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Boating List: Contact Bart Bartholoma at bartbartholoma@netscape.net

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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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- 1. Email them to: wmc@xmission.com <mailto: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 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".
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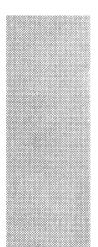
I want to acknowledge a huge debt of gratitude for all the help I receive in putting together the Rambler each month. I really struggle with this stuff, and without lots of help, I couldn't do this. (but hey, wasn't that last months cover too cool?)

Alan Davis and his merry band of mailers at World Wide Mailing do the entire Rambler mailing service free of charge. Before Alan and his help, a group of club members had to meet at the WMC office and spend most of the night sticking labels and sorting by postal area into bags and driving to West Valley in the middle of the night to drop the truckload of bags to the post office. In a way, the "Good Old Days" are fun to look back on but, like most good old days, they mostly sucked. Thanks Alan. (By the way, if you or the company you work for need professional mailing services, call Alan! (973-4057)

Chris Venizelos (pronounced Venizelos) helps every month by creating a report of Rambler content and filing it with the Post office. This allows us our bulk mail/non-profit status. If you need post office forms filled out, or need real estate services, call Chris! 364-4544

Janice Gully is the WMC webmeister, and is a huge help, because she posts Rambler stuff on the website so the when I screw up and you don't get your Rambler in the mail until the 8th, you can get all the juicy stuff online! Thanks Janice!

Last, and certainly not least, Robert Turner helps with hours and hours of computer expertise. I get email submissions in all kinds of different formats, and he helps get it all sorted out, literally. If not for Robert, the activities would not be sorted by date and you would have to just browse at random and hope to find an activity you want to participate in, and hope it wasn't last week! Thanks, Robert!



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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.

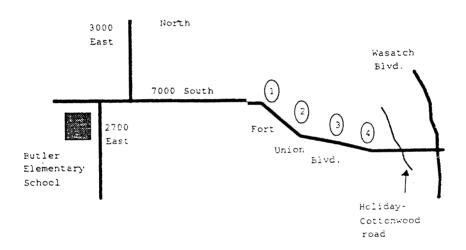
Basic Avalanche Awareness Guidelines (Source: U.S. Forest Service)

- 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.

NOV 3 SAT DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Okay, here's the deal on November hikes. We want to continue providing hikes, but since the weather is very iffy, we've decided to make them show and go hikes or snowshoes, depending on conditions. (We coordinated this with the Winter Sports director.) Today's outing will meet at 9:00 am at

the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride. Come prepared for the conditions, then decide where you want to go and what you want to do. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

NOV 4 SUN AFTERNOON HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. In the interest on non-discrimination, this afternoon Show and Go is offered for our morning-challenged members. Meet your companions at 1:00 pm at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride, properly prepared for today's conditions. Choose your destination and enjoy! Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

NOV 4 SUN DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Today's Show and Go will meet at 9:00 am at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride. Look out your window this morning, come prepared for the conditions, meet your companions and decide on your activity and destination. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

NOV 10 SAT DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Skyline High, prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination. Split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

NOV 10 SAT HARVEST FESTIVAL AND DANCE @ THE WMC LODGE Thanksgiving style potluck dinner. Includes turkey and coffee. Please bring a covered dish potluck item--salads, vegetables, deserts, and of course plate and silverware. The dinner will begin at 6:30 and dancing will follow. Music by Bart Bartholoma cost \$5.00 Questions call Jeanine 364-1873

NOV 11 SUN AFTERNOON HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 1:00 pm at the Little Cottonwood Park & Ride. Decide on the day's activity and destination. Split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

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NOV 17 SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ALTA (MSD)

Edgar Webster (583-9398) would like to ski wherever the conditions are best, maybe Alta, maybe Alta to Big Cottonwood Canyon. Beacon, skins, shovel, legs and lungs required. Ooo baby! Call Edgar to see if a trip is feasible or email: shredgar1014@yahoo.com

NOV 17 SAT SNOWSHOE/HIKE: SCOTTS PASS (MOD) Welcome to the fifth annual WMC snowshoe kickoff at Scott's Pass. Meet the snowshoe community for the first outing of the season at Butler Elementary at 9:00am. Carrie Clark (519-9257) will be the organizer. Beacon and shovel suggested.

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NOV 18 SUN AFTERNOON HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 1:00 pm at Skyline High, prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination, and split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

NOV 18 SUN DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your

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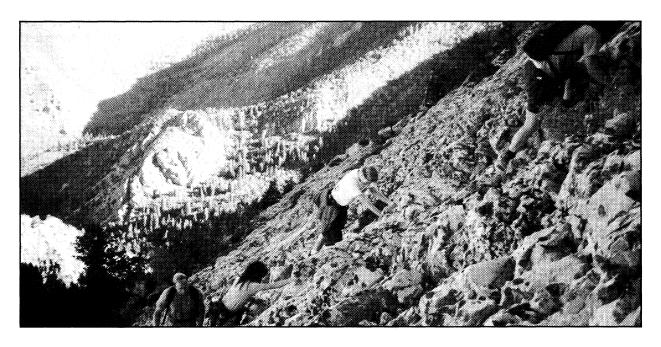
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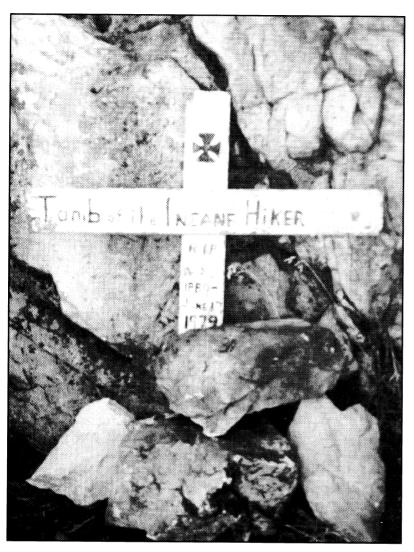
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NOV 22 THUR SNOWSHOE: TURKEY TROT (MOD) This tour will go up Thomas Fork of Neff's Canyon for all those needing a work out prior to the big feast. We plan on a quick trip into the Mt. Olympus Wilderness Area to a favorite perch offering spendid views of Mt. Olympus's quartzite slabs. After a brief brunch stop we'll return to the cars no later than 1:30 pm in time for various Thanksgiving dinner destinations. Meet at 9:00 am in Skyline High's parking lot. Leaders ilka & Allen Olsen (272-6305).

NOV 22 - 25 THU - SUN FAMILY CARCAMP: CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK (NTD-MOD). Want to do something different this Thanksgiving? Join Bob Cady (274-0250) for carcamping in Capitol Reef. You'll camp in the Fruita campground; nearby Spring Canyon and Cohab Canyon offer potential hikes. Bring your children, a dish for Thanksgiving Dinner and money for camping and park entrance fees. Call Bob to register.



Happy Scramblers on the North Face of Mt Olympus BY Brad Yates



NOV 23 FRI SNOWSHOE/HIKE: GREEN'S BASIN (NTD) Mark R. Jones (486-5354) will lead the winter's first trip into Green's Basin. If the snow is questionable, you can plan for the hiking option. Mark will meet you at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am to discuss what's likely on the ground up there.

Unhappy hiker (unknown) on Mt Olympus by Brad Yates

NOV 24 SAT DAY HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride, prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination, and split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials; be aware of avalanche danger.



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2575 South 2700 West, West Valley City, Utah 84119 Bus.(801) 973-4057 Fax (801) 973-4073 NOV 25 SUN AFTERNOON HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD). Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 1:00 pm at the Big Cottonwood Park & Ride, prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination, and split into NTD and MOD groups if you wish. Bring the ten essentials; be aware of avalanche danger.

NOV 25 SUN SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS FROM BRIGHTON (NTD) To end the long holiday weekend, Norm Pobanz (266-3703) offers his first tour of the season to Catherine's Pass from Brighton. Call Norm ahead of time if it looks like snow will be a problem. Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

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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 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 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 TUES 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 9 SUN SNOWSHOE: GRIZZLEY GULCH (MOD) Carrie Clark (519-9257) is heading up Grizzley 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) < body end of 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.

DEC 11 TUES 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 13 THUR BOATING: PERMIT PARTY (I) PLEASE READ SPECIAL INFORMATION IN BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE IN THIS RAMBLER. Permit party to plan for 2001 Boating Season. We need YOU to request permit application forms for the 2002 boating season. Please! Please! Attend this Very Important Event. Date: Thursday, Dec 13, 2001; Time: 6:30 PM; Place: Zion Lutheran Church 1070 South Foothill Drive. BRING: Potluck snacks and beverages, personal calendars, checkbook, permit applications if you have some, and most importantly a willingness to apply for permits. PRE- PARTY PREPARATION!!! We need help getting application cards for Westwater, San Juan, Deso. Middle Fork of the Salmon, Main Salmon,

Gates of Lodore, Yampa, Salt River or any of the other ones listed Please write for as many as you can even if you don't know if you'll need it - someone else can use your application card. More applications = more permits, more permits = more fun river trips! If you need a copy of the permit information, look at the Boating Directors message in this Rambler or Call Bart at 277-4093 or E-mail bartbartholoma@netscape.net and he will E-mail or regular mail a copy to you.

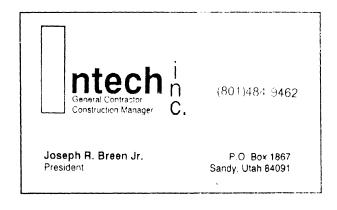
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JAN 10 -14 2002 THUR B MON BALDY KNOLL YURT (Advanced backcountry skiing) Spend the long weekend at Baldy Knoll Yurt on the west side of the Tetons and explore expansive telemark slopes. Drive up Thursday evening, spend Thursday night in a motel, ski 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

FEB 2002 AVOID THE OLYMPICS@ SKI TOUR: BRITISH COLUMBIA (MSD- SKI MTN) Canadian peaks and hot springs. One week hut trip with the Canadian Alpine Club and one week visiting local ski areas around Nelson, BC. Longer days, cold, winter snows. Edgar Webster says: A Expect the best skiing of your life@. Call Edgar (583-9398) for more information.

FEB 22 -24 2002 FRI B 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 Friday evening, spend Friday night in a motel, ski in Saturday morning and spend two 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 Winter Sports Director Mike Berry (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



BULLETIN BOARD

Did you know

The WMC Lodge can be rented on a full- or half-day basis. Full-day rate is \$250.

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.

MOST IMPORTANT BOATING EVENT OF YEAR

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

Thursday, December 13, 2001 PERMIT PARTY!

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 <u>your</u> 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. 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)

Nukeproof Ti mountain bike 17", w/ white bros. fork, XT front/rear derailleur, specialized crank, specialized clipless pedals, Titec hellbent riser bar. A true classic, this one is frame #118, handmade in MI. \$3200/bo (never raced on, excellent condition)

Redfeather Blackhawk snowshoes **w**/bindings and large crampons (which are worth \$60 alone) \$85

Hart 177 downhill skis w/Geze bindings, excellent condition \$250

AS Extreme BC boots, great condition, size 10 womens \$150.00

Look PP296 road bike pedals, used 2X \$100

Fischer SCS 180 skate skis w/NNNR3 bindings, used 4X, excellent condition \$200

Alpine NNNII skate ski boots, size 10 womens, good condition \$30

Sears car roof rack \$60.00 Telephone number 801-466-6321 Joni (11-01)

WANTED TO BUY: Gently-used gear for camping in extreme cold. Sleeping bags, down or fleece jackets and pants, camp booties, mittens, etc. Sizes needed: Women's Medium and Men's Large. Call 333-5515 or 519-9257 or Email cdw_mmn@yahoo.com. (11-01)

SKI and Fishing Boat For pleasure! Outboard, fiberglass, takes gasoline, 115 HP, 16 footer Glastron 1981 with water skis, 3 life jackets on a 1981 trailer. Good Condition! Will take \$3600.00 or best offer. Call Cindy 444-2820 or Leslie 444-0315 (11-01)

For Sale: Parabolic Alpine skis. K2 Merlin III. Length 188cm. Salomon 850S Pulse bindings. Excellent condition. Freshly tuned. Price: \$315. 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

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 <u>lisaverzella@hotmail.com</u>. (01-02)

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!

Hiking Directors' Message

Greetings, hikers!

We've come to the end of the hiking season, and it has been a great success, thanks to all of you who joined us on hikes, carcamps and backpacks, and especially

thanks to our volunteer organizers

and

thanks to our evening hike and carcamp/backpack coordinators

who made the many, many hikes and other activities possible. We offered 403 hike, carcamp and backpack activities this year and enjoyed the help of 147 organizers. More than half (77) organized two or more activities; 16 organized six or more, and 4 organized more than a dozen each.

We invited all our organizers to the **leader's party** in September. That is one way we have of expressing our appreciation for all of their efforts which have contributed so much to the success of the hiking program this year. If you would like to come to the leader's party next year, organize some hikes for us next season and we'll be glad to invite you.

Also, we were able to give **special recognition** at the leader's party to our **coordinators** and **some of our organizers** whose efforts went well above and beyond the call of duty by giving them a **personalized WMC mug**. We want to reiterate our appreciation for this year's **mug recipients** who are:

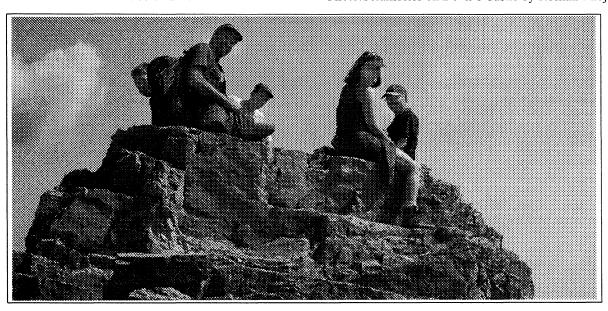
- Mohamed Abdallah
- Debbie Bouchard
- Knick Knickerbocker
- Randy Long
- Elliott Mott
- Jan Uhlir
- Dale Woodward

Thanks again to everyone for a great hiking season!

We're continuing to offer show and go hikes/snowshoes through November in case you haven't had your fill of hiking yet. We'll see you on the trail or in the fluffy white stuff.

Ursula Jochmann and Robert Turner

Photo:Scramblers on Devil's Castle by Roshan Bhojwani



Boating Directors message

We have had a fun boating year, now we need to do some preliminary planning for next year! **PRAY FOR SNOW! DO A RAIN/SNOW DANCE!** That way we can have fun all winter playing on the snow and on the water next boating season! We hope to have more water in our rivers next year. Thanks to all leaders and participants for a fun and exciting boating season!

PERMIT APPLICATION PARTY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2001

Zion's Lutheran Church 6:30 PM 1070 South Foothill Drive BE THERE!

Most river permits are drawn lottery style. More people are boating and applying for river permits and they are getting harder to get! **We need as many people as possible to apply for permits**. If you want to share that permit with other club members, you will be loved, revered, respected, idolized, okay, okay, that might be a slight exaggeration!

To prepare for the permit party please look at the following addresses and send for a permit application from all of them! Even if you don't use the application someone else might and get a permit! <u>It is imperative that you take the initiative to send in for Permit Application Forms NOW!!!</u>. Without application forms we cannot apply for permits, that means very few river trips! You do not have to be going on a trip to get a form. Someone else can use it.

If you have wanted to investigate boating, this is a great place to meet people, find out about non-permit trips, make connections, and hear about our beginner trip and class. Send for applications, show you are interested and would be an asset on any trip!

We will have a fun party, show you how to apply for permits, fill out the applications, we will even mail them for you! Then we socialize and all get excited for mid- April when we hope to have a permit on the Salt River in Arizona for our "get away from the cold, Ice Breaker"!

REMEMBER! NO APPLICATION FORMS! NO BOATING TRIPS! Send for applications now! 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

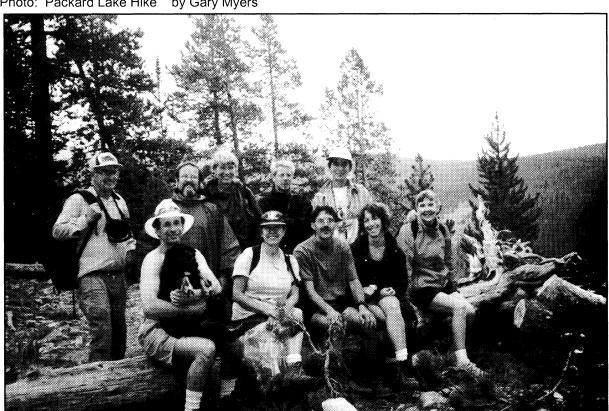


Photo: Packard Lake Hike by Gary Myers

TRIP TALKS

Packard Lake Hike - August 12, 2001 By Chris Venizelos Photos by Gary Myers

We started at the Highline Trailhead which is approximately 2 miles further than Mirror Lake after an hour-and-a-half drive from Salt Lake. Since the elevation is high (~ 10,000 ft), this hike has moderate ups and downs. We passed several nice meadows, streams, Scudder, Wilder & Wyman Lakes on the way. Water lilies exist in Wyman Lake. Hayden Peak and Mt. Aggasiz could be seen in the near background. After about 4 miles, we reached Packard Lake, which is in the wilderness area. Many small fish were jumping. The view is spectacular! The drainage for the east fork of the Duchesne River is in the valley below and many mountain peaks can be seen. While eating lunch, a fast-moving t-storm passed by with cooler temperatures and a sprinkle. These storms are common in the Uintas. It is important to be prepared.

The Uintas is an ideal place for taking dogs because of cooler temperatures and abundant streams and lakes. The two dogs (Piper and Norman) had a wonderful time. Piper did at least twice the distance that we did. I look forward to leading another Uintas/ Dog Hike next August. The hikers were: Douglas Taylor, Gary and Jane Myers, Steve Poorman, Janet Crall, Mike Arnow, Victoria Saldana, Carol Anderson, Nancy Phillips, Louise Rausch and Chris Venizelos.

Mineral Fork

Seventeen of us headed off at 9:30 on a glorious autumn morning to destinations yet to be decided somewhere up Mineral Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon. We had three possible midway points depending on how energetic, lazy, laid back or sane the hiker was: the Wasatch Mine, the Regulator Johnson Mine or to the top of the pass. The weather was perfect, the leaves at their peak and the companionship delightful. About half the group split off at the Wasatch Mine, 3 miles up the easily defined road. The other half decided to take their break and make their turn-around point at the Regulator Johnson Mine another 24 switchbacks and 1 1/2 miles longer. The last three of us peeled off to scramble up the pass for a view of Lake Blanche and Lake Florence. Those of us who streeeetched the day out returned to our vehicles at 2:30 somewhat sunburned and tired but relaxed after a draining and disturbing week given the national tragedy. Hikers were (as far as I can make out their names, and, sorry if I've slaughtered yours): Organizer and scribe Mary Fox, Dale Woodward, Gloria Watson (be sure to check out HER footwear if you're leading a hike she's on!), Carrie Clark, Lola Peterman, Carol Anderson, Victoria Saldana, James Nelson, Ben Coke, Norm Pobanz, Mike Arnow, Monty Gully, EC Johnson, Kevin Gully, Susan Sarhang, Bill Eckert, and Anne Anderson

San Rafael Service Trip

Sept 29/30 Will McCarvill

WMC members worked with Price River BLM office in Buckhorn Draw at the northeast edge of the San Rafael Swell. This was the first time I had been in that part of the San Rafael Swell in the five years I lived in California. Five years ago, the Draw had been severely impacted by uncontrolled vehicle use and was suffering from increased use. I was pleased to see that areas had been closed to unrestricted vehicle play by buck and rail fences, more signs had been installed to inform visitors about restrictions and where they could camp, and toilets had been installed. The area looked much less hammered. We worked on removing and rehabilitating fire pits that were not needed and that were in poor locations. We also erected barriers to focus use into existing areas and out of sensitive areas. The down side of increased restrictions in one area is that improper use will move to other areas. Signing and closing needs to be extended down the Mexican Mountain road to prevent over use before it happens.

Saturday night we camped in a lightly visited part of the Wedge. On Sunday we hiked to the rim overlooking the interior of the Swell for great views. We spent a leisurely day following the rim and then exploring the drainages that lead to Water Canyon. To our surprise, we found a grove of Ponderosa Pines growing much lower in elevation than usual. The drainage also held deep pour off pools with cottonwoods and other water loving plants. Finally, we reached the end of our tour: the drainage ended in a 300 foot pour off into a branch of Water Canyon. Signs of Big Horn Sheep were plentiful. Gloria Watson followed a ramp that held a number of sheep "nests?" that over looked the deep canyon.

The BLM has been active in clearly marking which activities are allowed in a given area. More signs are needed to help guide people to minimize their impacts on fragile desert lands.

Sun. Feb. 25, 2001: The idea for this poem, came during a snowshoe trek, to Mineral Fork, with Ronald Thole, Christel Sysak, Carol Anderson, Jaynee Levy, and myself, Larry Ovaitt. In Big Cottonwood Canyon, there was something magical, about the snow that day.

SNOWSHOE, STATUES

(Larry Ovaitt 02-28-2001)

I trudge, up an endless, Ribbon of white, A stream, gurgles down, The gully off, to my right, Silence only, is broken,
By my, snowshoe's crunch,
I gaze, all about me,
I'm struck, by this hunch:

Mother Nature's, a sculptress,
The evidence, is clear,
It's all, quite apparent,
Just look, there or here,
She's piled up, new snow,
Atop, an old stump,
Look's like a mushroom,
(Or an over-fed rump.)

On a half-fallen aspen,
Sprawled out, it's a snake,
An albino boa,
Is lazily draped,
Out the corner, of my eye,
What's that, I behold,
A bright, praying mantis,
Meditates, in the snow.

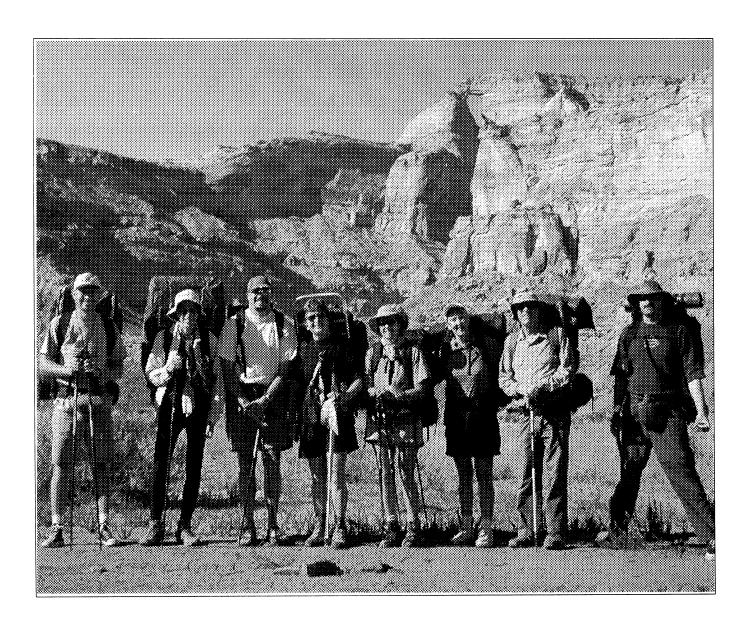
She's packed, the snow high,
On a row, of small pines,
Now those ten, tiny snowmen,
The trail, she has lined,
And runaway snowballs,
Scribe the slopes, up above,
She's made, a pipe organ,
'Plays the music, she loves.

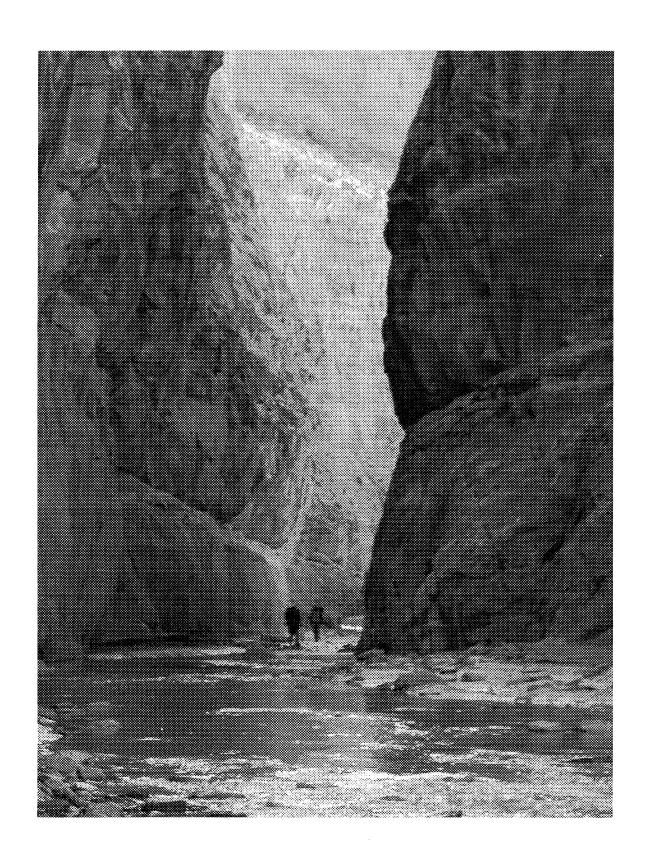
Oh, I've walked, this trail,
In the summer, before,
The grass, bushes, trees,
Make a dark-green, corridor,
The woods, all are covered,
With life, very fair,
But Mother N's, at her best,
When the aspen, are bare.

Muddy Creek lives up to its name in mid-September

Nine of us hiked (skated, maybe?) the chute of Muddy Creek Saturday starting September 15, from Tomsich Butte to the Hidden Splendor (Delta) Mine. Barbara Green, Noel DeNevers, Carol Anderson, Alex Ranney, Jane Koerner, Mike McGarvey, Nate Olson, Brent Seibert, and yours truly, Ben Everitt. A beautiful day, but following a little too closely the preceding storm. Thursday's watermark was at two feet, but all that remained was a warm gurgle of black sludge about the viscosity of SAE 50. Twelve miles of this stuff pretty much wore us out; we bunked Saturday at the mouth of Chimney Canyon. Four bailed for home on Sunday, while the rest of us hiked Chimney Canyon to the miners cabin and Chimney Canyon arch. Nate and Brent headed for home Sunday afternoon, to test their stuff in the heat of the day. The remaining musketeers camped at the lower spring in Chimney Canyon Sunday, and took the pasture track out past Little Susan on Monday morning, reaching Hidden Splendor by noon, and home to Salt Lake by 7.

Ben Everitt





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 backpack	_moderate day hike	_advanced day hike	_car camp
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 mountaine	ering
Bicycling:	road bike tour	_mountain bike tour	_camping tour	
Other outings:	snowshoe tour	caving	other	
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Rambler: support	word processing	mailing	advertising	computer
Lodge:	general lodge re	pairskilled loo	dge work	
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Would you like to	participate on an act	ivities committee? Which c	one?	
Is there a special	trip or activity that yo	ou would like to lead?	and the state of t	
How can we use PHONE:EMAIL:	to reach you?			

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

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