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Michael Cardwell on bike
"Time to put the bike away!" photo by: Kyle Williams

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*****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!!!!**

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From the President....by Michael Budig

The general membership meeting in November was attended by over 40 people this year- an improvement from some past meetings. Those attending were treated by a slide show organized by Heidi Schubert.

We also approved lifetime membership at the meeting for longtime member Tom Stephenson. Tom served as club president for a short time in the late 1960's.

The dates were set for the Audrey Stevens Kelley Ski Clinic (Jan 2) and the Nominations/Award Banquet (January 22).

The snow at the lodge was also discussed- the board approved funds for the purchase of a new snowthrower if needed and for the hiring as needed of workers to shovel the lodge roof as needed.. Keeping up with the snow has been a chore- and so far, our lodgekeeper, Todd Nervey has been up to it.

And membership growth continues to creep upward- up to 992 at this time.

I hope everyone has a happy holiday season.

From the Boating Director:

We'll be having the Permit Party in January. Please stay tuned to the Rambler and the Boating Email list for the dates. We need a big turn out so we have a number of people applying for permits. No permits No Boating. Below is a list of where to apply for permits.

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

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Middle Fork of the Salmon River Permits and Info;

Middle Fork Ranger District, PO 750, Challis, ID. 83226, 208-879-4112

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Salmon River :Lower River Permits, BLM Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, ID. 83522,

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

Salt River, Upper Permits, Tonto National Forest, 2324 E McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ. 85006, 602-225-5200

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THIS YEARS BOATING ACTIVITIES:

DATES (#DAYS)	RIVER	CL	ORGANIZER	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
JAN ? / 1 day	Permit Party	I	Larry Gwin	435-647-3642	ljgpenuel@yahoo.com

Winter Sports Director's Message

The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Clinic will be held on Thursday, December 9th, 2004 at the Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church at 3280 E., 3900 S. in Holladay. The clinic will start at 7:00 pm. This is Part I of the WMC Clinic in honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese. Part II of the clinic is a beacon practice to be held on Saturday, December 11th. Meet at Butler Elementary, 2700 E. and Fort Union Blvd. at 8:45 am with your transceiver. We will carpool by 9:15 am for a 3 to 4 hour practice session. WE NEED FOR 4 OR 5 INSTRUCTORS! Contact Mike Berry (583-4721, mberry@attglobal.net) for information, or to volunteer (See both listings in this Rambler).

Don't miss out- Join the wmc-snowshoe, or wmc-ski lists. Hope to see you this season!

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CONSERVATION NOTES:

Will McCarvill

Conservation Notes

The Forest service has released their Record of Decision on renewing the Wasatch Powderbird Guides permit for heliskiing. The following is a distillation of what the current permit allows, and what the new one will allow.

Heli Skiing Permit Comparison

	Current Permit	New Permit
Season of Use	Dec 15 to April 15	Dec 15 to April 15
Weekends in Tri-Canyon	Closed Sunday and Monday	Closed Sunday and Monday except can trade 3 Mondays for 3
Home runs	None on Sunday and Monday	3 in Patsy Marly and no limit in
Two helicopters at once in Tri-Canyons	5 days	5 days
Alpine tours	Lone Peak only.	Lone Peak only.
Skier days	2,400 permit area, 800 tri canyon, 650 in northern powder circuit	1,600 permit area, 800 tri canyon, 650 in northern powder circuit.

Summary- Probably not bad enough for legal action. Discussions are ongoing with SOC. The drop in skier days is no gain for us at this time. According to SOC WPG has never used 1000 skier days in any season so dropping it from 2,400 to 1,600 will not result in any change we see. The number of skier days in our backyard will stay the same. The permit will use actual per season caps on use. Some of the proposed alternatives in the DEIS used season average over the life of the permit. This means that a lean year with few skier days could be followed by a year where heli activity was greater than usual to make up for the poor year.

Recommendations- The WMC will write a letter to FS expressing our disappointment in losing White Pine on Sunday and Monday. Look into getting a winter use survey conducted to have data supporting level of non-motorized use. At this time no hard data exists on what sort of winter usage is occurring.

DEC 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

State Trails and Pathways Council Members Needed

Openings on the Utah Recreational Trails Advisory Council (URTAC) are available for representatives from the biking and cross-country skier communities. URTAC makes recommendations for funding non-motorized trail projects throughout Utah. If interested, contact John Knudson, trails program coordinator at (801) 538-7344 or via e-mail at = johnknudson@utah.gov.

The application deadline is January 1, 2005.

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 of 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	RATING- *		MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD	M	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD	M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	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	RATING- *		MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
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	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
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 H	MSD 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	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
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).

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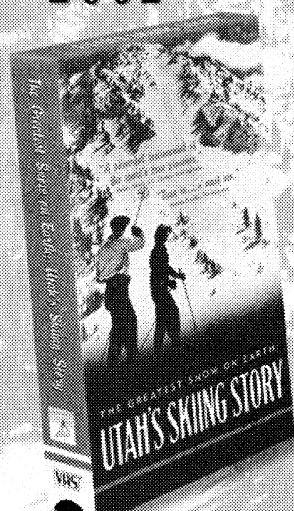
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2004 Trail Maintenance Recap

**By
Chris Bilstoft**

Flying snowflakes have once again brought our trail maintenance season to a close. We did pretty well this year, working on the second Saturday of each month June through September. Our major projects included tread work on the Mt. Olympus, Lake Blanche, and Lake Mary trails. We also helped to close down a dangerous section below Tanners Flat. The Forest Service estimates that volunteers performed work valued at more than 10.5 thousand dollars. Many thanks to those who helped, particularly to Will McCarvill, Russell Patterson, Kyle Williams, Dave Parry, Doug Stark, Richard Jirik, and Martin McGregor, who have turned out for multiple events. Thanks also to hike coordinators who have sent in trail the evaluation forms that we use to guide our work.

Next year's schedule will be similar, with National Trails Day the first Saturday in June, and trail days sponsored by Save Our Canyons and our Club on the second Saturday of each month, June through September. Next year we plan to focus on the Desolation Trail intersection with Mill D (between Dog Lake and Desolation Lake). This part of the Desolation Trail is heavily used by mountain bikes and suffers severe erosion problems. We would ultimately like to offer Mill D intersection bypass that contours east from Dog Lake to the meadow below Desolation Lake, but a few years will be needed to finish environmental documentation for this project. The steep section of the Elbow Fork Trail below the Mt. Aire ridge (M-09 in Hiking the Wasatch) also deserves attention. By September of next year we also hope to re-route the lower section of the Lake Mary Trail, offering a pleasant alternative to hiking on the road.

While we are making substantial progress, there is plenty yet to do. Our trail work ranges from light brushing to heavy tread work (moving rock and timber). There is a job for anyone who is willing to help. Please plan to join us when you can. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me (marychris@sisna.com) or #364-5729.

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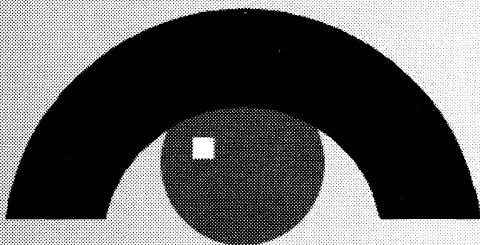
The Board has approved making a copy of "Onward and Upward", by Mike Treshow and Jean Frances, available to WMC members at no charge. This is a wonderful history of the Club commissioned on the WMC 75th anniversary. New members and old timers will find this an excellent way to learn more about the Club 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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WMC members \$400 per 24 hour period

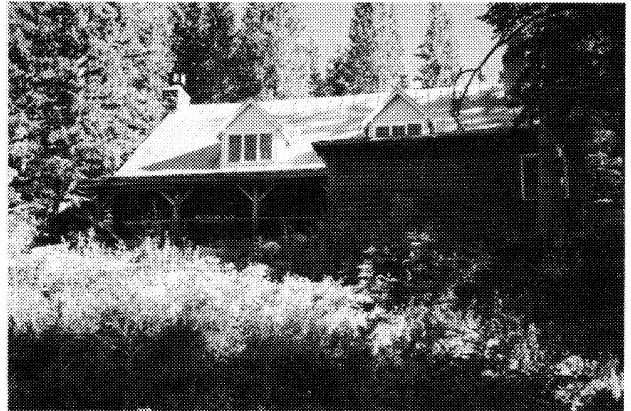
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Club members can earn a \$50 voucher by participating in lodge service projects.

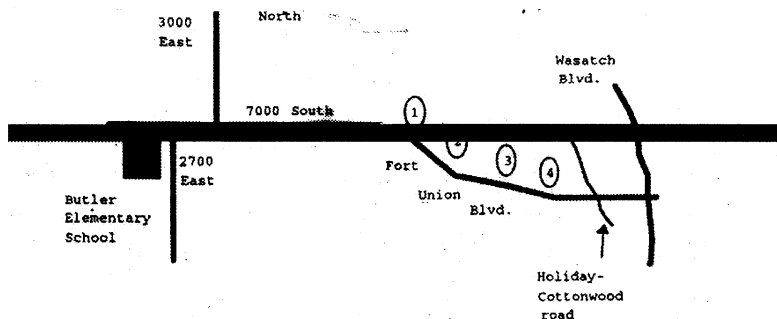
There will be a lodge work party every month so please check the activity schedule for details Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535

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 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.

Want to know the weather ??, flash flood potential, active radar screen and much more for all of the USA? Visit <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/> (thanks to WMC Member Jaynee Levy BLM Outdoor Recreation Specialist Price Field Office, UT phone 435 - 636-3620 fax 435-636-3657)



DIRECTIONS TO OTHER 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).

Parley's Way K Mart lot: 2705 Parley's Way – from Parley's way, turn north into the parking lot; or from Foothill Drive, turn west on Stringham Ave. (2295 South) and then south into the lot (SE corner).

Cottonwood Park and Ride lot: 6450 S. Wasatch Boulevard – 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.

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.

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3360 East Fort Union Blvd. (7090 South)
This lot will hold an estimated 10-15 cars.

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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.

TRIP REPORT:

Hike to Notch Peak

I went on a classic hike on October 23 that was led by Jerry Hatch, which was listed in the Rambler as the "Carl Bauer- Wick Miller Memorial Hike to Notch Peak". I wondered why it was a memorial. There were 10 of us that met in Sandy, off I-15 at the 12300 S Park & Ride at 6 a.m. and then car pooled to the House Range SW of Delta Utah. We met up with "prospective member", Oleh Kernytskyy (originally from the Ukraine) who drove up from St. George. I recently joined the club, and found out that Marco Hernandez (originally from El Salvador) had just recently joined the club too. We made a great group: Oleh, Marco, me, Jerry Hatch, Michael Budig, Donn Seeley, Cheryl Soshnik, Barbara Hanson, Barry Quinn, Kerry Quinn, and Dave Parry.

We started the hike at an old stone cabin in Sawtooth Canyon that is created from cliffs of rhythmically banded limestone that quickly became (icy) "narrows" further on up that we carefully climbed. I pointed out some of the cool structures that I couldn't name to Donn figuring he was as curious about rocks as I. On the way up; the "old timers" (to me) told us some stories about Carl Bauer and Wick Miller, the reasons for the "Memorial" title of the hike. Both were very instrumental in club history, Carl notably in the early 60s and Wick when he was WMC pres 91-93, they each had enjoyed leading Notch Peak in their time. Those that knew them had very fond memories of them and the hike has become a good way to remember them. Both are written about in recently published WMC book "Onward & Upward" that can be picked up for free at the WMC office. Jerry Hatch, also a WMC pres 93-95, told us how he had become a member of the "Rotary" (helicopter rescue) club on a Notch Peak trip ~10 years ago, he found out how sharp limestone could create surgically smooth cuts (the helicopter paramedics comment), he is lucky indeed.



Donn-NotchPeak-Descending

It was a dark, snowy and blustery day, standing at the saddle, looking down "the notch". I decided, and yes, of course I want to continue to Notch Peak, I definitely wanted to enjoy the view, from the top. I decided to continue on by myself if necessary. I trudged upward; 50-100 yards later I looked back at my tracks in the unusually early snow, a whole line of my comrades were plodding up the snowy limestone crag too. All right! Donn plodded by me and led the way, keeping some distance from the sheer drop-offs. It didn't take long and we were enjoying the view of the desert valley and recently filled lakes. Sevier Lake looked full!

Notch Peak face is awesome; if you haven't been there it's hard to imagine the scale. Next year I want to explore the area more, hike up Box Canyon Gorge that according to Kurt Alloway, (in a write up I found on the web about the Notch Peak Wilderness Study Area) "...once you're at the bottom you look at this cliff and it's like Yosemite rising up in front of you. And you're standing in a little Douglas fir grove in the midst of an otherwise barren desert."

This fall I finally joined the club, far better than being a perpetual prospective member! The WMC has been a life saver to me. My first trip this spring was possible by using some borrowed ski gear - I was so out of shape, I just barely kept trudging up the creek behind the many King's Peak maniacs as the snow bridges collapsed with the warming day. I made a social blunder the night before by asking one of the oldest if he was going to make the peak - the foolishness! He probably was first on the peak.

During summer I continued challenging myself on a more frequent basis and amazingly all I received was camaraderie and encouragement. When I started this spring, I had high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and my mood and my memory were shot. All that improved - fast! It helped greatly to have cheerful hikers out in front of me (and later - occasionally - behind me!) they helped keep me moving at a good pace, and I found that I could do what I loved again! Thanks to Mother Earth that each leader didn't turn me away from joining in the activity! I met several other hikers that have had drastic health improvements by joining the WMC and becoming active, one that is a huge inspiration to me - Brent Seely. See you out on the trails or socials! Constance Modrow



WMC Triptalk

Canadian Rockies Backpack - July 15 to August 20, 2004 By Steve Glaser

What does one say about a 37-day backpack? Oh, we went up a bunch of passes, down into a lot of pretty valleys, and saw some cool mountains along the way? The weather was pretty good most of the time, but it also rained some? It was nice to see some bighorn sheep up close? Somehow, the standard blurbs just don't capture such a long trip.

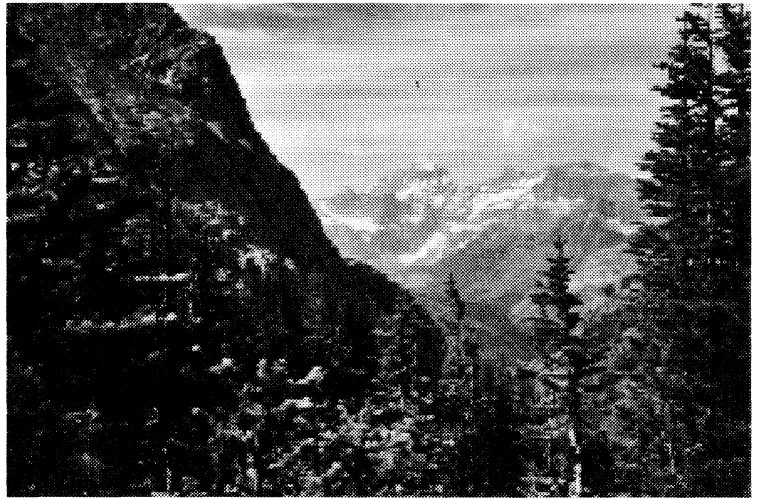
Actually, how long the backpack was depended on how long people wanted it to be. The trip broke down into five legs, so people were on the trip anywhere from 6 days to the entire trip. The legs were designed to start and end at places that were accessible by car, with a bonus (from an organizer's perspective) that people coming onto the trip resupplied the entire party. For all but the last leg, a hot shower was available at these junctures. Other details were involved, but let's just say that a bit of coordination was involved.

The route followed the Great Divide Trail, which is the Canadian continuation of the Continental Divide Trail. The majority of the trip was on established trails, but there was some cross-country travel/bushwacking. Since a full description of the trip is impossible in this space, we'll just give a few snippets.

I did the first eight days of the trip alone, and found that time very rewarding. I enjoyed my solitude during the day, but was appreciative of any company during the evening, and I generally had some. I was much more likely to engage the people met, especially in camp, when by myself. I made a couple of friends from Calgary, who plan on coming down through Utah next spring. I did manage to get lost for several hours on the second day. If you view it as "off route" rather than "lost", it really isn't a big deal. When you have your house on your back and six days before you have to meet someone, why worry? It really doesn't matter if you don't camp where you planned that night. Of course, I didn't figure this out until the next day when I was back on route. More of a concern that night was the bear situation.

Lots of very fresh scat was in evidence, not very far from where I pitched the tent. I didn't find a good place to hang the food, so I just left it under a tree a distance from where I slept. Fortunately, everything was as I left it the next morning, including all of my body parts. My concerns about bears were confirmed when I had a chance to talk to another party that was going up the same drainage. They had encountered a sow grizzly and two cubs from a distance of 10 to 15 feet the previous day. Going into the trip, I liked the idea of seeing grizzlies, but I had something less close up and personal in mind. In fact, for the most part the large mammals weren't to be seen. Evidence of their presence was abundant, whether through tracks or scat, but they were quite shy. The one exception was bighorn sheep, which we saw three herds of during the last two weeks. One herd was particularly bold. We were observing a group of females and a couple of kids from a respectful distance, when several animals decided they wanted to walk beyond us. So they did, with minimal detour. I would guess that their path brought them no more than 7 or 8 feet from us, with the result being that one of them graced last month's Rambler cover.

The food varied from store-bought freeze dried to



gourmet. Bob Grant brought food he had dried himself, and generally outdoing the commercially available varieties. Donn Seeley gathered up mostly fresh ingredients from Salt Lake's various gourmet markets, with only a vague idea of what he would create. Thus, each dinner was a new experiment. While a few things spilled, nothing bombed, and in fact dinner was as good as I've had in the backcountry.

The weather was amazingly good, particularly for the first three weeks where rain was both brief and rare. The start of the fourth leg brought four consecutive days of rain, where feet and gear tended to stay wet most of the time. However, it was at the start of the fourth leg when Craig Steury came on to the trip with his tarp that we used to cook under. The trip also ended at the right time, as a fair bit of snow could be seen in the mountains two days after we got off the trail.

The nicest part of the trip was just being able to walk out in the wilderness day after day. The changing mix of people was a good thing, a refreshing change. I would be nervous about spending so much time with one group of people, where nerves might invariably fray. In fact, I was especially pleased that we were always a compatible bunch, getting along better than we had a right to expect. There was no special feeling of achievement at the end; just the general satisfaction that a lot of time had been well spent.

People on the trip were Bob Grant, Jill Hendricksen, Nathan Markowitz (the latter two from Oregon), Pete Hartley, Craig Steury, Donn Seeley, Annette McMullin, Judy Elizondo, and Steve Glaser.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director. can be listed in The Rambler Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted; to submit my activity to the club: Send your proposed activity for approval to the appropriate director for inclusion in their activity schedule. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

Rules and regulations:

1. **Dogs and children** are not allowed on WMC activities, except when specifically stated in the activity description.
- 2 **Car pool rates:** Gas plus \$0.15/mile, shared by everyone in the vehicle (including the driver) on 2WD roads, OR gas plus \$0.25/mile on 4WD roads.

Notice to Non-Members: Most WMC activities are open to prospective members except when specifically stated in the activity description.

Find out about unofficial 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 outdoor activities. Any use of this service for any other purpose, such as advertising, SPAM, jokes, etc, will result in the loss of privilege. **To subscribe : WMC club email lists:** Send an email to: majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com with the text (not in the header section):

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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

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.

***** 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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Directions to common meeting places for hiking activities:

Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot: between 3800 S. and 3900 S. on Wasatch Blvd. this park and ride lot is CLOSED indefinitely for construction. Use the Skyline lot instead.

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

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: 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,

WHAT ARE 10Es?

The 10 Essentials are: :Map/compass, flashlight, pocketknife, matches/ firestarter, sunscreen/ bugspray, sunglasses, candle, first aid kit ,extra clothes, food and water.

DEC 2 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Clayton Rand (897-8911) and Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will lead a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 am. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "Over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (ie. in case on bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Clayton or Norm. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 am.

DEC 3 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE-HEEL FRIDAY (MOD+ to MSD). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8:30 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Call Mike Kligman for meeting place at 578-0524.

DEC 4 SAT SOCIAL/ SNOWSHOE: LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY. It's the 8th annual soiree at the WMC's Brighton Lodge. At 2 PM we'll snowshoe (NTD/MOD) to Catherine Pass (while the host supplied turkeys are baking (in the Lodge's new ovens), feast on a potluck holiday dinner at 6 PM and then do some caroling around the fireplace. Meet at the lodge. Bring something yummy to share for dinner, snacks to share post snowshoeing, BYOB


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and your willing voice or instrument for the singing. Remember a flashlight for the trip back to the parking lot after dark. Children are welcome. \$3 for WMC members, \$5 for guests. Hosts and turkey suppliers are Bart, LaRae, Dudley, Carol Ann, Christine and Frank. If you have questions try me at frankbernard55@earthlink.net or 533 9219. UTA bus service is available to Brighton. If you wish to carpool meet at Butler Elementary at 1 PM.


DEC 4 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (MOD/MOD+). Join Steve Pritchett for an early season backcountry ski. To verify early season conditions and sign-up, please call or email by Friday at 4PM. Steve would prefer not to exceed 8 in a group. Above 8, we should split out a second group. Plan to have all your key backcountry equipment (457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shovel, food, water, and 10 E's). Knee pads are highly recommended with early season shallow snowpack. Call Steve at 523-9243 or email spritchett@moxtek.com if any questions and to register.

DEC 4 SAT SNOWSHOE: (NTD): ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) likes to sleep in these days, so meet him at a slightly later time for an easy-paced snowshoe to wherever the snow is best! Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:30 am.

DEC 4 SAT SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS FROM ALTA (MOD). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) offers his 2nd high en-



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ergy tour of the winter season- to Catherine's Pass from Alta. Could Tuscarora and Wolverine be a possibility? Avalanche beacons with fresh batteries strongly recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

DEC 5 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: LAKE DESOLATION (NTD). We will follow Mill D North Fork up to the lake and back. A nice early season jaunt. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 10:00 am. Call Bob Cady (274-0250 or ready@xmission.com) for more information.

DEC 5 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER CHOICE BACKCOUNTRY SKI (MOD). Join Brad Yates for a backcountry

ski. 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). Call Brad at 521-4185 if any questions or to register.

DEC 5 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Join Tony Barron (272-8927) for an early season snowshoe to a location suitable for prevailing snow conditions. This will be an NTD trip to help you transition into the rigors of mid and late season snowshoeing! Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

DEC 5 SUN SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD-MOD). Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) will go where the snow is best on this NTD to MOD snowshoe. Give him a call if you have questions. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

DEC 5 SUN SNOWSHOE/HIKE: GRIZZLEY GULCH (MOD+). Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) are heading up Grizzley Gulch. Be prepared for windy conditions. Due to possible avalanche risk, be sure to bring your beacon and shovel. Energy food, water, and the 10 E's! are also needed. Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

DEC 7 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow



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safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor for meeting place. (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com)

DEC 7 TUE 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. For last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

DEC 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.

DEC 9 THU ROBERT FROHBOESE ANNUAL AVALANCHE CLINIC. 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. This clinic will take place at 7:00 pm at the Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church at 3280 E., 3900 S. in Holladay. Refreshments provided. A beacon practice (Part II) will be scheduled to coincide with the talk. Contact Mike Berry (583-4721, mberry@attglobal.net) for information, or to volunteer.

DEC 9 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Clayton Rand (897-8911) and Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will lead a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 am. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "Over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (ie. in case on bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Clayton or Norm. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 am.

DEC 10 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: DEADLINE FOR JANUARY RAMBLER. For January Rambler, scheduling snowshoe ac-

tivities for January 8- February 13, 2005. All proposed ski activities must be sent to Steve Pritchett, ski coordinator (sprite@aol.com, 523-9243) BY THIS DATE.

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DEC 11 SAT AVALANCHE TRANSCEIVER FIELD PRACTICE. Part II of the WMC Clinic: December 11th. (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 INSTRU-



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TORS!

DEC 11 SAT SNOWSHOE: DAY'S FORK (NTD). Holly Smith (272-5358) leads. Plan on going to the first meadow, possibly beyond, depending upon peer pressure! Be prepared for winter conditions (bring your 10 E's!). Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

DEC 11 SAT SNOWSHOE: SCOTT'S PASS (MOD). Judy Elizondo (571-4090) leads. Finals are over and Judy is ready to play! Join her for this Saturday morning jaunt to Scott's Pass. Be prepared for winter conditions (bring your 10 E's!). Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

DEC 12 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CARDIFF FORK (MOD). Bob will go up Cardiff Fork to above the mine, but not as far as the bowl. Call Bob Cady (274-0250, rcady@xmission.com) for information. Bring winter safety gear. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 10:00 am.

DEC 12 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER CHOICE (MOD). Join Brad Yates for a backcountry ski. 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). Call Brad at 521-4185 if any questions or to register.

DEC 12 SUN SNOWSHOE: DOG LAKE VIA MILL D (NTD). Gloria Watson (942-0365) leads. Come prepared for winter conditions and bring your beacon and shovel if you have them. Note the later time to accommodate late risers! Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:30 am.

DEC 12 SUN SNOWSHOE: CATHERINE'S PASS (MOD). Join WMC President Michael Budig (328-4512) on this first trip of the season to Catherine's Pass. Beacons and shovels always welcome! Meet at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am.

DEC 12 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. This tour is in the Lone Peak Wilderness area, which has a limit on group size (Limit: 10). Above 10, we would need to split out a second group and ask for a volunteer to be an organizer. Arrive early to assure you won't get bumped from the tour. Meet at Butler Elementary by 9:00 am. Beacons strongly suggested.

DEC 14 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor for meeting place. (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com)

DEC 14 TUE 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. For last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

DEC 16 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Clayton Rand (897-8911) and Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will lead a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 am. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "Over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (ie. in case on bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Clayton or Norm. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 am.

DEC 17 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE-HEEL FRIDAY (MOD+ to MSD). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8:30 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Call Mike Kligman for meeting place at 578-0524.

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DEC 18 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FARMINGTON/BOUNTIFUL PEAK AREA (MOD). Join Peter Walton for a backcountry ski. Meet behind Davis County library at 9:00 am with all your key backcountry equipment (457 kHz beacon, skins, avalanche shov-

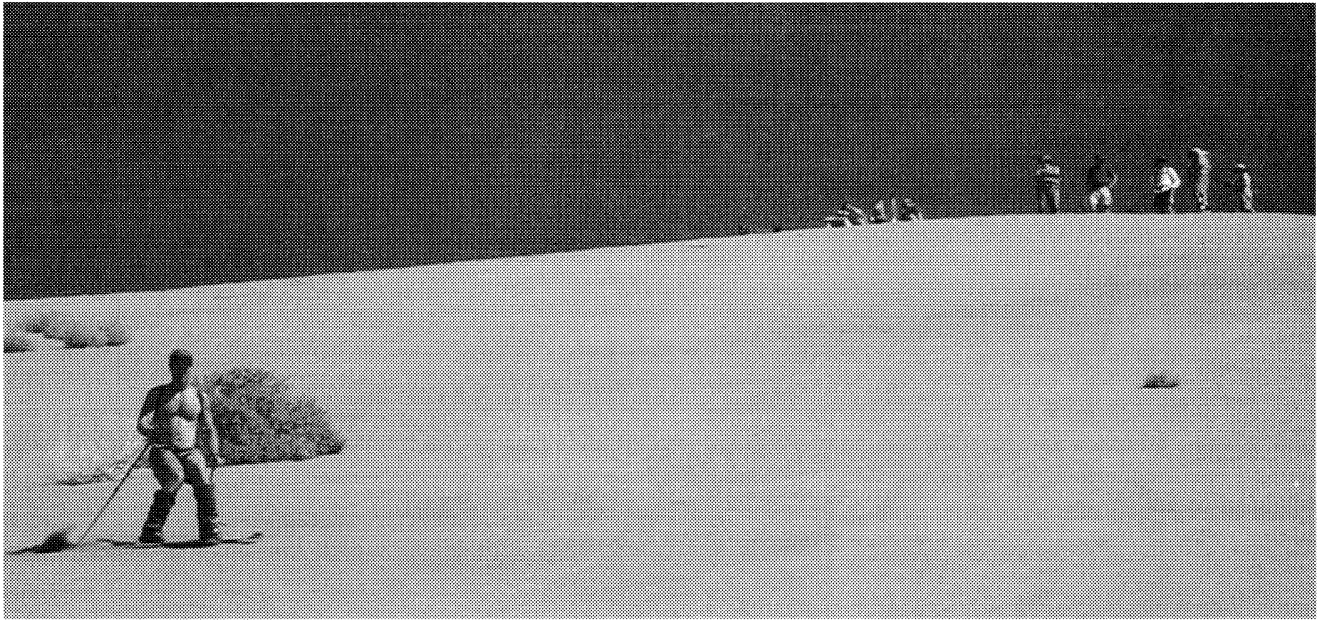
el, food, water, and 10 E's). Call Peter (801) 451-2864 or email peterwalton@ci.ogden.ut.us for directions or if any questions and to register.

the road to the turn-around. This tour is almost 10 miles RT and approximately 1,500 feet elevation gain. Call Bob Cady (274-0250, rcady@xmission.com) for information. Meet at Skyline High School east lot at 10:00 am.

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DEC 19 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER CHOICE



Sand Dunes Brad Yates Photos by Pete Mimmack..

peterwalton@ci.ogden.ut.us for directions or if any questions and to register.

DEC 18 SAT SNOWSHOE: SILVER FORK (EL-NTD). New to snowshoeing??? Do you want to learn? Contance Modrow (287-2508 M-F; 971-5034 Weekends) has a trip for you- all the fun without the worry about getting left behind. (Note: This outing qualifies has Part I of the Audrey Kelly Instructional Clinic- Learn to Snowshoe). Come prepared with snowshoes, poles, and your pack with extra layers. In the Audrey Kelly tradition, bring something to share (snacks, drinks, jokes, or ???) Call Constance with questions. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

DEC 18 SAT SNOWSHOE: UPPER GREEN'S BASIN (MOD). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) lead the first trip of the season into popular Green's Basin at a brisk pace. Mohamed plans to extend the traditional route into upper Green's for a MOD tour. Avalanche beacons with fresh batteries strongly recommended. Meet him at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

DEC 19 SUN SKI TOUR: MILL CREEK CANYON (NTD). Up

DEC 21 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Moderate to long/hard ski

(MOD). Join Brad Yates for a backcountry ski. 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). Call Brad at 521-4185 if any questions or to register.

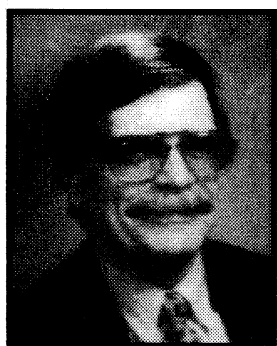
DEC 19 SUN SNOWSHOE: LOWER MINERAL FORK (NTD+). Christel Sysak (943-0316) leads. Cristel allows you to get an extra half hour of sleep, or perhaps arrive early and socialize for awhile if your holiday shopping is done. Bring your usual winter gear and 10 E's. Also bring a beacon and shovel if you have them. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:30 am.

DEC 19 SUN SNOWSHOE: DOGGIE SNOWSHOE TO SALT LAKE OVERLOOK (MOD). Gloria Leonard (274-8810) leads a 'dog day' in Millcreek Canyon, therefore, well-behaved dogs are welcome. This tour crosses into the Mount Olympus Wilderness area, which has a limit on group size (Limit: 10). Above 10, we would need to split out a second group and ask for a volunteer to be an organizer. Arrive early to assure you won't get bumped from the tour. Meet at Skyline High School lot by 9:00 am.

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DEC 23 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Clayton Rand (897-8911) and Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will lead a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 am. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "Over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (ie. in case on bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Clayton or Norm. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 am.

DEC 24 FRI 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 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZER CHOICE

QUANZA BACKCOUNTRY SKI/RIDE (MOD). Join Lisa Verzella for a 'Quanza' backcountry ski/ride tour. You better ask Lisa what the quanza means or just join her to find out. 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). Call Lisa at 554-4135 if questions or to register.

DEC 25 SAT 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 26 SUN SKI TOUR: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD). Work off a few calories with a trip around Silver Fork. Call Bob Cady (274-0250, ready@xmission.com) for information. Meet at Butler School at 10:00 am.

DEC 26 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: CARDIFF FORK TO MINE (NTD). Join Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) for an easier tour after that big Christmas celebration. 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 26 SUN SNOWSHOE: DAY'S FORK SNOWSHOE (NTD). Carol Anderson (485-0877) leads. Bring your usual winter gear and perhaps something to share! Meet at Butler Elementary School at 9:00 am.

DEC 26 SUN SNOWSHOE: WHITE FIR PASS (NTD). Sleep late (it's a holiday weekend) and join Mark Jones (486-5354) for a little "work off-the-Christmas-dinner" snowshoe in Millcreek Canyon. This tour crosses into the Mount Olympus Wilderness area, which has a limit on group size (Limit: 10). Above 10, we would need to split out a second group and ask for a volunteer to be an organizer. Arrive early to assure you won't get bumped from the tour. Meet Mark at Skyline High School lot by 10:00 am.

DEC 26 SUN SNOWSHOE: RED PINE LAKE (MOD-MSD). The indomitable Tom Walsh (487-1336) is setting aside his skis, and strapping on his snowshoes for this challenging trek at a steady pace to Red Pine (or maybe White Pine??). The group will need to stay together. (9.0 mile RT and 2,400 feet elevation gain). Bring your beacon, shovel, 10E's, high-energy food and drink, and your avalanche awareness. (Note: beacon and shovel needed due to proximity to slide paths near the dam). This tour may occur in the Lone Peak Wilderness area, which has a limit on group size (Limit: 10). Above 10, we would need to split out a second group and ask for a volunteer to be an organizer. Arrive early to assure you won't get bumped from the tour. Call Tom for more information. Meet at Butler Elementary by 9:00 am.

DEC 28 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow

safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor for meeting place. (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com)

DEC 28 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) for time and location (Open to all). IT'S ALL DONE BY VOLUNTEERS!!!

DEC 30 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Clayton Rand (897-8911) and Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will lead a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 am. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where snowshoeing is an adventure. Join the "Over the hill" bunch and expect a pace suitable to all and a destination determined at the time of departure. To confirm the outing (ie. in case on bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Clayton or Norm. Meet at the Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road) at 9:15 am.

DEC 31 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: FREE-HEEL FRIDAY (MOD+ to MSD). Moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually but not always in the tri-canyons, with 8:30 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate and dependable gear, snow safety and avalanche search training, and safe winter travel skills are essential. Call Mike Kligman for meeting place at 578-0524.

winter clothing & transportation, call Mike Berry at 583-4721 by Wednesday, December 29th.

JAN 4 TUE 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. For last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at vinedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

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JAN 8 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: BEARTRAP FORK (NTD+). This will be a "Ease into the backcountry" event. The terrain will be MOD but the pace will be NTD. Hopefully in December you will be getting your legs and lungs in shape and reminding your body how to telemark by ski-

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JAN 1 SAT SNOWSHOE: ORGANIZER'S CHOICE (NTD). Join Mary Ann Losee (278-2423) for a kinder, gentler trip into Mill Creek Canyon to help you clear out the effects of New Year's Eve. Bring warm layers, snacks, and your 10 E's. Meet at Skyline High parking lot at 9:00 am.

JAN 1 SAT SNOWSHOE: MID-MORNING 'SHOO (MOD). Start the new year right! We'll go up to Dog Lake via Mill D and then depending upon snow conditions, plan to go down Butler Fork. This will involve a minor car shuttle. Let your party-weary body sleep until a decent hour of the morning to work off the ill effects of New Year's Eve, 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) if you need more information. Bring your winter safety gear, 10 E's. Beacons advised.

JAN 2 SUN AUDREY KELLY LEARN TO SKI/SNOWSHOE CLINIC (EL). This clinic is intended to provide lessons and a learning environment so a student can acquire some basic cross country skiing/snowshoe skills. The plan is to group one instructor per 3 to 4 students. We will practice at the Beaver Creek Trail in the Uintas. To register, volunteer to teach, or discuss equipment/

ing at the resorts or at Alta's "free after 3". Please bring a beacon, shovel, avalanche probe, warm clothes, food for lunch, water, a 2-way radio if you have one and ski gear in good condition. Expect to be out all day, though it is likely we will be back to the cars by 3:00 pm. You might find a partner to haul you back out of the snow. Meet at Butler Elementary School at 8:45 am for a 9:00 am start. Let's hope for nice weather. More info at heidi@biochem.utah.edu

JAN 8 SAT SNOWSHOE: RATTLESNAKE GULCH (NTD-TURTLE). Joan Proctor (474-0275) leads it slow and easy and invites all of you who like a "kinder, gentler hike" to join her. Joan says "well-behaved rabbits welcome, but must be willing to go at a Turtle pace!" As always, be sure to bring snacks, water, and your 10 E's. Meet Joan at Skyline High parking lot at 9:00 am.

JAN 9 SUN SKI TOUR: NORWAY FLATS (UINTAS)(NTD). Bob promises to turn around before he gets too far. Call Bob Cady (274-0250, rcady@xmission.com) for information. Carpool rate is .15 per mile per vehicle plus gas. F.S. fee is \$3.00. Meet at the Parleys Way K Mart at 9:00 am.

JAN 9 SUN SNOWSHOE: NEFF'S CANYON TO MEADOW

(MOD). A new tour that covers almost 3 miles and gains about 2,500 feet, Barb Hansen (485-0132) will lead you on one of her favorite trips- to a bowl of jagged limestone cliffs with a great view. Since this is a lower elevation tour, snow conditions may require a change. Bring beacon and shovel if you have them. This tour is in the Mount Olympus Wilderness area, which has a limit on group size (Limit: 10). Above 10, we would need to split out a second group and ask for a volunteer to be an organizer. Arrive early to assure you won't get bumped from the tour. Meet Barb at Skyline High School Parking Lot at the adjusted (later) time of 9:30 am.

tonwood canyon. 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). Call Peter (801) 451-2864 if any questions or to register.

JAN 16 SUN SNOWSHOE: LOWER SILVER FORK (NTD-TURTLE). Nancy Phillips (942-8953) plans to take a leisurely-paced trip. This area is mostly forested and provides protection from the dreaded avalanche. The avalanche rating is 'M' for minimal. Bring snacks and drinks. Meet Nancy at Butler Elementary at the adjusted

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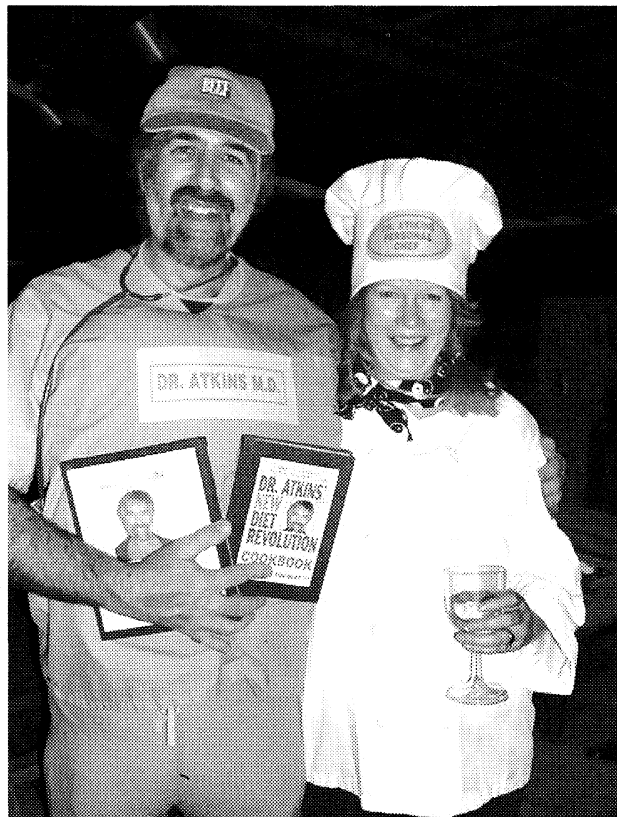
Jan 11 Permit Party Larry Gwin
435-647-3642 ljgpenuel@yahoo.com
Tuesday, January 11, 2005 @ 6:30 PM (1830) Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church (3280 East 3900 South). We'll have the permits, envelopes and stamps. We'll have people there to help you complete the forms. Plus there'll be bringing goodies, (in case we didn't gain enough weight over the Holidays). Everyone please bring a potluck. Sorry No Booze. Please RSVP. Hope to see you then.

JAN 11 TUE 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. For last minute details, join the WMC Snowshoe email list for automatic notices and updates for all Tuesday Snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace at vincedesimone@yahoo.com or you can call him at 435-649-6805.

JAN 15 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: POWDER PARK AREA (MOD). Join Peter Walton for a backcountry ski at one of the powder parks in Big Cot-

time (later) of 9:30 am.

JAN 17 MON SKI TOUR: LIBERTY TO AVON ROAD (NORTHERN WASATCH)(MOD). This tour provides access to a wonderful high plateau that overlooks the Ogden River Valley to the south and Cache Valley to the north. The tour originates in the Liberty area. Michael Berry suggests light metal-edged backcountry skis. Meet at the Utah Travel Council lot (just south of the State Capitol Bldg.) by 7:45 am. Call Michael (583-4721) for



Zim and Bonnie Zananti: Dr and Mrs Atkins Halloween2004 photo by Vivien Lee

info/alternate meeting sites north of SLC.

JAN 22 SAT SOCIAL: ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET. The WMC would like everyone to plan to attend their GREAT EVENT!! Come to the Jewish Community Center (2 North Medical Drive) at 6:45 PM for cocktails and talk with friends. Dinner at 7:00 followed by awards and then, once again, fun, fast, and lively dancing to the Disgusting Brothers, with slow stuff during the breaks. Everything you always wanted!! Cost is \$25.00 and BYOB. Send your money to Jeanine Kuhn @ 516 12th Ave, SLC, UT 84103 by Jan 14. Questions call Jeanine@ 808-5097.

JAN 29 SAT – FEB 2 WED ICE CLIMBING: OURAY, COLORADO A condominium has been reserved for Saturday through Tuesday nights in Ouray for a comfortable base camp while climbing in Ouray's famous ice park. Your spot on the trip will not be secure until your \$100 NON REFUNDABLE deposit is received. (This \$100 basically covers the cost of your lodging). If the trip is not subscribed adequately to support the condominium rental by December 17, the reservation and the trip will be cancelled. Call Craig Homer @ 201-0813 or email him @ sail2mountains@earthlink.net for details and reservation information.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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MAR 25 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 ACTIVITIES

NOV 6 SAT – MAR 27 SUN SNOWSHOE: SHOW AND GO. Snowshoers meet each weekend date at Butler Elementary at 9:00 am whenever no other trips are published in the Rambler or listed on the WMC website. These trips are generally at a moderate level, however, join the snowshoe email list for late trip announcements planned by subscribers. NOTE: These trips are not official WMC activities unless approved by the activity director AND published

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DEC 12 SUN WASATCH WOMEN'S SKI LIKE A GIRL: ALTA SKI AREA. In response to the enthusiastic participation of previous seasons, the Wasatch Telemark Association (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 12th, and The Canyons will host on January 29th. For now, contact Laynee (801-231-1160) or Lori (801-424-3961) for more information.

DEC 18 SAT FIRST TIME AND BEGINNING TELEMAR SKIING CLINIC: SOLITUDE SKI AREA. The 13th annual Utah Winter Games (UWG) clinic 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 \$37. Free rentals or demos are available, or you can bring your own equipment.

DEC 19 SUN INTERMEDIATE TELEMAR SKIING CLINIC: ALTA SKI AREA. The 13th annual Utah Winter Games (UWG) clinic 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 or full-day lift ticket. Bring telemark ski equipment.

JAN 29 SAT WASATCH WOMEN'S SKI LIKE A GIRL: THE CANYONS SKI AREA. In response to the enthusiastic participation of previous seasons, the Wasatch Telemark Association (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 12th, and The Canyons will host on January 29th. For now, contact Laynee (801-231-1160) or Lori (801-424-3961) for more information.

DEC 2004
CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES

DATE	RACE	TECHNIQUE	LOCATION/START
Sat., Dec 4	White Pine/TUNA Relay both (3x5)		White Pine 10:00
Sat., Dec 11	Wasatch Cit.Ser./SH SuperTour class (5/10)		Soldier Hollow 10:00
Sun., Dec 12	Soldier Hollow SuperTour class. Sprint		Soldier Hollow 10:00
Wed., Dec 15	Soldier Hollow SuperTour purs (15/30)		Soldier Hollow 10:00
Sat., Dec 18	Soldier Hollow SuperTour free (10/15)		Soldier Hollow 10:00
SH Youth Festival		free	Soldier Hollow 12:00
Sun., Dec 19	Soldier Hollow SuperTour team sprint		Soldier Hollow 10:00
Sat., Jan 3	Wasatch Cit.Series	free (15)	White Pine 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



GroupShot-FirstTuesSnowshoe2004

In mid-winter deep snow, we toured the old mine sites in the Empire Canyon of Deer Valley. From left to right: Cheryl Soshnik, Donna Fisher, Mike Clutier, Norm Pobanz, and Marilyn Bickley

REI Presentations for December

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.

INTRODUCTION TO AVALANCHE AWARENESS: Thursday, December 2nd, 7pm.

The Avalanche Forecast Center staff is nationally recognized as leaders in avalanche education and the communication of critical avalanche information to the public. Their 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 you get a seat.

WOMEN'S SNOWSHOEING WORKSHOP: Wednesday, December 8th, 7pm.

Come join Atlas, REI, and a host of other sponsors for an exciting snowshoe workshop designed specifically for women. From how to choose the right snowshoe, to what to wear, to how to safely plan your trip, you are guaranteed to learn all the essential snowshoeing tips and tricks.

SALT LAKE CITY - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the SLC REI, located at 3285 East & 3300 South.

WOMEN'S SNOWSHOEING WORKSHOP: Tuesday, December 7th, 7pm.

Come join Atlas, REI, and a host of other sponsors for an exciting snowshoe workshop designed specifically for women. From how to choose the right snowshoe, to what to wear, to how to safely plan your trip, you are guaranteed to learn all the essential snowshoeing tips and tricks.

INTRODUCTION TO AVALANCHE AWARENESS: Tuesday, December 14th, 7pm.

The Avalanche Forecast Center staff is nationally recognized as leaders in avalanche education and the communication of critical avalanche information to the public. Their 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 you get a seat.

Please Complete Both Sides

Wasatch Mountain Club

New Member Application

(And Reinstatement of Previous Members)

Do Not Use this Form for Regular Annual Membership Renewal

Please read carefully and fill out completely.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I/we am/are applying for:	Check one:	_____ Single	Birth Date(s) _____
	_____ New Membership	_____ Couple	_____
		_____ Student (Must be 30 years or younger.)	_____
	_____ 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).

Enclosed is \$ _____ for one year's dues and application fee. Checks or 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 WMC from _____

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

Leave Blank – For Office Use Only

Receipt/Check # _____ Amount Received \$ _____ Date Received _____ By _____

Board Approval Date _____

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

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

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

I verify this statement by placing my initials here: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

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

Witness signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

ACTIVITY SURVEY

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

Hiking: ___ easy day hike ___ moderate day hike ___ advanced day hike ___ car camp ___ backpack ___ sailing ___ out-of-town trip mountaineering	Boating: ___ trip leader ___ instruction ___ equipment Skiing: ___ NTD tour ___ MOD tour ___ MSD tour Climbing: ___ Wasatch climb ___ out-of-town trip ___ winter Bicycling: ___ road bike tour ___ mountain bike tour ___ camping tour Other outings: ___ snowshoe tour ___ caving ___ 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 youll help by checking off activities below.

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

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

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

How can we reach you? NAME _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____

Check the Web at
www.wasatchmountainclub.org

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