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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, jpg's and gif's are difficult to download and work with.) 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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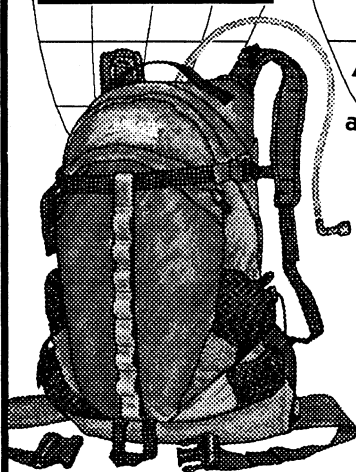
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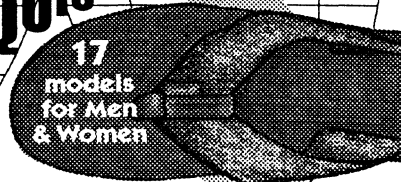
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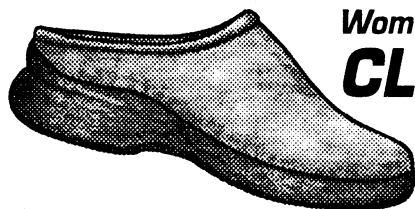
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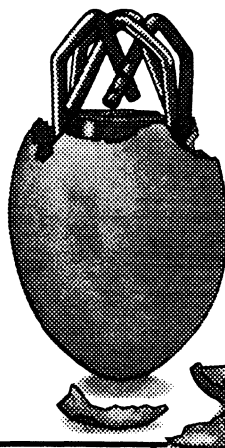
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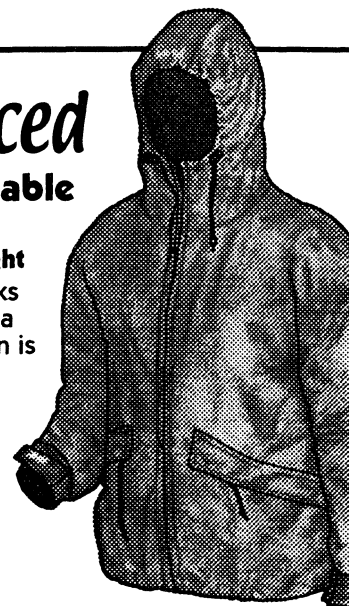
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The WMC Lodge can be rented on a full or half day basis. Full day rate is \$250. Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535 for information.

Help make the 2000 season a success for all of us. Bring your permits, your ideas and your volunteer spirit to our Planning Party 6:30 PM, Fri. March 3rd at Zion Lutheran Church basement 1070 S. Foothill. Light hors d'oeuvres pot-luck. Questions? Call Vera 292-8332.

Upcoming Ethnic Supper Nights

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!

Saturday, April 15, 10:00 a.m., Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup, NTD

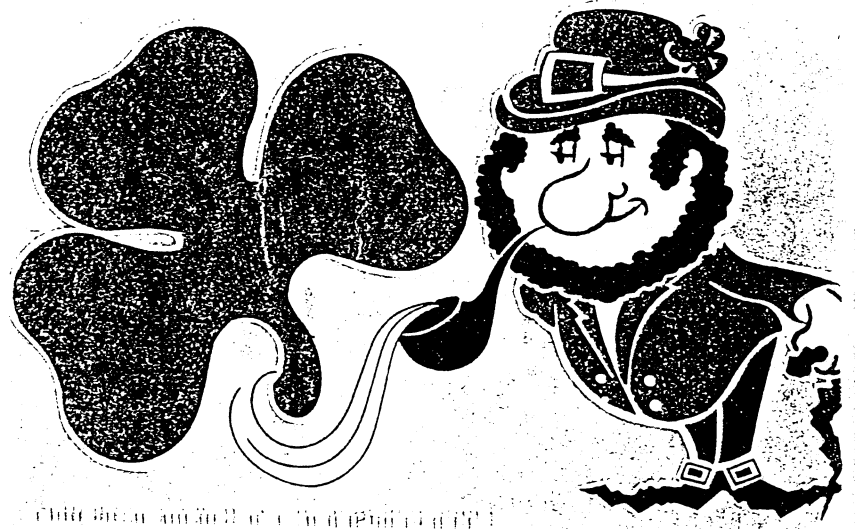
Looking for a good community service opportunity? The Wasatch Mountain Club maintains litter control on a stretch of Wasatch Boulevard. See inside for details.

A special thank you to Martin Clemans who served as Co-Director of Entertainment and to Howard Barlow who served on this Committee. Thanks you guys, we'll miss all your help and input! 2000 Entertainment Committee: Bart Bartholoma, Adrienne Boudreaux, LaRae Cunningham, Pamela Hale, Connie MacKay, Rikki Peterson, Leslie Schimmel and Janice Schumann

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.

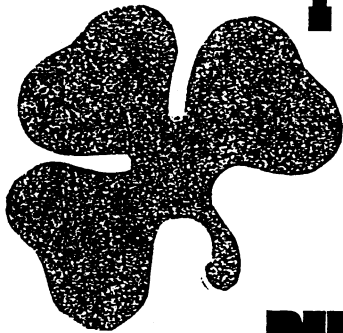
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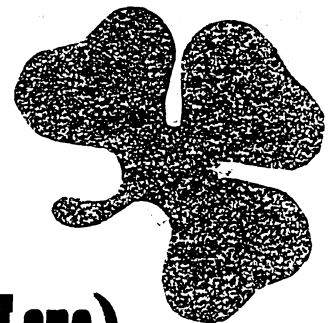
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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

MAR 1 WED

CLIMBING - WASATCH FRONT CLIMBING GYM

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MAR 3 FRI

BOATING: PLANNING PARTY (I-) Zion Lutheran Church basement 1070 S. Foothill Light hors d'oeuvres pot-luck. Time to plan our action packed 2000 summer season!! Everyone is welcome – old time river rats and newbies too, Kayakers, Canoeists, Rafters, Duckiests, Tubers et al. Bring your ideas and your volunteer spirit to our Planning Party. Questions? Call Vera (801) 292-8332.

MAR 3 THRU 5 FRI- 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. Sorry, this trip is completely full, but call Evanston Parks & Recreation (307-789-1770) for information on the yurts.

MAR 4 SAT

4 SATSKI 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 intermodal-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 Einsteins 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 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.

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.



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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 (1-435-649-6805) to find out the day's destination and meeting place.

MAR 8 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT - 6:30PM Join Lee Ann 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 8 WED

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MAR 8 WED

PLANNING MEETING 2000 HIKING SEASON
PLANNING MEETING 7:00 PM (NTD) ATTENTION ALL HIKERS! Dave Trask (273-0090) is hosting an organizational meeting for the 2000 hiking season this evening. The hiking program is the backbone of the Wasatch Mountain Club. A strong committee is needed to plan the over 400 hikes, backpacks, and car camping trips for the season. Bring your ideas, maps, and a calendar to the WMC office (1390 South 1100 East) at 7:00 PM. You don't have to call Dave first, just show up and lend a hand.

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 Grizzley 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 Ric 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

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

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-tricanyon tour. Call Brian for place and showtime.

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 Cirque to the southeast) at a MOD pace. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

MAR 12 SUN

12 SUNSKI 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 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 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

16 THUSKI 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! PINNACLE HIGHLAND APTS. - 7PM Want to claim Irish power for a day? Come celebrate with the leprechauns, shamrocks and make those Irish eyes smile! Bring appetizers to share + BYOB. (Green beer anyone?!) We'll listen to some happy Irish tunes. Members \$3; non-members \$5. Pinnacle Highland Apt (7673 S Highland Dr) is the huge building complex located at the southeast corner of Bengal Blvd & Highland Dr (approx. 7800 S/2000 E). The party room is attached to the main office (located on Highland and accessible only when going north on

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MAR 18 SAT

SNOWSHOE: BEARTRAP FORK (MOD) Enjoy the variety of the Beartrap fork - the Aspen and Pine groves, meadows, and snowfields, as well as the physical challenge of the climb, with Gretchen Siegler (557-0772). Butler Elementary at 9 AM.

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: 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.

MAR 18 SAT

SNOWSHOE: MOONLIGHT MAGIC (NTD) Zig Sondelski (292-8332) got this idea - why not check out



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the glorious snow and night stars by moonlight? He was thinking Willow Lake or someplace easy and without cliffs to fall off of. If you have experience with this, please call Zig and talk. He is incubating the concept and is open to improvements. Plan on Butler Elementary at 8 PM.

MAR 19 SUN

SNOWSHOE: S WILLOW LAKE (VIA N. WILLOW)

(MOD+) Kathy Hunn hosts this classic again with a new wrinkle: a pass by North Willow Lake enroute to South Willow. The snow must be good for this to work. 4 plus mi each way, 2500' elevation change from the ranger station to the lake. Meet at Home Depot (328W 2100S), SW area of the parking lot at 9AM sharp to carpool - 4wd vehicles necessary to attain the trailhead. Meet Cathy at the (unmissable) Maverick Station, at Stansbury Park, @9:30 - take I-80 to exit 99. Call 1-435-882-6529, beforehand, as ice may prevent reaching the trailhead, or the snow may be problematic.

MAR 19 SUN

SNOWSHOE: LEANING TOWARDS LAMBS CANYON

(NTD+) Adrienne Boudreax (278-9894) is leaning towards exploring Lambs Canyon (1.75 mi, 1540' gain) A northern exposure sheltered from the sun means nice snow, lower elevation raises some ?. Anyway, some basic questions remain such as "Is Lambs canyon plowed?" If you know the answer, call Adrienne. Adrienne prefers a leisurely AM cup of coffee, so meet at the Parley's Canyon K Mart (SW corner) at 10 AM. Snow conditions could change the destination.

MAR 21 TUES

AUTHOR READING: "CANARIES ON THE RIM:

LIVING DOWNWIND IN THE WEST" Local author Chip Ward will read from and sign copies of his new book. Ward's first-person account of environmental activism brings the issues home to the Wasatch Front. From MagCorp to the chemical weapons incinerator and beyond, you'll find it here. At the East Millcreek Library, 2266 Evergreen Ave. (3435 South), 7 p.m.

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MAR 25 SAT**SNOWSHOE: THOMAS FORK OF NEFFS**

CANYON (MSD) Ilka Allers-Olsen and Allen Olsen (272-6305) have offered to share one of their favorite treks - a beautiful but very challenging tour up the Thomas fork of Neffs Canyon. (3 miles, 3000' el change) Snow conditions must be ideal for safety considerations, so call the day before to see if the trip is canceled. Meet 8:30 at Skyline High School.

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 26 SUN**SOCIAL: POTLUCK/AFRICAN SLIDE SHOW - 6:30 PM**

Cassie Badowsky will show slides on Mt. Kilimanjaro climb and animal camera safari in Tanzania. Bring potluck to share + BYOB to 2845 E. 5495 S. (1 mile N. of Tuscan Restaurant off Holladay Blvd). Any questions, call Cassie (278.-5153). You are invited to attend!

MAR 26 SUN

SNOWSHOE: THE HONEYCOMB FORK (NTD+) As a variation, Norm Pobanz (266-3703) has agreed to explore a new tour. The high elevation trailhead (Silver Fork -8040') should give a good powder experience. Butler Elementary at 9AM.

MAR 26 SAT

DAY HIKE (NTD) Show and Go. Early season hikes are dependent on snow conditions, so it is difficult to plan them too far in advance. There is usually good hiking in the Foothills or on Stansbury/Antelope Island. If you have a favorite early season hike in mind, please call your hiking director, (Dave Trask 273-0090) and volunteer to organize the group today. Otherwise, the group can decide the destination at the meeting location. Meet in the Skyline High parking lot for a 9:00 am departure.

MAR 27 SUN

DAY HIKE (NTD) Show and Go Early season hikes are difficult to plan in advance. If you have a favorite early season hike in mind, please call your hiking director, (Dave Trask 273-0090) and volunteer to organize the group today. Otherwise, the group can decide the destination at the meeting location. It is especially important to be prepared for changing weather for these early season hikes. Bring warm clothes, waterproof boots, a lunch, water, first aid supplies, and a flashlight. Always bring \$\$ for carpooling. Meet in the Skyline High parking lot for a 9:00 am departure.

MAR 29 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

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APR 1 SAT

SNOWSHOE: THE GOURMET: "2FERS"

WILLOW LAKE (NTD) WILLOW LAKE LOOP

(MOD) No foolin! The annual rite of spring is here. Bring your favorite gourmet dish to share, and dress as silly as you dare. Walk a short (0.75 mi) to Willow lake, spread your dish, and cavort. Holly Smith (272-5358) and Mark R Jones host the NTD, which will meet at Butler Elementary at 10:30 AM. As a twist, Larry Nilssen (296-1716) will meet at Butler Elementary at 08:30 AM for a MOD Willow Lake, North Willow Lake Ridge Run loop, to rendezvous with the aforementioned cavorters, about high noon, Willow Lake time. Be there.

APR 1 SAT

HIKE FOOLS PEAK (MOD+) Long time Club member Charles Leslie, loved this hike, which he considered to be a celebration for fools. There is no better way to observe Fools Day than by doing this 9,717' peak near Delta. It has an east facing cliff and a rounded smooth backside that physically resembles Notch Peak. Participants will be expected to act giddy, foolish, and air-heady on the summit. Due to confusing weather this year, you might need snowshoes. For sure you will need food, water, and extra layers for warmth and wind protection. Also plan to bring money for transportation expenses. Call Tom Walsh at 969-5842 to register.

APR 2 SUN

SNOWSHOE: LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD) As we approach snowshoe withdrawal, we know that sometimes opportunities occur. Zig Sondelski (292-8332) promises an NTD somewhere if the snow is there. Butler Elementary, 9 AM. (Watch that clock - daylight savings is here!)

APR 2 SUN

DAY HIKE (NTD-MOD) Show and Go Foothills Meet at Skyline High parking lot for 10:00 AM departure.

APR 4 TUE

EVENING HIKE (NTD) Show and Go Beacon Hill

The first evening hike of the season. Meet at the trail head, across from the zoo, for 6:00 PM departure.

APR 5 WED

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APR 5 WED

NTD-MOD EVENING HIKE (NTD-MOD) Show and Go

Foothills Meet at Skyline High parking lot for 6:00 PM departure. Come prepared for the weather. We will move at a faster pace this evening to beat the sun.

APR 5 WED

WMC BOARD MEETING 1390 S. 1100 E., #103 at the WMC office. 7:00 pm. All interested WMC members may attend. It is the first Wednesday of every month.

APR 7 TO 8 FRI THRU SAT

FAMILY CAR CAMP (NTD) Organizer's Choice Price Area - Rock Art and Scenery. Call Martin McGregor 967-9860 to register. Martin needs to return home Saturday evening, ending the club activity, but feel free to extend your stay on your own.

APR 7 TO 9 FRI THRU SUN

FAMILY CAR CAMP (NTD-MOD) Camping, Hiking, Biking. Moab Area. Call Peter or Lorraine Campbell 966-6032 to register. This area is huge, with unlimited opportunities for hiking and biking. We will camp somewhere on BLM lands. Fee money may be required. Also, come prepared, because our campsite may be very remote.

APR 8 SAT.

BOATING: BOAT SHED BOAT PREPARATION Come on and do your share in the preparation of equipment that you will be using on boat trips. Join your fellow boaters at the Boating Shed Unit #8 at 300 West off of 4500 S. just south of Zim's to prepare the equipment for the 2000 season. We need a dry day so the **BACKUP DATE IN CASE OF RAIN IS Sat. April 15TH**. Contact Bret (801) 273-0315

APR ???

BOATING: SWAP MEET

We have arranged the Boating schedule to avoid conflict with Swap Meet. See next months Rambler for date.

APRIL 8 SAT

SOCIAL: HOUSEWARMING @ KYLE WILLIAMS
7PM - 863 E. Romona Ave (1925 S.) 486-2261 Bring your favorite snacks + BYOB and help Kyle celebrate his new pad (no gifts, please!). Everyone is invited!!

APR 8 SAT**SNOWSHOE: MAYBE LAKE BLANCHE (MOD)**

Larry Nilssen (296-1716) has enjoyed a late snowshoe/walk to Lake Blanch in years past. Be prepared to carry the snowshoes, and bring lots of sunscreen. He may or may not go there. Butler Elementary, 9 AM.

APR 8 SAT

DAY HIKE (NTD-MOD) Show and Go Foothills
Meet at Skyline High parking lot for 9:00 AM departure.

APR 9 SUN

SNOWSHOE: LEADER'S CHOICE (NTD) Norm Pobanz (266-3703) would like to go anyplace that has snow, but doesn't want to get too worked up about it. Be prepared to carry 'em. Suggestions and consensus are always welcomed. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

APR 9 SUN

DAY HIKE (NTD-MOD) Show and Go Foothills Meet at Skyline High parking lot for 10:00 AM departure.

APRIL 11 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 Movies 10 next door.

APR 11 TUE

EVENING HIKE (NTD) Show and Go Foothills Meet at Skyline High parking lot for 6:00 PM departure

APRIL 12 WED

SOCIAL: ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT Join LeeAnn Born and Emily Rosten at 6:30PM for dinner at Al Forno's, 239 S. 500 E. (359-6040). Try one of your old favorite Italian dishes or something new. Expect to spend between \$15-20 on dinner and more if you want wine. RSVP to LeeAnn (486-1485) at least 24 hours in advance so she can make reservations. Please bring cash or personal check rather than credit card.

APR 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 Alan Lindsay (942-0641) if you have questions.

APR 12 WED

EVENING HIKE (MOD) Show and Go. Mount Olympus Trail to the stream. Meet at the trailhead for a 6:00 PM departure.

APR 14 TO 16 FRI THRU SUN

BACKPACK (NTD) Organizer's Choice Escalante National Monument Area Call Jaynee Levy (435)-636-3620; (435)-637-1049 (preferred) to Register. Waders could be useful. We may see some snow. We will camp Friday night near the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Our maximum hiking time should be about 21 hours, with two camping nights on the trail.

APR 15 SAT**SKI BACKCOUNTRY: DESERET PEAK BOWL (MOD)**

Mike Berry organizes this Great Basin trip to the Stansbury Range. This outing will climb approximately 2,800 feet over 4.5 miles to watch and listen (from a safe distance) for the annual spring snow slides releasing from the east cliffs. Sturdy touring or backcountry skis are suggested. Climbing skins are useful. Canines are ok. Call Mike (583-4721) by Thursday to register and obtain information about where and when to meet. Taxes? : *"Forget about it"!*

APRIL 15 SAT

SOCIAL: PLAY READING/"POOR MAN'S STEW" DINNER @ LODGE - 6:30PM Broke from paying those taxes to Uncle Sam? Then come have a humble meal with your friends. Details to follow in next month's Rambler.

APR 15 SAT**CLIMBING - PLANNING PARTY/SOCIAL**

Okay, it's finally here, time to start planning our summer activities. There's only so many weekends to pack it all in, so ya gotta plan ahead. Every one is invited, new and old, leaders and seconds, sport or trad. The more input we have the better. This will be at Curtis Turner's - 7265 S. Wimbledon Ct. (about 1200 W. in West Jordan. Call 304-0661 if you need directions and to give me a rough idea of how many are coming. I'll have some snacks and soft drinks, you take it from there. If you have some climbing videos or pictures that'd be fun, too.

APR 15 SAT

SNOWSHOE: LEADER'S CHOICE (MOD) The Last Snowshoe of the 00 season? Nope. We're thinking about one to the Provo River in May. But Join Mohammad Abdallah (466-9310) for the next to the last. Somewhere the snow still lingers. Maybe Bear Trap to Dog Lake out Mill D. Butler Elementary, 9AM.

APR 15 TO 16 SAT THRU SUN**FAMILY CAR CAMP (NTD) Organizer's Choice**

Zion National Park Call Sam Allan 942-3149 to Register. Bring money for park entrance and camping fees. This one will be slow.

Saturday, April 15, 10:00 a.m., Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup, NTD The Wasatch Mountain Club maintains litter control on a stretch of Wasatch Boulevard from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon to the I-215 interchange at 6300 S. Saturday, April 15 is our first scheduled cleanup of the new year. Our turnout at the final cleanup of 1999 was good, and we are hoping for a repeat at our first Spring cleanup. Meet organizer Randy Long in the parking lot at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon at 10:00 a.m., and bring work gloves and long sleeves and pants. Randy will have stylish orange safety vests to wear, and will hand out matching trash bags to complement the ensemble. All youngsters 12 or older are welcome to help, and if you arrive late, be sure to find Randy for a vest to wear before you begin work. Work off the angst of your material lifestyle by lending a hand and being a benefit to the community. Hope to see you there!

APR 15 SAT

DAY HIKE (NTD-MOD) Show and Go Foothills Meet at Skyline High parking lot for 9:00 AM departure.

APR 16 SUN

DAY HIKE (NTD-MOD) Show and Go Foothills Meet at Skyline High parking lot for 10:00 AM departure

APR 19 WED

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(942-0641) if you have questions.

APRIL 18 TO 23 TUE THRU SUN

Backpacking: The Maze of Canyonlands N.P. Join Rob Jones (485-3262) in backpacking the mystical Maze. Space is extremely limited (permits allow a maximum of 5 packers). See a report about a previous adventure, and Rob's email address at the Wild Vagabond web site(<http://users.sisna.com/vagabond/>).

APR 20 TO 23 THUR THRU SUN

BACKPACK (MSD) Dark Canyon (Hyte area) Call Russell Patterson 973-6427 to register This canyon is REMOTE, long, deep and narrow. We will hike about 10 miles per day for a total of thirty. We may be in a wilderness area, thus limiting the group size to 13. Come prepared. Waders and swimsuits recommended.

APR 26 WED

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APR 28 TO 30 FRI THRU SUN

FAMILY CAR CAMP(NTD) Camping and hiking in Capital Reef National Park. Call Paul Hill or Eleanor Goodall 486-7809 to register. We hope to camp at the park services campground, and to hike some nearby easy trails. Bring money for park and camp fees.

APR 28 TO 30 FRI THRU SUN

CAR CAMP (MOD) Organizer's Choice. Somewhere South Call Shawn or Terrie Bodine 553-0153 to register. We may need to pay some fees, and we may go to a remote location. Come prepared for whatever we decide to do.

APRIL 29 SAT

SOCIAL: DINNER AND DANCE (NTD) Join Vera and Zig Sondelski for an evening of great dining & dancing in Davis County. Dine at the CAREST Peruvian restaurant (entrees are about \$8.00) located at 45W 300S in Bountiful at 5:00 PM. Swing dance at Woods Cross High School (\$5/person) located at 600W 2200S in Woods Cross at 6:30 PM. Lessons are included. Call (292-8332) or email (zgsonde@ppco.com, vrn@xmission.com) for details, directions and reservations.

APR 29 SAT

FAMILY DAY HIKE(MOD) Hike the Stansbury Island BLM Trail. Randy Long 943-0244 will lead. Bring car pool money (40 miles each way). Also bring food, water and rain gear. Meet Randy at the Utah Travel Counsel parking lot across from the State Capital for a 9:30 AM departure.

MAY 6 SAT

FAMILY DAY HIKE(MOD) Hike Antelope Island with Randy Long 943-0244. Bring car pool money (40 miles each way). Also bring food, water and rain gear.

Park entrance fee is \$6-7.00 Meet Randy at the Utah Travel Counsel parking lot across from the State Capital for a 9:30 AM departure.

MAY 12 TO 14 FRI THRU SUN

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CAR CAMP(NTD-MOD) Arches National Park. Call Noel DeNevers 328-9376 to register. We have reserved the Group campground for Friday and Saturday nights. We are limited to 10 vehicles and 50 people bring your children and money for entrance and camp fees.

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

APR thru MAY

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD)(MSD) For the benefit of die hards, who won't take NO for an answer, and who will ski any slope that is whitish and at least 12 ski lengths wide, here is a plan for you. Since scheduling is not feasible in the spring months, lets just use a phone messaging system. If a decent spring storm drops skiable snow, call Tom Walsh at 969-5842. Messages will be coordinated and interested skiers will be put in touch with each other. Last year there were some good snow dumps in May – here's a way to round up some friends to ski 'em.

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 8-24, 2000**SACRED SUMMIT OF BHUTAN**

Come join us for a rigorous trekking trip to Chomolhari

Base Camp. For more details, call Christel Sysak at 943-0316.

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.

NOV 18 to DEC 3, 2000**SAILING/DIVING/LAND EXPLORATION BELIZE**

1st 7 days are on catamarans sailing/diving the Cays followed by inland adventure trips to the jungle preserves, Myan ruins, & local villages. The trip may be full by the time this is printed. It may be possible to add boats. Contact VinceDesimone@yahoo.com or 435-649-6805 for details or to sign up. Cost estimate is less than \$2500 inclusive.

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).

Machu Picchu & Galapagos-Spring 2001

Planning two week trip to take in both of these once-in-a-lifetime destinations. Basic plan is to spend some time in Cusco Peru, four days hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu (tents, porters, cooks and gear supplied by local guide service), plus 6-7 days cruising in the Galapagos with a full-time naturalist guide (our own boat is possible if we have at least ten people). If there is interest in tacking on a visit to Manu Rainforest (4.5 million acres, 20,000 plant species, 1,000 bird species), that is a possibility. Projected cost is in the range of \$3000. If interested, call Dudley McIlhenny at 801-733-7740 for more information.

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 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.

WANTED: Used climbing harness, carabiner, and breaking device. Call Alex Ranney 520-575-6462 or mail 1539 E. Ram Canyon Dr., Tucson, AZ 85737.

SKI GEAR FOR SALE

Original T2 plastic telemark boots. Size 11, will fit a size 12 running shoe. great shape! Only a hundred bucks.

Riva Classic cable bindings. Only used a couple of times. Like new, 20 bucks. Call Larry at 485-9623

ROAD BIKE: TREK 1420 ALUMINUM 56cm Bright Red with White; triple chain ring-21 gears; Shimano Components (Deore Dx Drive Train); Matrix Wheels/Continental GrandSport Tires; Look Clipless Pedals (as well Clips for changeout); Blackburn Rear Rack; Water Bottle Cage x 2; Excellent Condition - \$499 firm. Call 801/272-6305

Hi there.....Is anyone in the club still looking for old Ramblers? Allen and I have stacks dating from 1978. If not, we plan to recycle. Please let us know at ilka@softcom.net or 272-6305.

HEAVY HANDS One, 3 and 5 lbs.. weights. Good Condition. Approx..retail value over \$65. Will sell for \$29 firm. Call 801/272-6305

DECK BOOTS Navy with Yellow Trim by Wetskins. Rubber Boots for boating, gardening or any other wet activity. Men's size 10. New - still packaged. Retail for \$48. Will sell for \$24 - firm. Call 801/272-6305.

FOR SALE: Ascension 60mm nylon climbing skins, Reg. \$110, sell \$90. Call Eileen, 255-4336.

NORDIC TRACK MEDALIST PLUS good condition with heart monitor. \$175. Call Lade at 435-649-4612 or e-mail at JLade_Heaton@email.msn.com

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



Zig & Vera Sondelski at the Annual Awards Banquet and Ball, January 22, 2000

*Don't be fooled by Utah politicians and their
latest "wilderless" proposals*

RALLY FOR REDROCK WILDERNESS!

**11:00am Saturday, April Fool's Day
April 1, 2000
Front Steps of the
Utah State Capitol Building**

- Their "agreement" for Utah's Basin & Range country omits 60% or 1.6 million acres of qualifying wilderness in western and southwestern Utah.
- Their San Rafael Western Legacy District and National Conservation Act does not address wilderness at all, and leaves the Swell open for ORV abuses.
- Their General Aviation Access Act re-opens abandoned airstrips, thwarting potential wilderness designation.

Join Wasatch Mountain Club, Sierra Club and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance for the biggest wilderness rally *ever* in Utah! Community leaders will make special presentations. Fun, games and prizes for the kids. Bring family and friends to demonstrate support for protecting Utah's remaining wilderness lands!

BOATING MESSAGE

We are now preparing for the 2000 summer boating season. We need the participation of every boater (Raft/Kayak/Canoe/Ducky/Tube) to get our permits organized, our outings planned and our equipment ready. Please be sure to attend the March 3rd Planning Party and the April 8 Boating Equipment Preparation.

DATES(#DAYS)	RIVER	CLASS	ORGANIZER	TELEPHONE
MARCH				
3 / 1 dy	Boating Planning Party	I	Vera Sondelski	801-292-8332
APRIL				
8 / 1 dy	Boating Shed Work Party	I	Bret Mathews	801-273-0315
?? / 1dy	Utah River's Council Swap	I		801-466-2226
MAY				
6 / 2dy	Gray Canyon Beginners	II	Zig Sondelski	801-292-8332
20 / 2dy	SAFETY TRAINING by Ken McCarthy	II+	Zig Sondelski	801-292-8332

Trip Talks

Mount Rainier July 11-15, 1999

I had listed the trip to Mt. Rainier in the Rambler about four months before we went. I got lots of calls and thanks to all the people who were interested but couldn't, for one reason or another, go along.

We ended up a strong team of four, Bard LeFevre, Victoria Tanner, Peter Campbell and me. The four of us were able to get together before the climb and complete three practice sessions including ice ax practice in the couloirs on the north edge of Maybird. To be safe on a big climb such as Rainier, team practice is essential. So when the four of us (and about half a ton of gear) piled into my 4Runner for the drive north, we were hopefully prepared for anything the mountain could throw at us.

We left SLC on Sunday, July 11. After waking Bard up, we

drove north for an uneventful ten hours. We camped at a forest service campground about 20 miles outside of the park. This was a good idea as the Park campgrounds are generally cold and dripping wet; it is no fun starting in the drizzle that surrounds Rainier most of the time. We registered and got the skinny on the Emmons route. It seems that the previous two weeks had been sunny (!) and about half the population of Seattle had made the summit. Anytime you hear that the weather on Rainier has been great, you have to think it will change as soon as you get to the high camp. We packed up the half ton of gear and staggered up the trail starting about 9 am.

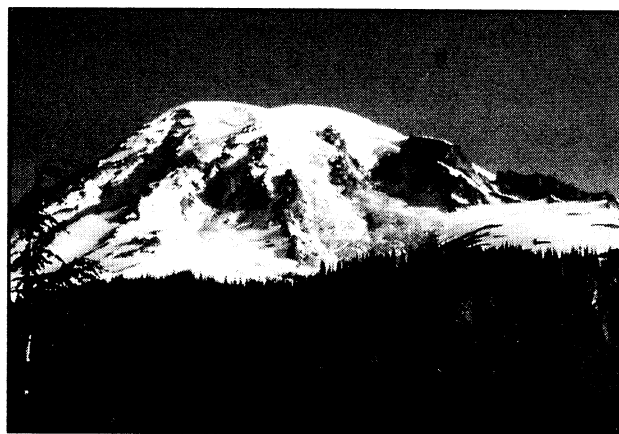
The hike started out as a partly cloudy day with just amazing views of the mountain above us. The summit was so bright in the sun, you had to use sunglasses just to see it 6 miles away. We ambled slowly under our 65 pound packs glad to have each brought ski poles to help in the stream crossings. There was about three miles of dry trail then snow for the next couple of miles gaining about 1500 feet of elevation. After a long morning we arrived at the bottom of the Interglacier and looked up at our next 2,000 vertical feet to the high camp. As we roped up for the glacier, I had my usual doubts about lugging that huge pack up miles of

terrain. But no one ever accused me of being too smart where mountaineering is concerned so off onto our first glacier and the steady grind to Emmons Flats camp. It took us several hours of steady step kicking to get to Camp Schurman. We had a permit for the Emmons Flats which is about 300 feet above Camp Schurman. The helpful climbing ranger tried to cheer us up saying it only takes about 5 minutes longer to get to the higher camp; it took us 25. As we pulled into the camp area, we had to step across a crevasse that had no bottom. The crevasse was really near the tent platforms and close to the toilet area, a sobering reminder to not be wandering around unroped.

Setting up a camp at 10,000 feet altitude was the usual chore. The wind was pretty gusty so we spent extra time setting tent anchors and cutting ice blocks to screen the tents. Emmons Flats is very exposed and can be very windy as other people at the camp found out, but more on that later. We spent a long time doing the usual resting, melting snow for water, getting gear ready, worrying about the weather and staring up at the 4000 vertical feet of snow, icefalls, crevasses and cliffs above us. The weather was still clear above us as we settled into the tents at sunset. At least Victoria, judging from the snoring, got a few hours sleep. We started getting ready about 1 am. We climbed out of the tents to a perfectly clear and windy but not very cold morning. We stumbled along in the starlight in two ropes of two being careful not to puncture the ropes with the crampons and ice axes. After several hours of climbing the sun came up and treated us to a truly spectacular sunrise, nothing beats looking down at the horizon seeing hundreds of miles in all directions as the sun starts to peek over the Cascades.

About six hours into the ascent we started the long traverse from the Emmons on the east side over to the upper slopes on the north-west. We had been going pretty steady but the altitude began to show itself as we slowed and rested more often. Peter was leading as we started up the last thousand feet. As we began cresting the seemingly endless false summits the wind really began in earnest. Each false summit made the going harder as we sat and got bombarded with ice pellets driven by the wind. Peter had a real pounder of a headache and it took real grit to cover the last pull to the summit. The summit wind was pushing us around, flapping our clothes hard enough to make talking difficult so we only took a few pictures before seeking shelter. We huddled a little below the summit behind some rocks and recovered a bit before heading down. There were low clouds covering the ground and ocean but you could see forever in every direction. Rainier is truly a unique summit but I was pretty happy to start down.

We descended rapidly to the long traverse. The boot track



Mt. Rainer, July '99, Photo by Larry Coulter

wound around the crevasses, seracs and ice cliffs. We belayed each other as we hopped crevasses and found our way around the obstacles. One small snow bridge collapsed as I crossed a crevasse but Victoria caught me on the belay. I was glad we took the precaution of boot-ax belaying each snow bridge. It took a few minutes for Bard and Peter to do an end-around to cross the crevasse where I had broken the easy bridge. We passed a couple of other parties that were on the way up and exchanged info about the route conditions. As we got lower, the wind kept up but the sun was really heating the snow. The lower slopes were getting mushy and the balling under the crampons was getting annoying. It had been a long and wonderful day and we were happy to return to the tents. It did not take much discussion to decide to stay an extra night there before heading down the next morning. We spent little time outside that evening but we still had to melt lots of snow to get over the dehydration. Both Peter and Victoria had nice headaches but felt better after three or four quarts of water. We put the stoves out and climbed into the tents at sunset with the wind gusting even harder. Throughout the night and into sunrise the gust would shake and push the tents. I had to keep rolling into the corner to hold the tent down as the huge gusts came roaring through. About midnight we heard two groups getting ready for the summit but we were very happy to stay in the bags and remember our great summit day.

The day dawned cold clear and still very windy. Peter and I got up and wandered over to the two other camps. One group had a light weight summer tent that had a couple of broken poles and Peter and I collapsed it before it got shredded. The other campsite was bare and we puzzled how they could have come back to camp, packed up and left without us hearing them. We looked up toward the summit and counted the people coming down after their unsuccessful bid for the summit. Well, that trio had not packed up and left, their tent had blown away during their

summit try. The tie-downs had ripped out and the tent was blown out on the lower Emmons glacier never to be seen again. The trio was from Minnesota and everything they had had been in the tent. We gave them some water and wished them good luck as they bailed out. We rapidly broke camp and took off glad to get away from the wind and the cold. We plunge stepped and glissaded down the snowfields losing altitude rapidly. On the lower slopes we talked with lots of hopefuls as they climbed slowly up to Camp Schurman. As we got lower, we shed layers and pretty soon we were back to T-shirts and shorts as we strolled on a nice level trail to the car. The beer was still cold and we had the usual wet gear explosion in the parking lot before we packed up and started the long drive home.

I have to say this trip was a success. We made the summit, we stayed safe and we had a good time. We had a close call with the weather and had some exciting climbing. All in all, the Emmons Glacier was a great climb.

by Larry Coulter

LEAVE NO TRACE NOTES FOR MARCH

(Submitted by Randy Klein and Gerrish Willis)

Human Winter Waste - When nature calls during a day trip or winter camp, you likely can't dig a cat hole to bury human feces. Go 300 feet from streams or lakes and often visited sites so you don't pollute the water and no one will have to view the remains following snowmelt. Use snow for wiping, or have a ziplock bag for packing out your toilet paper. In high use areas, such as Mill Creek Canyon, plan to pack out your dog's waste, and your own as well.

Winter Camping - Outdoor enthusiasts are most likely to mind their LNT manners when not cold, hungry, or thirsty. If you camp in the winter, bring extra fuel to melt snow for water (remember butane stoves won't work in extreme cold). If you can't find down and dead wood because of snow conditions, please don't build fires using broken branches. Keep in your sleeping bag overnight: water, ski boots or boot liners, toothpaste, sunscreen, flashlight, and anything else that should be kept warm. Take food that withstands freezing or you'll end up with undesirable or no meals.

HELICOPTER CONFLICTS IN MINERAL FORK

A large group of WMC members snowshoed in Mineral Fork Saturday 1-29-00. The presence of Wasatch

Powderbird (WPB) helicopters had significant impact and I believe violated the terms of their permit. Walking up the narrow steep walled part of the valley I observed two large birds (eagles I assume) soaring together high above. I thought how nice that there was a good distance between the bird and human flights.

The group followed the established old road/trail. The group was fairly spread out along the trail. As we climbed several groups of skiers and boarders with their WPB guides came thru our group. The first of our group reached the Wasatch Mine site at 11:05 am. While having lunch at the mine the WPB helicopter picked up numerous loads of patrons and deposited them on the ridge between the mine and Lake Blanche. It appeared that the helicopters flew and landed in the Twin Peaks Wilderness to deposit passengers. This process continued throughout lunch with a loud and offensive noise.

Once when the helicopter returned and no one was waiting to be picked up it proceeded to fly down Mineral King valley close to the ground and then climbed up into the area where I had seen the eagles earlier. If the birds were still in the vicinity they were harassed. About 1 pm we were hiking down the trail and came upon two WPB guides and patrons in a group waiting on the trail to be picked up. A WPB guide directed those in the early part of our group to proceed down the trail because a helicopter was going to land on the trail where we were standing. We proceeded and almost immediately the helicopter came in. I personally felt concern for my safety. The wind from the rotors created a whiteout condition and decibel sound levels exceeding safe standards. While the helicopter was loading, the WPB guides prohibited the rest of our group from advancing down the trail causing disruption and separation of the group.

I have filed a complaint with the US Forest Service. They have taken this complaint seriously and asked for other participants of this trip to provide their independent observations. Anyone on that trip is encouraged to email their comments to Soucie_Al/r4_w-c@fs.fed.us with a copy to me at vincedesimone@yahoo.com. If anyone took pictures they would also be helpful. On future trips I encourage participants to take pictures and report obtrusive behavior.

by Vince Desimone

Editor's Note: The preceding article is not included as an official position of the Wasatch Mtn. Club, but as an informational article. It is apparent that it is not always easy to provide everyone quality access to the beautiful outdoors.



Photos from the Annual Awards Banquet & Ball

Wasatch Mountain Club

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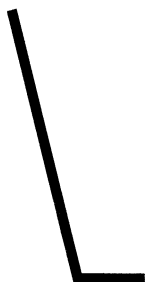
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