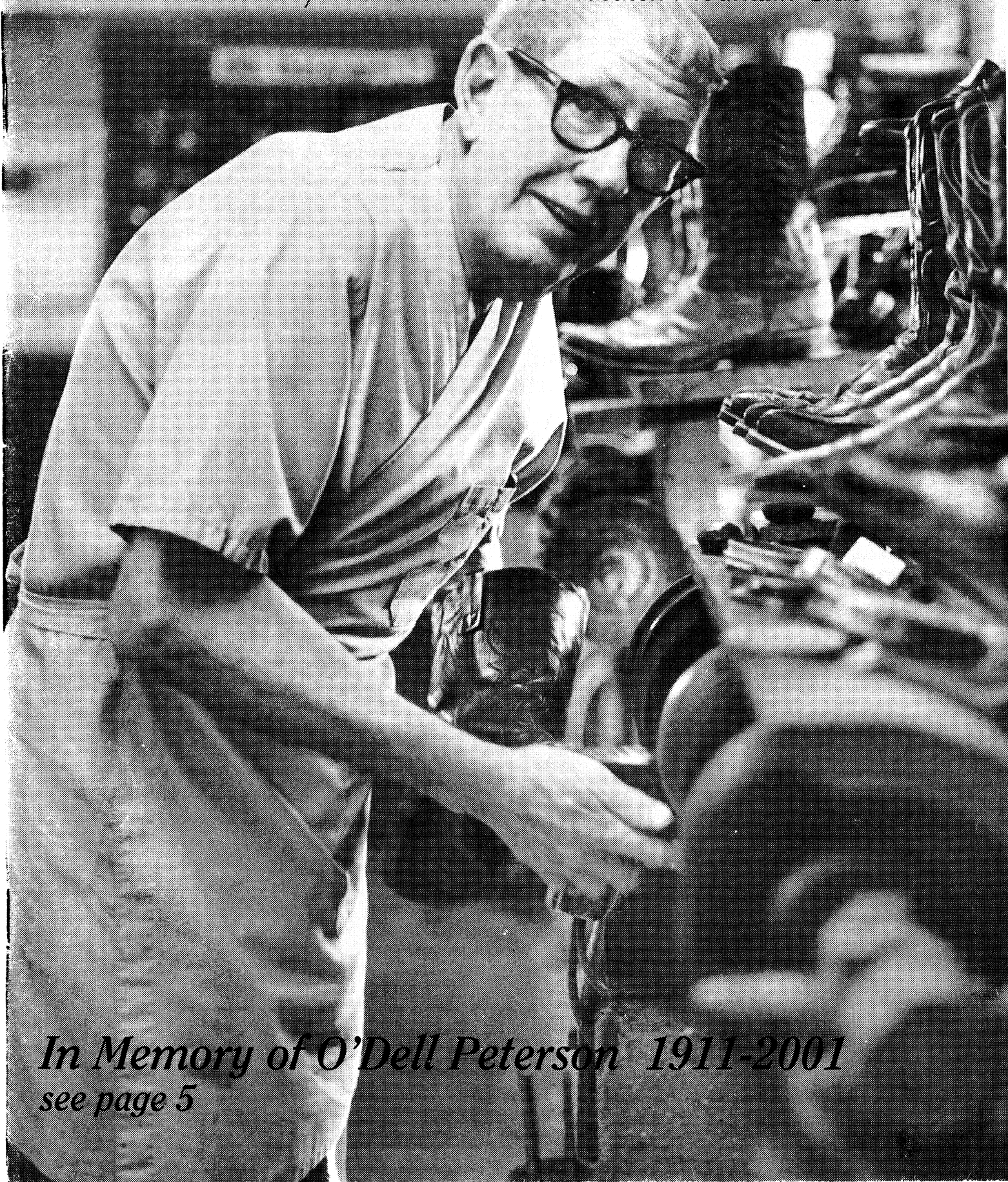


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The purpose shall be to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests, and knowledge of students, explorers, and lovers of the mountains, deserts, and rivers of Utah; to 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.

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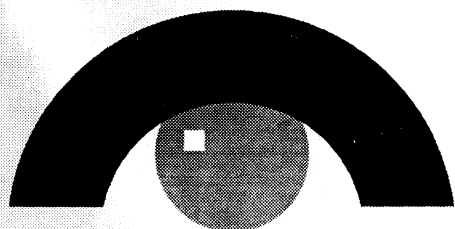
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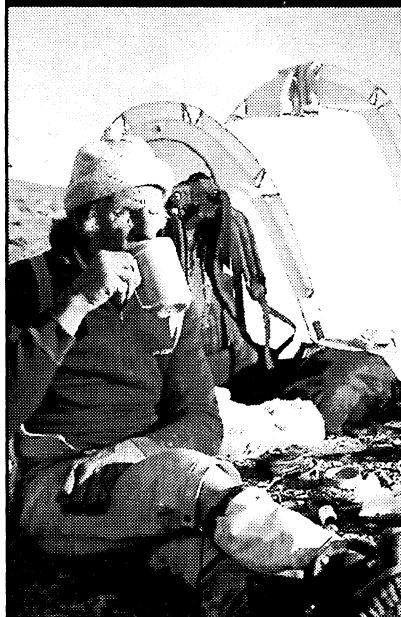
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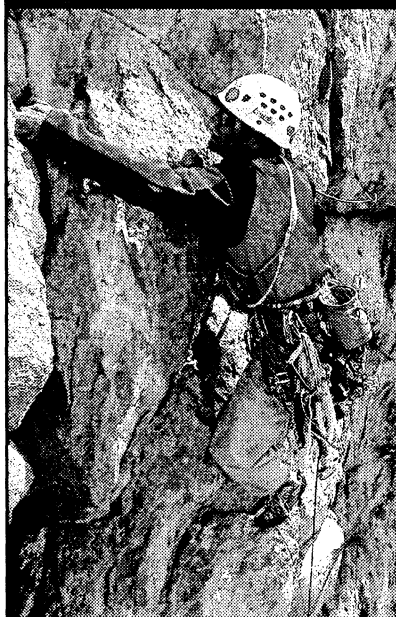
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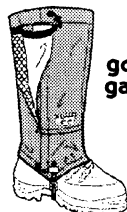
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Remembering O'dell Petersen

by Alexis Kelner

I was sixteen when I first met O'dell (Pete) Peterson. I had just purchased (by mail from the Seattle Co-op) my first pair of climbing boots and needed to have Tricouni nails installed along the boots' edges, heel, and instep. "Go see Pete," one of my caving companions suggested. "He runs a shoe shop on 8th West, next to the Arcade movie house."

O'dell Petersen's shop was like a museum. One wall was entirely covered with photographs of Wasatch skiing, hiking, and mountain climbing. Some prints were turning brown with age. Pete sensed my interest in mountaineering and invited me to join the Wasatch Mountain Club. I told him I would after I turned 18. A few months later a WMC membership card and shoulder patch arrived by mail. I learned that Pete and his wife Edith ("Pinky") had paid my club initiation fee and dues and had fudged my age on the application. Later, much later, I learned that such thoughtfulness was Pete's norm and that his unselfishness reached and affected many lives.

Pete died on October 3, 2001 after a brief illness. He was 90 at the time of death. Pete was born in 1911, in Fairview, Utah. He joined the Mountain Club in 1928, and quickly became active in hiking, ski touring, and mountaineering. While serving as Trips and Outings director in the late 1930's he organized and led numerous winter and spring ski tours to such summits as Ben Lomond (near Ogden), and Mt. Timpanogos. Hiking outings included trips into the Uintas and southern Utah parks and mountain ranges. Pete helped the club develop interest in rock climbing. Located along Wasatch Blvd., the large quartzite outcropping used for practice climbing and instruction is known as Pete's Rock, named in his honor by club mountaineers. During World War II Pete participated as a leader in the state's Ski and Mountain Corps, a Civil Defense search and rescue organization. He received a Service Award from Utah's governor for contributing over 1,000 hours to the rescue unit.

Pete met Edith Christensen in the Mountain Club. They married on April 11, 1939. They had three children, Ronald, Thyce, and Linda.

O'dell's lifetime career in shoe repair started at age 15 as a delivery boy for Modern Shoe Repair. Here he learned the cobbler's craft and progressed to become a district supervisor for a national repair chain. The couple moved to San Francisco in 1940, but the love of the Wasatch coaxed them to return to Salt Lake a year later.

In 1946 Pete opened his own repair shop in their back yard garage; three years later he relocated to his Arcade Theater location. Pete volunteered his new shop to become the call-in headquarters for the Mountain Club. Everytime a member dialed 364-7150 to register for a trip it was Pete who answered the phone. He continued this service to the club for some 30 years.

Pete was a meticulous craftsman who instilled in his customers respect for footwear in unusual ways. I recall bringing a pair of well-beaten up ski boots for Pete's evaluation as to their future. He dumped them into a garbage can and berated me for careless handling of the boots. A week later, I received a call to pick them up. When I did, they were like new. I learned that when you bring a granite boulder to Michaelangelo for carving you make sure it's clean! Pete was very generous with his skills. He repaired shoes free of charge for the disabled and donated many refurbished shoes to the needy.

Pete was a member of the Mountain Club for 73 years. For me, and many of my mountaineering companions, Pete was the Mountain Club.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB BOARD NOMINATIONS 2002

Hello folks, as you know the WMC is a volunteer organization, with no paid staff. We depend on good folks to donate their time and energy to keep up a full slate of activities and to conduct the business of the club. This is a list of those who have volunteered to serve in the various positions, many for a second term! Thanks Folks! As you can see though, we have few open positions that we need to fill. If you would be willing to serve your club, please contact Gloria Watson at 466-9016. If you don't, don't be surprised if your favorite activity or service grinds to a halt, or your dues go up to cover the cost of hiring someone to do your work for you!

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SKI RATINGS

Here is the listing of ski tours and their ratings according to difficulty. There is considerable subjectivity in this, so if you feel the rating is too high or low, please let us know. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end.

Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the category labeled SKI BACKCOUNTRY. This type of trip requires stout metal edged skis, radio beacon, skins, and the skill of executing turns. Typical examples are Powder Park or Catherine Pass. A trip labeled SKI TOUR is one, which is mostly horizontal, involves using the kick-and-glide motion, and does not seek heights from which to do turns on the descent. Typical examples are Beaver Creek or Norway Flats. SKI-MTN is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to ski gear and radio beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD. Ratings are as follows:

*** Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel.** A new rating category for AVALANCHE AWARENESS is included to help you assess the relative risk for each trip; Legend- **A!**- trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; **A-** trip crosses known avalanche path; **M-** trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.

EL = Entry Level.	Able to maintain balance and do kick turns
NTD = Not too Difficult.	Able to ski a groomed run at a ski area.
MOD = Moderate.	Able to ski ungroomed runs at a ski area.
MSD = Most Difficult.	Able to ski any snow on any terrain.
SKI-MTN = Ski Mountaineering.	Involves exposure and self arrest skills

EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING-*	MILES	VERTICAL	
COMMENT					
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD M	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD M	5.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Greens Basin from Spruces	NTD M	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD A	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD M	5.0	680	Road
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon to Ledgefork Campground	NTD M	6.0	400	Tour
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD M	4.0	900	Tour
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD M	5.0	1000	Tour
Woodland	Bench Creek	NTD M	7.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine Lake	NTD A	4.4	1200	

Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD	A	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine Pass from Alta	NTD	A	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Scotts Pass	NTD	M	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD	A	6.0	1400	
Heber	R Fork-Little Hobble Creek to Little Vall.	NTD	M	7.0	1150	Tour
Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	A	6.0	1600	
Uintas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	M	8.0	600	Tour
Uintas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	M	10.0	600	Tour
Midway	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD	A	7.0	1800	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Big Water	NTD	M	8.0	1500	Road
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD	A	5.0	1280	Road

MOD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE COMMENT	RATING-*		MILES	VERTICAL	
Uintas	Weber Canyon Road	MOD	M	16.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Butler Fork to Overlook	MOD	A	3.0	1500	
Wasatch	Brighton to Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1300	
Wasatch	Grizzly Gulch to Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1320	
Wasatch	Toms Hill	MOD	A	4.0	1600	
Wasatch	Bills Hill	MOD	A	3.4	1800	
Wasatch	Little Dell - Affleck Park - Big Mountain	MOD	M	11.0	1320	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine Pass from Brighton	MOD	A!	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near) (South)	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Uintas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD	M	7.0	2400	Tour
Daniels	Main Canyon Murdock Hollow Loop	MOD	M	10.0	1400	Tour
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD	A	10.0	1700	Tour
Woodland	Little South Fork - Willow Hollow	MOD	M	10.0	2000	Tour
Daniels	Clyde Creek - Mud Creek	MOD	M	14.0	1000	Tour
Stansbury	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD	A	9.0	2800	Tour
Wasatch	Big Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	6.4	1400	
Wasatch	Alta to Brighton via Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	8.0	1320	
Uintas	Smith Morehouse Can to Erickson Basin	MOD	A	15.0	1200	Tour
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD	M	15.0	1400	Tour
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD	M	12.0	2300	Tour
Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD	M	12.0	2530	Tour
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flats	MOD	A	14.0	2235	Tour
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD	A	8.0	1900	
Wasatch	Brighton to Alta via Catherine Pass	MOD	A!	10.0	1500	
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD	A	8.0	2000	
Uintas	Soapstone to North of Iron Mountain	MOD	M	14.0	2240	Tour
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD	M	14.0	2460	Tour
Wasatch	Greens Basin Peak	MOD	A	6.0	2380	
Wasatch	Meadow Chutes	MOD	A!	6.2	2380	
Wasatch	Reynolds Peak	MOD	A	7.0	2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	7.4	2100	

Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD	A	7.0	2200	
Wasatch	Days Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+	A!	8.0	2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+	A	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far) (North)	MOD+	A	8.0	2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+	A!	7.0	2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to Strawberry)	MOD+	M	15.0	3650	Tour
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	9.0	2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+	A!	7.6	3200	
Wasatch	Alta – Brighton - Alta	MOD+	A!	9.0	2800	

MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE COMMENT	RATING-*		MILES	VERTICAL	
Wasatch Steep	Pink Pine	MSD	A!	2.0	1000	Short
Wasatch Steep	Cardiff Pass	MSD	A!	2.0	1400	Short
Wasatch Steep	Flagstaff Mountain	MSD	A!	2.8	2000	Short
Wasatch 2800 down	Cardiff Pass to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	A!	5.0	Traverse	1400 up
Wasatch 2400 down	Silver Fork via Brighton Twin Lakes	MSD	A!	6.0	Traverse	1460 up
Wasatch 3200 down	Days Fork to Big Cottonwood Canyon	MSD	A!	5.5	Traverse	2000 up

MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE COMMENT	RATING-*		MILES	VERTICAL	
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD	A!	9.2	1820	
Wasatch 2800 down	Soldier Fork	MSD	A	9.0	Traverse	1600 up
Wasatch	Tuscarora - Wolverine	MSD	A!	8.0	2100	
Wasatch 3100 down	Alexander Basin via Butler to Log Haven	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2600 up
Wasatch 3400 down	Silver Fork Crest	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2200 up
Wasatch 3000 down	Maybird Canyon	MSD	A!	6.5	Traverse	2440 up
Wasatch 3400 down	Porter Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2200 up
Wasatch 4600 down	Lake Blanche to Big Cottonwood Can.	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2600 up
Wasatch 3500 down	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2900 up
Wasatch	Gobblers Knob via Butler	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Mt Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	

Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD	A!	9.2	2700	
Wasatch	Wilson Fork	MSD	A!	11.0	Traverse	2600 up
3800 down						
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD	A!	10.8	2700	
Stansbury	Victory Mountain	MSD	A!	10.0	3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swifts Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3601	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak from Guard Station	MSD	A!	12.0	4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith Morehouse Can	MSD+	A	18.0	2680	Tour
Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats Traverse	MSD+	A	20.0	2800	Tour
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+	A	21.0	2800	Tour
Wasatch	Triple Traverse (Alta to Toll Canyon)	MSD+	A!	16.0	Traverse	5700 up
7600 down						
Uintas	Kings Peak (length !)	MSD+	A	36.8	6800	Very
Long						

SKI-MTN RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE COMMENT	RATING-*	MILES	VERTICAL	
Wasatch	Mt Superior	SKI-MTN A!	6.0	2700	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	3700	
Wasatch	Superior and Monte Cristo from Alta	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	4810	
Wasatch	Twin Peaks via Broads Fork	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	5100	
Wasatch	Box Elder Peak from Dry Fork	SKI-MTN A!	12.0	5600	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek	SKI-MTN A!	12.0	5630	
Wasatch	Mt. Nebo from Mona	SKI-MTN A!	14.0	6700	
Wasatch	Bells Canyon Supertour Traverse	SKI-MTN A!	14.0	Traverse	3500 up
5700 down					
Wasatch	Lone Peak via Supertour Route	SKI-MTN A!	16.0	5854	
Wasatch	Timpanogos from Timpooneke	SKI-MTN A!	22.0	6500	

Editorial Note: Ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this algorithm:

Difficulty = (M) + (3K). M is the round trip miles including tenths, if any. K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain including tenths, if any. For example: Catherine Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of altitude gain.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (M) + (3 \times K) \\
 & (4.4) + (3 \times 1.2) \\
 & (4.4) + (3.6) = 8.0
 \end{aligned}$$

If the outing is labeled as a TOUR, factor the Difficulty answer by (0.6). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet calculates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((M) + (3K)) \times (0.6) \\
 & (4) + (3 \times .9) = 6.7 \\
 & (6.7) \times (0.6) = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

WMC Winter Sports Policy

October 11, 2001

Overview

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 which 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 its 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.

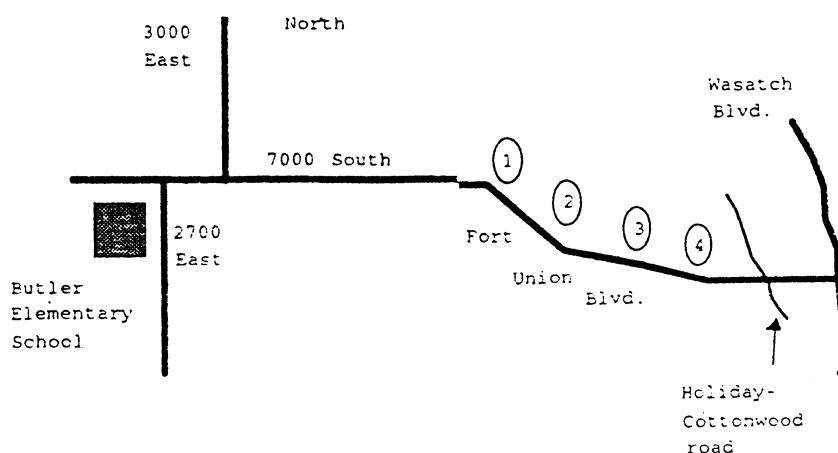
Basic Avalanche Awareness Guidelines (Source: U.S. Forest Service)

1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also 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, 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.

Winter Touring Etiquette

1. Parties should try to stay away from one another as best they can.
2. People need to be encouraged to keep their tracks close together in crowded areas.
3. Break trails that will be useful to everyone who follows.
4. Pay attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others).
5. Share observations about potentially dangerous snow and avalanche conditions

Utah Avalanche Forecast Center: 364-1581. See other useful phone numbers and addresses published under the hiking guidelines in these policies.



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.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

What activities can be listed in The Rambler? Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director. Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted.

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 are not 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.

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.

*****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.**

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

WHAT ARE 10Es?

The 10 Essentials are:

Map/compass, flashlight, pocketknife, matches/ firestarter, sunscreen/bugspray, sunglasses, candle, first aid kit ,extra clothes, food and water.

DEC 1 SAT SKI TOUR: ALBION BASIN FULL MOON (NTD) Meet Bob Cady at the Big Cottonwood Park 'N Ride at 7:00 pm 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 updated info call 274-0250 or email rcady@xmission.com

DEC 1 SAT SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK (NTD) Janet Friend (268-4102) will host a true NTD and may turn it into a hike if the snow is sparse. Meet Janet at the leisurely time of 9:30 am at Butler Elementary.

DEC 1 SAT SKI TOUR: NORTH OF IRON MOUNTAIN (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 7.5 miles and 2,000 feet of climbing the terrain opens up in the high country and a likely turn-around point. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way at 8:30 am. Call trip organizer Michael Berry (583-4721) for meeting plan if driving from the Park City area. Dogs OK.

DEC 1 SAT SNOWSHOE/HIKE: RED PINE LAKE (MOD) Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) offers his first high energy tour of the winter season to Red Pine Lake. Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.




DEC 2 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Karen Perkins (272-2225) leads this trip to a destination which will depend on the current conditions. Call or email karenp@xmission.com for details on where and when to meet. Beacon, shovel, skins, food, water, and the 10 E's needed.

DEC 2 SUN SNOWSHOE: BRIGHTON TOWARDS TWIN LAKES PASS (MOD) This tour will be planned with avalanche conditions in mind: weather, wind, and slope aspect will influence Carrie Clark's (519-9257) chosen destination. Carrie expects to go to the dam, but the pass is no guarantee! Enjoy the winter scene above Brighton. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00am. Beacon and shovel suggested.

DEC 2 SUN SNOWSHOE: JOIN A HIKE/LEAD A HIKE (NTD) Mike Berry (583-4721) will leave his well-worn skis home today and lead his first snowshoe trip, possibly to White Fir Pass. A chance to see how the other 3/4th's live and sign-up participants to lead their own trips. Meet at Skyline High at 9:00 am.

DEC 4 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD) Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

DEC 7 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE HEEL FRIDAY (MOD) Work is the curse of the skiing class. Get away from the daily grind with Steve Pritchett and his weekday telemarking group. Details will be emailed via the wmc-ski list or contact him directly at Spritc1041@aol.com or 523-9243.

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December 8: 5th Annual Turkey/Snowshoe/Singalong ' GREAT WAY TO START THE HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!

Potluck dinner (hosts will, as usual, provide turkey and ham) at 5:30PM. Please bring a festive side dish to serve 6-8 +BYOB. Supervised children are welcome. Members \$3, non-members \$5. Stay overnight for an additional \$3. Event begins at 1:00PM with snowshoeing (BEG, NTD, Mod) to Catherine Pass (carpoolers meet at Butler Elementary-2700 East and Ft. Union Blvd. at

noon-organizers will not be there but you may meet someone to share a ride). Hopefully we will have an assortment of musicians attending to lead us in carols following dinner. A flashlight is a good idea for all attendees. If the canyon is closed, event will be cancelled. Your hosts: Christine Allred, Bart & LaRae Bartholoma, Jan & Shirley Franzen, Mark Jones, Carol Ann Langford, Dudley McIlhenny. Call Dudley with any questions (733-7740).

DEC 8 SAT WINTER SERVICE DAY: SNOW BLOWER'S HIKE TO THE LODGE Work party to clear snow off the roof and path, or clean indoors. Meet at the lodge at approximately 9:30 am. We will need your help so please plan to come. The Lodge

may be open Saturday night if you want to stay over and snowshoe on Sunday. For details call Mike Berry (583-4721). Other activities that have a service component may be scheduled, including trips that conduct a beacon practice.

DEC 9 SUN SNOWSHOE: (BEGINNER) JORDAN PINES AREA (NTD-) First time snowshoers! Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) will show you what snowshoeing is all about. Snowshoes can be rented or bought at many locations. Knick recommends you bring ski poles for balance, a pack, water, snack and wear layers to take off & put on as needed. This will be a slow paced beginner session. Come out for a little fun in the snow. Any questions call Knick or just meet him at Butler Elementary at 10 am to car pool. Knick also suggests for any beginners to attend the WMC avalanche clinics (see December 12th & 15th).

DEC 9 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: POWDER PARK (MOD) Tom Walsh (685-6190) say even a modest amount of snow should be sufficient to get multiple runs out of the smooth slopes of Powder Park, which lack big rocks and tall brush. Bring your 457 Hz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, 10 E's, and a perhaps a thermos of hot chocolate for warmth. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00am.

DEC 9 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY:

DESOLATION LAKE (NTD) Bob Cady thinks that Lake Desolation is an appropriate first or second trip of the season- probably just habit by now. Anyone interested should meet Bob Cady (rcady@xmission.com, 274-0250) at Butler Elementary School at 10:00am. Bob likes to end his Big Cottonwood trips by dropping by Molly Green's up at Brighton for a beer or two.

DEC 9 SUN SNOWSHOE: GRIZZLY GULCH (MOD) Carrie Clark (519-9257) is heading up Grizzly Gulch this morning for an invigorating hike. Due to the avalanche risk, be sure to bring your beacon and shovel. Energy food, water, and the 10 E's! are also needed. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00am.

DEC 9 SUN SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK

(NTD) Welcome first time winter sports organizer Robert Reed (313-1946) <bobreedclyartist@hotmail.com> to the snowshoe community. Be sure to stuff your pack with warm layers, snacks, and a beverage. Robert will meet you at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.



Heaven and Hell at the Halloween party. Foto by Barbara Green

DEC 11 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD) Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

DEC 12 WED ROBERT FROHBOESE ANNUAL AVALANCHE CLINIC 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 get start with refreshments at 7:00 pm 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 Saturday, December 15th. Call Mike Berry (583-4721) for info.



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DEC 13 THU BOATING: PERMIT PARTY (I). Permit party to plan for 2002 Boating Season. Please! Please! Attend this Very Important Event. Date: Thursday, Dec 13 2001; Time: 7:00 PM; Place: Zion Lutheran Church 1070 South Foothill Drive. BRING: permit applications, snacks, personal calendars, checkbook and most importantly a willingness to apply for permits. At this meeting we determine when to apply for the permits, fill out the applications that you requested back in the fall and send them in to the various organizations. Even if you are not planning on applying for a permit, we need your help

in getting permit applications for people who will be applying. Please bring your application forms to this meeting. See the information in the BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE IN THIS RAMBLER. We need you to get permit application forms NOW for the 2002 boating season.

DEC 13 THU CLIMBING: PERMIT PARTY. There will be a climbing permit party at the home of Walt Haas, 717 Ninth Avenue in Salt Lake City, on Thursday December 13 at 7 PM.. The purpose will be to file permit applications with the Park Service to guarantee that we will have some good routes to do in the Tetons and any other park you are interested in next Summer. Bring any pictures, slides or videos you care to show. Refreshments will be provided.

DEC 15 SAT AVALANCHE TRANSCEIVER FIELD PRACTICE Part II of the WMC Clinic. Part I: December 15th. (We have allowed time for you to make that purchase, or refresh those batteries!) Listening to a lecture or watching a video is not enough. To have any level of skill at avalanche rescue you must practice out in the snow. Meet at Butler Elementary, 2700 E. and Fort Union Blvd. at 8:30 am for a 20 minute intro/transceiver demonstration in the lot, and then carpool by 9:00 am 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).



One wacky dude at the H'party by Barbara Green
(and a hot chick in the background. Wild Thang, I think
I love you...)

DEC 15 SAT SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD) Join Holly Smith (272-5358) in trekking into Big Cottonwood Canyon at the same time as Larry. Having secured the location of 'the lake', Holly should deliver you back to town before the Honeycomb Cliffs group. It's participants choice day- you decide! Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

DEC 15 SAT SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (NTD) Welcome Mary Fox (581-1566) as a new snowshoe leader. This is her first time and she would like to give Mineral Fork a try. Meet her at Butler Elementary at 10:00 am. Be sure to bring all your essential gear, including 10 E's, beacon, food, and water.

DEC 15 SAT SNOWSHOE: HONEYCOMB CLIFFS VIA GRIZZLY GULCH (MOD) Larry Nilssen (296-1716, Larnilssen@cs.com) will rise above 10,000 feet from a 8,800 start at Alta's main gate and a view of the Powderhorn and Honeycomb Fork. This will be an invigorating hike. For this one, beacon and shovel are recommended. Bring energy food, water, and the 10 E's! Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00am.

DEC 16 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO (MOD) Two easy steps. 'Show' your volunteerism by calling the Winter Sports Director to lead a trip (Rambler deadline is the 10th of each month to list tours for the following month), then 'Go' down to Butler Elementary at 9:00 am today to meet other WMC 'ers for a tour. Bring the 10 essentials and avalanche safety gear. **Note: Show 'n Go hikes are for WMC members only.**

DEC 16 SUN SNOWSHOE: (BEGINNER) DOG LAKE (NTD)

Thinking about why so many people have been having fun on snowshoes while you sat at home? Come out today and learn what it's all about. Join Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) and other beginners at Butler Elementary at 10:00 am to car pool. See Sunday, Dec. 9th on what to bring. See Dec 12th & 15th for details on the WMC Avalanche clinics.

DEC 16 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SOLDIER FORK (MSD)

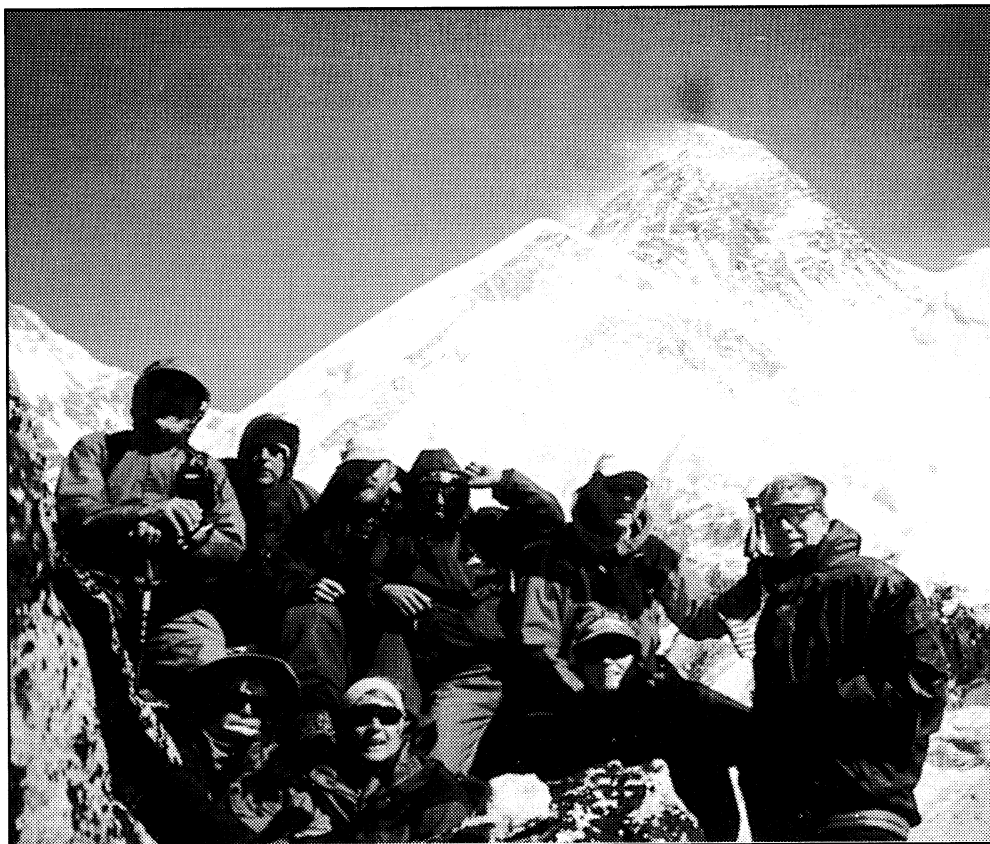
Jim Piani (733-0627) will organize this Big Cottonwood to Mill Creek Canyon traverse with a car shuttle. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 8:30 am with all your key backcountry equipment (457 Hz beacon, skins, shovel, food, water, and 10 E's).

DEC 18 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD)

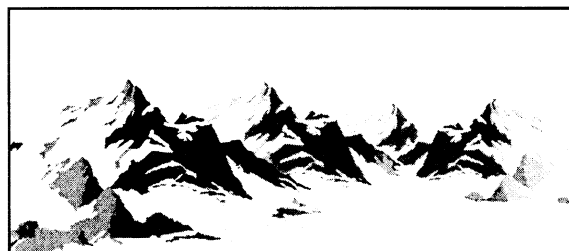
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DEC 21 - 23 MOTEL CAMP: Winter Solstice in Chaco Canyon

(NTD). Weather Permitting: We will rent a van or carpool (depending on interest) and travel to the Four Corners region to experience one of this nation's finest examples of prehistoric civilization. Stops will include Aztec Ruins and other points of similar theme and cultural history. Contact Kurt Alloway at 435-882-6888 or preferably via e-



Tom, Tom, Steve, Sherpa, Chris, Frank, Judy, Carrie, Holly on Everest Trek.
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DEC 21 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MILL D - SOLDIER FORK (MSD)

Work is the curse of the skiing class. Get away from the daily grind with Steve Pritchett and his weekday telemarking group. Details will be emailed via the wmc-ski list or contact him directly at Spritc1041@aol.com or 523-9243.

DEC 22 SAT SKI TOUR: TAYLOR FORK VIA BEAVER CREEK TRAIL (NTD+)

Mike Berry plans an outing of 6 to 8 round trip miles on a

rolling tour which gains 1,000 feet elevation. General touring or light backcountry skis are suitable, but call Mike to discuss equipment if you have

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any doubts. Meet at K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way at 8:30 am. If you live outside the valley, call to arrange alternate meeting times. Remember \$5- \$6 per carpooler, plus \$3 per car for the Mirror Lake Hwy fee.

DEC 22 SAT SOCIAL: SOUP AND SPIRIT PARTY at the Myers home, 7:00 PM. Come enjoy Gary's decorations, Jane's turkey soup, pies, etc. and add any favorite dish of your own. BYOB. We will have pop and fun. 8^5317 W. Wheatridge Lane, West on 7800 South, branch left - New Bingham Highway, turn right on Grizzley Way, right again on Wheatridge Lane. RSVP 282-5834

DEC 22 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CARDIFF FORK (MOD) Bob

Cady (rcady@xmission.com, 274-0250) is planning to go up past the mines to the upper bowl, below the ridges. This trip is not too difficult, but has some length. Bob says "we won't get into any truly dangerous terrain, but there are a few flaky areas on the way up, so bring your avalanche beacon, etc. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00am.

DEC 22 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO (NTD) Two easy steps. 'Show' your volunteerism by calling the Winter Sports Director to lead a trip (Rambler deadline is the 10th of each month to list tours for the following month), then 'Go' down to Butler Elementary at 9:00 am today to meet other WMC 'ers for a tour. Bring the 10 essentials and avalanche safety gear. **Note: Show 'n Go hikes are for WMC members only.**

DEC 22 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD) Mohamed Abdullah (466-9310) is leading a moderate snowshoe hike to one of his favorite destinations this morning. Plan on meeting at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am. Be sure to bring all the essential gear including the 10 E's.

DEC 23 SUN SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS VIA BRIGHTON (MOD) Liz Cordova (486-0909) wants to take it slow and easy up to Catherine's Pass via Lake Mary and Catherine's Lake. This is a beautiful hike, not to be missed! Be sure to meet Liz with all your essentials, snacks, water, and pieps at 10:00 AM at Butler Elementary.

DEC 23 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: DESOLATION LAKE (MOD) Tom Silberstorf (255-2784) organizes this outing up Mill D North which involves a 4 mile climb and 1900 feet elevation gain. Tom states that "beacons are required, and skins, shovel are recommended". Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

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DEC 23 SUN SNOWSHOE: MILLCREEK DOGGIE HIKE (NTD) Bob Steffey (269-9330) will lead a doggy snowshoe (if snow is available) or hike (if no or not enough snow) with his dog Max. He will meet you at Skyline High parking lot at 8:45 am for a doggy snowshoe/hike in Mill Creek Canyon (off leash day for dogs) with destination to be determined by Max based on snow conditions. Being but a youngster, Max has never seen snow but is quite familiar with many of Mill Creek Canyon's aerobic opportunities for keeping his master's girth under some semblance of control. Max would welcome any and all canine friends who would like to exercise their



masters/mistresses on this day. Bring water, snacks, and poop bags for use by whoever wants/needs them.

DEC 24 MON SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GREEN'S BASIN PEAK (MOD) Join Jim Piani (733-0627) for his traditional Christmas Eve ski. He says this is the high point on the north end of the western ridge of Silver Fork Canyon (on the edge of Meadow Chutes). Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am with all your key backcountry equipment (457 Hz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's).

DEC 25 SUN SNOWSHOE: ALTA CHRISTMAS (NTD) Ray Duda (272-4601) has enjoyed organizing this Christmas annual tour for several years now. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:30 am.

DEC 29 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD) Carol Masheter (466-5729) plans to yo-yo ski on



Richard, Kathy, Jeff, Barbara, Robert on Artists hike By Jaelene Myrup

intermediate slope, perhaps in the Reynolds Peak area. She will lead you to where the telemark turns are abundant and available. Plan to rendezvous at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am. You must have skins, rescue shovel and beacon. You can e-mail Carol at masheter@eng.utah.edu.

DEC 29 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO's (NTD & MOD) Two easy steps. 'Show' your volunteerism by calling the Winter Sports Director to lead a trip (Rambler deadline is the 10th of each month to list tours for the following month), then 'Go' down to Butler Elementary at 9:00 am today to meet other WMC 'ers for a tour. Bring the 10 essentials and avalanche safety gear. **Note: Show 'n Go hikes are for WMC members only.**


DEC 30 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO (NTD) Two easy steps. 'Show' your volunteerism by calling the Winter Sports Director to lead a trip (Rambler deadline is the 10th of each month to list tours for the following month), then 'Go' down to Butler Elementary at 9:00 am today to meet other WMC 'ers

for a tour. Bring the 10 essentials and avalanche safety gear. **Note: Show 'n Go hikes are for WMC members only.**

DEC 30 SUN SNOWSHOE: KILLYON CANYON (NTD+) Mike Berry (583-4721) organizes this tour up to the ridge overlooking Affleck Park. We may follow the ridge a ways to scout out the Lookout Peak area. Meet at the east end of the Santa Fe Restaurant Parking Lot at 9:00 am to carpool to the trailhead.

JAN OR FEB TUNA-WMC YURT TRIP (TBA- Tentative) Call Edgar Webster if interested (583-9398).

JAN 1 TUE SNOWSHOE: SHOW 'N GO (NTD) Two easy steps. 'Show' your volunteerism by calling the Winter Sports Director to lead a trip (Rambler deadline is the 10th of each month to list tours for the following month), then 'Go' down to Butler Elementary at 9:00 am today to meet other WMC 'ers for a tour. Bring the 10 essentials and avalanche safety gear. **Note: Show 'n Go hikes are for WMC members only.**



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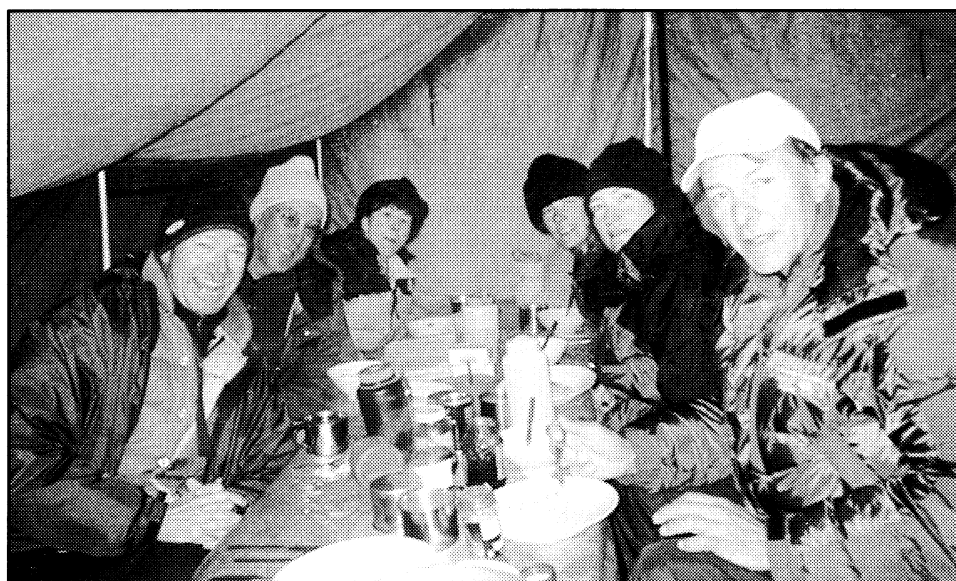
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JAN 1 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CRACK OF NOON SKI TOUR (NTD) Now here is a great way to start the new year. Let your party-weary body sleep until a late hour of the morning, then drag it to Butler Elementary School at 12 noon for a ski tour. Instead of ingesting the hair o the dog that bit you, bite off an invigorating tour towards Brighton. Phone Tom Silberstorf (255-2784) to get more information. Beacons and skins are always on the recommended list.

JAN 5 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD) Larry Stewart (944-0213) had not decided on a particular route as of



Mess tent on Everest Trek
Frank, Tom, Carrie, Holly, Chris

yet, but will choose an appropriate trail for some good turns. Powder Park? To find out where this will be, you must show up. Meet Larry at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**JAN 5 SAT SNOWSHOE:
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN (MOD)**

Mike Berry (583-4721) wants to try a new tour- go for it! Grab your 'Mountain Dell' quad and check upper left. From Affleck Park, this is about a 3.5 mile snowshoe with a gain of about 2700'. Prior pioneers of this tour say it is a challenge. For that reason, call Mike for a time and snow adjusted meeting place. Beacon and shovel required.

**JAN 5 SAT SNOWSHOE:
ORGANIZERS CHOICE (NTD)** Dave Rabiger (964-8190) has volunteered to lead the first Saturday snowshoe hike this year. At scheduling time he wasn't

sure where he wanted to go but he'll know today. Meet him at 9:00 AM at Butler Elementary. Bring your essentials including food, water, beacon and your 10E's.

JAN 6 SUN AUDREY KELLY LEARN TO SKI CLINIC (EL) This clinic is intended to provide lessons and a learning environment so a student can acquire some basic cross country skiing skills. The plan is to group one instructor per 1 to 3 students for some personal instruction. We will practice at the Mountain Dell track in Parley's Canyon. To register, volunteer to teach, or discuss equipment & transportation, call Mike Berry at 583-4721.

JAN 6 SUN SNOWSHOE: DESOLATION LAKE (MOD) Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) will organize a group to snowshoe to Desolation Lake today. Meet Knick at 9:30 AM at Butler Elementary (2700 East) with snack, water, extra layers and all other essential gear.

JAN 6 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (NTD) Robert Turner (539-8147) is planning his own version of an afternoon NTD snowshoe. Meet him at 1:00 PM at Butler Elementary with the usual gear.

JAN 8 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD) Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

JAN 10 - 14 THU- MON BALDY KNOLL YURT. (Advanced backcountry skiing) Spend the long weekend at Baldy Knoll Yurt on the west side of the Tetons and explore expansive telemark slopes. Drive up Thursday evening, spend Thursday night in a motel, ski in Friday morning and spend three nights at the yurt, then return on Monday. A non-refundable \$85 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. If you are interested in signing up for this trip, call Brad Yates or e-mail: bnyslc@earthlink.net

JAN 12 SAT SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD) Larry Nilssen (296-1716, Larnilssen@cs.com) will Lead to one of his favorite destinations. As usual, bring all the essentials, including food, water, and a beacon. Look in the January Rambler for more details. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00am.

JAN 12 SAT ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD) Meet Mohamed Abdullah (466-9310) at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 AM for another of his great organizers choice snowshoe hikes. Be sure to come prepared with your 10E's, a beacon, snacks and fluids.

JAN 13 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (NTD) Robert Turner (539-8147) is planning his own version of an afternoon NTD snowshoe. Meet him at 1:00 PM at Butler Elementary with the usual gear.



Wonderful Witch of the East, Kyle, and Judy By Barbara

JAN 15 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD)

Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

JAN 19 SAT SNOWSHOE: BROADS FORK (NTD+ to MOD)

Holly Smith (272-5358) organizes this trip on MLK weekend. Be prepared

with the 10 E's and have an enjoyable scenic tour with Holly. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

JAN 20 FAMILY OUTING with some easy hiking: Wild Horses of the West Desert (NTD). Weather permitting: Like last year the trip will include a Sunday drive toward Simpson Springs and the historic Pony Express Trail to search for wild horses. Each winter these animals move into the valleys South of Dugway in response to snow at higher elevations. Bring your lunch, binoculars, camera, and warm clothing though we will stay pretty close to the vehicles during the day. Children invited! Contact Kurt Alloway at 435-882-6888 or preferably via e-mail: desertquest99@yahoo.com for carpool info and details (co-listed with the Sierra Club).

JAN 21 MON SNOWSHOE: Liz Cordova (486-0909) plans a hike today. Details in the January Rambler.

JAN 22 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD) Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" this year. They go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal (healthy) pace with great conversation. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at Vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

JAN 26 SAT SNOWSHOE: Mary Fox (581-1566) plans a hike today. Details in the January Rambler.

JAN 26 SAT SOCIAL: 2002 AWARDS BANQUET. Are we incredibly lucky or what? The annual Awards Banquet-Food for a king or kingette-dancing extravaganza-open bar delight-intimate atmosphere---WOW! This wonderful evening will start at 6:30 at the upstairs, all-glassed-in patio room at Club 90-9065 South Monroe St(150)West). Fabulous music provided by live band "Backwash". Make your reservations and send check(WMC) by Jan 15 and pay only \$20.00 everything included. After this date \$25.00. Send to Jeanine Kuhn, 516 12th Ave. Salt Lake City, UT 84103. Questions call Jeanine Kuhn@ 364-1873.

FEB President's Day Weekend MOTEL CAMP: Winter in Great Basin National Park (NTD). Weather permitting; Escape the Olympic madness! We will carpool to the park near Baker Nevada once again to experience winter silence and magic of the West Desert. Trip will include a ranger-guided tour of Lehman cave (fee required) then depending on snow conditions and we may do some light hiking, snowshoeing or XC Skiing on trails near the visitor center. Accommodations by reservation at the Border Inn nearby. Contact Kurt at 435-882-6888 or preferably via e-mail: desertquest99@yahoo.com for carpool info and details (co-listed with the Sierra Club).

FEB 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: 'RIDGE RUN' (MOD) Larry Nilssen (296-1716, Larnilssen@cs.com) will lead. Look in the January Rambler for more details. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00am.

FEB 9 - 16 FRI- FRI SKI TOUR: NORTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON (MSD) This one week trip with backcountry travel is planned with a snowvan ride (\$60 RT, holds 6+) from Jacobs Lake, AZ to 'winter camp' at Kaibab

Lodge. From the camp, it is an 18 mile/2 day ski tour into Grand Canyon National Park and to the north rim where we will pitch out tents overlooking the chasm. If the snowvan is not available (unsure at press time), the trip to the north rim and back is too long. Instead, we will ski tour 26 miles/2 days from Jacobs Lake to 'winter camp' with an option for a day trip to the East Rim Vista in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness of the Kaibab National Forest. Backcountry permit required. Call Mike Berry (583-4721) well in advance if interested.

FEB 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: STANSBURY MTNS (MOD) Cathy Hunn (435-882-6529) plans to go to the Stansbury Mountains. Salt Lakers meet at 8:30 am at the Midvalley Gart Bros store, 5786 S. Redwood Rd (Off the West I-215 Redwood Rd exit) to carpool. Take I-215 to I-80 and travel west to exit 99 (Tooele exit). Go south on the Tooele Rd (Highway 36) about 3 miles to the Maverick Station on the west side of the highway. Cathy says you can't miss it! Plan to meet her at the Maverick station at 9:15 am. If there's a problem with snow or if you have any questions call her.

FEB 21 - 24 THU - 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 and spend three nights at the yurt, then return on Monday. A non-refundable \$57 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. If you are interested in this trip, call Steve Pritchett (583-4721) or e-mail: mberry@attglobal.net

FEB 2002 TREKKING IN PATAGONIA: Escape the Olympics for 3-4 weeks of trekking and exploring in the Patagonian Andes in Southern Chile and Argentina. Highlights include a 10 day trek on the Torres del Paine circuit, 5 days of trekking in Parque de los Glaciares, and possibly rafting the Rio Futalafu and sea kayaking in Tierra del Fuego. This is NOT a guided tour; it's a group of fellow adventurers traveling independently. Estimated costs are \$25-\$50/day, plus airfare. Contact Steve at (435) 647-9833 or steve_susswein@hotmail.com

MAR 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: STANSBURY MTNS (MOD) Cathy Hunn (435-882-6529) plans to go to the Stansbury Mountains. Salt Lakers meet at 8:30 am at the Midvalley Gart Bros store, 5786 S. Redwood Rd (Off the West I-215 Redwood Rd exit) to carpool. Take I-215 to I-80 and travel west to exit 99 (Tooele exit). Go south on the Tooele Rd (Highway 36) about 3 miles to the Maverick Station on the west side of the highway. Cathy says you can't miss it! Plan to meet her at the Maverick station at 9:15 am. If there's a problem with snow or if you have any questions call her.

NON-WMC TRIPS

The following activities are not sponsored nor sanctioned by the WMC. Any resemblance to any WMC member, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

DEC 8 SAT

BASIC WINTER SAFETY AND BEACON RESCUE CLINIC

On snow instruction to the dangerous conditions and the use of an avalanche rescue beacon.

This excellent UWG clinic www.utahwintergames.org will be held at the White Pine Touring Center, Park City. Check-in is at 4:30- 5:00 pm at the White Pine Touring Center. The clinic time is from 5:00- 7:00 pm. The instructors will be from the White Pine Touring Center. The cost is \$25 and includes a manual. Pre-Payment is required. Bring warm clothes for on snow portion, rescue beacon if available.

DEC 8 SAT

ADVANCED WINTER SAFETY AND BEACON RESCUE CLINIC

On snow instruction to the dangerous conditions and the use of an avalanche rescue beacon.

This excellent UWG clinic www.utahwintergames.org will be held at the White Pine Touring Center, Park City. Check-in is at 8:45- 9:00 am at the White Pine Touring Center. The clinic time is from 9:00- 4:00 pm. The instructors will be from the White Pine Touring Center. The cost is \$55 and includes a manual. Pre-Payment is required. Bring warm clothes for on snow portion, rescue beacon if available. Backcountry gear required. Intermediate ski ability needed.

DEC 9 SUN

UTAH WINTER GAMES BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE TELEMAR SKI CLINIC

This excellent UWG clinic www.utahwintergames.org will be held at the Alta Ski Area and check-in is at 12:15- 12:45 pm at the Albion Grill. The clinic time is from 1:00- 3:00 pm. The instructors will be from Alta's renowned Alf Engen Ski School. The cost is FREE, but participants must purchase afternoon half-day chair ticket for \$29 or full day for \$38. Bring telemark ski equipment. Limited demo skis and boots will be available.

DEC 9 SUN

UTAH WINTER GAMES INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED TELEMAR SKI CLINIC

This excellent UWG clinic www.utahwintergames.org will be held at the Alta Ski Area and check-in is at 9:00- 9:30 am at the Albion Grill. The clinic time is from 10:00- 12:00 pm.

The instructors will be from Alta's renowned Alf Engen Ski School. The cost is FREE, but participants must purchase afternoon half-day chair ticket for \$29 or full day for \$38. Bring telemark ski equipment. Limited demo skis and boots.

DEC 15 SAT

SKI & SNOWSHOE TOUR: BRORA YURT ORIENTATION

The Bear River Outdoor Alliance (BRORA) runs a state-of-the art trail and yurt system south of Evanston on the Mirror Lake Highway. Join BRORA, get a customized tour, or ski the "circuit" of 4 yurts (8 mi. RT) and get an "orientation". You can then reserve really excellent, cheap, and dog-friendly yurts with a \$10 membership. This is a good way to learn where the yurts are and become familiar with their features. Contact Eric Heltzel (307) 789-1672.

JAN 19 SAT

SURVIVAL: 25th ANNUAL WASATCH OVERLAND

Cross-country skiers, telemark skiers, 'shoers, boarders, and ski-bikers: The oldest snow race in Utah includes your choice of over-the-snow equipment in order to accomplish the objective of reaching Park City as fast as possible. The race features a LeManns style start with racers carrying their gear from the Brighton General Store to 'Hanscom's cut-off'. Then strap on the gear and make a net climb of 600 vertical feet to **Scott's Pass** via any route. A high-speed descent down the catwalks and ski runs of Thaynes Canyon takes racers down 2,400 feet to the White Pine Touring Center for an overall distance of 12 km (7 miles). Fastest time ever: Ken McCarthy (32 mins., 53 sec.)(1986). Sign up at: Wasatch Touring, 702 East, 100 South, Salt Lake City (359-9361), or White Pine Touring Center, Park City (435-649-8710). Pre-register before January 18th. No cars are to be left at Brighton. Take the bus or drive/shuttle to Park City!

DEC- MAR, 2002

CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES

DATE	RACE	TECHNIQUE	LOCATION/START
Sat., Dec 8	White Pine/TUNA Relay	both	White Pine 10:00
Sat., Dec 15	Wasatch Citizens Ser./UWG	classical	Soldier Hollow 9:45
Sat., Dec 29	USST Olympic Trials	pursuit	Soldier Hollow 10:00
Mon., Dec 31	USST Olympic Trials	sprint	Soldier Hollow 10:00
Sat., Jan 5	Wasatch Citizens Ser./UWG	free	White Pine 9:45
Sat., Jan 12	Wasatch Citizens Race	free	Mountain Dell 9:45

Tues., Jan 22	Wild Rose Fun Race	any	Mountain Dell 4:30
Sat., Jan 26	Was. Cit. Ser./TUNA Champ.pursuit		White Pine Farm 9:45
Tues., Jan 29	Wild Rose Fun Race	any	Mountain Dell 4:30
Sat., Feb 2	Boulder Mountain Tour	free	Sun Valley 10:00
Fri., Feb 8- Sun., Feb 24	2002 Winter Olympics		Soldier Hollow
Sat., Mar 2	Sundance Challenge	free	Sundance Nordic 10:00
Thur., Mar 7- Sat., Feb 16	2002 Winter Paralympics		Soldier Hollow
Sat., Mar 23	Wooden Ski Classic	classical	Alta 10:30

Schedule provided by The Utah Nordic Alliance (TUNA). For more up-to-date information, call the TUNA Cross Country Ski Hotline at 461-9000 or check the TUNA web page: www.utahnordic.com.

WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

'White Powder, Chutes, and Safety Measures'

It can be a crazy world out there- we are constantly reminded to be vigilant and minimize risk as we go about our daily lives at home, in the workplace, and during recreational opportunities.... As the winter season has now arrived, it is a good time to think about how we can prepare for safe excursions into the snow-filled canyons that surround the valley. One way to prepare is by sending two lucky WMC members an 'Avalanche Awareness Kit' in the mail. This kit will include two full color maps of the Wasatch showing the routes and avalanche slide paths, compiled with information provided by the U.S. Forest Service. You can increase your chances of being selected for a kit by volunteering to lead multiple trips into the Wasatch. Our focus this year will be on increasing awareness within the snowshoe program of safety techniques and protocols.

The snowshoe groups are starting to get into the habit of carrying beacons and shovels on trips into avalanche terrain. Snowshoeing now equals 3/4ths of all winter activities (based on 'user days'). Although we will be scheduling fewer ski trips than in the past, the ski groups have been in the habit of carrying beacons and shovels for years. However, some ski leaders have recently expressed dismay at the lack of snow safety protocol occurring on Club trips, in particular with regards to the digging and evaluating of snowpits. The current Winter Sports Policies of the Club, under the basic avalanche awareness guidelines, (see November 2001 Rambler) state: 'Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snowpack'. It is important to remember that the Wasatch Mountain Club is sustained by a loose collection of volunteers (there are no paid staff or professional guides) who organize trips and participate in outings with fellow members. The degree to which Club policies and guidelines are followed depends on each group.

The winter sports program has listed a series of technique, avalanche safety, and yurt orientation clinics for the membership beginning this month for beginners and veterans:

Saturday, December 8th- Basic Winter Safety & Beacon Rescue Clinic (UWG)

Saturday, December 8th- Adv. Winter Safety & Beacon Rescue Clinic (UWG)
 Sunday, December 9th- Beginner Snowshoe (WMC)
 Sunday, December 9th- Beginner & Intermediate Telemark Ski Clinic (UWG)
 Sunday, December 9th- Intermediate & Advanced Telemark Ski Clinic (UWG)
 Wednesday, December 12th- Robert Frohboese Avalanche Clinic (WMC- Part I)
 Saturday, December 15th- Avalanche Field Clinic (Beacon Pract.) (WMC- Part II)
 Saturday, December 15th- Ski & Snowshoe Yurt Orientation Tour (BRORA)
 Sunday, December 16th- Beginner Snowshoe (WMC)
 Sunday, January 7th- Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic (WMC)

Details on these events will be found in the Activities or non-WMC Rambler sections. We hope to see you there! (UWG- Utah Winter Games; BRORA- Evanston, WY)

ANNUAL END OF THE SEASON BOATING PARTY!

The boaters gathered twice on October 20, 2001. In the morning, to clean and repair equipment and in the evening to eat, dance, and celebrate each others company and the boating season we had. A good time was had by all! Thanks to all those who worked so hard at the boat shed and cleaning the construction debris at the lodge so we could have a party. Thanks to Bart Bartholoma for providing our dance music! Special thanks to those who got the ladies room ready just in time for this party! There were also the annual boating awards. They winners are:

To those who showed exceptional leadership mugs were awarded from the Leaders Party.

The recipients were;

Vera Sondelski - For continuing service to the boaters, organizing the beginners trip, and always being there with advice for new boating co-directors.

Bret Mathews - Keeping our equipment in top shape and always being there when a trip needs to go out or needs to be checked in.

Bart Bartholoma - Wrangling the Rambler submissions for boating and being the keeper of the e-mail list.

Joseph Treadwell - Volunteering time & expertise in firefighting/emt and swiftwater rescue to teach two classes, a CPR/First Aid and a beginners' river safety class.

HATS

BEST RIVER HAT - Kathy Jones with her Krispy Kreme Hat!

RIVER ROOKIE - Female - Lisa Kendall This rookie could lead a cheerleading squad with her enthusiasm and positive attitude!

RIVER ROOKIE - Male - Keith Little After a watery start on the beginners trip, this rookie kept right on coming back for more on subsequent club river trips and improved enormously!

RIVER RAT - Female - Carol Milliken most river miles

RIVER RAT - Male - Steve Susswein most river miles

SWIMMING QUEEN - Lori Major Has a go for it attitude and more club trips in an inflatable kayak than any other female club member - - for swimming you are without peer

SWIMMING KING - Bret Mathews With a challenge yourself attitude, a yen for playing the waves and more club trips in an inflatable kayak than any other male club member.

BROKEN PADDLE NOMINATIONS;

10. Split Mountain run of the Green River - Lauara Lisk What made this swim so memorable was the sight of Lauara's Fat Cat with it's 14' tubes doing four matag endo's before it was tossed from the hole!

9. Gates of Lodore run of the Green River - Ursula Jocman and Josie Ursula and Josie ran Disaster Falls rapid backwards in a double duckie. Ursula had her PFD undone. Thank Heavens they stayed upright in the boat!

8. Salt River - Jim Gully and Don Urrizaga Don and Jim made a backwards on Class IV+ Quartzite Falls rapid and by the skin of their teeth, coming out upright!

7. Westwater - Colorado River - Larry Gwin While attempting to reboard his craft before Skull Rapid, Larry porpised over the top of his duckie, diving into the water on the other side. Accounts vary from 2 or 3 times over the top! Wow! What adreneline!

6. San Juan River - Sand Island to Clay Hills - Lori Major Lori swims an easy rapid, Bret Mathews in an Oar rig yells "I'm coming to get you Lori!" Lori grabs his outstretched hand and hauls Bret, over her head into the water.

5. San Juan River - Sand Island to Clay Hills - Eileen Gidley Eileen rows to river right instead of river left to wait out foul weather. She finally sees the rest of the group signaling with whistles and hands to join us on river left. She committed a river crime most foul! She had our lunch and we had to wait for it!

4. Salmon River - Main run - Roger Upwall In a great imitation of "The Man Of Steel" Roger Upwall raced down the river to make 20+ miles a day. The miracle of this is, Roger was always clean and pressed!

3. San Juan River - Sand Hills to Mexican Hat - Brad Yates and Larry Gwin Brad and Larry continue to paddle their duckies down river despite the rest of the group blowing whistles and yelling. This caused the group to miss their campsite.

2. Alpine Canyon - Larry Gwin and Bret Mathews Larry Gwin apparently deciding Brad Yates' (the organizer) plan was going to fail, made his own plan. Brad Yates was not aware Bret Mathews was coming on the trip with Larry. Brad thought Larry was off alone and maybe lost, not knowing he had a partner in crime. This delayed the launch. The group wound up running Alpine canyon only once on Saturday and twice on Sunday!

1. Gates of Lodore run of the Green River - Dudley McIlhenny

Dudley, in a splendid head on assault of Lucifer's rock in Hell's half mile. He crawled up for a highside but still flipped the oar rig and went for a swim. The oar rig hangs up on another nameless rock mid channel and Dudley makes it to another rock to await rescue by Joseph Treadwell and Company.

And the First runner up of the second annual, **Broken Paddle Award** is, by virtue of three nominations! **Mr. Larry Gwin!**

The Winner of the 2nd annual Broken Paddle Award, by virtue of us having it on Video, so we can show it over and over! Dudley McIllehenney!

In the Event the Broken Paddle Winner is not able to carry out his duties as outlined. The first runner-up must agree to take over as Broken Paddle Spokesperson for the year. This means telling the stories of your Broken Paddle Nominations over and over again until you are begged to stop!

Lori Major

BULLETIN BOARD

MOST IMPORTANT BOATING EVENT OF YEAR

PLEASE!!! Read the information on **BOATING PERMITS** in the **Directors Messages Section** of this Rambler.

Did you know

The WMC Lodge , **now with flush toilets AND Hot showers!!!** ,can be rented on a full- or half-day basis. Full-day rate, is \$300.

Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535

Wasatch Mountain Club Needs You to Volunteer

Alan Brennan has agreed to serve the club this year as Lodge Director. Thanks, Alan. It's alot of work, keeping the historic old building in shape, and working on the improvements we are making, and he needs your help!

We need five or more volunteers to help on each of the following lodge construction projects:

Installing insulation

Installing sheetrock and wallboard

Painting and staining

Removal of Goodrow Annex

Experience is helpful, but not required! Instruction and meals will be provided.

We need material: Construction materials such as insulation, sheetrock, bathroom fixtures, lights and paint are needed to help our funds go farther. If you can contribute some of these, have surplus materials you think we might use, or know of companies that could be approached for material contributions, please call: Zig Sondelski 801 292-8332,299-6623 or email zgsonde@ppco.com.

The WMC lodge director (Alan Brennan, 651-0939, owltuna@hotmail.com) would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Wasatch Mountain Club who have offered their time and effort toward improvement and sustainment of the WMC lodge. Members who have assisted

and signed the release form are recognized here. If you've contributed to the lodge efforts, please drop a line and let me know, you are not forgotten, just temporarily overlooked! Thanks to all for a great effort.

The hall of fame: Frank Bernard, Zig Sondelski, Dudley McIlhenney, Bart Bartholoma, Martin Clemens, Robert Turner, Vince Desimone, Bill Hughes, Lori Major, Julie Mason, Bret Matthews, Bob Myers, Dave Triplett, Mike Budig, Mark LeBlanc, Vinnie Neilson, Reg Swartz, Yuka Okada, Maryann Losee, Brad Yates, Paul Zuckerman, Nicola Marsh, Larry Ovatt, Jane Koerner, Lily Schumann, Rod Butler, Dale Woodward, Kathy McKay, Ursula Jochmann, Jim Zinati, Henry Whiteside, Tony Gamarra, Al Winkelman, John Mason, Steve Carr, Brett Smith.

A special thanks goes out to all former lodge directors who have contributed mightily to the loving care the lodge so greatly needs and deserves.

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## WMC Yurt Trips: Skiers/ Snowshoers...

The days are getting shorter, and the peaks will be covered with snow in a matter of weeks. If you are a WMC club member interested in running a yurt trip (other than the Tetons), the following criteria applies:

- Choose your favorite mountain range and mongolian set-up
- Call the operator and secure reservation with your funds
- Sign-up old and new friends and get the money back
- The WMC will list your trip in the fall Ramblers
- Look forward to a memorable experience!

Please call: Mike Berry (583-4721, eve.) or [mberry@attglobal.net](mailto:mberry@attglobal.net). Experience is helpful, but not necessary. (Note: The WMC cannot guarantee the financial or logistical success of your trip).

# MARKETPLACE

## NEW WMC HISTORY BOOK!!!

### **ONWARD and UPWARD, by Michael Treshow and Jean Frances**

A true labor of love, Mike and Jean have created a masterpiece of local history that every WMC member will want to add to their nightstand collection. From the early days of the 20s and 30s when hikers still yodeled, to the thrilling account of my climb on Mount Owens (see page 134!) this fantastic book chronicles the organization of the club, the early members and escapades (remember the old WMC bus?), the quirks, and strength of character that established the WMC as we know and love it today. **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL, ONLY \$10**, hurry before the price goes up to \$15 this Fall!, contact Gloria Watson (466-9016)

For Sale: Parabolic Alpine skis. K2 Merlin III. Length 188cm. Salomon 850S Pulse bindings. Excellent condition. Freshly tuned. Price: \$215. Call Ira at 944-5946 (12-01)

#### CROSSPOINT CONDO RENTAL:

1 bedroom, garage, air, washer/dryer, cable, pool, clubhouse, gym, tennis, fireplace, no smoking \$580 435-649-6805 or [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) (2-02)

MSR SNOWSHOES: Used twice \$80. [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or 435-649-6805 (2-02)

For Sale. Specialized Stumpjumper, front suspension mountain bike. Excellent condition. \$400.00 281-2939 (12-01)

Beacon for sale. 457 Pieps like new, \$125 obo. Call Lisa at 583-2432 or e-mail [lisaverzella@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaverzella@hotmail.com). (01-02)

FOR SALE: TUA Excalibur MX alpine touring skis (90/70/80), 190 cm, like new, with Silvretta 404 bindings (295-345mm boot length) with straps, brakes, crampons and Pomoca skins. Sell as a unit. \$400.00 Also, Nordica alpine touring boots (27.5 monopoint), \$50.00. Call J. at Cell 801-580-8714 Leave message. J. Williams, member Box 71888 SLC, UT 84171 (2-02)

### Another Book!!

“The Lady in the Ore Bucket” by Charlie Keller (longtime WMC member!!)

The place names, physical traces, and artifacts remaining in the 3 Wasatch canyons tantalize with what they suggest, but do not tell, about the history of settlement and development in the canyons. Charles Keller has extracted a wealth of information to create *The Lady in the Ore Bucket*, a fascinating history of the lumber, mining, and hydropower industries built from the rich natural resources of the canyons. The book is alive with details concerning the personalities, politics, pacts, and peregrinations of local leaders from the white settlement in 1847 through the early 1900s, and will delight any reader with an interest in the magnificent canyons that open onto the Wasatch Front. Available in hardcover from bookstores everywhere!

# LODGE DIRECTORS MESSAGE

With summer history and autumn winding down, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken precious time to support the expansion and maintenance of the Wasatch Mountain Club lodge. With so many volunteers, and sometimes short notice and disorganized work parties, I've probably missed some names. We're keeping track of the volunteers, so if I've missed you, drop me a line or give me a ring and I'll get you included in the "hall of fame." A special thanks goes out to the contractors, professionals and former lodge directors who have helped me fill the void and get things rolling this year. I'm looking forward to working with you all again next year, and there's plenty of work left to finish things off in the new bathrooms this winter.

The hall of fame: Frank Bernard, Zig Sondelski, Dudley McIlhenney, Bart Bartholoma, Martin Clemens, Robert Turner, Vince Desimone, Bill Hughes, Lori Major, Julie Mason, Bret Matthews, Bob Myers, Dave Triplett, Mike Budig, Mark LeBlanc, Vinnie Neilson, Reg Swartz, Yuka Okada, Maryann Losee, Brad Yates, Paul Zuckerman, Nicola Marsh, Larry Ovatt, Jane Koerner, Lily Schumann, Rod Butler, Dale Woodward, Kathy McKay, Ursula Jochmann, Jim Zinati, Henry Whiteside, Tony Gamarra, Al Winkelman, John Mason, Steve Carr, Brett Smith.

We've had a noticeable increase in the amount of activities at the lodge this year, and I hope to see that trend continue. I appreciate the efforts of the entertainment directors and the entertainment committee for scheduling so many events, it's good that we get use out of the building, since the membership puts so much into it. It's a grand old place, and it takes a grand amount of toil and money to keep it grand. Thanks for all your support!

# BOATING DIRECTORS MESSAGE

## PERMIT APPLICATION PARTY DECEMBER 13, 2001

Zion's Lutheran Church 1070 South Foothill Drive; 7:00 PM

### BE THERE!

Well, hopefully you have requested your permit applications and have received them. Be sure to bring them to the Permit Party on Thu. December 13. We will have a fun party, show you how to apply for permits, fill out the applications and all get excited for April when we hope to have a permit on the Salt River in Arizona for our "get away from the cold, Ice Breaker"!

It is imperative that you take the initiative to send in for Permit Application Forms NOW!!!.

You do not have to be going on a trip to get a form. REMEMBER! NO FORMS! NO BOATING TRIPS! The following is a list of the rivers and the place to send your request for forms. If you don't know what rivers to request use any of the following:

Westwater, San Juan, Desolation Canyon, Middle Fork of the Salmon, Main Salmon, Salt River, Gates Of Lodore, Yampa.

Colorado River, West Water Canyon - Westwater River Permits; Bureau of Land Management; Grand Resource Area; 82 E. Dogwood #G; Moab, UT 84532-2968; 435-259-2196

Delores River; Delores River Permits; Bureau of Land Management; Grand Resource Area; 82 E. Dogwood #G;



Moab, UT 84532-2968; 435-259-2196

Colorado River, Cataract Canyon; Canyonlands National Park; Cataract Canyon Permits; 2282 S. West Resource Blvd.; Moab, UT 84532-8000; 435-259-4351

San Juan River; San Juan River Permits; Bureau of Land Management; San Juan Resource Area; PO Box 7; Monticello, UT 84535; 435-587-2144

Colorado River, Grand Canyon; River Permits; Grand Canyon National Park; Box 129; Grand Canyon, AZ 86023; 520-638-7843

Green River, Canyon of Lodore; River Permits; Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40; Dinosaur, CO 81610; 970-374-2468

Yampa River; River Permits; Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40; Dinosaur, CO; 81610; 970-374-2468

Green River, Desolation/Gray Canyons Wilderness; River Permits; Bureau of Land Management; Price River Resource Area; 125 South 600 West; Price, UT 84501; 435-636-3622

Middle Fork of the Salmon; River Permits and Info; Middle Fork Ranger District; PO 750; Challis, ID 83226; 208-879-4112

Main Salmon; River Permits and Info; North Fork Ranger District; PO Box 180; North Fork, ID 83466; 208-865-2725

Salmon River, Lower; River Permits; Bureau of Land Management; Route 3, Box 181; Cottonwood, ID 83522

Rogue River; Tioga Resources Inc.; PO Box 5149; Roseburg, OR 97470; 541-672-4168; e-mail; tioga@gears.efn.org

Salt River, Upper; River Permits; Tonto National Forest; 2324 E Mc Dowell Rd; Phoenix, AZ 85006; 602-225-5200

Verde River; River Permits; Verde Ranger Station; Prescott National Forest; Star Route 1, Box 1100; Camp Verde, AZ 86322; 520-567-4121

## TRIP TALKS

Bruneau Dunes Ski Trip  
or Unusual Occurrences in the Desert...

Four of us met at the Bruneau Sand Dunes state park in ID Friday night for our eighth annual Bruneau Dunes ski trip. Past Bliss(?) & Paradise(!) Idaho & exit the highway at Hammett ID amongst J.R. Simplot's potato fields. Shortly after arriving that night a BIG LOUD jet flew over reminding us we were near the Mountain Home air force base & the events in the world.

Saturday we headed to the dune backside, there is a perfect horseshoe shaped bowl & great falllines similar to Ballroom & Greeley Bowl at Alta. The skiing was fine, we did many runs & it was good to know I hadn't forgot how. I got to take some Voile Mtn. Surfs & those sweet fatties

were great on the sand, confirming that fat is good in funky (snow AND sand) conditions. The width & floatation really helped glide, didn't need any furniture polish. Sand skiing clicked for Joni & I think she's the first female member of the exclusive "Vertical Mile On Sand" club. Sand skiing veteran Pete had a big grin & smooth teles all day and sand rookie Turtle linked good sand teles on her Catamount skis & low leather Fabiano boots! Other Saturday highlights include A-10 warplanes flying low over the dunes returning from the nearby bombing range and a baby rattlesnake who gave us a lesson on smooth turns heading UP the fallline. We enjoyed a quality tailgate party w/ginger vodka, chips, salsa, jokes & tall tales.

The schedule for the Bruneau Astronomical Observatory Saturday night said there was a waning crescent moon due to rise at 3:45am and there would be GREAT deep space viewing. The observatory is in deepest darkest Idaho & with a 25" mirror they say Bruneau has the largest publicly available telescope in the western US. After catching up on the "space news" (as of this months research Saturn has 30 moons!) & "space weather" (sunspot activity!) with Bob the Star Nerd in the auditorium we headed out to the telescopes. Like the schedule said, great night for viewing the night sky, the Milky Way was visible from horizon to horizon. We saw: the Andromeda galaxy, the Hercules star cluster, the Dumbell nebula, the Ring nebula, the Veil nebula & the planets Mars & Saturn & more. Also three shooting stars. That night in our sleeping bags we heard the local coyotes go off with what sounded like a wild keg party. A very good day.

Sunday we stayed on the N. facing dune frontside. With the sun behind us we were dancing with our shadows every run & tracked it out. We knocked off after lunch for the return drive. Tough to leave, Bruneau is a really fun place. Even after many years it always surprises me how good sand skiing is & the observatory is a big bonus. If there's no significant snow I'll be back in two weeks. As Joni & I drove back past the Utah border & the car began to pull seriously to the right we were singing along with the CD. The Grateful Dead were playing "Franklin's Tower" and we were singing "Roll away the dunes..."



# ACTIVITY SURVEY

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD?

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

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

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT?

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

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

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

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

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How can we use to reach you?

PHONE:

EMAIL:

**Wasatch Mountain Club**  
**New Member/Reinstatement of Previous Members Application**  
Do not use this form for regular, annual membership renewal.

Please read carefully and fill out completely:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check phone number to print in The Rambler membership list:

\_\_\_\_\_ Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Options: ☐ Do not print my name/phone in membership list.

☐ Do not list my name in lists given to board-approved conservation/wilderness organizations.

I am applying for: (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Single Birth date(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please complete the activities section)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Reinstatement \_\_\_\_\_ Couple  
\_\_\_\_\_ Student (30 years or younger)

Remit: ...\$40.00 for single membership (\$35.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)  
\$55.00 for couple membership (\$50.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)  
\$25.00 for student membership (\$20.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

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

**Activity Section**

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

| <u>Qualifying Activity</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Signature of Recommending Leader</u> |
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I found out about the Wasatch Mountain Club from:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
LEAVE BLANK; FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Receipt/Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

Board Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

**WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)**

**Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability**

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

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

I verify this statement by placing my initials here: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Witness signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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