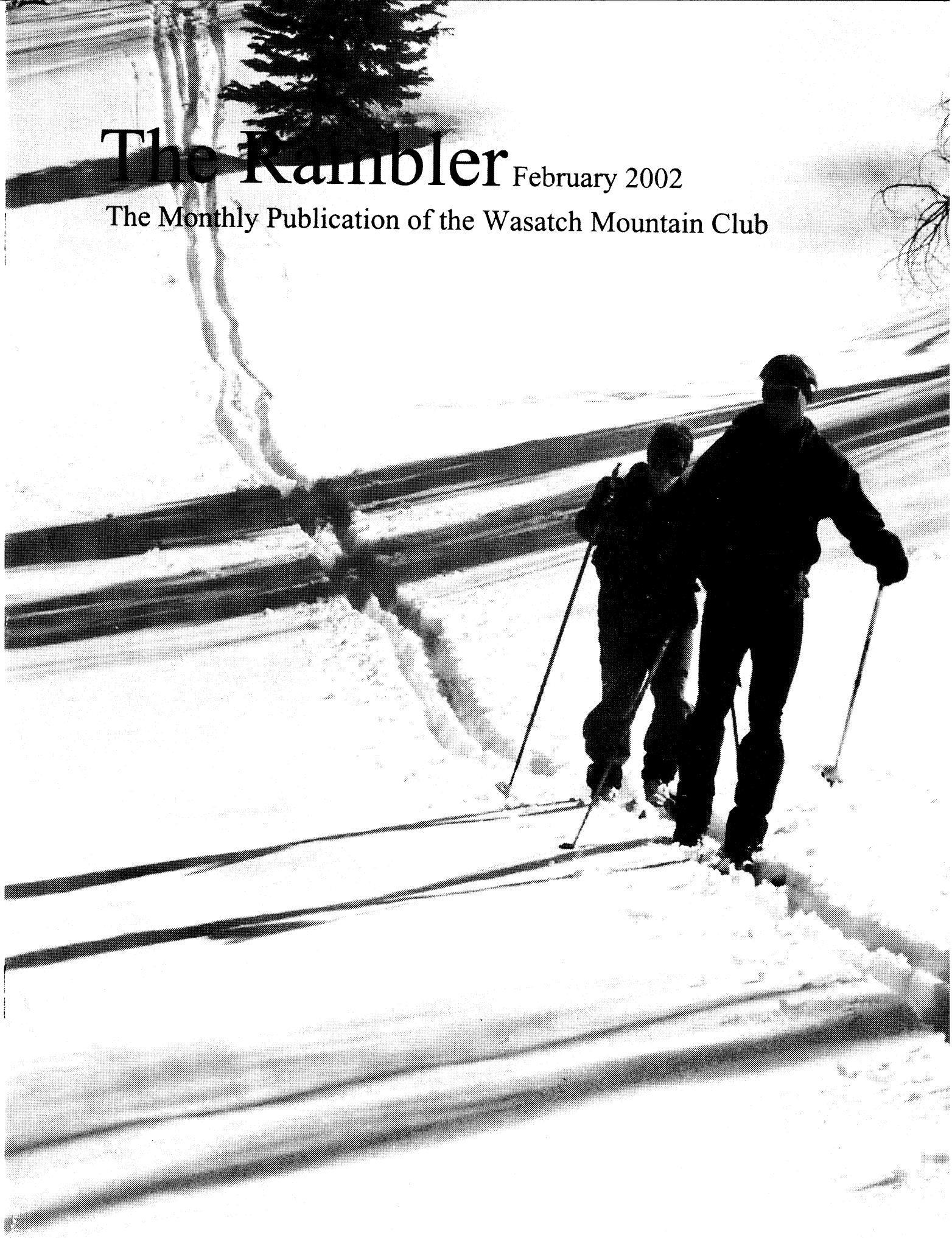


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Contact Jaelene Myrup (583-1678) for information or to place an ad.

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

Cover foto Stephanie and Rob in the Uintas, by Michael Berry

WMC Purpose:
(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

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

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

Missing your Rambler? Contact the Membership Director to make sure the WMC has your correct address.

Replacement copies are available, while they last, at the WMC office during office hours.

How to submit trip talks:

1. Email them to: wmc@xmission.com You can email your pictures too!
2. Submit the trip talk, on a 3.5" disk, to the WMC 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:

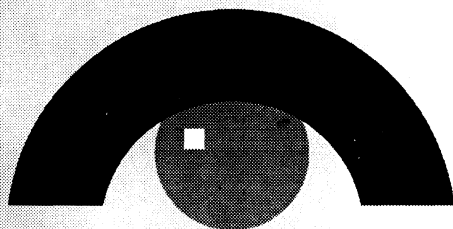
1. Email ads to: wmc@xmission.com use the subject line "marketplace".
2. Submit an ad, on a floppy disk, to the club office (1390 South 1100 East in Salt Lake City).

When are ads due? The 10th of each month.

How much do I pay for the ad? Advertising rates are \$5.00 for up to 20 words and \$0.20 for each additional word per month. Please specify the number of months you want to run the ad.

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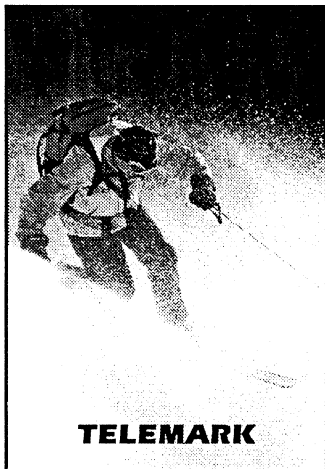
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WMC Winter Sports Policy

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 it is 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)

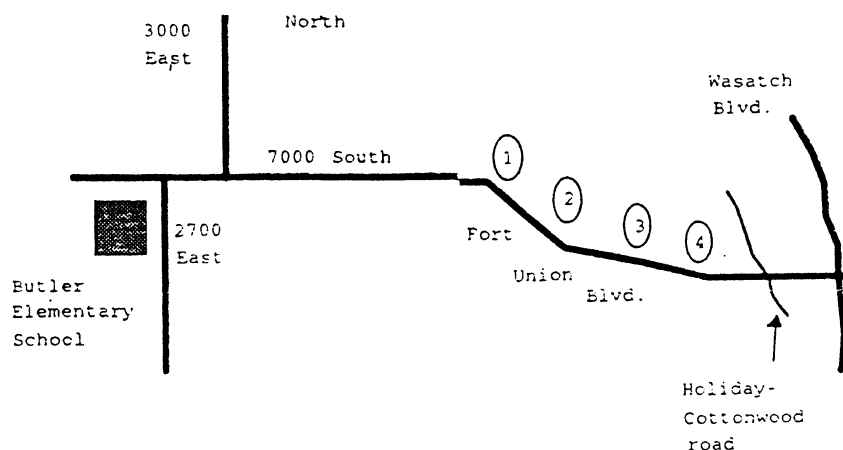
1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as 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).
- 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.

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.

ATTENTION ALL WMC MEMBERS:

SALT LAKE WINTER OLYMPICS 2002 FEB 8- 24 THUR- SUN

As you can see from this edition of the Rambler, the WMC is continuing with winter sports activities throughout the Olympic Games. Please be aware that we have made a special effort to avoid scheduling

outings near Olympic venues, scheduling out-of-town (OOT) trips, reducing the number of overall trips, encouraging organizer's to screen participants very closely or using 'Call to Register' beforehand method, and scheduling Show 'N Go (member's only) trips. We also plan to send this notice out with the release forms to the affected organizer's during the three Olympic weekends.

ATTENTION ALL OUT-OF-TOWN, NON-MEMBERS:

THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN BACKCOUNTRY CAN BE A DANGEROUS AND FORBIDING PLACE IN THE WINTERTIME

TAKE THIS QUIZ:

1. Alta is:
 - A) A good jumping off place for beacon-free backcountry skiing
 - B) A new model from Nissan
 - C) Snowboarder friendly
 - D) Close to MSD skiing at Wolverine-Tuscarora Bowl
 - E) Robert Redford's place
2. Snowbasin is:
 - A) Must be a misnomer in this state
 - B) Was named so for self-explanatory reasons
 - C) Is a downhill resort, so must be completely safe for skiing free-heel
 - D) West of Ogden
 - E) Don't know
3. Example of a slope on your ski resume which gives you confidence to handle the Wasatch:
 - A) Rocky Flats, Colorado
 - B) Grand Mesa, Colorado
 - C) Flat Tops, Colorado
 - D) Telluride town park, Colorado
 - E) The Pfeifferhorn, Utah
4. 'Interlodge' refers to:
 - A) If you step outside the building, expect obliteration by a white-out
 - B) If you step outside the building, expect arrest by local law enforcement officers
 - C) something to do with the predominate religion
 - D) A & B only
 - E) None of the above
5. 457 kHz frequency refers to:
 - A) European frequency now used in the U.S. for beacons
 - B) The latest cell phone offer
 - C) website for Heinz 57
 - D) Don't know
 - E) Wrong answer
6. Touring maps 1 & 2:
 - A) Are detailed avalanche zone maps of the Wasatch mountains
 - B) Souvenir laminated placemats of SLC with Olympic logo
 - C) Guides to avoiding downtown and the 'U' in February
 - D) Details maps to the number of private clubs you'll visit over 17 days after discovering 'membership fees'
 - E) Domestic flight survival guide to the Salt Lake International airport

7. Porter Fork is:
- A) A steep and challenging drainage off of Millcreek Canyon
 - B) An implement used by staff at Uinta brewing
 - C) A good place to ski with mom and the kids
 - D) Don't know
 - E) Wrong answer
8. 'Shangra La':
- A) Is north of Big Water in the Wasatch
 - B) Has nothing to do with Utah skiing
 - C) Refers to the glades of Reynold's Peak
 - D) Another name for the 'Powder Park' area
 - E) Don't know
9. The 'Patsy Marley' area:
- A) Can be accessed from Twin Lakes Pass
 - B) Is the site of a historic mountain reggae concert
 - C) Is commonly a destination of NTD snowshoers
 - D) Another name for the 'Powder Park' area
 - E) Don't know
10. 'Beacon, Shovel, and Skins':
- A) Essential equipment for a MOD tour
 - B) Colloquial saying in Utah of unknown significance
 - C) Best way to shovel the roof during 'Lake effect'
 - D) Lingo for munchies served at bars during Utah 'Happy Hours'
 - E) Don't know

ANSWERS: 1) D ; 2) B ; 3) E ; 4) D ; 5) A ; 6) A ; 7) A ; 8) A ; 9) A ; 10) A

IF YOU DO NOT SCORE 100%, PLEASE TO NOT VENTURE INTO THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN BACKCOUNTRY DURING YOUR VISIT. HAVE A NICE STAY IN TOWN.

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. If you can't come for the entire time, come for a couple of weeks. Contact Steve at (435) 647-9833 or steve_susswein@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE HEEL FRIDAY'S (MOD) Work is the curse of the skiing class. Get away from the daily grind with Steve Pritchett and his weekday telemarking group 2 days this month. Details will be emailed via the wmc-ski list or contact him directly at Sprite1041@aol.com or 523-9243.

FEB 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: POWDER PARK (MOD) Cassie Badowsky (278-5153) is snowshoeing up to Powder Park this morning. Meet her at Butler Elementary at 9:30 am. Be sure to bring your essentials as well as plenty of food and fluid. Shovel and Beacon are highly recommended!

FEB 2 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW 'N GO (MOD) No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC 'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. **Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only.** You can also sign-up for ski list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

FEB 2 SAT SKI TOUR: BEAVER CREEK TRAIL (UINTAS) (NTD) Suitable for *Audrey Kelly Learn-to Ski* graduates. This

will be a leisurely tour, at a relaxed pace, and participants are not supposed to be in a hurry. Call Sharon Coons (561-7118) by 6:00 PM Friday to schedule an appropriate meeting time and place. She's planning on about 9:00 am in Salt Lake, probably at the Parley Way K Mart lot. If you are from Park City, schedule a meeting at Kimball Junction K Mart or Kamas High School. Bring lunch, beverages, warm layers and carpool money. The F.S. fee is \$3.00.

FEB 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH CREST 'RIDGE RUN'

(MOD) In Willow Creek at 7,880 feet, the 10,006 'Silver' mountain will seem 2,126 feet above you, and it is. Ascent the Crest, take in the views, and sweep down into the Beartrap Fork with Larry Nilssen (572-3964, Larnilssen@cs.com). As usual, bring all the essentials, including food, water, and a beacon. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00am.

FEB 3 SUN SOCIAL: 16th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER.

Vincenzo DeSimone invites you to this evening of Italian cuisine and fellowship by the fire. Cost \$5 for food and hot drinks, bring other beverages of choice (this is not a potluck). Time: 6pm (please no early birds). Directions: I-80 to Park City exit Hwy 224, turn left on Meadows Dr. just past the large white barn on the right. Turn left on Mountain Top Lane, go to Mountain Top Drive, the T at the top and turn right to the sounds of fun. No pets or children, please. Questions to vincedesimone@yahoo.com or 435-649-6805.

FEB 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: UPPER RED PINE LAKE (MOD++) The White Baldy- Pfeifferhorn area is a different world in the winter- stark, deep, and unpredictable. You will need advanced winter skills to handle this trip of 7 miles (RT) and 2,300 feet elevation gain. Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) leads to the 10,000 foot upper lake. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD) Christel Sysak (943-0316) wants to snowshoe up the trail to Dog Lake this morning. Be sure to join her for this beautiful hike at 9:30 AM. Meet her at Butler Elementary and bring your gear, a snack and water. Also a beacon and shovel are recommended.

FEB 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD-MOD) Today is Super Bowl Sunday. So, this is a snowshoe for all of you who aren't into football! Meet Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008) at 2:00 pm at the north side parking lot of the Radisson Hotel, located at the corner of Pay Day Drive and Highway 224 in Park City. The destination is Iron Canyon Saddle (NTD) or the top of Iron Mountain (MOD). Note: Afterwards, Cheryl is offering her house as a place to change and get ready for Vince's spaghetti dinner. Bring a suit and towel if you want to hot tub before going to Vince's.

FEB 3 SUN SKI TOUR: TELEMAR HILL (DANIELS)(NTD+) This tour begins at the Daniel's Summit Lodge amidst the snowmobilers. A 2.5 mile kick and glide (1,000 ft.) trail takes you through the woods and past the noise to the top of Telemar Hill for some token tele-turns on your light backcountry gear (double-cambered, metal-edged). Before the hypnotic alpenglow settles in you will be thinking about changing clothes to make Vince's Spagetti Dinner (6:00 pm) in Park City (Also see Cheryl Soshnik's snowshoe tour). Bring your pieps for practice if we have additional time to burn. Meet Mike at the K Mart on Parley's Way at 10:30 am. Call Mike for more information or for a Park City meeting place. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas.

FEB 5 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.

FEB 9 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD) Leslie Woods (266-3317) had not decided on a particular route as of yet, but will choose a telemarking area after checking the avalanche forecast. Bring lunch, water, and appropriate layers. Beacon, shovel and skins required. Meet Leslie at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK TOWARDS THE MINE (MOD) Rob Rogalski (272-2365) is leading this challenging snowshoe up towards the mine today if the avalanche risk is low. Be sure to bring your 10 E's, safety equipment including beacon and shovel, along with plenty of fluid and food. Meet Rob at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

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FEB 10 SUN SKI TOUR: SILVER FORK (NTD) Just an easy turn up Silver Fork and back. Let's drop by Molly Green's after for a beer or two. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 10:00 am or call Bob Cady (274-0250, rcady@xmission.com) for info.

FEB 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: STANSBURY MTNS (MOD) Cathy Hunn (435-882-6529) plans to go to the Stansbury Mountains (North or South Willow Canyon). Salt Lakers meet at the Home Depot (328 W. 2100 S.) SW area of parking lot at 8:30 to carpool- 4wd vehicles necessary to attain trailhead. Take 2100 South to I-80 and travel west to exit 99 (Tooele). Go south on the Tooele Rd (Highway 36) about 3 miles to the (unmissable) Maverick Station at Stansbury Park. Call Cathy beforehand as ice may prevent reaching the trailhead or snow may be problematic.

FEB 10 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: JULIE ANDREWS MEADOW (NTD and MOD) Join Pete Mimmack for the tour of your choice. The NTD portion of this trip will be along a route that climbs gradually for 4 miles and less than 2000'. The MOD aspect of the trip is telemark skiing at the end of the route. Both provide spectacular views of Mt. Timpanogos in its most beautiful season. In Salt Lake City meet at the park and Ride at 72nd South at 9:00 am. Or meet Pete at the PnR off I-15 at Timp Cave Exit #287 at 9:30 am. Plan for a \$3.00 fee per car for entry to American Fork Canyon; also plan for car pool money. At a minimum bring sturdy touring skis for the NTD. For the telemark portion of the trip bring metal-edged skis with skins, plus transceivers, and shovels. Pete can be reached at 1-801-377-2330, pmimmack@novell.com

FEB 10 SUN SNOWSHOE: BEARTRAP FORK LOOP (MOD) Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) is offering to lead this snowshoe hike up through the Beartrap Fork Loop trail. Hopefully there won't be any bears??? Depending on avalanche conditions he plans to hike up Beartrap Fork and down past Desolation Lake and out the Mill D trail. Plan on some serious elevation gain and about ten miles of hiking. Meet Knick at Butler Elementary at 9:00 AM. Come prepared with your 10 E's, beacon and shovel, snacks and water. Be sure to wear your layers for this one.


FEB 10 SUN AFTERNOON SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) Robert Turner (539-8147) is once again leading the charge on a Sunday afternoon snowshoe hike. He wasn't sure where to go to avoid the big "O" but perhaps some of you could give him some good ideas. Meet Robert at Skyline High at 1:00 PM. This site was selected to avoid the "Cottonwood Crowds." Be sure to bring your 10 essentials, food, water, pieps, etc., and extra socks if you need them.

FEB 12 TUE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Come join us for refreshments while we vote in next years board members. Support those great board members by attending this important meeting at the Zion Lutheran Church (1070 South Foothill Dr.) 7:00 p.m.

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FEB 16 - 17 SAT - SUN 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. Folks with President's Day off (Monday the 18th) can stay and play longer on their own, but Kurt must return home Sunday evening. 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 16 SAT SNOWSHOE: WHITE PINE LAKE (MOD++) The White Baldy- Pfeifferhorn area is a different world in the



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winter- stark, deep, and unpredictable. You will need advanced winter skills to handle this trip. Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) leads. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

FEB 16 SAT SNOWSHOE: LAKE BLANCHE (MOD) Jim Zinanti (484-5799) is up for a "mild" challenge, so how about an easy paced snowshoe hike up to Lake Blanche?! Plan on meeting him at Butler Elementary at 9:30 AM. Be sure to bring your 10 E's, snacks, water, extra clothing, and in case of avalanche danger also bring your beacon and snow shovel. Questions? Call Jim.

FEB 16 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON AREA (MOD) WITH BEACON PRACTICE Brad Yates (521-4185) is planning a big day in the canyon which will include a beacon search practice. To have skill at avalanche rescue you must practice in the snow. Call to register.



FEB 16 SAT SOCIAL: SING ALONG. The February Sing Along will be held at La Rae and Bart's. Bring your instruments to play along or bring your voice to sing along or bring yourself to just sit and enjoy the excellent musical and vocal renditions with most unique arrangements you probably will ever hear. Bring a finger food so we don't starve. 5904 S Tolcate Woods Lane (2930 E.) Take 5800 S. (Tolcate Lane) East off of Holladay Blvd. 801-277-4093.

FEB 17 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: GETTING IN SHAPE FOR THE KING'S (MSD) This tour in upper Mill Creek (Maple Grove to Park City ridgeline, back down Little Water, and time-permitting, Soldier Fork) is rated MSD due to the 15+ mile length. Dmitry Pruss (944-7755, pruss@online.ru) leads. Metal-edged. Beacon, shovel and skins. Meet at Skyline High at 8:00 am.



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FEB 17 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) Mary Fox (581-1566) will be leading, but no decision to report at press time. Avalanche risk should be minimal. Bring energy food, water, and the 10 E's. Meet Mary at Butler Elementary at 10:00 am.

FEB 17 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: PFEIFFERHORN (SKI-MTN) The Pfeifferhorn is a different world in the winter- stark, steep, and exciting. You need ski mountaineering skills to even think about trip of 10 round trip miles and 2700 feet of elevation gain. E-mail Walt Haas at haas@xmission.com for details, equipment, time, meeting place, etc. By phone, Walt can be reached at 534-1262 to register.

FEB 19 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.

FEB 21 - 25 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 \$85 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. If you are interested in this trip, call Steve Pritchett (523-9243) or e-mail: Spritc1041@aol.com

FEB 23 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: SHOW 'N GO (MOD) No organizer at press time- meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to see if any WMC 'ers are going out today. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear (beacon, shovel, and skins) and the 10 E's recommended. Note: Show 'n Go tours are for WMC members only. You can also sign-up for ski list messages by following directions on the inside cover.

FEB 23 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: RED PINE TO PFEIFFERHORN (SKI-MTN) The Pfeifferhorn is a different world in the winter- stark, steep, and exciting. You need ski mountaineering skills to even think about trip of 10 round trip miles and 2700 feet of elevation gain. Call or e-mail Dmitry Pruss (944-7755, pruss@online.ru) for details and equipment. You will need a

beacon, shovel and skins. Expect to meet at the Ft. Union Park & Ride Lot #2 (corner of Nuttree) at 8:00 am for this outing, but call to register.

FEB 23 SAT SNOWSHOE: ALBION BASIN (NTD) Doug Stark (277-8538) is planning to tour the basin this morning. Doug says this will be an enjoyable and social snowshoe for those of you who like to see the trees from the forest. Meet him at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary and don't forget to bring your gear and your munchies.

FEB 23 SAT SNOWSHOE: TURTLE TO PORTER'S FORK (NTD) Joan Proctor (474-0275) had a broken leg last winter and wasn't able to lead any snowshoe hikes. But she really enjoys a slow and easy paced hike on snowshoes. She's volunteering to lead this Turtle hike up Porter's Fork. If you enjoy socializing, seeing the sights and "smelling the roses", then this hike's for you! Plan on meeting her at 9:00 AM at Skyline High. Please bring plenty of water, snacks, and your 10 E's.

FEB 23 SAT SNOWSHOE: MALANS PEAK, OGDEN (MOD) Brian and Gerri Barkey (801-394-6047) would like to "show off" the beautiful mountain trails in the Ogden area. They plan to snowshoe up to Malans Peak, a 3-mile hike with a 2400 ft elevation gain that may be somewhat steep in spots. Kids and dogs are welcome! Brian states: "This hike isn't too long, so we'll avoid the early alpine start! We'll avoid the Olympic downhill, it's on the other side of the mountain and hopefully traffic from the curling event won't be so bad." Call Brian or Gerri to register and receive info on meeting time, place and necessary equipment.

FEB 24 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: DOGBUT LOOP (MOD) We go up Mill D North Fork to Dog Lake, around behind Reynold's Peak to the top of Butler Fork, then down back to the road. Metal edges are necessary for the Lower Butler. Meet at Butler School at 10:00 am or call Bob Cady (274-0250, rcady@xmission.com) for info.

FEB 24 SUN SNOWSHOE: GREEN'S BASIN PEAK (MOD-) Liz Cordova (486-0909) will "slowly" head for that peak about one mile south and 1,200 feet higher than Green's Basin. The view on top of the peak is sublime. Bring the 10 E's along with high energy food and drink. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

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MAR 2 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Carol Masheter says "I'm likely to go to places like Bear Trap, somewhere up Mill D (such as Powder Parks or Thom's Hill), Maybird, or Pink Pine, depending on snow conditions. Call Carol at 466-5729 (Home, leave message and best times(s) to call), or email Carol at work, M- TH 10- 3, carol_masheter@hotmail.com, or on campus, some evenings, masheter@eng.utah.edu. Beacon, shovel and skins. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

MAR 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: LOWER MINERAL FORK (NTD+) New winter sports organizer Robert Reed (313-1946) is leading his 2nd snowshoe up to an NTD+ level in Mineral Fork. Robert will plan on a turn-around point with a good view. Bring your 10 E's and snacks. Meet Bob at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

MAR 2 SAT SNOWSHOE: GRIZZLEY GULCH (MOD) Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) 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.

MAR 2 SAT ROAD AND MOUNTAIN BIKING PLANNING PARTY (NTD): Desolation Trail, Tour de Suds, Moab Trailer Trash Weekend, Big Water Trail to Dog Lake, Mueller Park, Soapstone Basin, Slacker Rides, Park City Tuesday Evening Rides...sound familiar? Come out to western Utah (Magna) tonight (6:30 PM) for the 2002 Biking Season planning party. Fill in the calendar to lead your favorite ride(s) this year. If you're not ready to sign up, come out anyway and we'll kick around some ideas for trips and rides, enjoy the food, swap biking stories, and soak up the "esprit de corps". Food and goodies will be provided, bring your beverage of choice. For location and to RSVP contact Larry Ovatt (562-5081 pterpan1@msn.com) or Tim MacDonald (250-3882 tim333@networld.com).

MAR 3 SUN SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS TO BIG ELK LAKE (UINTAS) (MOD++) This 16 mile RT tour in the Uintas will provide an aerobic workout. It will also push you to dip into your 'bag of tricks' for efficient ski techniques to cover the territory. Light backcountry (double-cambered, metal-edged) skis are recommended. Call Rob Rogalski no later than Friday regarding the meeting place/time, and to register.

MAR 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD) Norm Pobanz (266-3703) plans to check out a Cottonwood

Canyons location at a not too difficult pace. Equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies- Winter Sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

MAR 3 SUN AFTERNOON SNOWSHOE: LAMBS CANYON (NTD+) Robert Turner (539-8147) wants to find Lamb's Pass from Lamb's Canyon on this trip. Sometimes the trail is there and sometimes it tends to "fizzle." The sun goes down early in this canyon so plan to meet a little earlier so there's plenty of light. Meet Robert at Skyline High at Noon (12:00 PM) for carpooling. Lambs Canyon road isn't always plowed so we'll need some 4 wheel drives for this one, just to be on the safe side. Be sure to bring you 10E's, snacks and water.

MAR 3 SUN SNOWSHOE: GREEN'S BASIN (NTD) Green's Basin is probably the Wasatch tour with the most reward for the least investment of time and energy. The wooded terrain offers some security from the dreaded avalanche and protection from wind and sun. Meet Tom Willis (485-0370) at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am and form your own opinion.

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MAR 9 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: WILLOW HOLLOW-LITTLE SOUTH FORK LOOP (MOD) Mike Berry (583-4721) will guide you on this 8 mile warm-up for the Uintas Traverse and King's Peak tours scheduled later in the month. Call Mike to register and discuss recommended Nordic ski equipment choices.

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MAR 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: TURTLE TO DESOLATION LAKE (NTD+) Joan Proctor (474-0275) is making up for lost time this season and would like to lead another Turtle snowshoe to Desolation Lake. She likes it slow and easy and invites all of you who like a "kinder, gentler hike" to join her. Meet Joan at Butler Elementary at 9:00 AM. As always, be sure to bring snacks, water, and your 10E's.

MAR 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: MILL D- DESO-BEARTRAP LOOP (MOD) At press time, Larry Nilssen (572-3964) predicts that merely trying to move anywhere in the Valley during the Olympics is going to be problematic, and he will try to leave the area on weekends. However, Larry's snowshoeing experience allows him to devise a car shuttle trip for a very interesting and invigorating hike post- Olympics. Bring your essentials such as high energy food, fluids, and safety gear and discuss the news. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am to coordinate carpools according to destination so everyone can get a ride back!

MAR 9 SAT SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK CANYON (NTD) Jim Zinanti (484-5799) is "a shoeing" in Silver Fork Canyon today. This is a great hike for those of you who like to take in the scenery. Meet Jim at Butler Elementary at 8:30 AM because as he says: "Lets meet at an earlier time in order to get a better chance for parking at Solitude." Beacons and shovels are recommended and also be sure to bring your other essentials such as food, water and extra layers of clothing.

MAR 10 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD) Karen Perkins (272-2225, karenp@xmission.com) leads this trip to a destination which will depend on the current conditions. Beacon, shovel, skins, food, water, and the 10 E's needed. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

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MAR 14 THU BOATING: RIVER PERMIT PARTY. This is the party everyone waits for! The boating permit party. We should all have our notifications back if we were lucky enough to receive a permit in the river lotteries. Who says there is no

gambling in Utah? Remember the best river permits are filled early. This is the best place to find out about them. Bring your pens, your calendars and your notebooks. This is a potluck, please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. See you there! Zion Lutheran Church 1170 So. Foothill Drive; Time: 7:00pm.

MAR 16 SAT SNOWSHOE: (NTD) New winter sports organizer Robert Reed (313-1946) is leading his 3rd snowshoe. Look for details in the March Rambler.

MAR 16 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: NORWAY FLATS TO SMITH-MOREHOUSE (UINTAS) TRAVERSE (MSD) Michael Berry (583-4721) has 21 miles and 2,200 vertical feet of varied ski terrain for you today. After the long climb beyond Big Elk Lake, enjoy the long glide down the Smith-Morehouse Creek drainage, and skate or diagonal stride to the finish. Please call Mike to register for the very early start and to plan for the long car shuttle. You will need sturdy boots, light backcountry skis, headlamp, and lots of energy for this classic traverse. Look for more details in the March Rambler!

MAR 16 SAT SOCIAL: ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY. Come celebrate St. Paddy's day at the lodge. Bring a "green" pot luck item, BYOB, your own eating gear, and any favorite C.D.'s or tapes for dancing. Pot luck will begin at 6:30. \$3.00 members-\$5.00 guests. Any questions call Jeanine @ 364-1873.

MAR 20 - 23 WED - SAT HIKE: GRAND CANYON PHANTOM RANCH (MSD). Ever been to Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon? After spending the night of March 20th at Thunderbird Lodge on the South Rim, we will hike down the South Kaibab trail and spend the 21st and 22nd at Phantom Ranch. The 22nd is a day to explore other trails and the area. Then we get to hike up the Bright Angel trail, enjoy a great meal at the El Tovar and spend the 23rd again at Thunderbird. There are accommodations and meals at Phantom Ranch for 4 men and 5 women. Payment of \$170 is required when you sign up - refundable should you cancel if there is a replacement. Contact: Zig Sondelski (292-8332 or zgsonde@ppco.com).

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MAR 30 SAT ROAD & MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE: JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY-LEHI (NTD) First Official Slacker Ride of the 2002 Biking season. Weather permitting, let's get our bikes out, lube the chains, air the tires, and give 'em a spin. Meet at the Smith's Food Store parking lot in Draper (12600 S., 200 E.) @ 10:00am. We'll drive out to the Camp Williams Trailhead on Redwood Road, and then bike south on the Provo/Jordan River Parkway Trail to the Lehi trailhead (22-mi. roundtrip). Bring all necessary safety gear, helmet, and snacks. Contact Larry Ovaitt (562-2081 pterpan1@msn.com).

MAR 30 SAT SKI TOUR: KING'S PEAK (MSD- SKI MTN) The millennial trip last year was highlighted by an unbelievable northern lights display on the north slope of the Uintas on the Friday night camp-out. The King's Peak ski tour, hosted for the 27th (or so) year by Steve and Larry Swanson is on schedule to convene on Friday night (March 29th) at the Henry's Fork parking area and get underway very early on Saturday morning. Look for more details in the March Rambler!!

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CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES

DATE	RACE	TECHNIQUE	LOCATION/START
Sat., Feb 2	Boulder Mountain Tour	free	Sun Valley 10:00
Fri., Feb 8-	2002 Winter Olympics		Soldier Hollow
Sun., Feb 24			
Sat., Mar 2	Sundance Challenge	free	Sundance Nordic 10:00
Thur., Mar 7-	2002 Winter Paralympics		Soldier Hollow
Sat., Feb 16			
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

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SNOWSHOE RACES

DATE	RACE	LOCATION/START
Sat., Feb 16	Sports-Am 5K	Mountain Dell 10:00
Sat., Mar 16	Sports-Am 5K	Solitude 10:00
Sat., April 6	Sports-Am 5K	Hidden Peak at Snowbird 8:00

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MARCH 30 – KINGS PEAK SKI TOUR (MSD)

We safely got through the two years of Millennium so we now have no worry of spirits or “haunts” affecting the weather or snow. Was everybody good for Santa? Lets hope. At any rate the last Saturday in March is the big event of the ski season. The historic Kings Peak ski tour, hosted by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 29th) at the Henry’s Fork Snow-Parking area and get under way very early on Saturday morning. We meet for car pooling (optional) at the K-Mart parking area on Parleys Way about 5:30 PM and leave for Evanston and the old standby, Lotty’s Café, at 6:00 PM. Avalanche transceivers, shovels, and registration are not required. Headlamps are mandatory (double check that they work). Lots of water (2-3 liters) and protection from facing directly into the sun for most of the day are also important. Standard backcountry touring gear is best but every possible combination has been used in the past. Climbing skins are often handy but not essential. We generally leave the skis at Gunsight Pass and climb the peak on foot so Vibram-type soles on your boots are usually helpful if the snow is hard. Snowshoers are welcome but they need to remember that since they cannot just kick and glide back to the car they have an earlier turn-around time.

It will be a long day; usually ending after dark, but it’s not at all necessary to climb the peak to enjoy the ski touring in this lovely, gentle drainage. Normally, more than half the participants turn around short of the peak. Elkhorn crossing is a good scenic NTD destination used by many and Gunsight Pass, 5 miles farther, is MOD and gives wonderful views. The summit is MSD chiefly because of the length of the day and the climb of the peak at the end. We carry out ALL waste paper so plan for it. For additional information call Steve at 272-5750 or Larry at 583-4043. We will start out no matter what the weather and assess the summit from the basin or Gunsight.



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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!

FOR RENT: One room rental in SLC. Must be comfortable with a four year old child and single dad. \$150.00 per month, \$150 deposit. References required. Call Boris 323-0783 (02-02)

Certified Nurse Assistants & Health Professionals! List part-time to full-time availability with Lutheran Social Service of Utah at no charge! Utah-wide listing tailored to the areas that elderly and disabled individuals reside. The individuals and/or families contract wage, tasks, times with you. Call Leslie at (801)588-0139 (12-02)

Alpina NNN-BC boots - excellent shape, size 10 womens \$150.00 (must use NNN-BC bindings with these) 801-466-6321 (04-02)

AS Extreme leather Telemark boots - excellent shape, size > 10 womens \$150.00 801-466-6321 (04-02)
Nukeproof Ti mountain bike, 17 inch, w/White Brothers fork, XT > fork/rear derailleur, specialized crank, specialized clipless pedals, Titec hellbent riser bar. A true classic hand welded mountain bike. \$2500 (never raced on, excellent condition) 801-466-6321 (04-02)

Telemark/Touring Boots, Asolo Extreme Plus, Size 10, \$35. (New were over \$200). All leather. From the floor to the top of the back of the boot 10 inches. Moderately used, impeccably maintained, sturdily padded, well insulated. Two eyes then two widely spaced hooks lace up the front. Two knotted plastic straps on each boot allow variable snugness adjustment using the beefy ratcheting closures, one strap across the instep and the other above the ankle. Three-pin holes in the front and grooves for cables around the heels. Ray Malecki. (435) 655-0330. rjm@xmission.com. (04-02)

Telemark/Touring Boots, Merrell Flash, Size 11, \$40. (New were over > \$200). About 15% plastic at the bottom for waterproofing, the rest leather for comfort. Well used, well maintained, sturdily padded, well insulated, in good condition. Four eyes then two hooks lace up the front. One knotted plastic strap allows variable snugness adjustment across the instep using the ratcheting closure. Three-pin holes in the front and grooves for cables around the heels. Ray Malecki. (435) > 655-0330. rjm@xmission.com. (04-02)



Remembering Summer in Joshua Tree California with Brad Yates

BOATING DIRECTORS MESSAGES

INTERNATIONAL SCALE OF RIVER DIFFICULTY

A little humor for When Its Too Cold to Boat - Reprinted from Vince's Idaho Rafting WEB page.

Someone asked an anonymous boater about his class IV comfort level and he answered something along the lines of "I'm comfortable that I can usually find an eddy to swim to." Thus, the interviewer was inspired to offer this International Scale of River Difficulty:

Class I: Easy - Fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Swimming is pleasant, shore easily reached. Almost all gear and equipment is recovered. Boat is just slightly scratched.

Class II: Novice - Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Swimming to eddies requires moderate effort. Climbing out of river may involve slippery rocks and shrub induced lacerations. Paddles travel great distance downstream requiring lengthy walk. Something important is missing. Boat hits submerged rock leaving visible dent on frame or new gash in plastic.

Class III: Intermediate - Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid. Water is swallowed. Legs are ground repeatedly against sharp, pointy rocks. Several eddies are missed while swimming. Difficult decision to stay with boat results in moment of terror when swimmer realizes they are downstream of boat. Paddle is re-circulated in small hole way upstream. All personal possessions are removed from boat and floated in different directions. Paddling partners run along river bank shouting helpful instructions. Boat is munched against large boulder hard enough to leave series of deep gouges. Sunglasses fall off.

Class IV: Advanced - Water is generally lots colder than Class III. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise swimming in turbulent water. Swimming may require 'must' moves above dangerous hazards. 'Must' moves are downgraded to 'strongly recommended' after they are missed. Sensation of disbelief experienced while about to swim large drops. Frantic swimming towards shore is alternated with frantic swimming away from shore to avoid strainers. Rocks are clung to with death grip. Paddle is completely forgotten. One shoe is removed. Hydraulic pressure permanently removes waterproof box with all the really important stuff. Paddle partners running along stream look genuinely concerned while lofting throw ropes 20 feet behind swimmer. Paddle partners stare slack-jawed and point in amazement at boat which is finally pinned by major feature. Climbing up river bank involves inverted tree. One of those spring loaded pins that attaches watch to wristband is missing. Contact lenses are moved to rear of eyeballs.

Class V: Expert - Most Gear is destroyed on rocks, if the boat survives, it is need of about three days of repair. There is no swimming only frantic movements to keep from hitting rocks and to get a breath from time to time. Swim to the eddy? What eddy. This rapid usually lasts a mile or more. Within the first few seconds everything that can come off your body will. Your paddle is trash. Paddle Partners on shore are frantically trying to run and keep up with you. They are hoping to remember how to do CPR. They also hope the cooler with the beer is still intact. Climbing out of this happens after the rapid is over. You will probably need the help of a Z-rig. Enjoy your time in the hospital, with the time you take recovering you won't get another vacation for 3 years.

Class VI: Not recommended for swimming

CONSERVATION DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Wil McCarvil

We've had it good, what do we do to keep it that way?

Sometimes you feel like ignoring it and hope it goes away. "It" being Forest issues, BLM fights, wilderness battles, wildlife suffering, human impacts and trail erosion to name a few. After all, Utah is a pretty big state and you can always go to tha

little hidden spot for some quiet hikes and a campfire under the stars. Fighting battles, isn't that why you contribute to those national conservation groups with their paid staffers?

OK, so the last time you went there the spot was trashed. Tire tracks ran everywhere. Huge new fire pits brimmed with unmelted glass and unburned aluminum foil. So you got mad as hell and cussed out the BLM and four wheelers and people so dumb they think glass and metal burn. But that was back in September and now you've cooled off. Maybe you can find a new little hidden spot if you just go a little further.....

Maybe you are tired of having to keep going when your latest hidden spot is over run. Maybe you are galled that heliskiers take your hard earned powder shots. Maybe you think something should be done about that deepening gully called the Red Pine Trail. Maybe you want to still enjoy an escape from the city and its noises. Maybe some part of you would like to get the satisfaction of making the world a little better place for wild things and wild lands.

But you also know that conservation causes eat their young. You know that taking on big issues can be a daunting and consuming journey undertaken by the strong at heart. The red rock wilderness wars have raged for over 20 years and are still consuming volunteers and professionals alike. However, every step taken towards a noble end brings that end closer. Every step, no matter how big or small, shortens the journey. I believe that it is important to give back, as well as take. WMC members have enjoyed Utah for over 90 years. This enjoyment is based on a natural world once protected by its obscurity and low level of use. Times have changed, and actions are now needed to ensure that the outdoors in Utah can be passed on to future WMC members for their enjoyment as it has been ours.

You can be a part of the process of influencing events in Utah's environment. You can ensure that heliskiers keep to the regulations, or better yet, get them out of the Wasatch. You can work with the BLM to prevent improper motorized recreation. You can work with the Forest Service to stabilize the trails that you love to hike. These actions will not require a life long dedication to a specific cause, nor require reading massive government reports. It will require as little or as much time you want to put in. Come to an open forum Sunday February 10 at 6:30PM at Will McCarvill's house. Call him for directions at 942-2921.

WINTER SPORTS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

A review of the season's winter sports clinics shows that approximately 90 participants attended the Avalanche Seminar on December 12th, 25 participants attended the Avalanche Field Clinic on December 15th, and 5 participants attended the Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic on January 6th. While the numbers for the Avalanche Seminar and Field Clinic are typical, the Learn-to-Ski Clinic has seen the participant numbers dwindle from 12 in 1999, to 6 in 2000, to 3 in 2001, and to 5 this year.

The Learn-to-Ski Clinic was held at Mountain Dell ski course this year. The overcast skies and complemented the winter scene. (This facility, maintained by TUNA, is available for all for a \$3 donation, or a 'trail pass'). Probable reasons for the drop in newbies include snowshoeing, and the ability for former alpine skiers to step right in to telemark gear and go. Nevertheless, we will continue to offer the Learn-to-Ski Clinic. This year, the participants practiced the nuances of such eclectic moves as the diagonal stride, step-turn, moving step-turn, herringbone, and kick-turn during the instruction.

I would encourage WMC members to re-discover the joys of 'skinny-skiing'. Certainly, both traditional cross-country and snowshoeing offer a form of healthy recreation as well as a historic and modern connection to a means of practical travel through the woods.

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?

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

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.

Qualifying Activity	Date	Signature of Recommending Leader
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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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