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News from the Webmaster:

The website has a **NEW DOMAIN NAME!**

Don't know what a tilde (~) is or where to find it on the keyboard?

Don't know what a domain name is?

Don't worry!

All you need to know, to get in touch with the Wasatch Mountain Club on the Internet, is:

www.wasatchmountainclub.org

That's the new WMC website name.

Now it's easier than ever to remember our website address.

Yes, just like the big boys, amazon.com, utah.edu, or npr.org, we have staked our little corner of the Internet

If you have old bookmarks or links, don't worry these will still work.

We registered our name and pointed it to our current website to make it easier to remember.

In case we ever move our site, you will always be able to find us at **wasatchmountainclub.org**, wherever we may roam.

Start using and giving out the new WMC website address.

If you have any questions or web page submissions you can always email me at:

webmaster@wasatchmountainclub.org

--- Mike Dege, WMC Webmaster

From the Editor:

The deadline for all submissions to the Rambler is now the 10th of each month.

This change is necessary for two reasons. First, it gives the volunteers adequate time to prepare the Rambler. Second, the club outsourced labeling, sorting, bagging, and delivering the Ramblers to the Post Office. In order for you to get the Rambler in a timely manner, we do need to move the due date for submissions to the **10**th of each month to accommodate the volunteers and the labeling company.

Be aware that this is a permanent change. (As many of you know, the deadline for submissions for the December and January issues is normally the 10th of November and the 10th of December.)

If you have questions, comments, etc. contact:

Jeanette Buenger 978-0650 <u>JenBuenger@aol.com</u> wmc@xmission.com



Wolf H. H. Snyder, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on September 16, 2000 at the age of 97.

Wolf was born August 27, 1903 in Dresden, Germany. His family immigrated to the U.S. in 1925, and in 1929 Wolf graduated cum laude from Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

After corresponding with his German sweetheart, Elfriede Barteis, for over seven years, he was finally able to bring her to America to be his wife. Their deep, undying love for each other has continued through 67 years of marriage while still living together in their own home at the age of 97

Professionally, Wolf had 50 years experience in various fields of engineering for companies in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Utah. In 1968 he retired from Hercules in SLC where he was a senior development engineer in the successful design and construction of over 20 types of missile cases, including the Minute Man. He continued as a part time consultant for Engineering Associates until 1981.

Wolf loved the mountains and was still hiking the Wasatch trails at the age of 91. He held past memberships in the Appalachian and Wasatch Mountain clubs. He was a devoted member of the Cottonwood Presbyterian Church and his strong faith in God was with him always. He continued studying and sharing his experiences and wealth of knowledge on countless subjects with friends and family until the end.

Wolf is survived by his wife, Elfriede; daughter, Barbara (Dan) Lovejoy; grandsons, Carol Lovejoy and Tim Lovejoy; and brother, Detlev Snyder. Proceeded in death by two sisters and son, Henry Snyder.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Central Valley Dialysis Center for the five years of friendship and care given to Wolf.

A short memorial service to honor his remarkable life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 21, 2000 at the Cottonwood Presbyterian Church, 1580 Vine Street, Holladay.

It was Wolf's wish to be cremated. Funeral Directors: Holladay Cottonwood Mortuary.

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 plant, animal, and bird life.

Moving? Please call the WMC office or send your new address to the Membership Director. Allow 45 days for address changes.

Missing 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.

How to submit trip talks:

- 1. Email them to: wmc@xmission.com. You can email your pictures too!
- 2. Submit the trip talk, **on a 3.5" disk**, to the club office (1390 South 1100 East in Salt Lake City). Use Microsoft Word and Arial, 10 point for all submissions. Label the diskette with your name and identify which file(s) are submissions. Enclose a hard copy in case your diskette cannot be read. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

How to submit pictures: The same way you submit trip talks. Photos of all kinds are accepted. Make sure that each photo is labeled with the photographer, date, and names of people. Unless a S.A.S.E. is provided, photographs will be left in the **red** bucket outside the WMC office door.

How to submit to the Marketplace:

- 1. Email ads to: (wmc@xmission.com); use the subject line "marketplace".
- 2. Submit an ad, on a floppy disk, to the club office (1390 South 1100 East in Salt Lake City). When are ads due? The 10th of each month.

How much do I pay for the ad? Advertising rates are \$5.00 for up to 20 words and \$0.20 for each additional word per month. Please specify the number of months you want to run the ad. **Is there a charge for members?** *Prepayment must accompany your submission.* There is no charge for WMC members placing ads for used, recreational gear or for private, non-commercial and not-for-profit activities.



NOV 18 - SAT - 6PM

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(SEE DETAILS INSIDE)

Bulletin Board



NOV 10, FRI; SOCIAL: SING ALONG @ 7 P.M. (details inside)

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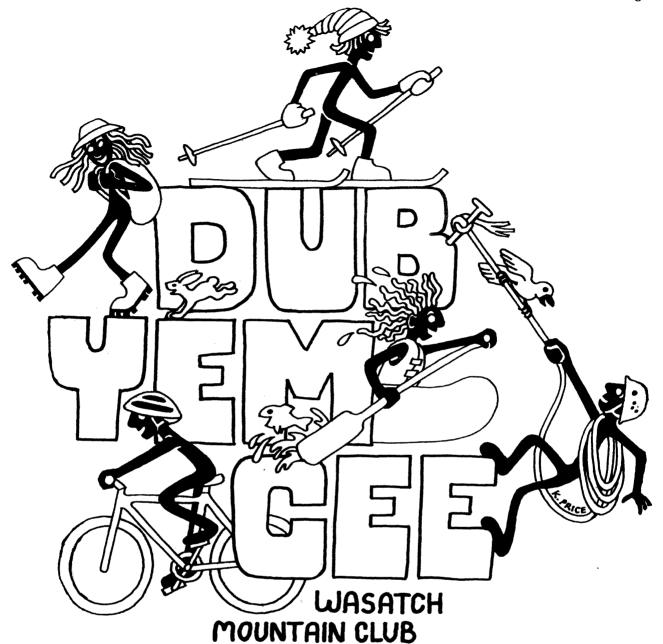
WMC LODGE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL USE

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



NEW HOSTS NEEDED FOR ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT:

LEEANN BORN 486-1485 AND EMILY ROSTEN 532-8787 HAVE HOSTED "ETHNIC SUPPER NIGHT" FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. IT HAS BEEN FUN, BUT THEY ARE READY TO MOVE ON TO OTHER ADVENTURES AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOMEONE TAKE OVER THE REINS. IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO ORGANIZED THE GROUP AND GET GOING, FEEL FREE TO GIVE EITHER OF US A CALL.



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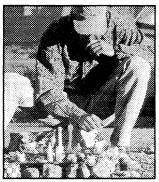
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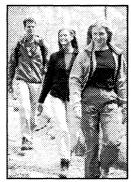
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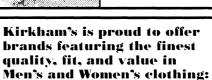


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? How do I submit my activity to the club? Send your proposed activity for approval to the appropriate director for inclusion in their activity schedule. Activities sent directly to the Rambler will not be accepted.

? What are some of the rules and regulations?

- 1. **Dogs and children** are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.
- 2. 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 \$0.08/mile/person on 2WD roads shared by everyone in the vehicle.
- 3. **Notice to Non-Members:** Prospective members must attend, and have trip organizers sign, two qualifying activities (not including 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.



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Rating Difficulty Range:

0.1-4.0 = Not Too Difficult (NTD)= lightly strenuous 4.1-8.0 = Moderate (MOD)= Moderate to very strenuous

8.1-11.0 = Most Difficult (MSD) = Very strenuous, difficult

11.1+ = Extreme (EXT) = Very strong, well-seasoned hikers.

Other Factors:

B = Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking

E = Elevation change in excess of 5,000 feet

M = Round trip mileage in excess of 15 mi.

R = Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding

S = Scrambling

X = Exposure

W= Wilderness area, limit 14

NOV 10

FRI

SOCIAL: SING ALONG

(NTD) 7:00 P.M.

Put this on your calendar! Frank Bernard (533-9219) will begin early again this year too since we have so much fun. Just show up at 417 Center Street in Capitol Hill—about 130 W. 400 N. —with snacks and beverages and/or your voice or instrument. Be sure to join us for this "first of the season" session of folk singing!

NOV 12 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SCOTTS PASS (NTD)

Yo! The first ski trip of the year! Join Tom Silberstorf for what has sort of evolved into a first day tradition. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd. at 9:00 a.m. Having skins will save you lots of sweat. Call Tom at 255-2784 to confirm the trip in case snow appears questionable.

NOV 12 SUN

DAY HIKE: MT. RAYMOND

Join Jan Uhlir (355-0480) for the last of his twenty hike series. It is very late in the season so, if there is snow, you may want to bring your snowshoes and/or ice ax. Meet Jan at the Big Cottonwood Park and Ride at 9 a.m.

NOV 15 WED

SOCIAL: CHEAP FLICKS MOVIE NIGHT

Singles and everyone are welcome to meet Craig (487-2077) at 6:00 p.m. at Pier 49 San Francisco Sourdough Pizza Co. for dinner (2227 Highland Dr) followed by an inexpensive movie at the Sugar House Movies 10 next door.

NOV 18 SAT

SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS NTD

The Pack is back! Welcome to Russ Packs' fourth annual WMC snowshoe kickoff. Kickoff your snowshoes at Scotts Pass, named in honor of former Utah Quarterback, Scott Mitchell. Meet the snowshoe community for the first outing of the season at Butler Elementary, 0900. If snow is questionable, call Russ (572-5653) for a free consultation. (Russ likes to snowshoe, but not hike at this time of year.)

NOV 18 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SNAKE CREEK PASS (NTD)

Dale Woodward is anticipating a snowy start to the winter season, so he is confident this trip will be a great early November experience. If things don't work out, he will revert to hiking. Meet at the Butler Elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 9:00 a.m. Call him (1-435-615-8479) no later than Friday before the trip to check on the snow conditions. If you bring skins, 10 E's, food, and water, you will be prepared.

NOV 18 SAT

SOCIAL: ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL 6:00 P.M.

This yummy dinner and dance will be held at Police Mutual Aid Association (PMAA)—formerly Hendrickson Gun Range—in Parleys Canyon. Exit 134: turn right at stop sign. What an exciting evening of square dancing (country & western) with Bart Bartholoma heading up the music. Bring a Thanksgiving potluck dish to serve 6:00 – 8:00 and BYOB. Turkey will be provided by the club. The great feast will be at 6:00 p.m. with dancing at 7:30. \$5 members/\$6 non-members. Any questions, call LaRae Bartholoma at 277-4093.

NOV 19 SUN

SNOWSHOE: TWIN LAKES RESERVIOR (NTD) TO THE TOP OF HONEYCOMB CLIFFS (MOD)

Larry Nilssen (296-1716) will attain Twin Lakes, deputize a leader to lead the NTDs back, then press on to VABM 10479 (I swear that's what's on the map.) a.k.a. top of Honeycomb Cliffs. Butler Elementary at 9:00 and, if snow is problematic, call first.

NOV 19 SUN

SKI TOUR: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD)

Steve Pritchett has agreed to get us out and skiing this weekend if the snows have arrived. Look for details via the wmc-ski list, or contact him directly (523-9243, SPritc1041@aol.com).

NOV 19 SUN

SKI TOUR: UPPER REACHES OF THE UINTAS (NTD+)

In the winter, the Mirror Lake Highway is not maintained past the Soapstone turnoff 14 miles east of Kamas. The highway is usually closed by the first of December. It is quite a treat to drive to the summit and tour in the high country before the road is closed. You should take general touring or light metal-edged skis. Call 583-4721 to register and for meeting time/place info.

NOV 23-26 THU-MON

FAMILY CAR CAMP: CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK

Have Thanksgiving in Capitol Reef with Bob Cady. Bring a side dish for 6-8 people and something to drink for Thanksgiving dinner (mid-afternoon). Spend Friday and Saturday day hiking or just exploring Capitol Reef. Bob is planning to do lower Spring Canyon on Friday, maybe explore Muley Twist Canyon some on Saturday; there are lots of other, easier hikes in the area. For example, Capitol Gorge, Hickman Natural Bridge, and Cassidy Arch. Bob will supply a honey roast ham and hopes to get a friend to bring down his weber kettle and cook a turkey. Call Bob (274-0250 or drcady@aol.com) to register yourself and a dish to avoid duplications.

NOV 23-26 THU-SUN

BACKPACK: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD-MSD)

Register with Scott Patterson (963-2263). He plans to lead a rigorous trip somewhere in southern Utah or northern Arizona. Be sure to discuss the details with Scott before signing up. As always, each participant is expected to take personal responsibility for his or her preparedness level including equipment and physical condition.



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SKI BACKCOUNTRY: POWDER PARK (MOD)

If the ski resorts can open by Thanksgiving, Jim Piani (733-0627) figures he can be cutting some back country telemark turns too. Since it is early in the season, Jim will take it easy. Bring your 457 hz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10E's. Meet at the Butler Elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 9:00 a.m.

NOV 24 FRI SNOWSHOE GREEN'S BASIN (NTD)

Mark R. Jones (583-7824) knows that Greens Basin is out there somewhere; now if we can just find it. Start from Butler Elementary at 9 a.m., and call first if snow is questionable. Meet at Butler Elementary at the 9:30.

NOV 25

SAT

SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS FROM BRIGHTON (NTD)

Norm Pobanz (266-3703) (can we ever say enough good things about Norm?) offers his first tour of the season to Catherine's Pass from Brighton. Butler Elementary at 9 a.m. Call if snow is a problem.

NOV 25 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: OGDEN AREA + DOGS (MOD)

Brian says dogs are welcome on his impromptu tour and canine bark-a-rama. The plan is vague, but Brian Barkey is a master of making the best out of questionable situations. He will put together a ski tour, or hike, or maybe a snowshoe trip depending on the conditions and inclinations of the participants. Call him (801-394-6047) at least 24 hours in advance to plan the trip.

NOV 26 SUN

SKI BACK COUNTRY: SHOW AND GO (NTD MAYBE MOD)

We do not have any organizers today, but, if you were going out solo, consider stopping at the Butler Elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 9:00 a.m. to see if others might want to join in.

NOV 26 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SCOTTS PASS

(NTD)

Martin Clemans (968-1252) revisits Scotts Pass a year later than last year. Why two Scotts Passes in the same month? As in the 60's, ya gotta stay high!

(above 8000') for snow. If snow is questionable, call first. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00

DEC-MAR SPECIAL SKIDAYS & SUNDAYS RESORT TELEMARK SKIING

Join the WMC free-heel skiers throughout the season for resort skiing each week. We will use the wmc-ski list to coordinate our outings. We will visit such places as Alta, Solitude, Deer Valley, and Powder Mountain. Emphasis will be on helping each other learn to tele-ski, and searching for powder at these resorts. We will sponsor formal clinics during the season, with the initial one being December 9th at Alta, 9 am. We will need multiple 'leaders' to make this work, so please help with this list. We hope to do the weekly tele-day on Sundays. Other days are up to those on the list. Contact Ric Schmitz 733-8748 for info.

DEC 2 SAT

SKI BACK COUNTRY: WILLOWS AREA (NTD)

The trip plan for is to go to the upper basin east of Willow Lake in Big Cottonwood Canyon, eat lunch, maybe tour back a little further north, and then exit. Meet Martin McGregor (967-9860) at Butler Elementary School (2700 East and Fort Union Blvd) at 9:00 a.m. Bring skins, food, water, and 10 E's. The always-desirable beacon and shovel are recommended but not mandatory.

DEC 2 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORTH OF IRON MOUNTAIN (UINTAS) (MOD+)

This tour starts at the Soapstone Basin turn-off and offers the right combination of trail (jeep road) conditions, slope aspect, and elevation for early season success. After 8 miles and 2,000 feet of climbing, the

terrain opens up in the high country and a likely turnaround point. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot on Parley's

Way at 8:30 a.m. Call trip organizer Michael Berry (583-4721) for meeting plan if driving from the Park City area. Bring \$3.00 per car for the F.S. toll. Dogs ok.

DEC 2 SAT

SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK (TRUE NTD)

Janet Friend (268-4102) will host a true NTD and may turn it into a hike if snow is sparse. This is a great chance to try the sport—and see whether you can "keep up"—in a supportive, nonthreatening environment. So rent a pair of snowshoes, get instruction on how to put them on, wear proper clothing, and show up at Butler Elementary at 9 a.m.

DEC 3 SUN

SNOWSHOE: MILL CREEK (NTD) DOGS OK

Join Barbara Petty (486-7023) and Snickers, the Border Collie, for a morning somewhere in Millcreek. Dogs not necessary, but if you bring one, bring a cleanup bag (or a large pocket). Meet at Skyline High at 9 a.m.

DEC 3 SUN

SNOWSHOE: SUNSET PEAK (MOD) VIA CATHERINE PASS (NTD) FROM BRIGHTON

All levels of ability are welcomed to join Mohamed Abdallah's (466-9310) first mountain wandering of the new season. After attaining Catherine Pass, Mohamed will seek a volunteer to lead the NTDs back, others can continue to Sunset Peak. Remember "Not Too Difficult" does not mean "Easy". Meet at Butler Elementary at 9 a.m.



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DEC 3 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CATHERINE LAKE (NTD)

In case snow is slow to accumulate this year, Mohamed Abdallah will be skiing where it's likely to be the best. High-by-Alta is a good bet for skiable snow conditions. Meet at Butler Elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 9:00 a.m. Bring skins for your climbing

convenience. Phone 466-9310 for details or verification of snow conditions.

DEC 3 SAT

SKI BACK COUNTRY: DESOLATION LAKE AREA (NTD+)

Do you still remember how to ski? Meet Bob Cady at Butler Elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 10:00 a.m. for an early season shakedown trip and find out. Don't worry about the rocks; they will help scrape the rust off your edges. There will be a post-trip debriefing session at Molly Green's. For info call Bob Cady (274-0250 or dready@aol.com).

DEC 5 TUES

SNOWSHOE: LEADERS CHOICE: MOD-MSD

Vince Desimone will lead the "Tuesday Group" (Vinces' day off) again this year. They go to great places at a normal, (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com.

DEC 6 WED

ANNUAL ROBERT FROHBOESE AVALANCHE

Part I: In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness conducted by Bruce Tremper of the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center. This clinic will occur at 7:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church at 1070 S. Foothill Blvd. All prospective snowshoe & ski organizers and trip participants are highly encouraged to attend. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested. A beacon practice (Part II) is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th. Call Mike Berry (583-4721) for info.

DEC 9 SAT

SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS (MOD)

Clarence Cardwell is organizing an outing that features more length than height. Norway Flats can be as long as 12 round trip miles, if you get serious about it. The plan is to kick and glide a reasonable distance (which will be defined by the inclinations of the group), eat on the trail, and take in some high alpine scenery. Salt Lake City people should meet at the Parleys Way K-Mart parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Carpools will be formed to meet Clarence at 9:30 a.m. at the high school at the east end of Kamas on the Mirror Lake highway. Bring food, water, skins or some sturdy metal edged touring skis. Call 1-435-848-5302 for info.

DEC 9 SAT

SKI TOUR: (ALMOST A) FULL MOON SKI TRIP, ALBION BASIN (NTD)

Meet Bob Cady at Butler Elementary, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 7:30 p.m. to carpool up to Alta. Dress warmly; bring an extra layer of clothes for the trip down, and something warm to drink in a thermos. Don't bother with a headlamp: if it is clear you won't need it and if it is cloudy, we won't go. For info call 274-0250 or drcady@aol.com

DEC 9 SAT

ANNUAL TELEMARK SKI CLINIC

At Alta Sunnyside Lift, 10 a.m., the WMC will have its' annual Tele-Ski clinic. Beginners to advanced skiers are invited. Learn to turn safely before you venture backcountry. Beginners will work on basics on the lower lifts. Buy a 10-ride ticket for these lifts, and

you can ski there multiple days. There is packed and powder runs available. Experienced skiers—help the new comers! Rent Tele equipment at REI, Kirkham's, or Wasatch Touring. Join the wmc-ski (e-mail) list for future resort-based tele-skiing updates. Pizza and beer will be served afterwards on Ric's deck in Sandy. Contact Ric Schmitz (733-8748).

DEC 9 SAT

SOCAIL: 4TH ANNUAL TURKEY SNOWSHOE SING-ALONG @ LODGE

Meet 1:00 p.m. at Lodge for snowshoeing (BEG, NTD, MOD) to Catherine Pass (carpoolers may meet at Butler Elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 12:00 p.m.—organizers will not be there but you may meet someone to share ride). Potluck dinner (hosts will

provide three turkeys and a ham) at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a festive side dish to serve 6-8 + BYOB. Supervised children are welcome. Lodge available for overnight (\$3)—must be out by 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Games & puzzles available at Lodge for those staying indoors. Member \$3; non-members \$5. Hosts are Frank Bernard, LaRae & Bart Bartholoma, Carol Ann Langford, Dudley McIlhenny, Christine Allred, and Mark Jones. If you have any questions, cali Frank (533-9219). Remember your flashlight! If canyon is closed, event will be cancelled; otherwise it's a go! COME CATCH THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!!

DEC 9 SAT

SNOWSHOE: LEADERS CHOICE, MOD

Carolyn Clark, Details in the December Rambler.

DEC 9 SAT

SNOWSHOE:

MOONLIGHT MAGIC (NIGHT) NTD

Zig Sondelski. Details in December Rambler. This is great nighttime fun.

DEC 10 SAT

SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE TRUE NTD

Carol Anderson leads this leisurely Sunday stroll to Dog Lake; details in the December Rambler.

DEC 10 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GREENS BASIN (NTD)

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Here's an easy, but pretty one, for those who want an outing but do not want to ski themselves to death. Evelyn Clayton relies on waxless skis rather than skins, and reports excellent results. Bring food, water, 10E's, and skins (if you want to). Meet at Butler Elementary at

2700 East and Fort Union Blvd at 9:00 a.m. For info call E.C. at 485-4974.

DEC 10 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: POWDER PARK (MOD)

Lets do some yo-yo skiing on the smooth slopes of Powder Park! Due to lack of big rocks and tall brush, even a modest amount of snow ought to be sufficient to get multiple runs out of this favorite place. Meet Tom Walsh at 9:00 a.m. at Butler Elementary, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd. Bring the mandatory gear: beacon, avalanche rescue shovel, skins, food, water, and 10E's. Be ready to do laps. Call Tom at 685-6190 for details.

DEC 10 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON AREA (MOD+/MSD)

The exact destination is currently undefined, but we'll go as big as we can given the snow conditions, probably on the Little Cottonwood Canyon perimeter. At the higher altitude, snow is likely to be skiable. Bring the 10 E's, radio transceiver, shovel, and skins (or else you can't get there). Meet at Butler elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 8:00 a.m. (note the earlier than usual meeting time). Phone Edgar Webster at 583-9398 for more info, or e-mail: shredgar1014@yahoo.com.

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WED SOCIAL: FIRST-RUN MOVIE NIGHT

Singles and everyone are welcome to meet Craig (487-2077) at 6:00 p.m. at Mr. Z's Cucina Italiana for dinner (111 E. 300 S.) followed by a first-run movie at the Broadway Cinemas next door.

DEC 16 SAT

DEC 13

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SILVER FORK (NTD)

Conditions depending, Mike Budig will lead a trip up the ever-excellent Silver Fork. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Butler Elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd. As conditions warrant, you will need skins, and possibly a beacon and shovel. If snow is questionable

Mike will alter the plan. For information, phone 328-4512 no less than 24 hours in advance.

DEC 16 SAT

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: STEVE'S HILL (MOD)

Is this a real place, or did Steve Barbee make it up? This area north of Powder Park is claimed to be a great spot to link a line of turns. If it's near the estimable Park of Powder, it has to be good. Meet Steve at Butler Elementary, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at the morning hour of 9:00. Mandatory gear includes 457 hz beacon, shovel, skins, 10E's, and sustenance. This is going to be a great outing. (Phone 531-7610)

MEXICO -BELIZE

Baja Sea Kayak, Jan. 7-13 & 15-20, \$1375 Copper Canyon Trek, Jan. 15-20, \$1375 Belize Sea Kavak, March 5-13, \$1775

Local contact: John Kokinis at 801-534-0871



DEC 17 SAT

AVALANCHE TRANSCEIVER PRACTICE

Part II of the WMC Clinic. Part I: December 6th (or REI on December 5th). We have allowed time for you to make that purchase, or refresh those batteries!

Listening to a lecture or a video is not enough. To have any level of skill at avalanche rescue you must practice out in the snow. Meet at the Butler Elementary School, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 8:30 a.m. for a 3 to 4 hour practice session. Bring your snowshoes, or skis for mobility on the snow. If you want to go out on a short snowshoe or ski outing afterwards, bring the '10 essentials', lunch, shovel and transceiver and two

groups can be organized. For questions call Mike Berry (583-4721).

DEC 17 SUN

SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SILVER FORK ROUNDABOUT (NTD)

Going up on the west and down on the east in a roundabout loop is the gimmick Craig Anderson has developed to enhance the normal route. Try it; you'll like it! The normal NTD rating will be upgraded a tad to account for having to ski among aspen trees under control. Bring the usual stuff including water, food,

skins, and the always prudent 10E's. You may phone Craig at 487-2077 for details. Meet at Butler Elementary, 2700 East and Fort Union Blvd, at 9 in the a.m.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

JAN 5-7 FRI-SUN

STEAM MILL YURT (MOD)

Ski where you live- Mongolian style. Live in Logan Canyon Friday morning through Sunday afternoon. A non-refundable \$46 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. If you are interested in this trip, call Mike Berry (583-4721), e-mail: mberry@attglobal.net, or send check.

JAN 11-15, 2001 THUR - MON COMMISSARY RIDGE YURT

(Advanced backcountry skiing) Spend the long weekend at Commissary Ridge Yurt on the west side of the Tetons and trim turns on Beards Mountain. Drive up Thursday evening, spend Thursday night in a motel, ski in Friday morning, spend three nights at the yurt, and return on Monday. A non-refundable \$75 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. If you are interested in signing up for this trip, call your club President Brad Yates or e-mail: bnyslc@earthlink.net.

JAN 20 SAT

SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Reserve this evening now for Annual Awards Banquet and Nominations at Greek Market & Deli, 3205 S. State. The entire place will be reserved just for WMC with huge banquet room and plenty room for dancing. Experience great Greek food and dancing to the Greek music of Chris Dokos! May be some belly dancing, too! Details to follow.

FEB 16-19, 2001 FRI - MON **COMMISSARY RIDGE YURT**

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FEB 23-25 FRI-SUN

23-24 FEB BUNCHGRASS YURT (MOD)

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MAR 3-10 SAT-SAT

OUT OF TOWN SKI TOUR: BRITISH COLUMBIA (MSD-SKI MTN)

Canadian peaks and hot springs. Longer days, cold, winter snows. One-week hut trip through Selkirk Mountain Experience. All the hut spots are now full for that week, but if you are interested, please call SME at 250-837-2381 (ASAP) to get on the waiting list and ask for a brochure. With this much lead-time, other groups may cancel, and it would be great for other WMC folks to join us! Edgar Webster says: "Expect the best skiing of your life: Call Edgar to discuss more details 583-9398.

MAR 23-26, 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. Zig Sondelski (292-8332.)

MAR **END**

OUT OF TOWN SKI TOUR: BRITISH COLUMBIA (MSD-SKI MTN)

Canadian Peaks and hot springs. A one-week hut trip to be coordinated with the Canadian Alpine Club. Longer days and cold, winter snows. Edgar Webster says: "Expect the best skiing of your life." Call Edgar for more information 583-9398.

APR 1-6, 2001

SUN, SWIM, AND BIKE: FLORIDA (NTD)

Spring tan south Florida style. Bike the natural hammocks, beaches, and waterways of Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood area. Enjoy the evenings at the beach and plan on snorkeling clear, blue waters of Key Biscayne; alligators in the Everglades and possibly some diving. Or, kayak the mangroves in the Keys. I'll show you my playground like you have shown me yours in the past. You fly here; I'll arrange accommodations, transportation, bikes, and swim gear. Or, bring your own. Rough cost estimate is \$600. Reservations will have to be made by Nov. 1, 2000. Contact Sue Chalmers (954-792-4098, schal@sprintmail.com).

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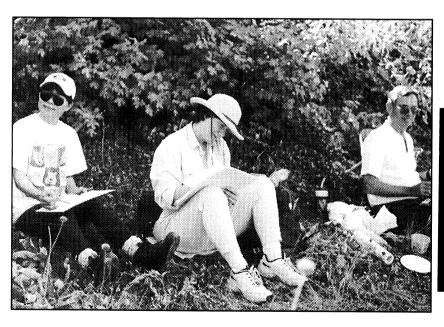
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TENT ERECTION IN EIGHT MOONLIGHT MINUTES ON THE COLORADO

A 25-30 mile canoe trip can easily be completed in one day. So this daring group consisting of John & Martha Veranth, Kathy Jones, La Rae & Bart Bartholoma, Pamela Hale and Martin Clemans decided to take three days! Martin graciously eliminated a shuttle trip by carrying two other craft, in addition to his own, from Westwater to Fruita, allowing us an early start on Saturday.

One of the highlights of this trip was Pamela causing an 8-minute moonlight erection while the rest of the group sat in stunned awe. Pamela received many accolades from the group at the completion of her tent erection by minimal moonlight illumination in only 8 minutes, thereby providing the evenings' entertainment.

John and Martha made this trip on the maiden voyage of their new canoe that became high centered in the river bottom and was therefore christened "Rocky Bottom". John added to the hiking enjoyment by sharing information gleaned while writing, "Hiking the Wasatch." Martha's knowledge of birds gave us some insight to the birds we saw. John also did an admirable job of providing & tending to the groover.

Kathy, who has become a certified "river rat" and is in the process of ordering a new 14 ft. cataraft, will finally have pictures of herself to add to her scrapbook collection. She has become a "scrapbook" junkie and, up until now, has only pictures of everyone else on her river adventures. If we ask her, maybe she'll consent to bringing her scrapbook to a boating event.

Lost, but not forgotten (to the tune of \$150!), we kept our eyes & ears open for the life jacket that Bart donated to river booty from last years trip. Ask him to tell you that story sometime! My only comment is, "I'm lucky it wasn't me who made the donation, or I never would have heard the end it"!

A number of outstanding, natural events made this trip memorable. Bald eagle sightings were complemented by being within 30 feet of a coyote on the shore eating a carcass. Clouds around the sun caused a dramatic aurora of the sunrise over the red sandstone cliffs! John, La Rae, Bart, and Martin ventured into unknown territory to search Rattlesnake Canyon for arches. They met the owner of Whitewater Canoe Co., who had been whitewater rafting for 30 years, and very kindly told us how to find at least one arch. Adventuring into the unknown, we continued hiking and all of a sudden, majestically before us appeared, "Trail Arch!" It was incredible, rivaling most of the arches in "Arches National Park" both in size and splendor! Well worth the extra effort!

Watch for a repeat of this trip in June 2001 with emphasis on an all-day hike to discover the rest of the Rattlesnake arches.

Penned by La Rae Bartholoma with Bart's helping hand!

Canada to Mexico Bike (Quiche to Taco) Trip: Third and Final Stage.

It's over!!! And we did it!!! That was the overwhelming sentiment of the group as we gathered for a Mexican dinner to celebrate the completion of our six-week, three year, 2800 mile, bicycle journey from Lake Louise, Canada to the border town of Columbus, New Mexico. Almost the entire original group completed the entire ride, although a few new faces were added and a few more disappeared during the three, two-week vacations we shared with each other.

We saw much of the central part of our great country pedaling from Lake Louise over high mountain passes and along the lakes and streams of Canada, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico. We biked through Waterton Lakes, Yellowstone, Tetons, Rocky Mountain National Park, Breckenridge, Chama, Taos, Santa Fe, Truth or Consequences, Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge, Deming, and on to the border town of Palomas. Our route followed back roads and country lanes with some people occasionally getting lost but managing to find the camp spot each night, and sometimes rather late.

This year we started biking where we left off last year near Poncha Springs, Colorado. The first day was the longest of the ride—90 miles. Some of us rode the Toltec-chama narrow gage railroad through the mountains of northern

New Mexico. The Taos Pueblos took us back in history. There was a great fiesta in Santa Fe with parades, mariachis, dancers, booths, and many performers. The museums there are fantastic. The Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge had many birds, and we even saw a roadrunner with a coyote soon after. We visited the Areceibo National Radio Astronomy Observatory with 30 huge radio dishes pointed at other galaxies. At Palomas we witnessed a big parade of school children celebrating a Mexican holiday.

There were many days of warm sun, rolling hills, and sparkling lakes. We averaged 50-60 miles, so there was plenty of time for sightseeing, eating, and relaxing. There were many flat tires and some sore butts, but this was largely forgotten as we approached our goal. And, finally, there it was—the Mexican border! Our epic journey was completed and it made no difference if we had done one stage or all three, we all had a real sense of having participated in a unique adventure.

We learned what a remarkable machine a bicycle is, how wonderful people can be, how mountainous the Rocky Mountains can be, and how a group can meld together into a true, extended family when they share the joys, frustrations, growth, victories, and pain of spending six weeks together over three years, climbing 15 vertical miles into the sky, and pushing the pedals down over 500,000 times. We rode through brilliant sunshine, rain, headwinds and tailwinds, heat and cold, good food, leaky tents, countless flat tires, and even more countless brews to accomplish a goal that we will all be proud of for the rest of our lives. To sum it up:

There once was a group from Salt Lake,
The Quiche to Taco ride they did make,
As they rode 'cross the country,
It was sometimes quite grunty,
But a memorable ride they did take.

Special appreciation is due to Sue deVall who drove the motor home and planned and bought the food; Ralph Fisher who built the bike trailer and did the route planning; Donn Fisher who did the reservations; and to Ralph, Sue, and Bob who scouted the route.

The participants and stages include: Jim and Marily Bickley (1), Steve Carr (1 & 2), Sue deVall (1, 2, 3), Bill and Paula Duncan (1), Kermit Earle (1, 2, 3), Donna and Ralph Fisher (1, 2, 3), Sam Kingston (1, 2), Gloria Leonard (2, 3), Sue McHugh-Smith (1, 2, 3), Bonnie Walsh (2, 3), Denna Wright and Bob Wright (trip leader, 1, 2, 3), and Robert and Larene Wyss (1, 2, 3)

---Bob Wright

RIM-TO-RIM-TO-RIM

(This is not a story of a bouncing basketball, rattling around the hoop)!

A few notes on a recent Grand Canyon adventure organized by Cheryl Soshnik that brought several WMCers to the canyon for hikes, treks, and endurance events through dark, cold, heat, burning sun, sand, mule "stuff," hordes of tourists, river baths, crowded trails, campgrounds and hotels, along with magnificent scenes and awe inspiring peace and quiet - if you looked in the right places. This was not a typical hike, with everyone gathering and then setting off to an announced goal, eating lunch, and then returning. The participants had a variety of goals, different starting times and points, varied endings, and personal objectives. I haven't heard of any deaths or lost souls, so I assume we all met our aims. Cheryl walked out under her own power this time vs. the expensive helicopter option. Starting points included the N. Rim and the top of two different trails on the S. Rim. Ending points were the same.

Cheryl reserved a campsite at Bright Angel Creek (at the bottom of the canyon) for Friday and Saturday nights for up to six people. (This must be done four months ahead of time—sites are in high demand and there is no guarantee you get one). There are two group sites available (more than seven people) and about 40 sites for "up to" six people. The rangers check every site every night to insure campers have the required backcountry permit. Those who don't wish to carry sleeping gear may be able to get a cabin/dorm space at Phantom Ranch (1/3 mile from the campground); these are usually reserved a year ahead of time. If you don't want to carry food, cooking gear, and a stove, you can reserve meals at Phantom—plan a year ahead on that as well. They have (important fact #1) cold beer and lesser drinks for sale

at Phantom, as well as snickers bars and a very small variety of sundries and post cards. You can survive on stuff you buy at the ranch (ask Mary Ann L.) but you are best off figuring your caloric needs and carrying it in if you do not have meals reserved. Large signs at the top of the trails advised that the water pipeline was broke; you had to carry all your

own water. (The water from Roaring Springs, four miles below the north rim, is piped via a 30-year-old, aluminum pipe to Phantom and then up to the North Rim.) Based on the appearance of the often-used signs, breaks in this pipeline are frequent. When the line breaks, a team finds the leak, digs it up, and repairs it. The stress of shutting

off the water (removing 900 PSI of dynamic pressure in the line and replacing it with 1100 PSI of static pressure), and restarting it frequently cause the pipeline to break in another spot. They said nothing of the fact that creeks are adjacent to all but a few miles of trail at the top (both rims). If you are equipped with a filter or purification equipment, you could easily make it on a liter or two of water. Unless, of course, you elect to go up the South Kaibab Trail where you face about seven miles and 5,000 feet of elevation gain with no water supplies along the route. (However, there are two strategically located composting toilets to serve the hordes.)

Several of the hikers (one with a 30 pound pack and the others with lightweight daypacks) who started at 6:30 a.m. from the North Rim were at the Bright Angel CG at 11:15. It took them four hours and 45 minutes for the 14.7 mile descent of about 5800 feet; a fairly quick hike with minimal breaks. One hiker (with a lightweight pack) left Bright Angel at 7:00 and was on top (via the Bright Angel trail) at 10:30; 9.3 miles and a 4500' elevation gain. That hiker then came down the South Kaibab trail to Phantom in two hours and 30 minutes—about seven miles and a 4500 foot descent to the Colorado. Three hikers (with overnight packs) left Bright Angel at 6:30 and climbed to the North Rim via the North Kaibab trail. It took about seven hours for part of the group and nine hours for the others.

Rim-to-Rim hikers needed from nine to ten hours. I spoke with one runner on the South Rim who was as pleased as a peacock at traversing the magnificent scenery, running over many hikers, and scaring numerous mule trains with a time of 4 hours, 10 minutes and 9 seconds! He had come up the South Kaibab trail. There were actually quite a few rim-to-rim runners, some who were going from one side to the other and back! These runners are good candidates for the Wasatch 100, but feel free to maintain your space on the trail and make them go around you.

Most of the overnighters at Bright Angel had tents with a few in bivy sacks. Sleeping bags were not needed, as it didn't get below 60 degrees. A fleece blanket is a good choice. Despite the fact that it is arid you must be prepared for downpours, so have some method to keep dry. The best lightweight equipment was the Photon microlight. If you don't have one of these, your backpack is way overweight. Chris Winter used one for a month-long backpack; it was noticeably dimmer than my brand-new one, but it was still useable.

Despite the fact that the water line was broke, the bathrooms at Bright Angel and Phantom were still open; you had to carry buckets of water from the creek to flush the toilets. I noticed that the incidence of campers actually doing that went way down after dark —maybe they thought all their "stuff" would evaporate prior to the next user or that it was invisible in the dark.

Participants included Adrienne Boudreaux, Dave Trask, Rhonda Hasse, Barb Pollyea, Fred Gabriel, Carol Masheter, Carrie Clark, Chris Winter, Tim Seeley, Mary Ann Losee, and organizer Cheryl Soshnik.
---Frank Bernard

Message from the Hiking Director:

With the hiking season drawing to a close, it is time for the hiking committee to express appreciation for the excellent support of the membership. Hundreds of hiking, camping, and backpacking events were listed this season, each of which involved the services of one or more volunteer organizers. Most of these events were well attended and well received by the participants. There were a few errors and omissions in our Rambler listings, for which we apologize. Those most affected have been very gracious in letting us off the hook. The reality is that there are many opportunities for error as information flows through layers of volunteers on its way to publication, particularly under the pressure of submission and publication deadlines. We think that the publications director, Jeanette Buenger, deserves a pat on the back for a job well done, and we recognize that the old adage "garbage in, garbage out" applies. It is a good idea to check the WMC web page for corrections and additions to Rambler listings

Participation in the weekday evening hiking program has continued to grow and the committee would like to find a way to manage it better. We have had groups well in excess of fifty on some of these hikes. Sojourns into wilderness areas should be limited to 12. Because of time constraints, among other reasons, it has been difficult to divide large turnouts into smaller groups at the meeting place in most cases. We solicit ideas and volunteers to keep this part of our hiking

program alive and well. In the meantime, special thanks to Mark Jones, Debi Bouchard, Mark Rocco, and Knick Knickerbocker who coordinated the evening hikes this season.

This year, the "turtle hike" contingent was very active. Some of these hikes were NTD rated, but others were MOD. The turtles eventually get to their destination, merely proceeding at a more relaxed pace. As more members realize that these hikes are regularly scheduled, we expect participation to increase further. Turtles come in all sizes, genders, and ages, and a "core" group of regulars has carried the organizational burden. A number of these

regulars have volunteered to organize multiple turtle hikes throughout the season. There is room on the committee for a turtle hikes coordinator. The new WMC Hike E-Mail List and a few telephone calls each month would assure regular weekend offerings for the turtles. Weekday evening turtle hikes might also be scheduled next season if there is sufficient interest.

To those of you who led "traditional" hikes and multiple MSD and MOD+ hikes, thanks for your enthusiasm and participation. Your efforts made a big difference and generated considerable favorable feedback to the committee. We also acknowledge the many members who responded to monthly requests for volunteers to organize the club's "bread and butter" weekend NTD and MOD hikes. Participation in these events was huge. If any of you organizers did not receive an invitation to the September 30 Organizers and Leaders Party, the omission was unintentional. Unfortunately, we volunteers are error prone. If you were missed, please contact me so that I can thank you personally, and make any necessary corrections to our records.

While a large number of car camping and backpacking events were scheduled this year, several members have expressed the view that these segments of our program need to be strengthened. We would like to be responsive to this criticism, but we need more muscle on the committee to get the job done. Coordinators with special interests and experience in these areas must step forward if we are to energize the committee in this respect. Don't be bashful.

E-mail has been a great tool, and is becoming ever more useful. We encourage everyone interested in hiking, car camping, and backpacking to sign up by sending an e-mail message from the address you wish to use to: <code>majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com</code> with the text message (not in the subject box) "subscribe wmc-hike" You will be sent a greeting message asking you to confirm that you want to be included on the list. The hiking season can be extended through the use of this list to solicit companions for impromptu hikes. Of course, such activities will not be officially sanctioned WMC events unless approved by the hiking director and the participants all sign the usual release form.

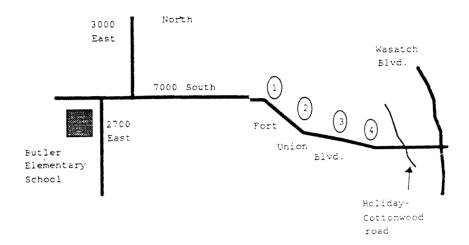
Thanks again for your support, and feel free to send your comments, criticisms, and ideas to your hiking director, Dave Trask, 273-0090, dvt@diviti.com

(Editor's Note: The Editor takes full responsibility for the errors and omissions in the Rambler listings.)



Construction work at the lodge. Phyllis Anderson, photographer

Message from the Winter Sports Director:



CARPOOL PARKING LOTS FOR SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING:

Butler Elementary School: Access the parking lot from 2700 East just south of 7000 South (Fort Union Blvd.). We do not have a guarantee that cars won't be towed from here in the event of snow.

FORT UNION COUNTY PARKING LOTS: The numbers are for the WMC. Don't expect to see any numbered signs; these are basically wide pullouts on the north side of Fort Union Blvd. County time restrictions are to be followed. NO PARKING FROM 10 P.M. TO 8 A.M.

Lot 1: 3220 East Fort Union Blvd. (7000 South). This lot will hold an estimated five cars.

Lot 2: 3360 East Fort Union Blvd. (7090 South). This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.

Lot 3: 3420 East Fort Union Blvd. (7140 South). This lot will hold an estimated seven cars.

Lot 4: 3600 East Fort Union Blvd (7225 South). This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.

WMC Winter Sports Policy Overview October 12, 2000

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. The core program includes snowshoe tours, backcountry tours, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and out-of-town trips (e.g. yurt and winter camping trips). The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Class is held in December or January each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic is held in January of each year. At least one telemark clinic is held each year.

The winter sports director is responsible for the overall management of the winter sports program. He/she appoints skiing and snowshoe coordinators who in turn schedule trips that are not planned at the committee meetings, but can be announced in the Rambler throughout the season. The coordinators also assist trip organizers with information as needed. Other responsibilities include: organize or participate in training trips catered to novices and beginners. They are encouraged to submit articles discussing information on topics of interest.

The winter sports program will promote conservation issues such as: curtailment of ski resort expansion to prevent further loss of backcountry terrain; rigid control (or elimination) of helicopter skiing; continuation of involvement in land management decision making (e.g. snowmobile vs. ski trails on Daniel's Summit); and use of UTA routes.

General Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers

The winter sports program adopts the guidelines for hiking organizers, published elsewhere in these policies. However, special considerations are necessary for winter activities. Planning your destination and route is the key to a successful trip. You should always try to carpool or utilize UTA transit options in the Wasatch Canyons. Help people understand what the outing involves so that they can decide whether they should be on the trip. The organizer may use his/her discretion as to the equipment and skills necessary for a safe and successful tour. The organizer may evaluate the equipment and capabilities of skiers/snowshoers and turn away people who aren't prepared for the outing. You can check their clothing and gear by eye, and ask questions about their experience and fitness. Make sure that everyone going on the trip signs the release form and therefore acknowledges the risk involved and that it's their responsibility to be prepared.

Talk to the group and reach an understanding of when to turn back. You could run out of time to return before dark, or the conditions might turn ominous. Participants disagreeing with the organizer can choose to withdraw from a trip after clearly notifying the organizer, and preferably, at least one other witness. Skiers/snowshoers should return to the trailhead with a buddy, and be sure that the organizer understands your route. Large groups should be subdivided with appointment of a second organizer and separation of the parties into a 'fast group' and 'slow group'. Have fun. Enjoy the fresh air and snow.

Equipment Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers and Participants

All trip participants are responsible for their own equipment and preparedness. Be self-sufficient at all times, and be prepared to assist others when necessary. Carry necessary supplies for changes in conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. In addition to the "Ten Essentials" (re: Seattle Mountaineers), which are emergency items you should have in your pack at all times, the following items are sometimes carried on winter sports trips: climbing skins, transceivers (dual-frequency or 457 mHz), shovel, probe, repair kit, headlamp, and rope.

The organizer has the discretion to require any of these additional equipment items for group safety considerations. The general guideline is to require transceivers and shovels on MOD and above trip ratings. Of course, participants may always choose to take these additional items. If participants are unsure of what the trip involves and if certain equipment items will be required, please ask the organizer beforehand or at the meeting place. If beacons are required, the group should consider whether to conduct a beacon signal test before the tour and a practice avalanche search during the tour.

Basic Avalanche Awareness Guidelines (Source: U.S. Forest Service)

- 1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
- 2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as poles.
- 3. Be alert following periods of steady snowfall- that's when most avalanches occur.
- 4. Slopes with angles of 25 to 50 degrees are most likely to slide.
- 5. Cornices, or overhanging shelves of snow, can build up along ridges and can fall, thus triggering avalanches. When traveling along ridges, avoid the edges.
- 6. When traveling through potentially unstable terrain, spread out and cross slopes one-at-a-time, keeping close watch for sliding or settling of the snow.
- 7. Most avalanches start above timberline, on slopes opposite the prevailing wind. Heavily forested slopes are less likely to slide.
- 8. Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snowpack.
- 9. Check with local forecasters and outdoor travelers for conditions and hazards.
- 10. Only one in three avalanche victims buried without a beacon survives. But if you're caught in an avalanche, try to escape by grabbing a tree or rock. If you fall, get rid of your skis, poles and pack and "swim" on the slide to stay toward the surface. When the avalanche stops, try to stay near the surface and make an air pocket.

ACTIVITY SURVEY WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD?

All of the club's activity leaders are volunteers. You can be a leader too-just check off the activities you want to lead, and we'll give you a call. Help your club and have fun too! Hiking: moderate day hike advanced day hike easy day hike car camp backpack Boating: trip leader instruction equipment sailing NTD tour MSD tour MOD tour out-of-town trip Skiing: Climbina: Wasatch climb out-of-town trip winter mountaineering Bicycling: road bike tour mountain bike ___camping tour Other ___ other ___caving snowshoe tour outings: **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT?** The club also depends on volunteers for all the rest of its work. Some of this work is critical to the day-to-day functioning of the club; some of it is important to our community; some of it is just fun. You can let us know how you'll help by checking off activities below. Conservation air & water quality issues telephone tree trail trailhead access clearing wilderness Socials: social host party assistance lodge host word processing Rambler: mailing advertising computer support Lodge: general lodge repair skilled lodge work Information: public relations membership help recruiting instruction Would you like to participate on an activities committee? Which one? Is there a special trip or activity that you would like to lead? What phone numbers can we use to reach you?



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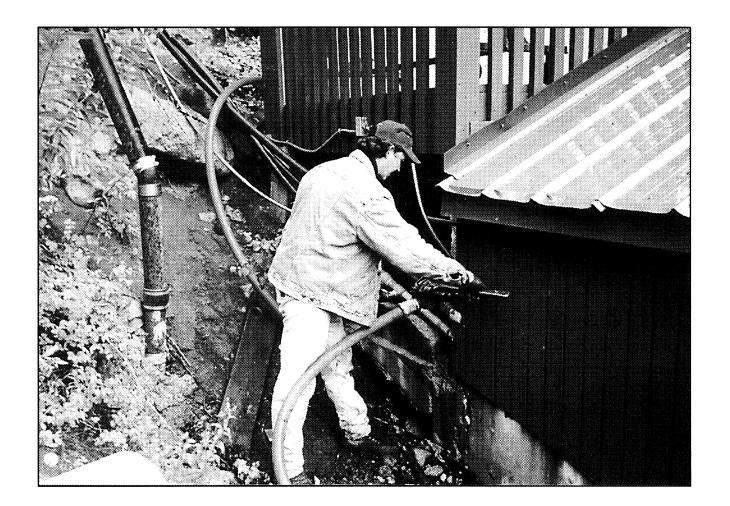
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