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(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.*

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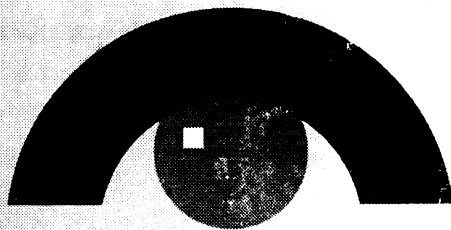
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**How to submit pictures:** The same way you submit trip talks. Photos of all kinds are accepted. Make sure each photo is labeled with the photographer, date, and names of people. Unless a S.A.S.E. is provided, photographs will be left in the red bucket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

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## Conservation Notes

### December 2003

### Will McCarvill

The Wasatch Mountain Club commented on the scoping notice for the proposals for allowing motorized use on Cardiff Road in order to provide access to private land as follows:

Our activities in the Wasatch are non-motorized and are conducted all year round. We hike, ski, and snowshoe in Mill D South Fork (aka Cardiff Fork). We recognize that private land owners have the right to access for lands that are in holdings within public lands.

We feel it is critical to get an accurate survey of public and private lands in Mill D South Fork. This will help us to respect the property rights of private owners. It will also delineate limits for activities on private lands such that Forest Service and Public Utility lands do not suffer trespass. We believe that accurate boundary signs that are readable in summer and winter are required.

We think that activities on private land and use of the road should be limited to the immediate family and non-family users must be accompanied by the owner or an immediate family member. Activities should be confined to the owner's property. Commercial ventures such as guided hunting and for-pay vehicle recreation should be prohibited.

Vehicles using the road should be limited to ATV's and snowmobiles. It would be preferable that 4 stroke engines be used to minimize noise and air pollution in the confines of the high mountain valley. The minimal road maintenance required for these vehicles can be permitted.

In addition to air quality, we are concerned about impacts to water quality. We understand that Salt Lake City Public Utilities owns land traversed by the Cardiff Road. The Utility also owns other parcels of land in upper Cardiff. Motorized recreation should not be allowed on parcels of land set aside for conservation reasons. Motorized travel on the Cardiff Road segment that is on Public Utility's land must not result in degraded water quality and amount. Maintenance work on the road should also not result in impacts to water quality and amount.

The Wasatch Mountain Club feels that RS2447 claims are not pertinent to this issue. The resolution of claims has not progressed and claims have not been adjudicated and determined to be valid or not.

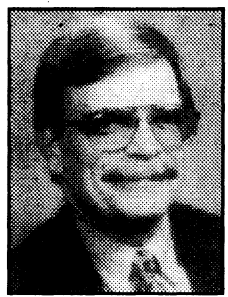
The limitation that only ATV's and snowmobiles will use the road will result in potential parking problems due to trailers in the current available parking capacity. This will need to be addressed. Other users of the Cardiff Road should not have their access curtailed. Summer uses include hiking and biking; winter uses include skiing and snowshoeing.

The frequency and type of use should minimize effects of wildlife such as deer, elk, moose and golden eagles.

Appropriate portable sanitary facilities such as used by river rafters should be used in lieu of septic tanks or vault toilets.

Because of the importance of this area to all Salt Lake County residents a full EIS should be prepared.

**DEC 10 SERVICE: CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.** At 7PM the Conservation Committee will meet at the club office. All are welcome, we have plenty to do. We need help in expanding Utah Wilderness Coalition membership, figuring out land ownership, trails access, and in general tending to the Wasatch Mountains. For more information, contact Will McCarvill 942-2921.



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## Running the Winter Sports Program, Part 2 of 3

***(This is part 2 of a 3-part series describing the operation of the WMC Winter Sports Program. Part 1 appeared in the November Rambler. Part 3 will appear in the January Rambler. The intent of the articles is to provide an outline for future winter sports directors to follow for efficient operation of the program)***

### Part 2: The Planning

The new winter sports director can familiarize themselves with the operation of the club by reading the club's brochure, membership guide, constitution, by-laws, policies, and board of directors listing. Also a review of recent board meeting minutes, checking the web site, and scanning a few recent Rambler publications should get the individual up to speed on the overall club operations. The major planning tool for the entire club is the 'Monthly To-do list', which indicates the items to address throughout the year. All of these items are included in the winter sports binders. The first decision to be made by the new winter sports director is setting the budget.

Budgets for each of the activity areas of the club are due at the April board meeting. The club funds which pertain to the operation of the winter sports program would be the general fund, the Robert Frohboese Memorial fund (current \$664.69), and the Audrey Kelly Memorial fund (current \$387.26). Items to be budgeted for are: Snowshoe and ski administrative costs (copies, mailings, ~\$225), Avalanche Clinic costs, ~\$75, Audrey Kelly Clinic costs, ~\$75 and any potential equipment purchase costs (transceivers, probes, etc.). Also to be considered are: a 'donation in-kind' valued at \$500 for the Friends of the Avalanche Forecast Center for use of the Lodge during their avalanche clinic (see Lodge policies for details), and 'yurt advance' monies which are repaid in full to the general fund. The budgets are reviewed for approval by the board at the April meeting.

As was mentioned at the end of the last article the one planning item which should be considered is the booking of the Teton yurts early in the term of the winter sports director. The Teton yurts are owned and operated by Rendezvous Ski Tours (208-787-2906, [skiyurts@yahoo.com](mailto:skiyurts@yahoo.com)). The current proprietors are Jeff and Diane, who will personally greet and orient the backcountry skiers at the start of each trip over a hearty breakfast in downtown Driggs, Idaho. The yurts available to choose from are: Commissary Ridge, Bald Knoll, and Plummer Canyon. If the demand is there, these yurts should be reserved in March or April each year for the following season. This is especially true for the Commissary Ridge Yurt, with access to Beard's Mountain, and a view of the Grand Teton from the yurt door. Also, if one of the long, holiday weekend is desired.

Obviously, the first requirement is to identify an individual willing to act as the 'organizer' for the yurt trip. This person, or someone else recruited for the trip, should have familiarity with the route into the yurt. Otherwise, a guide will need to be hired. It is advised that the organizer, and at least two other participants be identified to put up the deposit money (one-half of total) to hold the yurt reservation. This amount is due when the reservation is made. The trip can then be listed in the Rambler as a 'Coming Attraction'. The total is due (from the six participants) one month prior to the trip. (The winter sports director can also make a motion at a board meeting for the WMC to provide a 'cash advance' for the yurt deposit funds. However, this move runs the risk of not identifying enough participants to support the trip). Once the trip is a go, it is advised to book 'the Suite' at the distinctive Pines Motel & Guest Haus for the night before the ski in to the yurt. The suite can hold the 6 to 8 participants in a comfortable setting. The cordial hosts of the Pines on Main Street are John and Nancy Nielson. Their phone no. is: 208-354-2774; 1-800-354-2778.

Other yurt system which have been utilized in years past include the Western Uinta Yurt System, the BRORA Lily Lake Yurt System ([www.evanstonoutdoors.com](http://www.evanstonoutdoors.com)) on the north slope of the Uintas, Powder Ridge Ski Touring (435-752-7853) in Logan Canyon, the Tushar Mountain Tours (435-438-6191), and Tag-A-Long Tours (1-800-453-3292) for the La Sal Mountains out of Moab, Utah.

The Western Uinta Yurt System includes several yurts with 11 miles of Kamas. The western most is Castle Lake yurt, which has the best telemark skiing, and is near Castle Peak and 'the Duke' (11,000 ft.). The most accessible of the yurts is located 3.5 miles up the Norway Flats Road in the Boulder Creek drainage. These yurts are run by the Norwegian School for Outdoor Exploration (1-800-649-5322), and the Utah Nordic Alliance (TUNA) (485-9209).

After the winter sports season winds down in April and early May, it is useful to compile a list of the season's leaders, dates, and the outings for quick reference in planning for next year. Also, all of the activity release forms which have been turned in to the club office should be reviewed for amount of participation and leader comments before being filed at the office. This will also show amount of non-member use (abuse?), and who (leaders) don't turn in their release forms. They are needed even if the trip is cancelled. Any incident report forms should also be filed at the office. At this point, the director can summarize the season in the form of a 'director's message for the Rambler: acknowledging special efforts by trip leaders, encouraging 'trip talks' reports for publication, and any additional outings which had taken place via email list postings.

The planning for the following season picks up again in July. It helps to make sure a trip listing for any yurt trip is included for the August Rambler (deadline July 10<sup>th</sup>), if not before. The spring end-of-season tasks now allow for a concise summary report to be generated showing the total number of activities, special events, number of snowshoe trips, approximate snowshoe 'user days', number of ski trips, and skier 'user days'. Also the average number of participants per outing type. This is a handy tool for wilderness area trip planning (limit of 10 in the Wasatch wilderness areas). And for looking at past trends, and predicting future ones.

By around August, the director is now prepared to talk intelligently with prospective committee members about winter issues when it is still 95 degrees in the valley. It is time to form a committee with an anticipated 1<sup>st</sup> meeting date in late September (around equinox time). The director will need to submit names of all the leaders from the previous season by late August for the WMC 'Organizer's Party' (see aforementioned 'list of leaders'). The September Rambler submission can include a listing of the traditional season 'opener' October Sand Skiing trip in Idaho, as well as a listing of the September Utah Avalanche Forecast Fund-Raising Party at Black Diamond (non-WMC event). The October Rambler submission can also include a listing of all of the ski swaps in the area.

The final installment of this series (Part 3) will pick up with the 'Season', from the 1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting in September through the March Rambler deadline (Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>). After that, it's all skiing.

## WINTER SPORTS RATINGS

Here is the listing of snowshoe and ski tours and the ratings according to difficulty. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the BACKCOUNTRY. These types of trips may be rated 'Not too difficult' (NTD), but more often are rated 'Moderate' (MOD), or 'Most difficult' (MSD). They more likely encounter avalanche paths, and generally cross areas with steeper terrain. Avalanche beacons and shovels are strongly recommended for these type of trips, and may be required by the trip organizer (see trip descriptions). Typical examples are Powder Park or Catherine's Pass. A trip labeled TOUR is one which mostly follows along a groomed trail, or above an un-groomed road surface and generally has a gentler grade, and less risk of encountering avalanche paths. These types of trips are often rated NTD, but occasionally are rated MOD, or even MSD to length. Avalanche beacons are recommended on a more selected basis. Typical examples are Beaver Creek, or Norway Flats. 'Ski mountaineering' (SKI-MTN) is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to snow gear and avalanche beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example, Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD.

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

### EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE MILES	VERTICAL COMMENT				RATING- *
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD	M	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD	M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD	M	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD	M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD	A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD	M	5.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Green's Basin from Spruces	NTD	M	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD	A	4.0	1000	
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon to Ledgefork Campground	NTD	M	6.0	400	Tour
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD	M	4.0	900	Tour
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD	M	5.0	1000	Tour
Uintas	Bench Creek	NTD	M	7.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Lake	NTD	A	4.4	1200	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD	A	5.0	1280	Tour
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD	A	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Alta	NTD	A	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD	A	6.0	1400	
Daniels	R Fork Little Hobbie Creek to Valle	NTD	M	7.0	1150	Tour
Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	A	6.0	1600	
Uintas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	M	8.0	600	
Uintas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	M	10.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD+	A	7.0	1800	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Turn-Around	NTD+	M	10.0	1500	Tour

## MOD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT	RATING- *
Uintas	Weber Canyon Road	MOD M	16.0 600	Tour
Wasatch	Butler Fork to Overlook	MOD A	3.0 1500	
Wasatch	Brighton to Twin Lake Pass	MOD A!	4.0 1300	
Wasatch	Grizzly Gulch to Twin Lakes Pass	MOD A!	4.0 1320	
Wasatch	Tom's Hill	MOD A	4.0 1600	
Wasatch	Bill's Hill	MOD A	3.4 1800	
N. Wasatch	Little Dell-Affleck Park-Big Mtn	MOD M	11.0 1320	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Brighton	MOD A!	5.0 1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD A	4.0 1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near)(South)	MOD A	4.0 1800	
Uintas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD M	7.0 2400	
Daniels	Main Canyon -Murdock Hollow	MOD M	10.0 1400	Tour
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD A	10.0 1700	Tour
Uintas	Little S. Fork-Willow Hollow Loop	MOD M	10.0 2000	
Daniels	Clyde Creek- Mud Creek Loop	MOD M	14.0 1000	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD A	9.0 2800	
Wasatch	Big Water via Dog Lake	MOD A	6.4 1400	
Wasatch	Alta to Brighton via Twin Lakes P	MOD A!	8.0 1320	
Uintas	Smith Morehouse C. to Erickson B.	MOD A	15.0 1200	
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD M	15.0 1400	
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD M	12.0 2300	Tour
Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD M	12.0 2530	Tour
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flat	MOD A	14.0 2235	
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD A	8.0 1900	
Wasatch	Brighton to Alta via Catherine's P	MOD A!	10.0	
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD A	8.0 2000	
Uintas	Soapstone to N. of Iron Mine Mtn	MOD M	14.0 2240	
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD M	14.0 2460	
Wasatch	Green's Basin Peak	MOD A	6.0 2380	
Wasatch	Meadow's Chutes	MOD A!	6.2 2380	
Wasatch	Reynold's Peak	MOD A	7.0 2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD A	7.4 2100	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD A	7.0 2200	
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+ A!	8.0 2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+ A	7.0 2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far)(North)	MOD+ A	8.0 2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+ A!	7.0 2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+ A!	7.0 2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to Strawb)	MOD+ M	15.0 3650	
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+ A!	9.0 2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+ A!	7.6 3200	
Wasatch	Alta-Brighton-Alta	MOD+ A!	9.0 2800	

## MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT	RATING- *
Wasatch	Pink Pine	MSD A!	2.0 1000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass	MSD A!	2.0 1400	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Flagstaff Mountain	MSD A!	2.8 2000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass to Big Cottonwood C.	MSD A!	5.0 Traverse	1400 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork via Brighton Twin Lakes	MSD A!	6.0 Traverse	1460 u 2400 d
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Big Cottonwood C.	MSD A!	5.5 Traverse	2000 u 3200 d
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD A!	9.2 1820	
Wasatch	Soldier Fork	MSD A	9.0 Traverse	1600 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Tuscarora- Wolverine	MSD A!	8.0 2100	
Wasatch	Alexander Basin via Butler to Log	HMSD A!	7.0 Traverse	2600 u 3100 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork Crest	MSD A!	8.0 Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Maybird Canyon	MSD A!	6.5 Traverse	2440 u 3000 d
Wasatch	Porter Fork	MSD A!	7.0 Traverse	2200 u 3400 d

Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Bif Cottonwood C	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2600 u 4600 d
Wasatch	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2900 u 3500 d
Wasatch	Gobbler's Knob via Butler	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD	A!	9.2	2700	
Wasatch	Wilson Fork	MSD	A!	11.0	Traverse	2600 u 3800 d
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD	A!	10.8	2700	
Stansbury	Victory Mountain	MSD	A!	10.0	3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swift's Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3601	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak from Guard Station	MSD	A!	12.0	4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith Morehouse	MSD+	A	18.0	2680	
Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats	MSD+	A	20.0	2800	
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+	A	21.0	2800	
Wasatch	Triple Traverse- Alta to Toll Canyon	MSD+	A!	16.0	Traverse	5700 u 7600 d
Uintas	King's Peak (length!)	MSD+	A	36.0	6800	Very long

## SKI-MTN RATINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Localized trail conditions may vary throughout the season and affect the actual difficulty on any given day (e.g. trail breaking, icy, bare spots, wind, warm, cold).

## BOATING DIRECTORS MESSAGE

BOATING PERMIT PARTY DETAILS WILL BE PUT OUT ON EMAIL AS SOON AS FIRMED UP.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## The WMC Lodge

The WMC Lodge , now with flush toilets AND Hot showers!!! ,can be rented on a full- or half-day basis.

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October 1-May 31----\$250/24 hour period  
June 1-Sept 30-----\$300/24 hour period

### Non Member Rates

October 1-May 31---\$300/24 hour period  
June 1-Sept 30-----\$350/24 hour period

### Weddings or Wedding Receptions

WMC members \$400 per 24 hour period

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**Club members can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects. There will be a lodge work party every month so please check the activity schedule for details**  
Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535

Note from Kyle: Someone recently asked "where is this lodge I keep hearing about? OHMYGOSH, I thought everyone was born with built in GPS coordinates to the lodge. For those of you new in town, Go up Big Cottonwood canyon, (up 7200 S) to Brighton, drive to the back of the BIG parking lot (near the Brighton Manor Motel). Walk up the hill past the boulders, bear left across the stream and up the trail through the trees (100 yards) to the sound of happy people making merry! Wear walking shoes, carry a flashlight for the hike down, bring a jacket, and some beer for me.

There is a new club email list, wmc-lodge, for use of the lodge committee and anyone interested in supporting the WMC lodge. To join this list, send an email to: [majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com](mailto:majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com) containing the text subscribe wmc-lodge  
You will receive a message asking for confirmation, which you must reply to before you are on the list.

**DO you love the lodge? Prove it!. Get involved to help promote and maintain it!**

## 2003 LODGE WORK PARTY SCHEDULE

Dec. 6 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Holiday Decorating & cleaning

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## Past Directors-I need your help!

We have set up a filing system at the Club Office to collect and keep the last 10 years of trip sign up sheets. If you are hanging onto old trip sign up sheets please take them over to the Club Office and leave outside the door where the new Ramblers are, or give Will McCarvill a call at 942-2921.

## Future Trip Organizers-I need your help!

Please make sure you send in the sign up sheet after the trip. It will be filed at the office. If the trip was cancelled, send the form in with "cancelled" written on it.

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thanks to WMC Member Jaynee Levy BLM Outdoor Recreation Specialist Price Field Office, UT  
phone 435 - 636-3620 fax 435-636-3657

## WMC Yurt Trips: Skiers/ Snowshoers

The days are getting shorter (right?), so winter can't be that far off!! If you are a WMC club member with organizer experience interested in running a yurt trip, the following criteria applies:

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

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

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**INTRODUCTION TO AVALANCHE AWARENESS**: Tuesday, December 2nd, 7 pm and again on Tuesday December 16, 7 pm. Whether you are new to backcountry travel, or are looking to brush up your skills in time for winter, the Utah Avalanche Center forecasters will be here to offer the expert advice that may save your life. This talk will cover the basics of the avalanche phenomena, and provide an introduction to snowpack, terrain, safe travel, route finding, and rescue. This lecture always fills to capacity, so please arrive early to ensure that you get a seat.

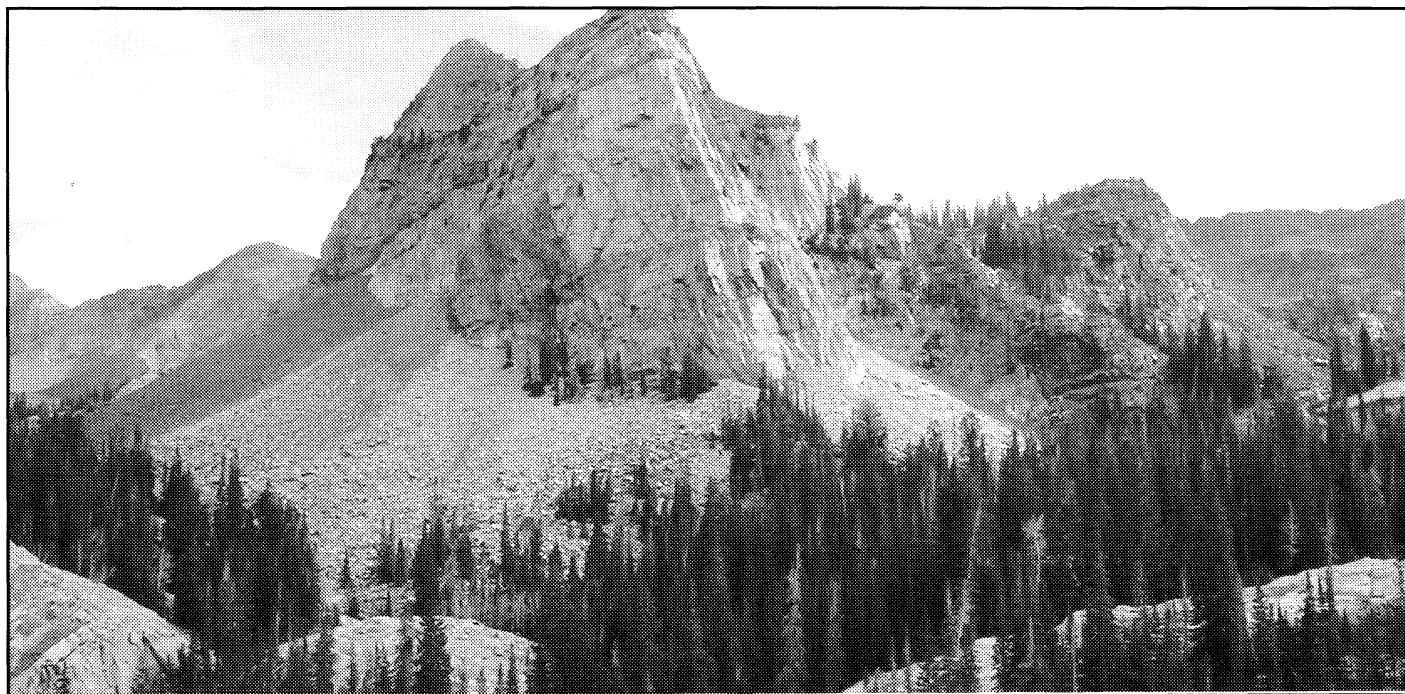
GPS 101: Thursday, December 9th, 7pm. A Global Positioning System is a fun accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI Camping Department Specialist Kirk Myers as he unveils the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover basic GPS functions such as determining latitude and longitude, programming routes, and recording travel.

**SANDY** - The following presentations are offered free of charge at the Sandy REI store, located at 10600 South & 230 West, Suite 1700 in the South Towne Mall. For more information, please call (801) 501-0850.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**: Thursday, December 4th, 7pm. YOU NEED TO EVACUATE IN 5 MINUTES.... What do you need to take, how will you transport it, where will you go, are you going to have power or water? Join REI employee Kathy Hart as she answers these questions in an Emergency Preparedness Clinic.

GPS 101: Thursday, December 11th, 7pm. A Global Positioning System is a fun accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI Camping Department Specialist Taylor Sandstrom as he unveils the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology.

**AVALANCHE AWARENESS**: Thursday, December 18th, 7:00 p.m. Whether you are new to backcountry travel, or are looking to brush up your skills in time for winter, the Utah Avalanche Center forecasters will be here to offer the expert advice that may save your life. This talk will cover the basics of the avalanche phenomena, and provide an introduction to snowpack, terrain, safe travel, route finding, and rescue. This lecture always fills to capacity, so please arrive early to ensure that you get a seat.



Alex Ruda on Iba Pab peak hike - Photo by Sheila Cardwell

# MARKETPLACE

**This is for members placing ads for used, recreational gear or for private and non-commercial and not-for-profit activities.**

How to submit an add to the Marketplace: Email ads to: [wmc@xmission.com](mailto:wmc@xmission.com) Use the subject line "marketplace". Adds are due the 10th of each month. Contact the Editor, Kyle Williams, at [wmc@xmission.com](mailto:wmc@xmission.com) if you have questions. \$5.00 up to 20 words, \$.20 per additional word.

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## **WMC history book "ONWARD AND UPWARD" AVAILABLE FREE at the WMC office**

The Board has approved making a copy of "Onward and Upward", by Mike and Treshow and Jean Frances, available to WMC members at no charge. This is a wonderful history of the Club commissioned on the WMC 75th anniversary. New members and old timers will find this an excellent way to learn more about the Club and get more involved. Please swing by the WMC office any time during business hours and pick one up!(No copies will be mailed due to the cost.)

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claw on the ball of the toe. Used one season. Asking \$50.00. Please call Clayton Rand at 718-8911 to check them out. Clayton Rand [www.fhnm.ws/ay/ccr](http://www.fhnm.ws/ay/ccr) (12-03)

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MSR SNOWSHOES New \$90 [vincedesimone@yahoo.com](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) 435 649 6805 (1-04)

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC. WMC hiker/split-boarder Lisa Verzella recently released her new CD, WOMYN'S WORK, a compilation of classical music for trumpet and orchestra. Preview at [www.cdbaby.com/verzella2](http://www.cdbaby.com/verzella2); call Lisa at 583-2432 to order.

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# Trip Talks

## Artist Hike

On Aug. 10, 2003, six hikers headed for Solitude Lake, via Silver Lake on a hot August morning. On arriving, we were all surprised that the Canyon was so green and the Brighton Creek so low. After a short, steep hike, we arrived at our Lake destination. Lake Solitude was green in color with a patch of cattails in the middle. Areas of the hike were noticeably colder in temperature, and one could feel the thinner air at the 9,000 ft. elevation. Bonnie and Jim sketched the Lake, wild flowers, fire weed, and wild geranium. Richard and Jaelene did clay slab impressions of leaves and bark. Kathy worked on crochet and pencil sketching. Jeff also did a pencil sketch of a tree. We saw the tailings of many bygone mine shafts. Kathy found a rock bolt washer by a mine entrance, and Jim found a ringed stake. Parts of the old narrow gauge rail were still existing. Jeff found that cold air was coming from the mine entrance. As we sat in the shade, we were visited by mountain gophers and ground squirrels who came to check out our food and our artwork.

As we descended, we noticed that more fir trees were near Solitude Lake, and more quaking aspens on the lower half. We found a new board walk around Silver Lake and a new visitors center. We all enjoyed the camaraderie, hike, and scenery. Participants: Bonnie & Jim Zinanti, Kathy Moran & Richard Kimsey, Jeff Sandstrom, and Jaelene V. Myrup, organizer.

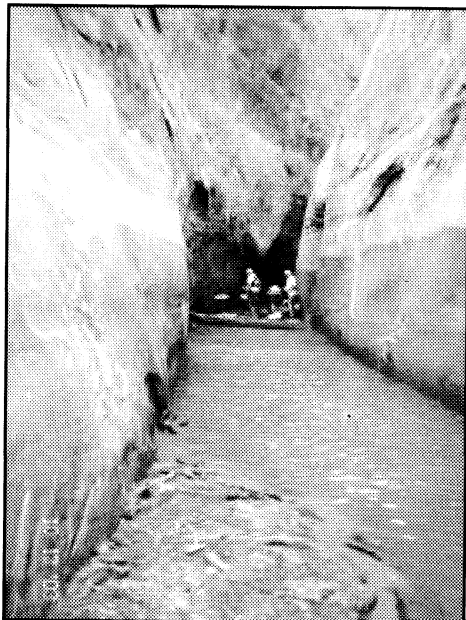


**Jim and Bonnie Zinanti sketching**

## Sea-Kayaking/Slot Canyon Hiking – Lake Powell

October 13-18, 2003

By (organizer): Jaynee Levy



After struggling how to organize this trip as a self-guided adventure, I decided to use an outfitter, which turned out to be a great decision. Eight people met in Page UT on Saturday night– 3 from Salt Lake (Clare Meysenburg, Glen and Milton Hollander), 3 from Denver (Marc Mishkin, Gail Sweeny and Dave Grensmyer), Carolyn Carter from Tucson, and Jaynee Levy, from Price. Our group spanned over four decades in age, with the prize to Milton at 81 years!

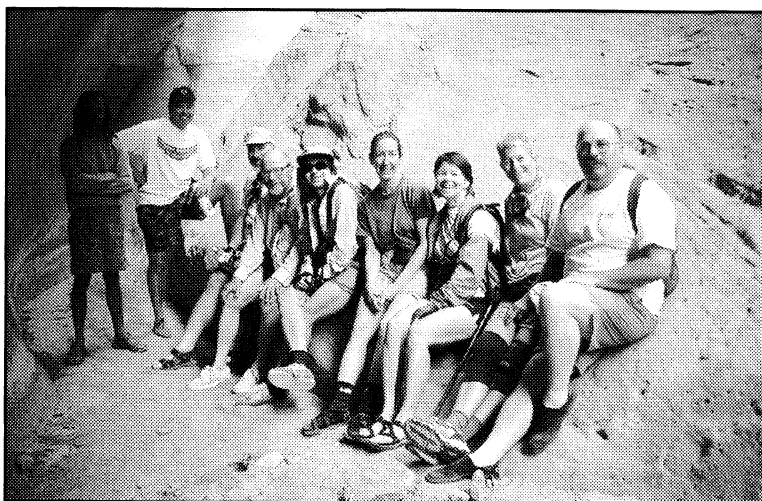
Our very efficient operator provided all the equipment, food and kayak gear, all top quality, and also did most of the chores, cooking and cleaning up; perhaps he also ordered the 100% perfect weather. What a vacation! We were motored in the mother ship with kayaks, to Oak Bay, about 40 miles from Wahweap Marina where we set up two separate camp locations, staying 2 nights in one and 3 nights in the other. Dramatic Navajo sandstone scenery from each had a backdrop of towering Navajo Mountain. The locations also avoided the motorized hum of PWCs and motorboats that occur nearer the marina.

Lessons were provided and each day we kayaked up one or two wonderful narrow canyons (Secret, Twilight, Cascade, Rainbow Bridge, Forbidding, Cathedral to name a few) and when the water gave out, hiked each until either the geology or time restrictions made us turn back. Lake Powell was at an all time low – the lowest water level since 1971, or 50% of normal. Every trip that is

taken is a different experience due to the fluctuating water levels. I was happy to be able to see as much of the canyon walls as possible. The bathtub ring high above us was impressive.

This was a terrific vacation, enjoyed by novices to experts and I hope to organize it again to a different location next year.

Doing a self-guided trip would require either not kayaking very far from the marina or hiring a motorboat and driver to shuttle and carry gear. Those kayaks don't hold a lot!



## Indian Creek Report

Louis Arevalo

I remember visiting the desert of Southern Utah for the first time in March 1988. I was the unlikely 10-year-old chaperon of my 18-year-old sister for her senior Spring Break. We, five tree hugging teens and myself, meandered through the dreamy landscape of Goblin Valley, dangled our feet over the edge of Dead Horse Point, visited Delicate Arch in the setting sun and took a dip in Lake Powell. Of all the new things I experienced on this life impressing trip, a short stop at Newspaper Rock is my fondest memory. Although I was astounded by the indian art I was even more amazed with our fellow companion who had a rope and funny slippers. I forget his name, but he scrambled up the wash right of the Rock and set up a short top rope from a tree growing out of the cliff. Patiently he belayed everyone willing to trust his unusual rig. Soon he offered to send me up and I jumped at the opportunity. Picture me, a 10-year-old, drowning in an old harness that must have tightened to my armpits, wearing tuffskins, a Cheerios Kid 'T' and Payless Velcro tennies. I slipped, shook and clambered up to the tree then reluctantly lowered back to the ground. What was this astounding new thing? Rock climbing? "Unbelievable!"

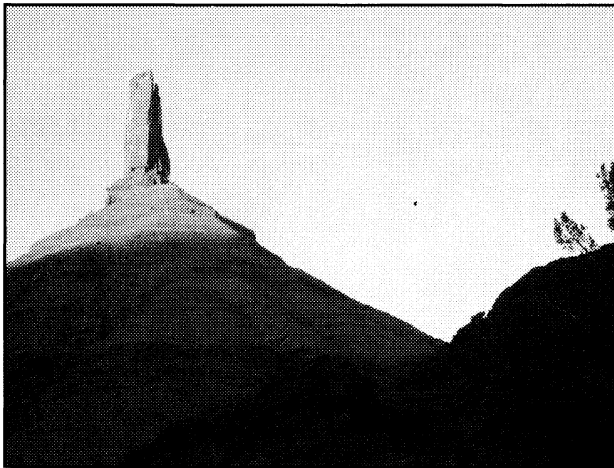
The goal for the Indian Creek trip was to climb cracks, climb more cracks, climb other cracks, climb even more cracks, maybe climb a tower or two, oh, eat, sleep and make it home in one piece.

A week before the trip Andreas Boerner inquired about joining us and I jumped at the opportunity of showing someone new the beauty of desert climbing. Chris, Andreas and I headed down Thursday afternoon to establish a camp and be primed for an early start Friday morning at Supercrack Buttriss. Morning arrived, we stopped to read the Newspaper and I showed Andreas where I had first roped up. It's funny how memory works. That first climb was not 1000 feet high and overhanging, but about 20 feet up some third class slab. After reading the Paper we dashed to Supercrack Buttriss to hike up some of the classics. This being Andreas' first desert climbing experience we taught him the fine art of making tape gloves then had him follow and clean Incredible Hand Crack. Matt and Neal arrived by 10:30 and queued up at Super Crack. After a good run we took a quick break and refueled. Matt walked onto Generic Crack and took a whirl, hanging up the crack in time for James, a.k.a. Professor, and Elizabeth to arrive. Professor cleaned while Chris, feeling very confident after a great time on Super Crack, prepared for his go up the crack. Neal belayed fearlessly as Chris proceeded to paw his way up the crack. Heading out of





the first pod proved tricky and sent Chris whipping off. His cam held tough, the rock did not shatter and the rope did not vaporize. Chris proved that all this gear really does work. Neal held strong and caught Chris like an extreme belayer would, but responded in a very high pitched voice that he had Chris. Elizabeth promptly renamed Neal to Nelly. Seeing the sun get lower in the sky we managed a couple more cracks to top off the day.



Back at camp jokes went back and forth. Food was devoured and beverages consumed. I had a brief moment of purging terrible jokes which were responded with even worse jokes. Matt somehow pulled a great joke out of his hat that was not offensive in the least. I know, we were all very surprised. The fire burned on as Chris filled us in on his great top roping career and what it feels like to get that elusive TR red point. Matt gave a little insight on the abilities one must have in order to move ahead in becoming an extreme belayer. Besides wearing sweat bands and matching lycra he suggested belaying me on Doninis Roof at the City to get the endurance part. One by one we retreated to bed as the coals burned down to ash.

Saturday morning arrived a little sooner and we once again opened our eyes with caffeine, food and smiles. The changing colors of the leaves lit up as the sun spilt over the cliffs. With the sun we warmed to the idea of climbing. Samantha, Laurie and Mike had

arrived sometime in the night to join us for our journey over to Pistol Whipped Wall. After a few wrong turns we were at the trail. We took the Rafael way (scenic). Seeking warmth, we had a couple of routes in the sun. As the sun moved west we moved our routes. A little off width, a little rattley fingers, slick calcite and tight hands proved to be on the menu. After two days of crack everything felt extremely difficult. Short and Stupid was definitely a 5.10 (5.8) and everything else was too hard to give a rating. All I will say is that they were the hardest I had ever climbed (joke).

We arrived back at camp early and built up the fire. The temperature was significantly cooler than the previous night. Food came out. Matt shared his roasted green chiles, Andreas sampled his tasty Eifel Brot and chips and salsa were thrown about. Having previously decided to climb Ancient Art we had to work out the groups. Matt and Nelly would definitely climb the tower. Professor felt confident about leading Elizabeth and Samantha up. Figuring Ancient Art would be too crowded, I sized up Chris and Andreas' skills, the escape of the climb, my current juice levels and decided to show them up the North Chimney of Castleton.

Sunday rapidly arrived and we found ourselves barreling down the highway to have breakfast at Moab Diner. After being overlooked at our table while the neighbors next to us had ordered and been served,, Samantha showed us Westerners how to get tip top service in a packed restaurant. After the meal we had a yard sale of gear and headed to our climbs.

Ancient Art proved crowded and delayed the launch time for their group. Nelly and Matt split the leads. Nelly led the summit pitch to cap his first desert tower. What a classic route. As daylight burned nearly out, only Matt and Elizabeth were able to follow up the corkscrew. I think it will be around for a little bit longer if Samantha is inspired.

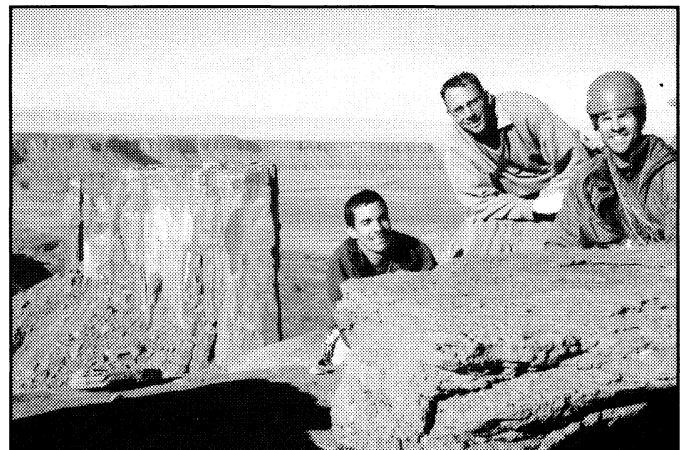
Andreas, Chris and I hiked up to Castle Rock and launched up the North Chimney. As Andreas came into sight on the final pitch and into the sun light I asked, "Andreas, what do you think of the climb?"

Between gasps for air and what I think was a smile he responded, "Irre!" A German word that has no literal translation, but would be a combination of crazy, hard to believe, and beyond comprehension.

After rapping the north face and retrieving our packs I made the mistake of trying to Batman down the rope for the final ten feet of scrambling. Unexpected rope stretch and a slight swing had me heading farther off the ground. Luckily, I stopped swinging and was able to get down with only bruising my ego. The first thing I was taught are that most accidents happen on the descent. Let my rookie mistake be an example of how easily this can happen. My haste to get down the last ten feet of easy terrain could have ruined a wonderful day and trip.

Well, I think all goals were accomplished. We climbed cracks, climbed other cracks, climbed even more cracks, even climbed a couple of towers, oh, and we ate and slept and although I feel like mashed potatoes on the inside, we are all in one piece and I do believe we had a good time.

Driving down River Road in the final moments of the sunset, the dark cliffs on each side of the Colorado framed a sliver of the moon snuggling with the evening star, I reflected on my first desert experience, this latest trip and the winding path in between. Andreas responded, "A perfect day." I could not agree more. "Irre!"



## **Trash Talk**

### **Will McCarvill**

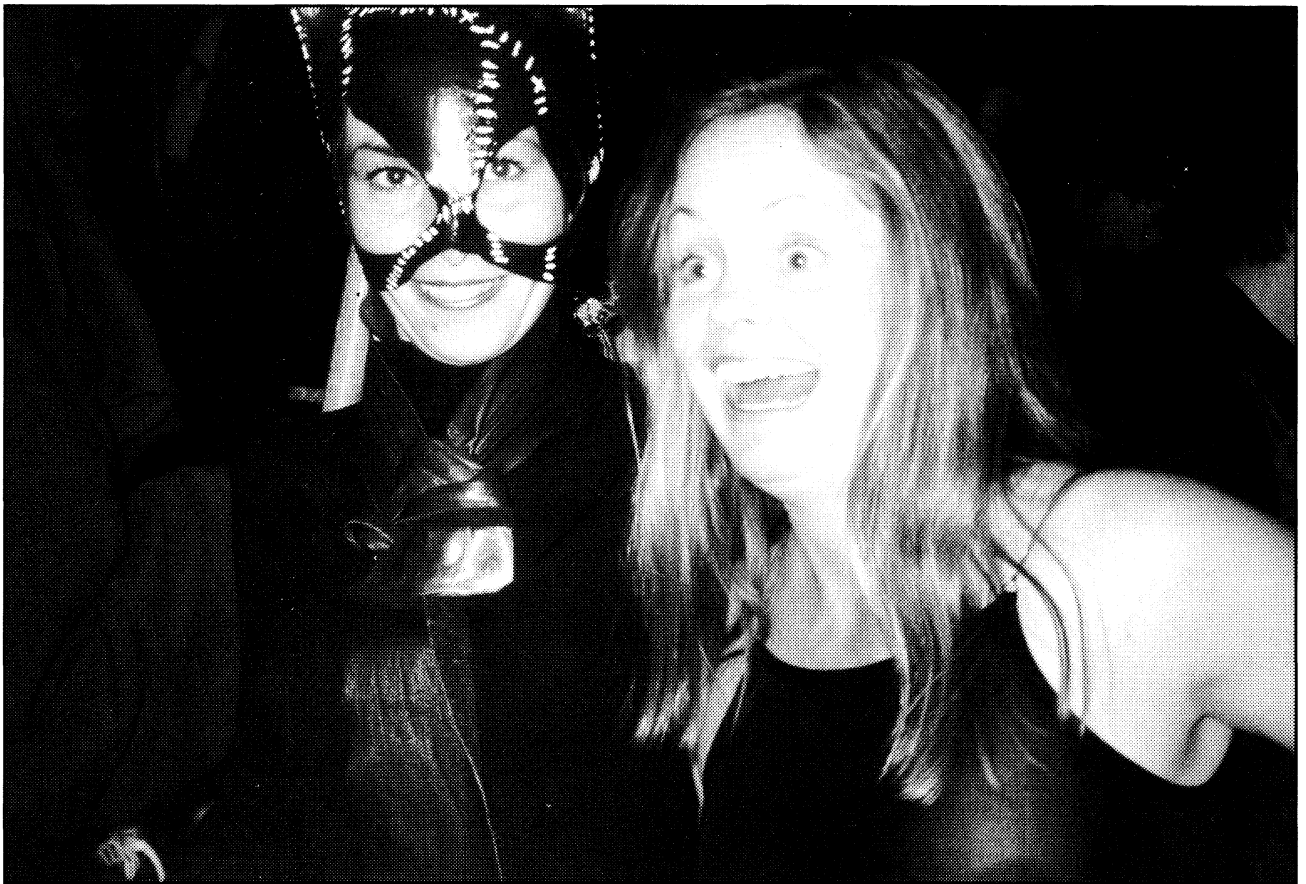
We made a sobering discovery picking up trash on Wasatch Boulevard. Kyle and I found over two dozen golf balls across the road from the Old Mill F Course. So if you think your car is safe from the duffers and hackers as you drive towards the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, think again. We found two dozen and we were not even looking for small round objects imbedded in the thick grass on each side of the road. So, if you need a few balls at the right price, join us next year for pick up. We are charging a modest fee for the right to pick up trash near the golf course.

Thanks to Randy Long, Kyle Williams, Doug Kirmer, Martin McGregor, Carol Shaughnessy, Charles Keil, and Karen Perkins in helping to make the job short. We were done by noon and still had time for Kyle and I to have lunch and go climb Wheels on Fire.



**The Disgusting Brothers got everybody dancing at the Halloween party !**





**Catwoman made everybody get excited!**

**Wil McCarvill's San Rafael wilderness survey trip.**



## FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The WMC Governing Board consists of a set of directors and five trustees; all are volunteers who serve for a specified period of time. This is a working board, not just a policy setting body and we have a GOOD time. The board has the following openings for the term of March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005.

Incumbents and new nominees for 2004- 2005

President	Mike Budig
Secretary	Adrienne Boudreaux
Treasurer	Craig Riggenger
Membership	Nominee: Jennifer Edgar
Hiking	Donn Seeley
Boating	<b>Open</b>
Conservation	Will McCarvill
Entertainment	Jeanine Kuhn
	Vicki Townsend
Lodge	Dave Trask
Mountaineering	Craig Homer
Publications	Nominee: Cristina Amat di San Filippo
Winter Sports	<b>Open</b>
Bicycling	Heidi Schubert
Information	Heidi DeMartis
Trustee	<b>Open</b>
	Tom Walsh
	Linda Kosky
	John Veranth
	Leslie Woods
Historian	Mike Treshow

We would like to thank all the incumbent board members for volunteering their time and energies to serve once again, and extend a huge thanks and welcome to the nominees who are willing to leap into the fray. When you see these folks, be sure to thank them for all they do. Without them, this club would grind to a screeching halt! If you would like to run for any of the open positions, please contact one of the nominations committee members listed below, or contact the current director (see inside cover of Rambler) to find out about the position.

Nominations committee: Mike Berry 583-4721 Kyle Williams 486-2261



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# 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:** Most WMC activities are open to prospective members except when specifically stated in the activity description.

## Find out about "Unlisted" WMC activities on our email lists.

A lot of activities are planned on the spur of the moment because of a good dump of snow! Don't be left out of the cold! Get on a list! NOTE: Activities formed with these lists are for members only. Lists are to be used **only** for the scheduling of WMC activities. Any use of this service for any other purpose, such as advertising, SPAM, jokes, etc, will result in the loss of privilege.

### **Getting on WMC club email lists.**

Send an email to: [majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com](mailto:majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com) with the text (not in the header section):

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**Boating List:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wmcboaters/> and put yourself on the list.

**\*\*\*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. Please be sure to read and re-read the release forms in the back of this publication, as well as on the sign-up sheets at the beginning of each 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.**

### DIRECTIONS TO COMMON MEETING PLACES FOR WINTER SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**Skyline High east parking lot:** about 3330 E. 3800 South – from the intersection of Wasatch Boulevard and the Mill Creek road (3800 South), go west under I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Drive (3330 East).

**Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot:** between 3800 S. and 3900 S. on Wasatch Blvd. (3555 E.), between the I-215 freeway and Wasatch Blvd. It is on the northwest corner of the intersection. You can ONLY enter it from the west-bound lanes of 3900 South.

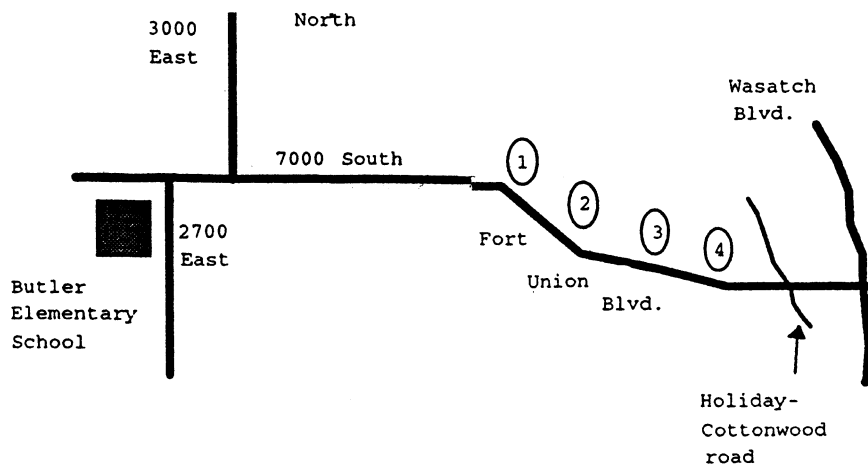
**Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot:** at the northeast corner of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Road and Wasatch Blvd. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

**Cottonwood Park and Ride lot:** 6450 S. Wasatch Blvd. -- go two lights east and south on 6200 S. from the I-215 overpass and turn east (left) onto Wasatch Blvd.; the lot is immediately on your left. Sometimes used as an overflow lot for Big Cottonwood.

**Little Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot:** 4323 E. Little Cottonwood Canyon Road -- on the north side of the intersection of Little Cottonwood Canyon Road and Quarry Road at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

**Utah Travel Council lot:** about 120 E. 300 North -- go east from the intersection of State St. and 300 North and turn south (right) into the first parking lot.

**Parleys Way Kmart lot:** 2705 Parleys Way -- from Parleys Way, turn north into the parking lot; or from Foothill Drive, turn west on Stringham Ave. (2295 South) and then south into the lot.



### CAR POOL PARKING LOTS FOR SKIING AND SNOW-SHOEING

#### 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 PM TO 8 AM.

##### Lot #1

3220 East Fort Union Blvd. (7000 South)  
This lot will hold an estimated 5 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 7 cars.

##### Lot #4

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

**WMC Lodge at Brighton**

Someone recently asked "where is this lodge I keep hearing about? OHMYGOSH, I thought everyone was born with built in GPS coordinates to the lodge. For those of you new in town, Go up Big Cottonwood canyon, (up 7200 S) to Brighton, drive to the back of the BIG parking lot (near the Brighton Manor Motel). Walk up the hill past the boulders, bear left across the stream and up the trail through the trees (100 yards) to the sound of happy people making merry! Wear walking shoes, carry a flashlight for the hike down, bring a jacket, and some beer for me.

**LIMITS ON GROUP SIZES IN WILDERNESS**

Some National Forest ranger districts have policies limiting the sizes of groups hiking in wilderness areas. For hikes where we understand that there are wilderness group size limits, we have appended the hike listing with a 'Limit' note indicating the maximum number of participants (not including the organizer). Please help out our organizers on hikes with group size limits by arriving promptly and behaving nicely if you can't be accommodated on the hike because of a limit.

**Past Directors-I need your help!**

We have set up a filing system at the Club Office to collect and keep the last 10 years of trip sign up sheets. If you are hanging onto old trip sign up sheets please take them over to the Club Office and leave outside the door where the new Ramblers are, or give Will McCarvill a call at 942-2921.

**\*\*\*\*\* Trip Organizers-I need your help!\*\*\*\*\***

**Please make sure you send in the sign up sheet after the trip. It will be filed at the office. If the trip was cancelled, send the form in with "cancelled" written on it.**

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**DEC ?? ??? BOATING: PERMIT PARTY** This is a VERY IMPORTANT event. We are still trying to firm up the location. Please watch your email for this event. For details call Lori Major 424-2338 [arivergoddess@yahoo.com](mailto:arivergoddess@yahoo.com)

**DEC 2 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD to MOD+).** These are relatively brisk half day outings with early starts, 7:00 am and "noonish" finishes so you can go back to work by early afternoon at the latest. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. The early Dec tours will be subject to snow conditions. Call Chris Proctor at 466-1905 or email [@Proctorgtr@aol.com](mailto:@Proctorgtr@aol.com) to register. The meeting place will be the west end of the BCC park-n-ride.

**DEC 2 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD).** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.



**DEC 6 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LAKE DESOLATION (NTD).** No matter what the snow conditions, this is my traditional first trip of the year. Anyone else want to come along? Meet at Butler Elementary at 10:00 am. Call Bob Cady (274-0250 or [ready@xmission.com](mailto:ready@xmission.com)) for more info.

**DEC 6 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD).** Come out to welcome Tim Bardsley as a new ski tour organizer. He plans take you for some yo-yo skiing on the best snow he can find early December. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. Call Tim at 467-8913 to get a meeting place, time and for tour details too. (Most likely this would be Reynolds, Powder Park etc.)

**DEC 6 SAT SNOWSHOE: DAY'S FORK TO THE FIRST MEADOW (NTD).** Mike Berry (583-4721) will lead a tour of 3.0 miles RT and 850 feet elevation gain to this often overlooked hanging canyon. Be sure to meet Mike with extra layers, snacks, and water at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary.

**DEC 6 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (MOD).** Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

**DEC 6 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD).** Meet your companions at 1:00 pm at the Wasatch Mountain Club lodge for a Pre-Party workout. Don't forget that potluck dish!

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<p>51 EAST 400 SOUTH, SUITE 210 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111 FAX 801/363-6869 WWW.IPROPERTIES.COM EMAIL CVENIZE@XMISSION.COM</p>	<p>CHRIS VENIZELOS REALTOR PHONE 801/364-4544</p>

**DEC 6 SAT: SNOWSHOE, CHRISTMAS PARTY, CAROLING AT LODGE:** NTD Meet at 1 PM at the WMC Lodge for an NTD snowshoe to Catherine Pass. While we're hiking host supplied turkeys will be baking back at the lodge for the 5 PM potluck holiday dinner. Please bring snacks to share after the snow shoe as well as a nice side dish for the dinner. BYOB. Musically inclined may bring acoustic instruments for the caroling. Kids are welcome but, as always, no pets. Cost is \$3 per person. Hosting (once again) are Bart, LaRae, Carol Ann, Dudley, Christine, Mark Jones and Frank (533-9219). Email BERNFP@AOL.COM. Coordinate car pool with your friends or UTA runs bus service 'til 8:30 to the Brighton Center (1/4 mile from the Lodge) Overnights are available at usual charge.

**DEC 7 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ALBION BASIN (MOONLIGHT)(NTD).** It's a full moon, so weather permitting (clear skies only) I will be going for a turn around Albion Basin by moonlight. Meet at Little Cottonwood Park and Ride at 7:00 pm. Dress appropriately for it will be cold. For more info call Bob Cady (274-0250 or ready@xmission.com).

**DEC 7 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD).** Join Gill Bearnson for a mod backcountry ski day. He should know where the snow is good by Sunday. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 AM - call Gill at 486-2369 for more details.

**DEC 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD+).** Carrie Clark (519-9257) and Rick Gamble will be the co-organizers. Beacons strongly suggested. Carrie and Rick invite you out on the trail for a day of exertion. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am. Beacons strongly suggested.

**DEC 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD).** Norm Pobanz (266-3703) offers his first tour of the season on a Big Cottonwood Canyon trail. Meet at Butler Elementary at the adjusted (later) time of 10:00 am.

**DEC 7 SUN SNOWSHOE: SCOTT'S PASS (NTD+).** Liz Cordova (486-0909) will take a casual tour to this wintertime favorite. Be sure to meet Liz with extra layers, snacks, and water at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary.

**DEC 9 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD to MOD+).** These are relatively brisk half day outings with early starts, 7:00 am and "noonish" finishes so you can go back to work by early afternoon at the latest. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. The early Dec tours will be subject to snow conditions. Call Chris Proctor at 466-1905 or email @ Proctorgtr@aol.com to register. The meeting place will be the west end of the BCC park-n-ride.



# THE SALT LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

## IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

### THE RESCUES

The Search and Rescue team:

- ◆ Searches for lost or missing people in the mountains.
- ◆ Rescues injured hikers and climbers (often in steep, technical areas).
- ◆ Rescues lost or injured ice climbers, skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers, and snowshoers.
- ◆ Performs swiftwater rescue in creeks and rivers, and rescues boaters on the Great Salt Lake.
- ◆ Searches for plane crashes.
- ◆ Searches urban areas for missing people or to help the Sheriff's Office find evidence.

The team was called upon more than 65 times last year. Of these, 28 involved hikers, 6 were water related, 5 were for climbers, 8 were urban, 4 involved winter enthusiasts, a few were for ATVs and mountain bikers, and a few were false alarms.

You do not need to be an expert as the team trains at least two times each month. The training covers skills relating to avalanches, climbing, helicopters, medical skills, map and GPS navigation, rescue rigging, rock climbing, scree evacuation, swiftwater, winter travel, and more.

### THE TEAM MEMBERS

Search and Rescue members enjoy helping other people, being outdoors, and are willing to work hard. They spend many long days and nights helping lost and injured individuals.

This is a volunteer organization of dedicated

### THE REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the team, you must:

- ◆ Be at least 21 years old
- ◆ Be a citizen of the United States
- ◆ Be a resident of Salt Lake County
- ◆ Have a current Utah driver's license
- ◆ Have a high school diploma or GED
- ◆ Have a current medical certification as a First Responder or equivalent (EMT preferred)
- ◆ Pass a thorough Sheriff's Office background check (please visit [slcsar.org](http://slcsar.org) for details)
- ◆ Pass a Salt Lake County Physical exam

In addition to the above requirements, you should be in good physical condition, have a flexible schedule, and be willing to commit a significant amount of time to the team and community. As a sworn member of the Sheriff's Office, you must act and present yourself accordingly.

## VISIT [SLCSAR.ORG](http://SLCSAR.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE WEBSITE CONTAINS INFORMATION ON JOINING THE TEAM AND AN APPLICATION.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER, 31, 2003.

FOR QUESTIONS NOT ANSWERED ON THE WEBSITE, EMAIL [STEVE@BRUFF.COM](mailto:STEVE@BRUFF.COM).



**DEC 9 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD).** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

**DEC 10 WED ROBERT FROHBOESE ANNUAL AVALANCHE CLINIC.** *Tentative date.* Part I of the WMC Clinic: In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness conducted by the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center. At press time, we are still trying to confirm a meeting location and speaker, but the tentative plan is to have the clinic get started with refreshments at 7:00 pm with a presentation by Bruce Tremper. A beacon practice (Part II) will be scheduled to coincide with the talk. Check the website: ([www.xmission.com/~haas/avalanche/](http://www.xmission.com/~haas/avalanche/)) to confirm date and location, or contact Mike Berry (583-4721, [mberry@attglobal.net](mailto:mberry@attglobal.net)) for an update.

**DEC 10 SERVICE: CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.** At 7PM the Conservation Committee will meet at the club office. All are welcome, we have plenty to do. We need help in expanding Utah Wilderness Coalition membership, figuring out land ownership, trails access, and in general tending to the Wasatch Mountains. For more information, contact Will McCarvill 942-2921.

**DEC 10 WED BACKCOUNTRY SKI: DEADLINE FOR JANUARY RAMBLER.** For January Rambler, scheduling snowshoe activities for January 10- February 15, 2004. All proposed ski activities must be sent to Steve Pritchett, ski coordinator ([sprtc1041@aol.com](mailto:sprtc1041@aol.com), 523-9243) BY THIS DATE. *No late entries- No exceptions.*

**DEC 10 WED SNOWSHOE: DEADLINE FOR JANUARY RAMBLER.** For January Rambler, scheduling snowshoe activities for January 10- February 15, 2004. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Liz Cordova, snowshoe coordinator ([emcord25@hotmail.com](mailto:emcord25@hotmail.com), 486-0909) BY THIS DATE. *No late entries- No exceptions.*

**DEC 13 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD).** Join Carol Masheter for an early season organizers choice tour. Call Carol to confirm the tour based on snow conditions and find out about destination. Plan to bring your 457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9AM. Call Carol (between 7 & 9:30 pm) at 466-5729.

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**DEC 13 SAT SKI TOUR: SUNDANCE SKI AREA (EL-NTD).** A rare club outing to the over 17 kilometers of Sundance's pine and aspen-lined nordic trails. This trip will be coordinated with the Utah Winter Games cross country skiing clinic. (UWG)(register at: [www.utahwintergames.org](http://www.utahwintergames.org)). Your choice to ski the trails on your own (trail pass \$5), or register for a clinic. For the classical technique clinic, the check-in is from 10:00- 10:30 am. The clinic time is from 10:30- 12:00. For the skate technique clinic, the check-in is from 12:30- 1:00 pm. The clinic time is from 1:00- 2:30 pm. The instructors will be from the Sundance Ski School. The clinic cost is FREE. Free rentals, or you can bring your own equipment. Bring your skinny skis, handwarmers, and a some extra dollars because a stop at Sundance's Owl Bar for Apres ski beverages is definitely planned. We will probable meet at a south valley Park 'N Ride location at 9:00 am for this all day outing. Call Mike Berry for more

information and to arrange carpools.

**DEC 13 SAT SNOWSHOE: HONEYCOMB CLIFFS VIA GRIZZLEY GULCH (MOD).** WMC Snowshoeing veteran Larry Nilssen (572-3964, <larrynilssen@comcast.net>) will rise above 10,000 feet from a 8,800 start at Alta's main gate and a view of the Powderhorn and Honeycomb Fork (if safe). This will be an invigorating hike. Avalanche beacon and shovel are recommended. Bring energy food, water, and the 10 E's! Meet Larry at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**DEC 13 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD).** Doug Stark (277-8538) is planning to tour the canyon 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 9:15 am at Butler Elementary and don't forget to bring your gear and snacks.

**DEC 13 SAT SNOWSHOE: RED PINE LAKE (MOD).** Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) offers a high energy tour to wintry Lower Red Pine Lake. Bring the 10 essentials for your pack along with extra layers, food, and water. Avalanche beacons strongly recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

**DEC 14 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD).** Join Will McCarvill for an early season organizers choice tour. Call Will to confirm the tour based on snow conditions and find out about destination. Plan to bring your 457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9AM. No snow, no go. Call Will McCarvill at 942-2921.

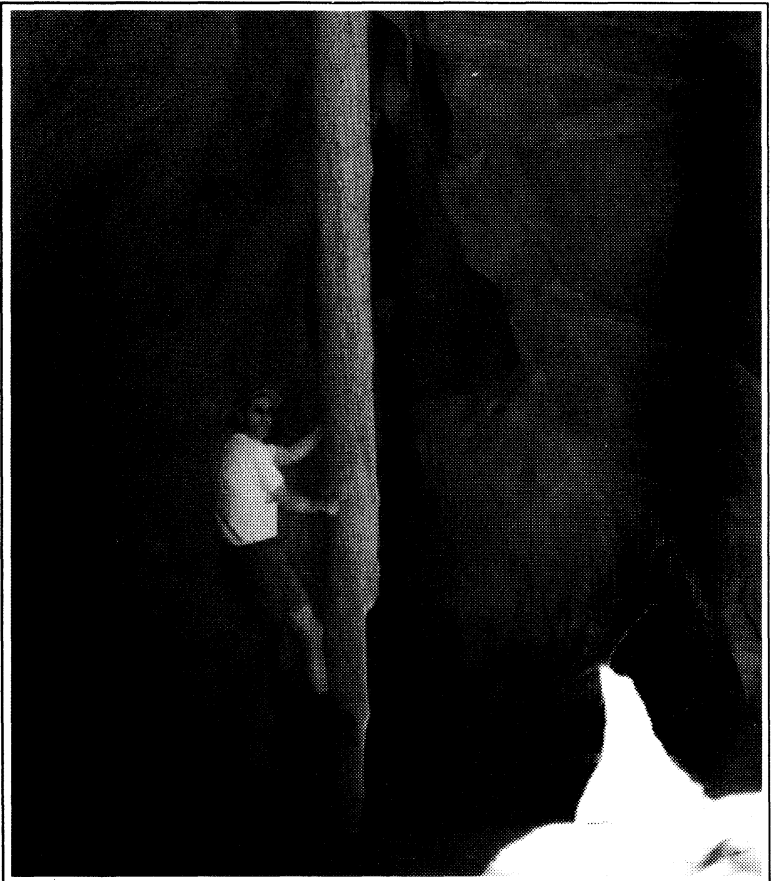
**DEC 14 SUN SNOWSHOE: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD-TURTLE).** Nancy Phillips (942-8953) plans to take a leisurely-paced trip from the lower Solitude lot into the quiet side canyon. Bring snacks and drinks for an on-the-snow picnic. Meet Nancy at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**DEC 14 SUN SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD LAKES (MOD).** Join new winter sports organizer Bret Bailey (566-5019) for an invigorating tour to Maybird Lakes. As usual, bring all the essentials, including food and water. Avalanche beacons advised. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**DEC 15 MON SNOWSHOE: ON-LINE OUTINGS- EMAIL LISTS.** Activities are planned on short notice based on snow conditions. NOTE: Activities on these lists are for Members only. To get on the WMC Club snowshoe email list, send an email to: [majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com](mailto:majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com) with the text (not in the header section): Subscribe wmc-snowshoe.

**DEC 16 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD to**

**MOD+).** These are relatively brisk half day outings with early starts, 7:00 am and "noonish" finishes so you can go back to work by early afternoon at the latest. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. The Dec tours will be subject to snow conditions. Call Chris Proctor at 466-1905 or email [@Proctorctr@aol.com](mailto:@Proctorctr@aol.com) to register. The meeting place will be the west end of the BCC park-n-ride.



Geoff climbs the "Slot Log" in the upper Gulch, Escalante area

**DEC 16 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD).** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

**DEC 20 SAT AVALANCHE TRANSCEIVER FIELD PRACTICE.** Part II of the WMC Clinic: December 20<sup>th</sup>. (We have to allow time for you to make that purchase, or refresh those batteries!). Listening to a lecture or watching a video is not enough. To have any level of skill at avalanche rescue you must practice out in the snow. Meet at Butler Elementary, 2700 E. and Fort Union Blvd. at 8:45 am for a 20 minute intro/transceiver demonstration in the lot, and then carpool by 9:15 am for a 3 to 4 hour practice session. Bring your snowshoes, or skis for mobility on the snow. If you want to go out on a short snowshoe or ski outing afterwards, bring the '10 essentials', lunch, shovel, and transceiver and two groups can be organized. Call Mike Berry (583-4721) for information, or to volunteer. **WE HAVE A NEED FOR 4 OR 5 INSTRUCTORS!**

**DEC 20 SAT SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD+)(TURTLE).** Joan Proctor (474-0275) will lead a 'Turtle' snowshoe to Dog Lake. She likes it slow and easy- for those not in a hurry. As always, be sure to bring snacks, water, and your 10 E's. Meet Joan at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**DEC 20 SAT SNOWSHOE: GRIZZLEY GULCH (MOD+).** Join Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) at 9am at Butler for another high energy tour. Beacons advised.

**DEC 20 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (MOD).** Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary prepared for the conditions of the day. Decide on the day's activity and destination. Bring the ten essentials. When appropriate, be aware of avalanche danger.

**DEC 20 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LITTLE/BIG WATER AREA (MOD).** Meet Brad Yates and he can tell you where the snow will be best for skiing today. Plan to bring your 457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9AM. Call Brad 521-4185 or email [bnyslc@earthlink.net](mailto:bnyslc@earthlink.net) for other details.

**DEC 21 SNOWSHOE: NEFFS CANYON (MOD/NTD).** Join Tom Walsh (487-1336) for the longer version or turn around earlier with Barb. Meet at Skyline at 9am.

**DEC 21 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CARDIFF FORK (MOD).** I will be going up Cardiff above the mine to the bottom of the bowl. Afterwards, I will be dropping by Molly Greens for an apres-ski biere. If you are interested, meet me at Butler School at 10:00 am. Plan to bring your 457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's. For more info call Bob Cady (274-0250 or [ready@xmission.com](mailto:ready@xmission.com)).

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**DEC 21 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD).** Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary 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.

**DEC 23 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD to MOD+).** These are relatively brisk half day outings with early starts, 7:00 am and "noonish" finishes so you can go back to work by early afternoon at the latest. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. The Dec tours will be subject to snow conditions. Call Chris Proctor at 466-1905 or email @ Proctorgtr@aol.com to register. The meeting place will be the west end of the BCC park-n-ride.

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

**DEC 25 WED SNOWSHOE: CHRISTMAS OUTING(NTD).** The traditional Christmas tour hosted by Ray Duda (272-4601). Ray has enjoyed organizing this Christmas annual tour for a number of years now. The destination this year will be based on the current snow conditions and group preferences. Meet Ray at Butler Elementary school at the adjusted time (later) of 9:30 am.

**DEC 27 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LISA'S PEAK (MOD).** Join split-boarder Lisa Verzella for a tour today near Little Water peak area. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc. Meet Lisa at 9:00 AM at Butler Elementary School and call 583-2432 or email @ lisaverzella@hotmail.com for other details.

**DEC 27 SAT SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE (NTD+).** Holly Smith (272-5358) will take us to one of our favorite destinations. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9am.

**DEC 27 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD).** Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary 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.

**DEC 27 SAT SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD).** Mary Ann Losee (278-2423) leads a holiday season trip up to White Fir Pass. Bring warm layers, snacks, water, and your 10 E's. Avalanche beacons are not needed to the pass. Meet at Skyline High Parking Lot at 9:00 am.

**DEC 27 SAT SOCIAL:** Tenth(?) annual Holiday party at the Myers' at 6:00pm. Come for turkey soup, sandwiches, etc. and enjoy Gary's Christmas decorations. Bring a dessert to share and BYOB. Go west on New Bingham (7800S. at Bangerter Highway) to Grizzly Way (5400 West.) Turn North (R) and turn right at the next street (Wheatridge Ln.) go East to 5317 W. Wheatridge Lane and enter! (It is the 2nd house on R.) RSVP 280-2374.

**DEC 28 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: UINTAS, HOYT OR THE DUKE (MOD+ /MSD).** How about getting out to the Uintas for a good tour and some turns. Tele-gear is suggested. Call Steve Pritchett 523-9243 to register, arrange car-pooling and meeting. We'll need an early start. Plan to bring your 457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's.

**DEC 28 SUN SNOWSHOE: CHURCH FORK (DOGGIE)(NTD+).** Winter Sports Director Michael Berry plans to lead a hike from this Mill Creek Canyon trailhead (on leash day for dogs). Bring 10 E's, warm/hot drinks, and snacks. Meet at Skyline High School Parking Lot at 10:00 am.

**DEC 28 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD).** Possible organizer Brett Smith will possibly lead us to one of his favorite destinations. Call him at 580-2066, or show up at Butler at 9am and see what happens. Beacons advised.

**DEC 28 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD).** Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary 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.

**DEC 30 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD to MOD+).** These are relatively brisk half day outings with early starts, 7:00 am and "noonish" finishes so you can go back to work by early afternoon at the latest. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. The Dec tours will be subject to snow conditions. Call Chris Proctor at 466-1905 or email @ Proctorgtr@aol.com to register. The meeting place will be the west end of the BCC park-n-ride.

**DEC 30 TUE WINTER SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING.** This committee meeting will focus on the February through mid-March winter sports schedule. Bring your Wasatch/Uinta/Bear River or Southern Utah Winter Travel Maps if you would like to discuss route variations, avalanche/safety issues, heli-skiing, ski resort expansion, UTA ski bus, etc. Refreshments provided. Contact Mike Berry (583-4721, [mberry@attglobal.net](mailto:mberry@attglobal.net)) for time and location (Open to all). IT'S ALL DONE BY VOLUNTEERS!!!

**DEC – MAR SKI TOUR: UINTA SKI NETWORK.** These ski tours use lightweight skis (classic, skate, and light backcountry) and will be announced on an email list. Outings will be posted for Mountain Dell, White Pine, Solitude and Sundance Nordic Centers, and the backcountry of the Uintas, Northern Wasatch, Daniel's Summit, and SW Wyoming. To subscribe to the 'UINTA' list (Users of Intermountain Nordic Trails), send a message to: [mberry@attglobal.net](mailto:mberry@attglobal.net).

**JAN 1 THU SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD).** Join split-boarder Lisa Verzella for a New Year's day tour. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc. Meet Lisa at 9:00 AM at Butler Elementary School and call 583-2432 or email @ [lisaverzella@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaverzella@hotmail.com) for other details.

**JAN 1 THU SNOWSHOE: MID-MORNING 'SHOO (MOD).** Start the new year right! Let your party-weary body sleep until a decent hour of the morning, then get to Butler Elementary School for a prompt 10:00 am departure for an invigorating New Year's workout. Phone Rick Kirkland (486-0909) to get more information. Bring your winter safety gear, 10 E's. Beacons advised.

**JAN 3 SAT AUDREY KELLY MEMORIAL WINTER SPORTS CLINIC (EL).** The winter sports committee will host this annual instructional clinic for entry level snowshoers and skiers. This year we are going to the WMC Lodge at Brighton for an expanded format of learn to: 'winterize', 'snowshoe', and 'ski'. In addition, an inaugural "gear swap" is being planned. And in the true Audrey Kelly tradition, lunch will be provided. The menu will include chili, cornbread with honey butter, and coffee/tea/hot chocolate. Bring gear of choice (snowshoes or track/skate skis) and warm clothes. To plan for food and volunteers, we are asking participants to **PRE-REGISTER** for the clinic by contacting Mike Berry (583-4721, [mberry@attglobal.net](mailto:mberry@attglobal.net)). Meet at Butler Elementary School (2700 E and Ft. Union Boulevard) at 9:00 am to carpool (UTA ski bus back down is an option, ~\$1.50), or meet at the Lodge by 10:00 am for the start of festivities. The clinic will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The cost of the clinic is \$5.00 for club members and \$10.00 for prospective members (you can join at the clinic if you desire) which maintains the Audrey Kelly Memorial Fund, and provides a donation to the Utah Avalanche Center. Any of this season's (2003- 2004) winter sports trip organizers will receive a voucher for free entry. *Also, for organizers, we are looking for volunteers and instructors for the clinic- call Mike Berry to sign up. If interested in the gear swap, contact Liz Cordova (486-0909, [emcord25@hotmail.com](mailto:emcord25@hotmail.com) ). See you all there!*

**JAN 3 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TOM'S HILL/REYNOLDS PEAK (MOD).** Cheryl Krusko will be going to Tom's Hill or Reynolds Peak or maybe both. Plan to bring your 457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9AM. Call Cheryl to register or for any details at 474-3759 or email @ [ckrusko@peoplepc.com](mailto:ckrusko@peoplepc.com).

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**JAN 3 SAT SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO (NTD/MOD).** Note: Show and Go activities are for WMC members only. Meet your companions at 9:00 am at Butler Elementary 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.

**JAN 4 SUN AFTERNOON SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD).** Meet Robert Turner ([r46turner@mail.uofu.net](mailto:r46turner@mail.uofu.net)) at Skyline at noon for an afternoon trek in Millcreek or surrounding area.

**JAN 4 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD).** Dale Woodward will be leading Dale's surprise mod tour today. It wouldn't hurt to remind Dale before today too, if you want to go. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc. Meet Dale at 9:00 AM at Butler Elementary School and call (435)-615-8479 for other details.

**JAN 4 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD).** Andrew Beard (955-6280) will be hiking in the BCC or LCC, but he'll see what the conditions for the trail choice. Bring safety gear, lunch, water, and the 10 E's. Beacons recommended. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

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**JAN 6 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD).** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

**JAN 9 FRI BACKCOUNTRY SKI: FREE HEEL FRIDAYS (MOD+).** Location and length of tour both depend on snow conditions, weather forecast and avalanche hazard, but we'll probably be skiing in either BCC or LCC. In addition to the 10 E's, you must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins. Call Dave Moser at 580-5865 or e-mail [dfmoser@hotmail.com](mailto:dfmoser@hotmail.com).

**JAN 10 SAT BACKCOUNTRY SKI: DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY RAMBLER.** For February Rambler, scheduling snowshoe activities for February 14- March 14, 2004. All proposed ski activities must be sent to Steve Pritchett, ski coordinator ([sprtc1041@aol.com](mailto:sprtc1041@aol.com), 523-9243) BY THIS DATE. *No late entries- No exceptions.*

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**JAN 10 SAT SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD).** Maybird is more a state of mind than a place. It looks different each time, because the trail there is ambiguous. In fact, there is no real trail. It provides a spectacular view of a cirque with the Pfeifferhorn in the background and is one of WMC Snowshoeing veteran Larry Nilssen's (572-3964, [<larrynilssen@comcast.net>](mailto:larrynilssen@comcast.net)) favorite destinations. As usual, bring all the essentials, including food, water, and a beacon. Meet Larry at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

**JAN 10 SAT SNOWSHOE: MINERAL FORK (NTD)(TURTLE).** Janet Friend (268-4102) will host a true NTD and will go as far as the group decides. Meet Janet at 10:00 am at Butler Elementary.

**JAN 11 SUN SNOWSHOE: MILL D TO RAYMOND AND OUT MILL B (MOD).** Mohamed Abdallah leads again on this DogBut(?) loop. You can call him at 466-9310 or just meet him at Bulter 9am. Beacons advised, of course.

**JAN 11 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE(MOD).** Vickie Ashby (750-0105, [vashby@ci.taylorsville.ut.us](mailto:vashby@ci.taylorsville.ut.us)) will wait to check the current conditions and then decide if it will be the Uintas, Park City, Mill Creek, or the Cottonwoods. Therefore, call Vickie ahead to register. She will tell you the meeting time, and if the meeting place is Parley's Way K Mart, Skyline High, 6450 South Wasatch Blvd, or Butler Elementary. The UAC forecast number is 364-1581. Winter equipment guidelines are per WMC Policies. Winter sports safety gear and the 10 E's recommended.

**JAN 11 SUN SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD).** Join Victoria Saldana (really) for this walk in the woods. Call her at 546-4767 or meet at Skyline at 9am.

**JAN 13 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD).** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

**JAN 17 SAT SNOWSHOE: BUTLER FORK (MOD).** Judy Elizondo (571-4090) leads this tour up Butler Fork, which is a fairly narrow, steep-sided canyon, but it soon widens. The fork rises 1,700 feet in about 2.3 miles, where it ends at the ridge

overlooking Millcreek Canyon just north of Reynolds Peak. The trip is rated 'A' for crossing known avalanche path (see Winter Sports Ratings elsewhere in this Rambler). Bring winter safety gear (beacons recommended). The UAFC forecast number is 364-1581. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am. .

**JAN 19 MON SKI TOUR: RED PINE CANYON TO MUD LAKE FLATS (UINTAS)(MOD).** This tour begins at the Thousand Peaks Ranch gate with the Smith and Morehouse road 'skate' southbound and then turns southwest to climb along the narrow and steep Red Pine Canyon. Eventually it loops clockwise to Mud Lake Flats. The distance is 14 miles round trip with 2,200 foot elevation gain. Pieps and shovel required. Light backcountry gear (double-cambered, metal-edged) works best in the Uintas. Call Mike Berry (583-4721) to register and for meeting place/time. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas.

**JAN 20 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD).** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

**JAN 24 SAT SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND DANCE 6:45 p.m.** Once again the Awards Banquet will be held at the Jewish Community Center (2 North Medical Drive) in their spectacular ballroom with beautiful views of the City. Bring your own beverage BYOB (ice and soft drinks will be available) for the 6:45 - 7:15 socializing, then an elegant catered dinner, followed by awards presentation and dancing to the live rock music of the Disgusting Brothers. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Please mail reservation/check along with name(s) to: Jeanine Kuhn @ 516 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 by January 17<sup>th</sup>. Questions call Jeanine @ 364-1873 or Vicki @ 599-0281.

**JAN 27 TUES SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD).** Vince DeSimone will lead a "Tuesday Group" again this year at 10:00 am. 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](mailto:vincedesimone@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

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**FEB 7 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. Ascend the Crest, take in the views, and sweep down into Beartrap Fork with Larry Nilssen (572-3964, <[larrynilssen@comcast.net](mailto:larrynilssen@comcast.net)>). As usual, bring all the essentials, including food, water, and a beacon. Meet Larry at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am. When discussing carpooling arrangements, consider going up to the Lodge afterwards to help with the snow shoveling work party at 1:00 pm.

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**FEB 13 FRI – 17 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TETON RANGE YURT (MSD).** Spend the long weekend at Plummer Canyon Yurt on the west side of the Tetons and trim turns on the mountain. Drive up Friday evening, spend Friday night in a motel, ski in Saturday morning and spend three nights at the yurt, then return on Tuesday. A non-refundable \$92.50 deposit will be necessary to reserve your place. If you are interested in this trip, email Carol Masheter: [carol\\_masheter@hotmail.com](mailto:carol_masheter@hotmail.com) or call her at 466-5729.

**FEB 28 SAT – MAR 1 MON SKI TOUR: LEAP YEAR YURT LARK (UINTAS).** Celebrate the leap year and tour on a well-groomed and signed trail system or ski the backcountry of the North Slope south of Evanston, WY. What better way to spend that 'extra' day (29th) in your life than to breath in that crisp winter air, feel the wind blowing through the pines, and watch the alpenglow on the high peaks. Stay in a deluxe BRORA yurt equipped with bunks, a stove, and plenty of firewood to ward off the cold. 'Working dogs' are welcome. Contact Michael Berry (583-4721, [mberry@attglobal.net](mailto:mberry@attglobal.net)) to get on the waiting list. THE TRIP IS CURRENTLY FULL.

### Coming attractions:

**MAR 27 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: KING'S PEAK (MSD).** The last Saturday in March is the big event of the ski season. The King's Peak ski tour, hosted for the 29th (or so) year by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 26th) at the Henry's Fork parking area and get underway very early on Saturday morning (See March Rambler for details).

**MAR 27 SAT SNOWSHOE: GOURMET POTLUCK WILLOW LAKE (NTD = FUN!).** The Annual Gourmet Snowshoe. The time to dig out your **favorite gourmet recipes** as well as your most **festive and creative costumes** to celebrate the official end of Snowshoe Season and welcome the advent of SPRING! Wine tasting included- bring your reds and whites. Skiers welcome too!

## NON-WMC TRIPS

**DEC 20 SPECIAL HOLIDAY FANCY DRESS CONTRA DANCE** at the Copperview Community Center in Midvale -8446 South Harrison (approx. 150 West). No Dancing experience needed, all dances will be taught and prompted. Dance to Live Traditional American Music by Stump Tail Dog from San Francisco. Beginner's workshop at 7:00, dance from 7:30 - 11:30 with a pot luck in the middle. \$5 in advance/ \$8 at the door. To order tickets or for more info contact Brenda at [brendance@yahoo.com](mailto:brendance@yahoo.com) or 363-7442.

**DEC 13 SAT CROSS COUNTRY SKIING CLINIC: SUNDANCE SKI AREA.** The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Utah Winter Games (UWG) clinic [www.utahwintergames.org](http://www.utahwintergames.org) will be held at the Sundance Nordic Center. For classical technique, the check-in is from 9:15- 9:45 am. The clinic time is from 10:00- 12:00. For skate technique, the check-in is from 12:15- 12:45 pm. The clinic time is from 1:00- 3:00 pm. The instructors will be from the Sundance Ski School. The cost is FREE. Free rentals, or you can bring your own equipment.

**DEC 14 SUN WOMEN'S TELEMARKE DAY: ALTA SKI AREA.** In response to the enthusiastic participation of previous seasons, the Wasatch Telemark Association ([www.wasatchtelemark.org](http://www.wasatchtelemark.org)) is doing it again. There will be two full days of clinics, workshops, and apres ski fun at two of Utah's premier resorts. Alta will host on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and The Canyons will host on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Check the website for on-line registration and information. For additional questions, contact: [chris@ustsa.org](mailto:chris@ustsa.org).

**DEC 14 SUN INTERMEDIATE TELEMARKE SKIING CLINIC: ALTA SKI AREA.** The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Utah Winter Games (UWG) clinic [www.utahwintergames.org](http://www.utahwintergames.org) will be held at the Alta Ski Area. Check-in at the Albion Basin Lodge from 9:00- 9:30 am. The clinic time is from 10:00- 12:00. The instructors will be from Alta's renowned Alf Engen Ski School. The cost is FREE, but participants must purchase an afternoon half-day ticket for \$32, or full-day ticket for \$40. Bring telemark ski equipment, limited demo skis and boots available.

**DEC 14 SUN ADVANCED TELEMARKE SKIING CLINIC: ALTA SKI AREA.** The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Utah Winter Games (UWG) clinic [www.utahwintergames.org](http://www.utahwintergames.org) will be held at the Alta Ski Area. Check-in at the Albion Basin Lodge from 12:00- 12:30 am. The clinic time is from 1:00- 3:00. The instructors will be from Alta's renowned Alf Engen Ski School. The cost is FREE, but participants must purchase an



afternoon half-day ticket for \$32, or full-day ticket for \$40. Bring telemark ski equipment, limited demo skis and boots available.

**DEC 20 SAT FIRST TIME AND BEGINNING TELEMAR SKIING CLINIC: SOLITUDE SKI AREA.** The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Utah Winter Games (UWG) clinic [www.utahwintergames.org](http://www.utahwintergames.org) will be held at the Solitude Ski Area. Check-in at the Moonbeam ticket office from 9:15-9:45 am. The clinic time is from 10:00- 12:00. The instructors will be from the Solitude Ski School and the Wasatch Telemark Association. The cost is FREE, but must purchase UWG lift ticket for \$33. Free rentals, or demo some available, or you can bring your own equipment.

**JAN 24 SAT WOMEN'S TELEMAR DAY: THE CANYONS SKI AREA.** In response to the enthusiastic participation of previous seasons, the Wasatch Telemark Association ([www.wasatchtelemark.org](http://www.wasatchtelemark.org)) is doing it again. There will be two full days of clinics, workshops, and apres ski fun at two of Utah's premier resorts. Alta will host on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and The Canyons will host on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Check the website for on-line registration and information. For additional questions, contact: [chris@ustsa.org](mailto:chris@ustsa.org).

**JAN 24 SAT SURVIVAL: 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WASATCH OVERLAND.** Cross-country skiers, telemark skiers, 'shoers, boarders, and ski bikers: The oldest and craziest snow race in Utah includes your choice of over-the-snow equipment in order to accomplish the objective of reaching Park City as fast as possible. The race features a LeManns stype start with racers carrying their gear from the Brighton General Store to 'Hanscom's cut-off'. Then strap on the gear and make a net climb of 600 vertical feet to Scott's Pass via any route. A high-speed descent down the catwalks and ski runs of Thaynes Canyon takes racers down 2,400 feet to the White Pine Touring Center for an overall distance of 12 km (7 miles). Fastest time ever: Ken McCarthy (32 min., 53 sec.)(1986). Sign up at: Wasatch Touring, 702 East, 100 South, Salt Lake City (359-9361), or White Pine Touring Center, Park City (435-649-8710). Pre-register before January 10<sup>th</sup>. No cars are to be left at Brighton. Take the bus or drive/shuttle to Park City!

#### DEC 2003 -MAR 2004 CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES

DATE	RACE	TECHNIQUE	LOCATION/START
Sat., Dec. 6	White Pine/TUNA Relay	both (3x5)	White Pine 10:00
Sat., Dec 13	Wasatch Cit.Ser./UW Games class (10)		Soldier Hollow
Sat., Dec 13/14Nor	Am's		Soldier Hollow TBD
Wed., Dec.17	Nor Am's		Soldier Hollow TBD
Sat., Dec 20	SH Legacy Youth Festival	free	Soldier Hollow TBD
Sat., Dec 20	Winter Solstice Pursuit	both	Soda Springs, ID 4:00
Sat., Dec 20/21Nor	Am's		Soldier Hollow TBD
Sat., Jan 3	Wasatch Cit.Ser./UW Games	free (15)	White Pine 10:00
Sat., Jan 10	Wasatch Citizens Series	class (10)	Sundance Nordic 10:00
Tue., Jan 13	Wild Rose Fun Race	any (5)	Mountain Dell 4:30
Sat., Jan 17/18 JO	Qualifier		Soldier Hollow TBD
Tue., Jan 20	Wild Rose Fun Race	any (5)	Mountain Dell 4:30
Fri., Jan 23	U of U Invitational		Soldier Hollow TBD
Sat., Jan 24	Wasatch Overland	survival (12)	Brighton>Park City 9:00
Sat., Jan 24	Potato Cup	free (5/15)	Mink Creek, ID 11:00
Tue., Jan 27	Wild Rose Fun Race	any (5)	Mountain Dell 4:30
Sat., Jan 31	Wasatch Citizens Series	free (10)	Mountain Dell 10:00
Sat., Jan 31	U of U Intramurals	any (5/10)	Mountain Dell 2:00
Tue., Feb 3	Wild Rose Fun Race	any (5)	Mountain Dell 4:30
Sat., Feb 7	Boulder Mountain Tour	free (30)	Sun Valley 10:00
Tue., Feb 10	Wild Rose Fun Race	any (5)	Mountain Dell 4:30
Wed., Feb 11/15	Under-23 World Championship		Soldier Hollow TBD
Sat., Feb 14	Sundance Challenge	free (15)	Sundance Nordic 10:00
Sat., Feb 14	Pioneer XC Ski Race	free (10)	Soda Springs, ID 11:00
Sun., Feb 15	Bryce Canyon Ski Archery	free (6)	Ruby's Inn, Bryce 11:00
Sun., Feb 16	Bryce Canyon Ski Festival	free (10)	Ruby's Inn, Bryce 9:00
Sat., Feb 21	White Pine/TUNA Relay	both (3x5)	White Pine 10:00
Sat., Feb 21/22	Western States Youth Festival		Mink Creek, ID TBD
Sat., Feb 28	WCS/TUNA Championship	free (15)	White Pine Farm 10:00
Sat., Mar 6	Yellowstone Rendezvous	class (25)	West Yellowstone 8:45
Sat., Mar 6	Yellowstone Rendezvous	free (25/50)	West Yellowstone 9:00
Sat., Mar 13	Wooden Ski Classic	class (5)	Alta 10:30
Sat., Mar 20	Lasal Loppet	any (18)	Moab 10:00

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

# *The Rambler*



*"Nature , as it comes to us from the processes of creation , is felt to be, by most people, a basic reality, an element that brings us closer, perhaps, to realization of the nature and purpose of life, the immediate source of our strength and peace of mind , to which we return constantly for renewal and for re-creation." (Ben. Thompson, at 8<sup>th</sup> biennial Wilderness Conference)*

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**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: **Please complete liability waiver on reverse page**

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

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 in the Wasatch Mountain Club Directory

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

I am applying for: (check one)

\_\_\_ New Membership    \_\_\_ Single    \_\_\_ Couple    Birth date(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Reinstatement

Remit: \$40.00 for single membership (\$35.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

### ACTIVITY SURVEY

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!

<b>Hiking:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> easy day hike <input type="checkbox"/> moderate day hike <input type="checkbox"/> advanced day hike <input type="checkbox"/> car camp <input type="checkbox"/> backpack  <input type="checkbox"/> equipment  tour <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-town trip  mountaineering	<b>Boating:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> sailing <input type="checkbox"/> trip leader <input type="checkbox"/> instruction  <b>Skiing:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NTD tour <input type="checkbox"/> MOD tour <input type="checkbox"/> MSD  <b>Climbing:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Wasatch climb <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-town trip <input type="checkbox"/> winter  <b>Bicycling:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> road bike tour <input type="checkbox"/> mountain bike tour <input type="checkbox"/> camping tour  <b>Other outings:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> snowshoe tour <input type="checkbox"/> caving <input type="checkbox"/> other	
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### 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.

<b>Conservation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> air & water quality issues <input type="checkbox"/> telephone tree <input type="checkbox"/> trail clearing <input type="checkbox"/> trailhead access <input type="checkbox"/> wilderness  <input type="checkbox"/> lodge host	<b>Socials:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> social host <input type="checkbox"/> party assistance  <b>Rambler:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> word processing <input type="checkbox"/> mailing <input type="checkbox"/> computer support  <b>Lodge:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> general lodge repair <input type="checkbox"/> skilled lodge work  <b>Information:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> public relations <input type="checkbox"/> membership help <input type="checkbox"/> recruiting <input type="checkbox"/> instruction	
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Would you like to participate on an activities committee? Which one?

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

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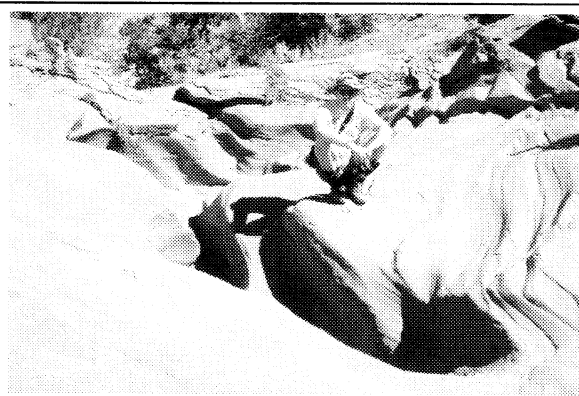
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How can we reach you? NAME

PHONE:

EMAIL:

## PICTURES:



Meditative hiker in desert-sandstone



Editor and editor-help having fun at the Halloween party at the lodge



Interesting panel Will McCarvill last trip in the Swell

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