leave with a heightened awareness of avalanche hazards and how to avoid them. The clinic on December 8, 1999, was especially exciting for me. Bruce Tremper was going to make the presentation. In the past he has usually been about 30 minutes early and all ready to go. This time I got more and more stressed as time passed and there was no Bruce. At the scheduled starting time of 7:00 pm I told the 49 people who were waiting, that I had sent Bruce an Email and that I was sure he had not forgotten us. At 7:15 pm I was trying to make up a plausible story to save face and prevent a riot. Then, in walks Bruce!

Unfortunately he didn't have a slide projector which is critical for the presentation. The audience listened attentively while Tremper discussed rescue techniques using a radio beacon. Meanwhile I got a volunteer to scoot to the University of Utah and scrounge up a projector. About the time Bruce exhausted his material on radio beacons, we got the slide projector up and running. By this time I was ready for a triple martini.

Like usual, Tremper did an excellent job analyzing avalanche hazards and relating the theoretical theories to the everyday reality of the Wasatch. We are lucky to have a

nationally known expert in avalanche forecasting and research right here in our community.

Next Sunday morning we had scheduled a field session using radio beacons to practice rescuing avalanche victims. The first thing was a tailgate talk from a checklist of rescue steps, followed by listening to changing audio tones as a beacon was moved over the victim's beacon. Finally we carpooled to Cardiff Fork to practice on real snow. With four students per instructor, there was lots of face to face teaching time.

From talking to the instructors afterwards two items came out that are worth emphasizing: RESPOND TO THE DATA. Some beginners heard beacon signals but did not use the information to speedily complete a rescue. Some students with only a little experience were not assertive about telling others in their group about the signals they were receiving. This resulted in unnecessarily wasted time completing a rescue plus additional time a victim would spend being buried. I encourage beacon users to develop enough experience so that you feel confident in interpreting and sharing data from the beacon signals.

The second item to emphasize is: KNOW HOW TO USE BOTH SEND AND RECEIVE. Rescuers must switch their beacons to receive as soon as a rescue operation begins. It was coldly sobering to see that the majority of the students were not clear about WHY to switch to receive. It was also dismaying to see that a majority did not know HOW to switch to receive. Every radio beacon user ought to be able to switch from send to receive in nanoseconds. You ought to be able to do it in the dark, behind your back, with mitts on, while skiing. You should be trained and experienced enough to do it almost without conscious thought.

At the start of every trip a beacon check should be done to verify that the beacons are working. In addition, the beacon check should involve switching from send to receive so the users become experienced with the operation of their units. I suggest sending a checker up the trail about 90 yards and have him switch to send. Then have the other participants pass by while going through several cycles of send and receive. Finally the checker should assure all participants are switched to send before continuing the trip.

LEAVE NO TRACE NOTES

Submitted by Gerrish Willis and Randy Klein

Paul Petzoldt passed away last October at the age of 91. In addition to his reputation as an accomplished mountaineer with bag full of first

assents to his credit, he leaves a legacy of teaching people how to respect and take care of the land.

Paul founded the National Outdoor Leadership School. Complimentarily to teaching mountaineers how to teach outdoor skills and mountaineering, Petzoldt and NOLS taught the first organized skills training in minimum impact use of the wilds. Those skills were eventually expanded into the Leave No Trace training series which now covers desert, tundra, rivers and other environments, in addition to Petzolt's beloved mountains. Paul will be missed by many, but his legacy will be appreciated for years.

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6th Annual Sand Dunes Ski Trip October 23-24 By Howard Barlow

I's always wanted to go sand dunes skiing ever since I saw it advertised in *The Rambler* a few years ago. But, like most of us, I procrastinated until this fall, when I thought, Why not now? I expected it to be what it was: weird, unconventional, and something I would remember the rest of my life.

On a Friday in late October I found myself carpooling with the crazed character of Tom Walsh, who also happens to be Wasatch Mountain Club Vice President, into Southern Idaho toward Bruneau Dunes State Park. Tom kept on with a non-stop patter which later in the journey would segue into his own linguistic concoctions (more on this later).

We camped out at an oasis of tents and SUV's near the dunes, and next morning hit the yearning sandy slopes. Our leader, Edgar Webster, insisted that everybody adopt an Arabic name. His was Sulymon the Silliman. Mine was Howeird Hashish. Others were as follows: Peter Mimack, Ododotdune; Tom Walsh, Muomar Ben Dhover; Lisa Gunther, Al Gebrah Ma-Ma; Kiara Montross, Cairo the Sand Witch; Pamela Hale, Jasmine the Desert Queen; Joni Sweet, Telemarkka Hakkalugi; Justin Walsh (Tom's son), Idrula Lottamonn; and Brad Yates, Sheik Yer Bouti. However, as Brad is Wasatch Mountain Club President, I called him El Presidente, especially since he introduced me to the Mexican custom of adding nopalitos cactus to scrambled eggs.

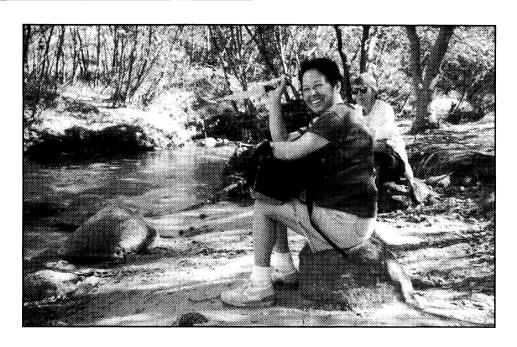
Donning a variety of Arabic-looking costumes, we hit the

sand slopes like a motley band of Bedouins. Climbing up on Telemark skis, the entire experience seemed surreal, since I felt like I should be on a camel rather than snow skis.

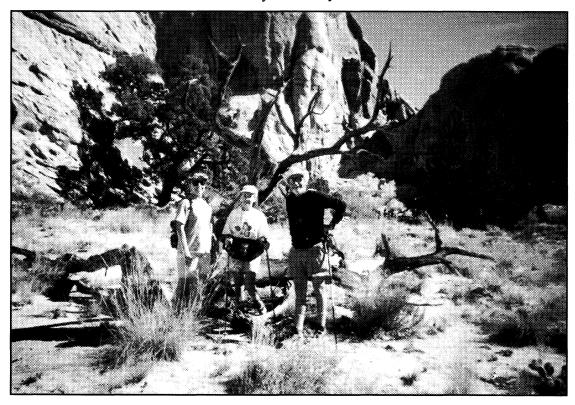
As for mastering the sand, the best description I came up with was that it was like skiing molasses. You need a steep slope to get going, as a moderate incline rendered you immobile. Wipeouts were inevitable for a sand novice like myself, and, of course, sand got into everything. By late afternoon, most of us were totally exhausted and headed back to camp.

That evening we feasted on different foods we'd brought, with Tom Walsh informing me that there was plenty of "foodage" and "boozeage" available. He had gotten into the habit of adding "age" onto any noun available. Attempting to make us new sand skiers adopt a new ritual, Tom then tried to get us to leap over a campfire while spitting an alcoholic beverage into the fire, then after landing, saying the punchline of a joke. Quite a guy, Tom. I wondered if he was trying to change his last name into Fool. (Just joking, Tom!)

The next day as we trudged up the 470 foot high dunes, Tom kept amusing me with his "age" linguistic syndrom. When I uttered one of my favorite quotes by Charles Bukowski, "I need money. I'm not so sure about a job," Tom transmuted it into: "More fundage, less workage." Well, all good sandy things have to end, and at the end of a morning of practicing tele turns, we had lunch together and hit the road back to Salt Lake. I'd recommend sand surfing to anyone with a yen to try something new and unusual. But be prepared to bring back more of the gritty stuff with you than you'd care to. Oh well, there's always a bit of grit in life's ointment.



Victoria Saldana shows one of the "Ten Essentials." Photo by Herb Hayashi.



North Fork of Iron Wash San Rafael Car Camp Oct 23-24, 1999 Photo by Barbara Greene

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Wasatch Mountain Club

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