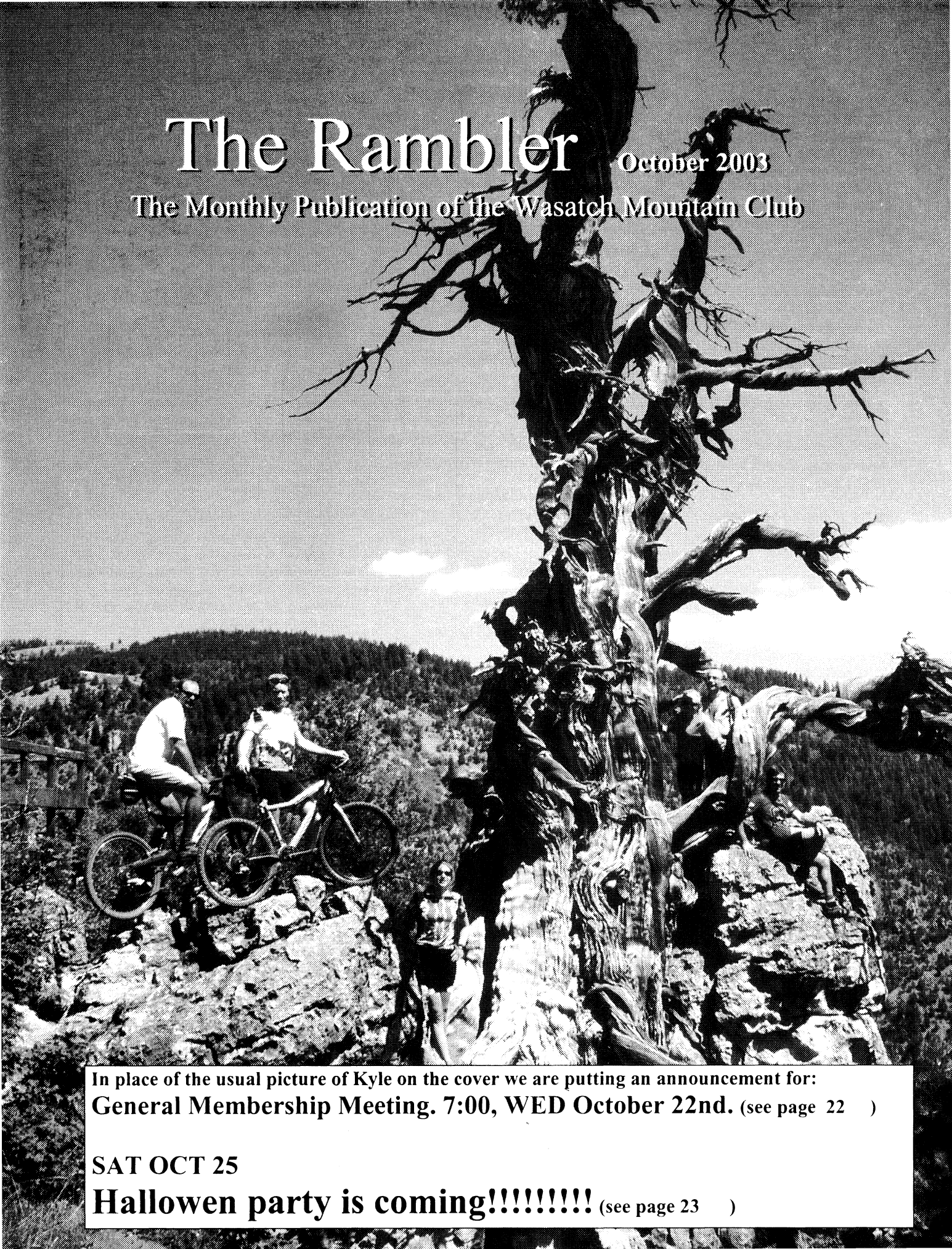


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Halloween party is coming!!!!!!! (see page 23)

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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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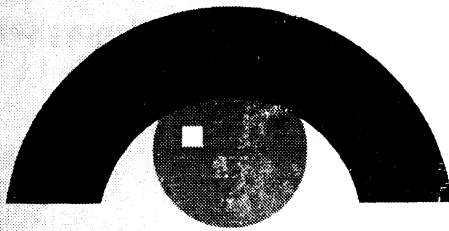
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2. Submit the trip talk, on a 3.5" disk, to the WMC office (1390 South 1100 East in Salt Lake City). Use Microsoft Word and Arial, 10 point for all submissions. Label the diskette with your name and identify which file(s) are submissions. Enclose a hard copy in case your diskette cannot be read. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

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Conservation Notes

October 2003

Will McCarvill

Chris Biltoft has contributed an excellent article on our Trails Maintenance program with the Forest Service, look for it in this month's Rambler. This article also gives an update on the threat that highway claims pose to our customary ways so I will steer clear of duplicating his information.

I will instead give an idea on what kinds of activities a person could get involved with to help Conservation out.

Thanks to the help of Jude Elizondo the WMC now has a nice letter soliciting other out door activity organizations to join the Utah Wilderness Coalition. Cristina Amat di San Filippo has been working on a list of hiking, biking, canoeing etc. organizations to get specific people to contact at them to receive the letter. We can use some additional help in searching the web to cover the whole US. It is important to show widespread and nationwide support for the designation of wilderness in our Utah desert lands. This requires that the person have internet access and can do searches.

If you are an active member of your community council, we need someone to carry our interests and concerns to the regular meetings. If you want to be the eyes and ears for the WMC we could use you.

There are major conflicts and issues between owners of private inholdings in the Wasatch and use by the public. **We need help** in understanding how to find out who owns surface mining claims. We already know how to find out who owns other surface lands that pay taxes to the county. Someone who understands these processes or is willing to do some detective work is badly needed.

We always need people who are willing to write letters in support of local environmental issues.
If you need an update on a specific issue or some input on how to write a letter, come to the Conservation meeting held each month or call Will McCarvill at 942-2921. See the most recent Rambler for time and place.

The WMC can use more folks helping out on the **Adopt-a-highway clean up** three times a year. The WMC has a very conspicuous section of Wasatch Boulevard running from I-15 to Big Cottonwood Canyon. **The Trail Maintenance program** had a great start this year working with the Forest Service thanks to Chris Biltoft and Club members who came out for service days. Additional hands are welcome to make the work go quickly.

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OCT 18 SAT SERVICE: ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP. Meet Randy Long (943-0244) at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride at 9AM. This is our chance to clean up the WMC section of Wasatch Blvd before winter comes. Please bring work gloves. Children 12 yrs and up are invited. We will be picking up the fall's debris from Wasatch Boulevard from Big Cottonwood Canyon to I-15. You will need to get an orange vest and a trash bag from Randy before starting out. This includes late comers. This stretch of road sees a lot of traffic and has our name on it. The bigger the turn out the less time it will take.

Who Will Own the Trails?

by Chris Biltoft

Another trail maintenance season has come to a close. Many thanks to those who helped. A major accomplishment this year was reclamation of the lower portion of the Lake Mary Trail, rerouting hikers east onto one of the Brighton Resort roads. Although not popular, this action was necessary to check severe erosion along the creek. We also improved deteriorating sections of trail past Mary Lake towards Catherine's Pass, and we are considering an alternative route that begins west of the Lodge. We expect an active trail maintenance season starting next June.

The Lake Mary trail erosion control and tread work solved substantial problems on that specific trail. However, it also accomplished other very important goals: (1) establishing a good working relationship with the Forest Service and other trail user groups; (2) defining a sense of ownership in our trails. Establishing a good working relationship with the Forest Service and other land managers is important if we are to retain access to our trails. A great debate is raging over the ownership of public lands. Public land managers are presently feeling enormous pressure from developers and RS2477 road advocates; they need to know that we care about our Wasatch trails and water quality, and are willing to put the requisite effort to keep them in the public domain. All trail maintenance is recorded, creating a record that can be used to defend our trail claims. Coordinating these efforts with other groups such as the Wasatch 100 runners and Save Our Canyons increases our numbers, providing added insurance that public trails will be available when we want to use them.

Defending our public rights to Wasatch trails will become very important in the near future as the State presses towards litigation on RS2477 road claims. While the initial focus of RS2477 road issues will be in southern Utah, there are additional RS2477 road claims under consideration in Salt Lake County. The State is trying to keep these road claims secret, but known claims in Big Cottonwood Canyon include Willow Heights, Silver Fork, Mill D North and South Fork, Days Fork, Mineral Fork, and Honeycomb Fork. In fact, any old road to a defunct mining claim (Kessler Peak?) that was constructed prior to 1976 conceivably qualifies for the RS2477 land grab. If these claims succeed, we can expect to see increased ATV and snowmobile traffic, and developers shoehorning their way in. What follows is degradation of our watershed, fewer dispersed recreation opportunities and, ultimately, loss of trail access.

Unfortunately, Wasatch trails are pawns in a politically-motivated land grab involving state and county officials. Resolution of RS2477 road issues in the Wasatch will likely turn on what sort of use is deemed "most appropriate." State and county officials are likely using the cover of secrecy to cement deals that will be presented to the public as *fait accompli*. Because this is a political issue, numbers count. The ski resorts use ticket sale counts to justify their sales tax exemptions and other sweetheart deals. We cannot match those numbers or political power, but we can argue that non-motorized dispersed recreation and the outdoor industry that supports it are of substantial economic value, and is the type of recreation most compatible with our watershed. The number counts of people who turn out for trail and erosion control work backs up these claims.

Even Club members who do not use the trails or have the time, ability, or inclination to do trail work have a stake in the RS2477 outcome because the quality of our canyon-derived drinking water is at stake. Everyone can help by: (1) participating in trail maintenance, which includes brushing and picking up litter as well as tread work; (2) contacting Save Our Canyons or other dispersed recreation advocates for information updates; (3) contacting State, County, and City officials to request information and express your concerns. Salt Lake County is presently our primary pressure point. The Salt Lake County Mayor and council members need to hear from you. Mayor Nancy Workman's phone number, e-mail, and street addresses are: (801) 468 2500, mayorNancy@co.slc.ut.us, Office of the Mayor, 2001 S. State St. Ste N2100, Salt Lake City, UT 84190. At large County Council members are Jim Bradley (jbradley@co.slc.ut.us); Randy Horiuchi (rhoriuchi@co.slc.ut.us); Steve Harmsen (sharmsen@co.slc.ut.us). Additional county council contact information can be found at www.co.slc.ut.us/co/html/distmap.html. Now is the time to stand up and be heard.



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Utah Rivers Council

River Benefit

"Conservation Roast and Banquet"

This year's River Benefit will feature a roast of outgoing executive director Zach Frankel by media personalities Rod Decker, KUTV; John Daley, KSL; and Brent Israelsen, SL Tribune. Enjoy great food, fine music, a silent auction, and opportunities to mingle with other river enthusiasts. The Utah Rivers Council advocates the public interest in determining the fate of Utah's last free-flowing rivers. They succeeded in stopping the dams proposed for the Diamond Fork, Bear, Price and Yellowstone Rivers. With your support, the Utah Rivers Council can continue the fine work in protecting our waterways. Friday, Oct 24, Jewish Community Center, 2 North Medical Drive (just west of the University Hospital),

6 pm to midnight. Donations \$40 / person - For tickets, call the Utah Rivers Council 486-4776.

Short Note

Join the **Utah Rivers Council**, Oct 24 for the annual River Benefit. For this years theme, local media personalities will host a Conservation Roast, with dinner and dancing to follow. 6 pm at the Jewish Community Center. Tickets are \$40; call 486-4776.



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OCT 25 SAT SOCIAL: HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE LODGE WITH THE DISGUSTING BROTHERS BAND!!!

Put on your costume and come up to the Lodge for the Annual Dance 'till you drop Halloween Party -- this year with an incredible live rock band. Potluck at 6:30 with dancing to following. Bring a dish to share and beverage of choice. Prizes for original costumes. Invite your friends. \$5 Members, \$8 Non-Members. Questions call Vicki at 599-0281 or Jeanine at 364-1873.

Free Clinics at REI SALT LAKE CITY – The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public (*unless otherwise stated*) at the SLC REI, located at 3285 East & 3300 South. For more information or to confirm events, please call 486-2100.

GPS 101

Tuesday, October 7th, 7pm

Join REI camping specialist and experienced backcountry traveler Kirk Myers as he unveils the mysteries of a Global Positioning System. This presentation will cover basic GPS functions such as determining latitude and longitude, programming routes, and recording travel.

EXPEDITION AMERICA

Tuesday, October 14th, 7pm

Terry and Stevie Halbert had a dream: to travel to every National Park in America over the course of a year. They not only succeeded, they have written *Expedition America*, a guidebook for anyone interested in hitting our National Parks. These two authors offer a personal review of how to get there, can't-miss attractions, recommendations and overlooked points worth your time.

ED VIESTURS TOUR & BOOK SIGNING (*ticketed event*)

Thursday, October 16th, 7pm

Come to the SLC REI on October 16th at 7:00pm for a special presentation by Ed Viesturs, America's leading high-altitude mountaineer. Ed is the only American, and one of only a hand-full of climbers internationally, to stand atop thirteen of the world's fourteen 8000-meter peaks. Ed climbs without the use of supplemental oxygen, adding to the mental and physical difficulty of his climbs. Ed will be showing stunning photography from his climbing career as well as signing his new book, *Himalayan Quest*. Tickets are available at the SLC and Sandy locations beginning September 16th for a cost of \$5. Ticket proceeds will be donated to the American Himalayan Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the people and ecology of the Himalayas.

THE LADY IN THE ORE BUCKET

Tuesday, October 21st, 7pm

This evening, come take a journey back through time with writer and historian Charles Keller. Charles has extracted a wealth of information to create the book *The Lady in the Ore Bucket*, a fascinating history of the lumber, mining, and hydropower industries built from the rich natural resources of the canyons.

SANDY – The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Sandy REI, located at 10600 South & 230 West Suite 1700 in the South Towne Mall. For more information or to confirm events, please call 501-0850.

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FROM SEAL RIVER TO HUDSON BAY

Wednesday, October 29th, 7pm

Take a journey from Lake Chipewa down the Seal River to Hudson Bay. Canoeist Robert Partridge shares his tale of his crash course in paddling. Don't miss the images and stories of the vast Canadian tundra, polar bears, white water rapids, Aurora Borealis, and bugs.

Additional Community Events:

RIVERSENSE: A Documentary by Kate Geis

October 16th, 7pm in the Reed Auditorium in Orsen Spencer Hall at the University of Utah.

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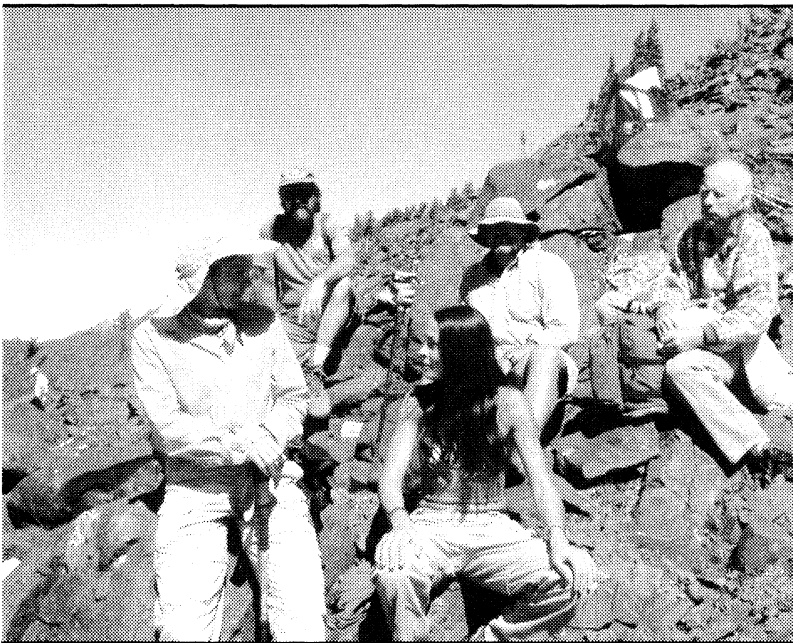
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Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535



Happy folks on Bob Cady's hike. Foto by Steve

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 flashlite for the hike down, bring a jacket, and some beer for me.

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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.

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FOR SALE: Snowshoes for sale: They are made by "Indian Summer" and are 31" inches long. They are high tech with the 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.fhtm.ws/ay/ccr (12-03)

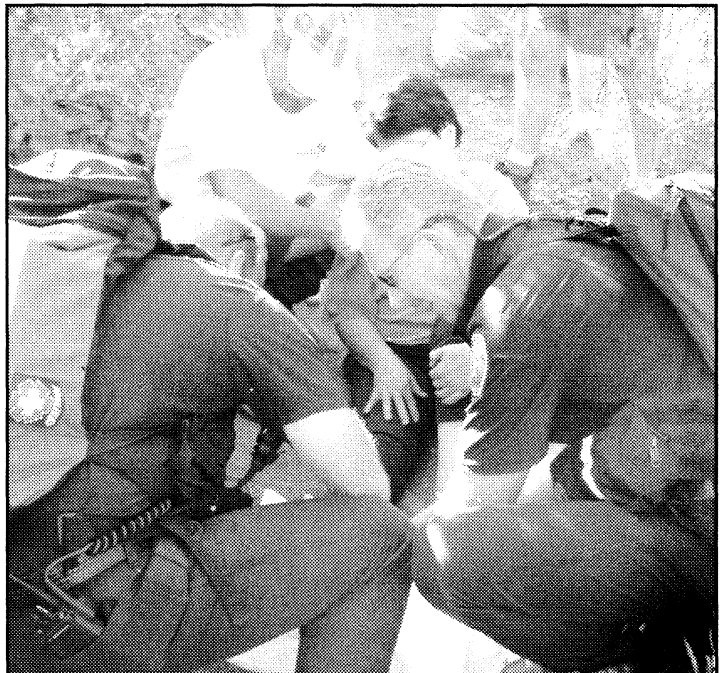
FOR SALE Toyota 4-Runner (87), \$1000, excellent engine, studded snowtires, some rust, back window needs fixing
Rossignol Shaped Skis/Salomon Bindings (165's), \$75, used lightly one season
T2 Scarpas (womens 7-8), \$75, excellent condition Call Gretchen at 661-5635

TRIP TALKS

Trip Talk: Lake Blanche to Mineral Fork

by Kerri Adams

On August 10, we started our hike looking forward to a great trip to the ridgeline overlooking Lake Blanche. Less than 15 minutes up Mill B we met Jackie and our plans changed. Jackie was sitting in the middle of the trail and she calmly informed us that she had broken her ankle. A quick inspection led us to believe that Jackie was on target with her diagnosis since her foot was now pointing in a less than normal direction. Everyone with cell phones tried to call for help but there was no coverage. Therefore, several trip members hiked back to the trail head to get help. Unfortunately, the Mill B trailhead doesn't have cell coverage. Finally, perseverance paid off and help was summoned. After multiple trips back and forth to relay messages to the paramedics at the trailhead, Jackie's rescue got underway. The very kind-hearted -- not to mention extremely muscular -- Knick Knickerbocker, Mohammad Abdallah and Daniel Gomez assisted the paramedics in carrying Jackie to the trailhead. Jackie looked like Cleopatra as she made her way down the trail in a stair



chair. Without the assistance of club members, the rescue would not have happened. Regretfully, the two-hour delay required Daniel to turn around.

A very tired and hot group made their way to Lake Blanche and recorded potentially the longest hiking time for Lake Blanche by members of the Wasatch Mountain Club. It was a startling three and a half hours to the lake. Now Knick had to turn around due to time constraints.

The remaining group trudged toward the ridgeline. The females showed the males on the trip our expert scrambling skills as we got to the ridgeline. However, I think it's hard to learn from your fellow hikers when you are too busy laughing at them. Our fatigue quickly evaporated once we got on top and were greeted by a herd of mountain goats. After spending time with the goats and soaking in the spectacular view, we made our way off the ridge.

Getting off the Mineral Fork ridgeline is always an adventure. Roger Young, Mohammad and Collin Tomb managed to remain in an upright position the whole way down. Boring!! Vickie Ashby and I had much more fun getting to the bottom. Vickie managed to get stung by a bee and bitten by a spider on her way down. We now know Vickie is not allergic to bee stings. I entertained the group

with my patent-pending dirt surfing technique. This is not for

the faint of heart or for those wishing to walk away clean and unscathed. I ended up in a cloud of dirt and was named "Pig Pen."

The trip down Mineral Fork was wonderful. We were the only hikers until the very end of the trail when we were blessed with the company of a couple of ATVs. Unfortunately, we did not locate samples of the "weed" crop that was recently removed.

At the very end of the trail, a thunderstorm rolled in and turned the trail into a stream. It was beautiful.

All in all it was a great day and wonderful hike. The Wasatch Mountain Club members that assisted with Jackie's rescue made the club look good and showed that we are capable of giving able assistance when confronted with an emergency.

Trip Participants: Mohammad Abdallah, Knick Knickerbocker, Daniel Gomez, Vickie Ashby, Roger Young, Collin Tomb and

Olympic National Park Backpack

August 29 - September 6, 2003

Joni Schrage

Participants: Michael Budig (Organizer), Aaron Jones, Annette McMullen, Jaynee Levy, Chuck Todd, David Rumbellow, Joni Schrage

We left Salt Lake City on Friday afternoon beginning the 2000 plus mile roundtrip to Olympic National Park. We found a campsite near Hilgard Junction State Park, Oregon just before midnight, leaving early the next morning to meet up with Jaynee at the Olympic Park Visitor Center in Port Angeles around 4:00 p.m. After getting our permit it seemed that most of the local campsites were full due to the Labor Day weekend crowd, but we were able to get a campsite at Arney's Dam RV Park including a bonus shower after 2 days in the car.

After a 3 hour shuttle the backpack officially started at the Boulder Creek Trailhead, hiking into an area that had 9 hot springs and some of us happy campers took the opportunity to soak. The following morning the group of seven headed out on an optional 19 mile hike on Happy Lake Ridge that offered spectacular views of several magnificent peaks and the Strait of Juan De Fuca.

On Tuesday the group headed out for Appleton Pass, with an elevation gain of approximately 3000 feet in 5.5 miles. The campsite was on a ridge and we were visited by a doe and 2 fawns that evening. A hike up the ridge provided wonderful views of Mt Olympus and several other peaks.

Wednesday morning was on to Upper Sol Duc campsite, wild blueberries along the trail were enjoyed by the group and the site was reached early enough to enjoy some down time. Wild blueberries added to an instant cheesecake dessert was delicious.

Thursday we passed by the Seven Lakes Basin on the way to the High Divide Trail. Once on the ridge the most glorious view of Mt Olympus and the glaciers. A side trip up Bogachiel Peak gave a 360 degree view of the surrounding peaks. We continued to the junction and took the Deer Lake Trail where we were advised that bears had been spotted further down the trail closer to Deer Lake. Some of us got the opportunity to see one of the black bears enjoying the wild berries as we hiked along the trail.

Friday morning we broke camp for the last time and started down the Sol Duc Falls Trail, passing by the beautiful falls we arrived at our shuttle vehicles mid-morning. We treated ourselves to a soak and swim at Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort located just a couple miles down the road. After some initial farewells, Aaron, David, and Chuck headed to the coast for further exploration. The trip from the Sol Duc Trail Head back to the Boulder Creek Trail Head to Jaynee's vehicle was about 1 ½ hours of scenic driving by Lake Crescent. After dropping Jaynee at her car Michael, Annette, and Joni proceeded to Mount St. Helens.

We were very fortunate on the weather, had some mosquitoes and one wasp attack. We had a wonderful experience, breathtaking view, and two first time backpackers that were totally impressed with the excellent adventure.

Logan Canyon Bicycle trip

By Heidi Schubert

Early September was just cool enough (not) to think of heading up to Logan Canyon for a weekend of biking, and Raspberry shakes. We slept on the lawn of a house right on the lake, but there was only one die-hard that made it through the storm that first night, the rest of us woke up inside.

Two major mountain bike rides were attempted over the weekend. The first headed up, and down, and back up again to Ol' Ephriam's Grave (the last and largest bear ever killed in Utah) via the Steel Hollow route coming back down in Rick's Canyon. Quite a challenging, but rideable uphill, and a roaring downhill. That "drop-off with a view" they talk about on the utahmountainbiking.com web site isn't nearly the death trap they suggest. And if the rider in front has a flat tire it's a great place to stop and fix it. Day two split the group, as four road riders headed around Bear Lake, while the rest of us headed towards the oldest tree in Utah, the Jardine Juniper (see cover's photo). What looked at first like a hot rocky slog in the sun turned into a fantastically graded set of shaded switchbacks at the top.

The tree was as impressive as it was old (3000yrs). We should have just stopped there, but a few riders, who shall remain nameless, decided more mileage was required and we headed up to Tony Grove to ride towards Bunch Grass. The sensible among us turned around at the pass and took the four wheeled option back down to the highway. Those with adventure on their mind renamed the route Endo alley. I don't think the "road less traveled" is always where you want to be on a mountain bike.

Join the group for adventures in pedaling when we head to Red Canyon in early October.

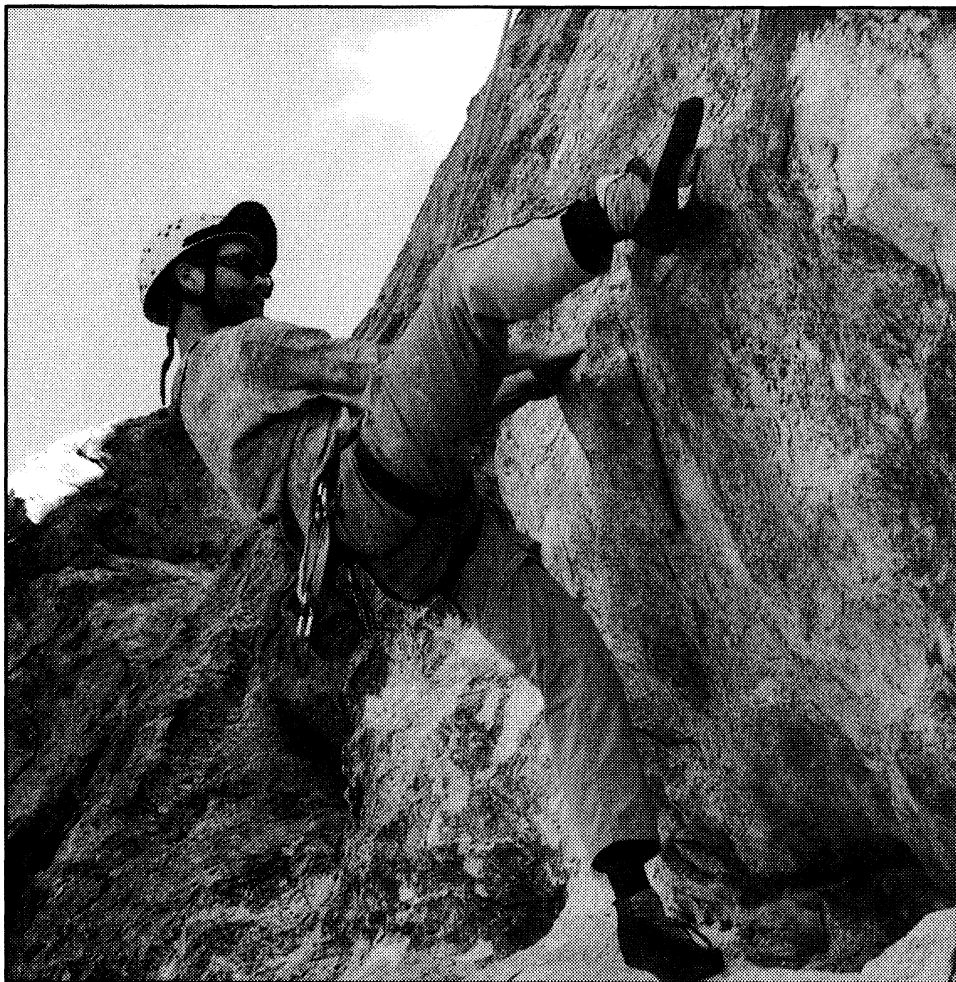
Heidi

Henry's Fork of the Snake river

Trip talk by Lori Major

I was ready to leave Salt Lake, it had been too long since I had been to Big Springs. I cannot live there but it always has that "going home" feeling when I am there. This time I was taking 8 WMC kayakers and canoeists with me. I and two others were leaving Thursday at noon, others were coming later on Thursday and still others we coming up on Friday. On Thursday, our departure is delayed by unforeseen circumstances. Arriving at the cabin at 10:00 PM we are greeted with some relief by Tom and Donna who got there minutes before. In we go and I give them the obligatory tour of the cabin. We settle in and decide to have a hike and an early morning canoe down the river. There were no moose or bear on our morning trip but we saw two Bald Eagles, Muskrat, Osprey, Sandhill Cranes, Kingfishers, Turkey Vultures and Great Blue Herons. There were also the protected 36" Rainbow Trout that hang out at Big Springs where they cannot be fished, (federally protected spawning area) and they have a bridge to hide out under. There is also a fish food box to put 25 cents into and get a handful of approved fish food. Everyone thought I was telling fish stories when I told them of these fish. Ha! I showed them! The people who are there on Friday are able to have a tour of the historical Johnny Sacks cabin. It was too bad it was not open on Saturday. We got back to the cabin for a wonderful dutch oven chicken dinner by Robert Turner and greet our other canoeists. That night we decided to sample the local wild, oops I mean um-mm, nightlife and went dancing at a little saloon called Island Park Lodge. I can tell you those country boys can dance and make you think you can too! It was great for all the feminine egos, there seemed to be 5 men to every woman and the guys in our group were not thrilled at the odds especially once we found out how the locals boys could dance! We went back to the cabin to sleep as our canoe trip was early. There is a launching dock and the first (and only) obstacle is an old railroad bridge that is now a rails to trails. We had seen a canoe flip there the day before. We were happy no one in our party flipped in the cold water. The current is only about 1 mile an hour or so and it is very easy to get through. In a stand of dead trees there is a Bald Eagle. Some stop and try to get a picture, but the Eagles are not good models and it flies away. Getting back on the river, we were paddling through deep alpine meadows separated by stands of Lodgepole Pine, Aspen and Engelman Spruce. The creeks joining the river are lined with willows, a favorite place for moose to hang out. The fireweed was in bloom and the meadows were purple with them. As we paddled down the river, signs of human habitation start to appear and fishermen are out in their waders, we go behind the fly fishermen, just to be polite. Dennis gets the prize for best nap in a canoe and Robert gets the patience prize for paddling him down the river! We take out at Mack's Inn, have lunch and it is decided we will go run the class II stretch in the inflatables. Box Canyon is the stretch of the Henry's Fork of the Snake river that comes out of Island Park Dam. Today they are releasing 3200 cfs. Normal is 800 cfs for this time of year. The Buffalo River about 200 yards downstream, puts in another 400 cfs. I am really glad we left the canoes at the cabin. We had heard about a hot spring at the put in but I had never heard of it before. We found the waterfall hot spring and the best I could say about it is it was not cold, at best it was tepid. We had fun, we saw a family of Osprey fishing, the young did not have the dive and snatch down yet. They dive bombed, hitting the water with a splat and coming up with nothing. Mom and Dad were experts and I think the young were fed. A Bald Eagle came upon the scene and the adult Osprey were screaming and doing some get out of our territory behavior. Finally the Bald just effortlessly caught a fish and perched in a tree to eat it a little down stream from the Osprey family. Rounding another bend, we came upon the scariest animal of all, the wily fly fishers! (This is considered one of the best blue ribbon trout areas in the U.S.) Julie and I were thinking maybe we could cut one or two

wild ones from the herd with the kayaks but when we got closer we saw these were family herds with no young studs to separate! Damn! As not all of the activities were strictly with the group, I recommended that some people go to Upper Mesa Falls, a 110 ft waterfall of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River. Most who went agreed it was magnificent! Saturday night was southwest night and we had wonderful chicken, bean and corn salad, dutch oven custard pepper cornbread, and a great dutch oven dessert. Grilled southwestern chicken by Tom and Donna and the Dutch oven by Kathy Jones. Sunday morning everyone is leaving and saying good bye. Tom and Donna, Julie and Dennis decide to take a last canoe trip. We say our good byes at noon. My daughter her boyfriend and I are staying a few days longer. I took my daughter and her boyfriend for a 6 mile hike at Herriman State Park was a wildlife preserve and ranch for the Herriman family of railroad fame. We hiked from Silver Lake to Golden Lake over Thurman Ridge. Thurman Ridge is actually the side of the ancient caldera that forms Island Park. From there you can see the entire valley, and the Grand Tetons over 60 miles away! Emily and Ryan are in a hurry to go to Box Canyon and I tell them to go ahead, and get the inflatable kayaks ready for another trip down Box Canyon. I breathe deeply smelling the pine, sage, and wildflowers. In that moment I am utterly alone and joyful. I sit for about 10 minutes just breathing, the honking warbling call of some Sandhill Cranes bring me back to the present. As I hike down toward Golden Lake, I see a family of Swans floating on the lake and a line of White Pelicans overhead flying in formation. It doesn't get any better than this. Participants - Vince and Linda Desimone, Dennis Stron, Tom Wood and Donna Kramer, Julie Oldroyd, Robert Turner, Kathy Jones and Lori Major



Editors note: OK OK I admit it, it's ME. I'm self absorbed and narcissistic. So sue me! Love, Kyle

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SPECIAL OFFER AND NOTICE FOR WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERS:

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 3RD, Kirkham's will be offering added value to Wasatch Mountain Club members' purchases exclusively through our new Outdoor Rewards Card. Members with valid Mountain Club identification can sign up & then receive **2 1/2 TIMES** normal points from 11/3/03 all the way through December 31st of 2004!

Many of you have received a preferential discount in the past, and this offer will permanently take the place of those after 11/3/03. If you are a member and already have an Outdoor Rewards card, please bring your Mountain Club I.D. and we'll convert your card to the new program. Kirkham's greatly values your business, and feels that the added point values and ease of use will be beneficial to everyone. Any other limitations or restrictions will apply, of course, and the extra multiplier will not be applied to items or categories earning bonus points. This program is simple and easy, and we encourage you to sign up soon!



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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 with the text (not in the header section):

Subscribe wmc-bike

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Subscribe wmc-lodge

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.

You no longer need to complete two activities and get signatures from trip organizers to become a member of the WMC. This change is effective immediately, although it will take a while to fix up the membership application forms and other published information on membership.

If you know someone who has been procrastinating about becoming a member because they never seem to get their signatures, tell them that they no longer have even a shred of an excuse! They can just send in the membership form leaving blank the lines for qualifying activities and signatures of trip organizers. (Of course we DO still need a check for dues and signatures from the applicant.)

DIRECTIONS TO COMMON MEETING PLACES FOR HIKING ACTIVITIES

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 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.

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 flashlite 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!*****

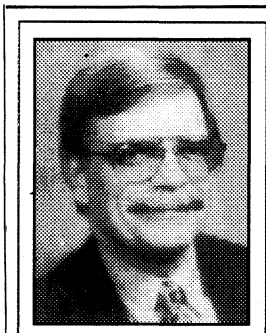
Please make sure you send in the sign up sheet after the trip. It will be filed at the office. If the trip was cancelled, send the form in with "cancelled" written on it.

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OCT 3 FRI - 4 SAT FAMILY CAR CAMP: CAT CANYON IN THE CONFUSION RANGE. Randy Long (943-0244) will organize this easy car camp. "Cat" in this case means "cougar". Will we see any? We shall see. There may also be wild horses and a good narrows section. We'll camp somewhere in the area, probably next to the highway at the route head. This is an exploratory activity as Randy has never been to this large area west of Delta. He will be doing photo documentation work for SUWA. He also must return home late Saturday night, ending the activity then, but anybody else is more than welcome to stay longer on their own. Call Randy to register and get more details. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

OCT 4 SAT - 5 SUN CAR CAMP: WEST DESERT. Alex Rudd (971-9245 or ar160@msn.com) will choose an appropriate West Desert destination based on the conditions. Call Alex to register and get more details.

OCT 4 SAT TURTLE HIKE: CLAYTON PEAK (NTD). Janet Friend (268-4102) will stroll to this summit above the Brighton bowl. You should expect a relaxed pace, with time to enjoy fall colors. Meet Janet at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.



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OCT 4 SAT DAY HIKE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD). Enjoy some fall colors with Mike Berry (583-4721). Meet Mike at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

OCT 4 SAT DAY HIKE: TWIN PEAKS VIA DEAF SMITH CANYON (MSD). Jan Uhlir (355-0480) tackles the Twins head-on from the valley. This is a very steep, strenuous hike with exposed scrambling. Call Jan to register and get details.

OCT 5 SUN - 11 SAT CAR CAMP: THE MAZE. Tom Veto (1-505-345-9923 or tom@tomveto.net) plans moderate and strenuous day hikes in the Maze District of Canyonlands National Park. We will car camp for 7 nights at various campsites along the Spanish Bottom Road. We'll be exploring the South and Pictograph forks of Horse Canyon, Shot Canyon, Water Canyon, Pete's Mesa, Ernie's Country and its canyons, the Doll House area, and Spanish Bottom in Cataract Canyon of the Colorado River. The permit is limited to 6 hikers and 3 4WD, high clearance vehicles. Call or send e-mail to Tom to register and get more details.

OCT 5 SUN DAY HIKE: WEST DESERT (MOD). Donn Seeley (706-0815 or donn@xmission.com) will choose some hike that's appropriate for the conditions, from fall colors in the Sheeprocks to windswept ridges in the Cedars. You can expect off-trail hiking and scrambling; bring sturdy boots. Meet Donn at the Utah Travel Council lot at 9 AM.

OCT 5 SUN DAY HIKE: FRARY PEAK ON ANTELOPE ISLAND (MOD). Meet Kerri Adams (532-6630) for a great hike with breathtaking views. Call Kerri to register and get details.

OCT 5 SUN DAY HIKE: MILLVUE PEAK (MOD). Mark Jones (486-5354) will ascend to this high point south of Lambs Canyon Overlook by way of Elbow Fork. The hike has some off-trail sections. Meet Mark at the Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

OCT 5 SUN DAY HIKE: LONE PEAK FROM NORTH DRAPER (MSD). Jan Uhlir (355-0480) has a new route that he wants to try out on the Club. Call Jan to register and get details.

OCT 8 WED 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 trail maintenance, trails access, and tending to the Wasatch Mountains. For more information, contact Will McCarvill 942-2921

OCT 10 FRI - 12 SUN BIKE MOUNTAIN (MOD): Red Canyon is located just west of Bryce National Park. The plan is to either ride or hike Casto/Lossee Canyon one day and Thunder Mtn. the next. We will be staying at Harold's Place off of Hwy 12 (435)-676-2350. The cost of Harold's is \$50 per night plus tax. This includes a hot tub for an after ride soak. There is camping down the road for about \$5.00 a night but it was very coooooolllldddd in the spring! The plan on the way back is to stop by the "Meadow" hot springs for a dip so bring your suit...no more dude bathing since the city cleaned up the springs. Contact Audrey or Cheryl at audreyrin@juno.com or ckrusko@peoplepc.com for more info.

OCT 10 FRI - 13 MON CAR CAMP: KODACHROME BASIN. Margaret Fahey (292-7602) has reserved the group camp site at Kodachrome Basin for 3 nights (Friday through Sunday). The site has water and a shower (!). The split-up fee should work out to about \$3 per person. We may hike some slot canyons in the area of Round Valley Draw. Feel free to bring your bike. Please call Margaret to register and get more details.



OCT 11 SAT - 12 SUN SERVICE: SAN RAFAEL SWELL. Will McCarvill (942-2921) has the Sid's Mountain WSA in his sights. This trip will focus on the North Salt Wash area near the Wedge Overlook. Not only will we check out the boundary markers, but also take side trips into North Salt Wash and up on Sid's Mountain itself. This area has lots of Indian art and is the home of Big Horn Sheep. This will be a mellow car camp with lots of time to poke around. We will have to set up car pools around high clearance vehicles as we have to cross the San Rafael River. Expect warm days and cool nights. Call Will to register and get more details.

OCT 11 SAT FAMILY DAY HIKE: CITY CREEK TWIN PEAKS (NTD). Randy Long (943-0244) will go via the Bonneville Shoreline Trail from Terrace Hills Drive. The trail is good most of the way, and the rest is easy, and very enjoyable. Meet Randy at the This Is the Place State Park Amphitheater parking lot at 10 AM. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

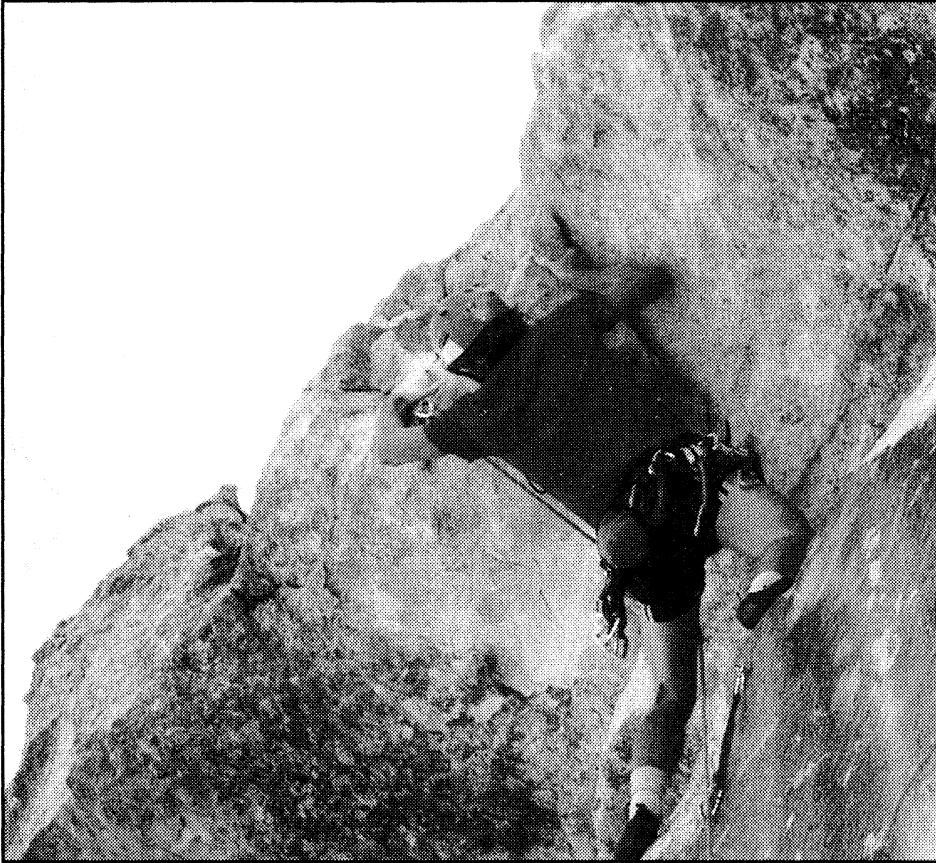
OCT 11 SAT TURTLE HIKE: BEARTRAP FORK (NTD). Janet Friend (268-4102) will amble up this lovely valley near Solitude. You should expect a relaxed pace, with time to enjoy fall colors. Meet Janet at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

OCT 11 SAT DAY HIKE: BOX ELDER PEAK (MSD). Jan Uhlir (355-0480) will ascend the big mountain on the north side of American Fork Canyon. Meet Jan at the 7200 South and I-15 Park and Ride lot at 8 AM.

OCT 12 SUN - 18 SAT KAYAKING / HIKING TRIP: LAKE POWELL SLOT CANYONS. Jaynee Levy (1-435-637-

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1049 or jarole@sisna.com) wants to try something different: Sea kayak on Lake Powell and hike some hard-to-access slot canyons. After researching how to do this, she thought it's best to go with a commercial guide who can supply coast guard approved transport (for participants and kayaks) for 40 miles to the special hard to find slot canyons. This would reduce kayaking amongst the jet skis, motorboats and against the wind, thereby leaving lots of time for exploration. Included for \$750 is a 6 day trip, all kayaking gear (kayak, paddle, spray skirt), instruction, food, beverages, tent, sleeping bag, foam pad, and dry bag. For those who want to arrive on Saturday, a Sunday hike in the vicinity will be planned. Phone or email Jaynee to register and to get further details (such as when the deposit is due). (If you are interested but want a "do it yourself" trip, still contact Jay!



Ken Vogley leading his last climb (10a!) at City of Rocks.
It was a great summer.

nee. She will keep an alternative list just in case the minimum of 4 people don't sign up to make the guided trip a go.)

OCT 12 SUN DAY HIKE: WEST DESERT (MOD). Donn Seeley (706-0815 or donn@xmission.com) will choose some hike that's appropriate for the conditions, from fall colors in the Sheeprocks to windswept ridges in the Cedars. You can expect off-trail hiking and scrambling; bring sturdy boots. Meet Donn at the Utah Travel Council lot at 9 AM.

OCT 12 SUN DAY HIKE: LOOKOUT PEAK VIA KILLYON CANYON (MOD). Kerri Adams (532-6630) will treat you to a seldom visited location with great views of City Creek. Call Kerri to register and get details.

OCT 12 SUN DAY HIKE: PFEIFFERHORN (MSD). There might be a dab of early season snow on this hike, which has a little scrambling and exposure. Meet Jan Uhler (355-0480) at the Little Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

OCT 15 WED - 19 SUN BACKPACK: PARIA RIVER VIA BUCKSKIN GULCH. Tom Veto (1-505-345-9923 or tom@tomveto.net) has arranged an adventurous trip to some of the coolest southern Utah canyon country. We'll start at Wire Pass trailhead and make our way down the 12 mile long spectacular narrows of Buckskin Gulch to its confluence with Paria Canyon. From the confluence, we'll explore the upper narrows of Paria before starting our 30 mile walk down Paria Canyon to Lee's Ferry by the Colorado River. The total permit fee will be shared equally between the group. The permit is limited to 6 backpackers. Call or send e-mail to Tom to register and get more details.

OCT 16 THU - 19 SUN FAMILY CAR CAMP: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE. Sue Berg (576-0532) will go somewhere down south for UEA weekend for a car camp or a backpack, depending on the destination and conditions. Call Sue to register and get more details. Adolescents with some backpacking experience may participate with the consent of the organizer.

OCT 18 SAT SERVICE: ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP. Meet Randy Long (943-0244) at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride at 9AM. This is our chance to clean up the WMC section of Wasatch Blvd before winter comes. Please bring work gloves. Children 12 yrs and up are invited. We will be picking up the fall's debris from Wasatch Boulevard from Big Cottonwood Canyon to I-15. You will need to get an orange vest and a trash bag from Randy before starting out. This includes late comers. This stretch of road sees a lot of traffic and has our name on it. The bigger the turn out the less time it will take.

OCT 18 SAT BOATING: END SEASON PARTY (VI) Party at the Lodge 7:00 PM Class VI. Come to the end of the season boating party! Good Food, Good People, and a darn good time! See the ad in this Rambler for details. If you were at the clean up, then you get a free pass to the party! If you were not, then the fee is \$4.00 per person. BYOB. Come and see your river buddies or if you want to make some river buddies get up to the party. Are the boaters really as crazy as everyone says? Only one way to find out! For more information contact Lori Major arivergoddess@yahoo.com or 801-424-2338.

OCT 18 SAT DAY HIKE: DROMEDARY PEAK (MSD). This very strenuous hike has some steep scrambling. Meet Jan Uhlir (355-0480) at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

OCT 18 SAT BOATING: GEAR CLEAN-UP (I) TIME 10:00 AM Come to the end of the year boating clean up party. Yeppers, we will haul out the gear, wash it down, look over the rafts and note any repairs that need to be done in warmer weather. Do inventories of the first aid kits, repair kits and the wrap kits. Have lots of camaraderie while we are doing it. Bring your gloves, clothes you can get really dirty, and a sense of fun. Hey, Tom Sawyer did it, why can't I? In case of rain this will be changed to another day. Be sure to Call Bret Mathews before assuming cancellation! Bret Mathews 801-273-0315 or better yet bmathews@enterasys.com

OCT 19 SUN DAY HIKE: PILOT PEAK (MSD). It's hunting season in Utah, so Carol Masheter (466-5729) will sneak across the border into Nevada for this traditional WMC hike. The summit is 10,716 feet; the route has about 4,000 feet of elevation gain in less than 2 miles, all of it off-trail, bushwhacking, scrambling and boulder hopping. Are you ready? Call Carol to register and get details. We will need high clearance vehicles and drivers.

OCT 19 SUN DAY HIKE: BIG COTTONWOOD TWIN PEAKS (MSD). The day after doing Dromedary, Jan Uhlir (355-0480) will be up on its neighboring two-humped summit, which is just as tough. Meet Jan at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

OCT 22 WED GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 South Foothill. Refreshments will be provided. After the club business is conducted, we'll enjoy a short slide show presentation of this year's activities. Find out what you missed last year and ideas for what to do next year! If you have some pictures to include please email digital copies to heidi@biochem.utah.edu or snail mail the prints (with a return address) to Heidi Schubert, Department of Biochemistry, 1900 East 20 North, Salt Lake City, 84132. Include a few details of the event. Questions regarding the General Membership Meeting call Jeanine at 364-1873 or Vicki at 599-0281.

OCT 24 FRI - 26 SUN CLIMBING: INDIAN CREEK. This is what has become our annual trip to the world's premiere crack climbing area. With classics like Super Crack of the Desert and Incredible Hand Crack you can't miss this opportunity. With all those splitter cracks to try you'd better practice up on your hand jamming and hand taping technique. This trip is scheduled for 3 days because of the length of the drive and the abundance of great

crack climbing. Call Louis Arevalo (486-2854 or Email (l.arevalo@comcast.net) to register. HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED. Rating: 5.9 and up

OCT 24 FRI – 25 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BRUNEAU DUNES (NTD-MOD+). This 10th annual trip is the traditional start to the ski season! The sand dunes are about 450 feet at a 35 degree angle. You don't need climbing skins and almost any wide rock skis will work. Fancy bindings with many parts are not advised. The sand does not damage P-tex bases. The park, which is about a 4 hour drive- west of I-84 (exit 112), has solar heated showers, a major regional astronomical observatory, lush grassy camping grounds, shade trees, and built-in fire-pits & shelters. You must bring money for the campground fee, car camping gear, food & beverages, and a potluck dish for a Friday night party. Bring skis, poles, & gaiters to repel boot grit. Organizer Edgar Webster (583-9398), shreddgar1014@yahoo.com, plans to leave Friday night (10/24). Contact him if you would like to discuss sand skiing or to sign up for the trip.

OCT 25 SAT SOCIAL: HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE LODGE WITH THE DISGUSTING BROTHERS BAND!!! Put on your costume and come up to the Lodge for the Annual Dance 'till you drop Halloween Party -- this year with an incredible live rock band. Potluck at 6:30 with dancing to following. Bring a dish to share and beverage of choice. Prizes for original costumes. Invite your friends. \$5 Members, \$8 Non-Members. Questions call Vicki at 599-0281 or Jeanine at 364-1873.

OCT 25 SAT DAY HIKE: NOTCH PEAK (MOD). The Carl Bauer-Wick Miller Memorial Hike to Notch Peak is the Wasatch Mountain Club's traditional farewell to the hiking season. It's a 3-hour drive to the House Range west of Delta, but the 3,000 foot cliff and the ancient bristlecone pines are always phenomenal. The hike is mostly off-trail canyon walking with a little easy scrambling. Jerry Hatch (583-8047) will meet you at 6:30 AM at the 12300 South and I-15 Park and Ride lot.

OCT 25 SAT DAY HIKE: MOUNT SUPERIOR AND MONTE CRISTO (MSD). Jan Uhlir (355-0480) will take the long way up from Mill B South Fork. Be prepared for tough exposed scrambling (and probably some snow). Call Jan to register and get details.

OCT 26 SUN DAY HIKE: DROMEDARY PEAK (MSD). This very strenuous hike has some steep scrambling (and very likely some snow by now). Meet Jan Uhlir (355-0480) at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

NOV 2 SUN DAY HIKE: WEST DESERT (MOD). Donn Seeley (706-0815 or donn@xmission.com) will choose some hike that's appropriate for the conditions. You can expect off-trail hiking and scrambling; bring sturdy boots. Meet Donn at the Utah Travel Council lot at 9 AM.

NOV 8 SAT CLIMBER'S PARTY AT THE LODGE. All mountaineers, climbers, and anyone who wants to become one are invited to the end of the climbing season party to be held at the WMC lodge. It will start at 7:00 pm and go till who knows when. (Staying the night at the lodge is an option if you are not up to the post party downclimb in the dark.) Bring your slides, pictures, and stories for us all to enjoy (or endure). BYOB and a pot luck dish to share. Lodge use fees are \$3 per person for WMC members and \$5 per person for others. Call Craig Homer @ 201-0813 or Email sail2mountains@earthlink.net if you have questions. Rating: Approach to lodge could be AI-1 to AI-3 depending on snow conditions and route taken.

NOV 9 SUN - 24 MON INTERNATIONAL TRIP: THAILAND DISCOVERY ADVENTURE. Join a group of 16 WMC

members visiting Thailand for 16 days. Included for \$1890 is round trip air from S.F., lodging in comfortable small hotels or resorts, 39 meals, expert bilingual guide, land transport and internal flights. For a reservation send a \$300 deposit to Vince Desimone POB 680111, Park City, UT 84068 (1-435-649-6805 or vincedesimone@yahoo.com). Detailed itinerary available. Optional extensions to Vietnam and/or Angkor Wat. Exploring Thailand from the cosmopolitan south to the remote northern hill tribes, you'll watch Buddhist monks receive alms at a dawn ceremony...mount an elephant for an unforgettable ride through the jungle...buy fresh flowers and souvenirs in Bangkok's floating market...ride the River Kwai Railway and an open songtaew taxi. And get a special, insider's perspective into Thai culture as you take part in a cooking class, dine in a local home, and ride on a traditional bamboo raft. Thailand will weave a spell on us as we experience the Thai philosophy "life is a pleasure". Call Vince to register and get details.

NOV 14 FRI - 16 SUN CLIMBING: MOAB. If you have never climbed on sandstone this is your chance. Enjoy street side climbing on Potash Road. Climb Saturday, climb/bike/explore Sunday. Nice temps during the day and if you can't handle the cool nights book a room in town. Climbs from beginner to advanced. This is a family climb Contact Louis Arevalo for more info. and to register. 486-2894 l.arevalo@comcast.net

NOV 15 SAT SOCIAL: HARVEST FESTIVAL Come up to the Lodge at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the season with a harvest banquet and conversation with old and new friends. We will provide a turkey and you bring the trimmings with a pot luck dish to share. We plan to have live music. Questions call Jeanine at 364-1873 or Vicki at 599-0281

NOV 27 THU - 30 SUN FAMILY CAR CAMP: THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. Bob Cady (274-0250 or rcady@xmission.com) will be going somewhere in Southern Utah for Thanksgiving. Present thoughts are either Arches or Kodachrome Basin. There will be a potluck Thanksgiving meal on Thursday and day hiking on the other days. Call Bob to register and get more details. Children of members may participate with the consent of the organizer.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

JAN 24, 2004 SAT SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET We have booked the Jewish Community Center (2 North Medical Drive) again this year with their spectacular ballroom and beautiful views of the city. Mark your calendar now and look for details to come!

MAY 2004 ADVENTURE IN NEPAL. Join Bob Norris (801 943-6039 or Bobnepal@msn.com) and other club members for the trekking/climbing adventure of a lifetime in the greatest mountains on Earth! The trip will feature a "Tea House Trek" that can be done by anyone in reasonable condition, with an option to climb Imja Tse (Island Peak) located just south and east of Everest. Depending on air fare at the time, the entire 21 day trip will be approx. \$3000 per person. Price includes round trip air from Salt Lake, hotel in Bangkok (one night each way), hotel and food in Kathmandu, internal flights in Nepal, all food and lodging on trek, all porters, Sirdar (guide), climbing Sherpa, and climbing permit. If you have ever considered a trip to Nepal, now is the time. Call Bob to register and get more details.

NON-WMC EVENTS

Utah Association of Geocachers (UTAG) fall meet
North Canyon Park in South Bountiful on October 11, at 10 a.m.
<http://www.utahgeocachers.com>

OCT SKI SWAP (TUNA). The Utah Nordic Alliance sponsors the best ski swap of the fall (Eighth Annual) which takes place at the Salt Lake Expo Mart, 230 West, 200 South. You can register items for sale. Swap hours are usually Friday night, and all day Saturday. At press time, no date had been announced. For information, call 575-2170, or on the Web: www.utahnordic.com.

OCT SKI SWAP SNOWBIRD SKI TEAM'S SKI AND SPORT SWAP. Call 801-943-4889.
OCT SKI SWAP SPORTS DEN SKI AND SNOWBOARD SWAP. Call 801-582-5611.

OCT SKI SWAP BLACK DIAMOND GEAR SWAP (Semi-annual). Call 278-0233.

OCT SKI SWAP 20TH ANNUAL ROWMARK SKI SWAP. Call 801-355-3943, www.rowmark.org

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: _____

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email: _____

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

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

I am applying for: (check one)

☐ New Membership ☐ Single ☐ Couple Birth date(s) _____
☐ Reinstatement

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

\$55.00 for couple membership (\$50.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee)

\$25.00 for student membership (\$20.00 dues, plus \$5.00 application fee; must be full-time student, age 30 and under)

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

I found out about the Wasatch Mountain Club from:

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

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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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Phone: _____ Date: _____

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