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From the President by Michael Budig

The Wasatch Mountain Club succeeds because of the effort of its board and its members. I am often amazed at the efforts I see from fellow board members- including Will McCarvill for Conservation and Donn Seeley for hiking, to name a few.

It is nearly time to start the process of selecting a new board for next year... and I am very pleased to know that most board members are willing to serve another year. It appears that Tom Walsh will not run again as Trustee for next year and Donn Seeley will not run as Hiking Director. In addition, it looks like there will be an open positions in Mountaineering as Craig Homer will not run again- and Bret Smith may not run again for Information Director. Will McCarvill may run again, but wants a Conservation Co-Director and Heidi Schubert

will step down as Publications Co-Director, leaving Vivien Lee and an opening for a Co-Director. And Clayton Rand will step down as Lodge Co-Director, leaving Dave Rabinger and an opening for a Co-Director.

I encourage people to volunteer to run for these positions, especially if contacted by the Nominations Committee. I also want to make it clear that Club members may volunteer to run for any position, even if there is an incumbent who is willing to serve again.

I wish to thank members who have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. So far, this consists of Liz Cordova (801) 486-0909 Elizabeth.Cordova@granite.k12.ut.us and Michael Berry (801) 583-4721 Mberryxc@earthlinl.net

I am currently searching for a third member for the committee and again encourage people to volunteer- and encourage others in the club to do the same.

LODGE:

There has been a lot of work done at the lodge this year- and I want to thank and congratulate the directors, Dave Rabinger and Clayton Rand and club members who have contributed at the work parties. The lodge is looking good and producing more rental income to help offset some of the capital and ongoing expenses.



WMC Purpose:

(Article II of the WMC Constitution)

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



Conservation Notes by Will Carvill

November 2005:

The Wasatch Mountain Club is wrapping up a year its members can be proud of in regards to community service. We are a part of the social fabric of the Salt Lake Valley and it is rewarding to me to see how my fellow members have contributed their time, energy and money.

Open Space Preservation



The Club donated \$5,000 towards the purchase of Parley's Parcel which is located at the mouth of Parley's Canyon. This will preserve our trail access to Grandeur Peak as well as the climbing area.



The Club contributed \$2,900 towards the purchase of Perkin's Flat just east of Ruth's diner.

Both areas are critical winter habitat for mammals, provide access to hiking trails, and are important visual and recreation resources. In each case the Club's contributions were heavily leveraged by foundations and helped local communities achieve noble goals.

Adopt-a-Highway



The Club has responsibility for the section of Wasatch Boulevard between I-215 and the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. We have had a steady core of volunteers that can now get the job done in 3 hours or less. This opens the afternoon for them to enjoy. Kyle Williams took over the organizer role from Randy Long and has kept the (golf)ball rolling.



Year of Trail Maintenance Accomplishments

Chris Biltoft has done an outstanding job in coordinating our efforts with the Forest Service and other organizations. Here is his report.



"Last winter's deep snowpack produced substantial spring runoff and the consequent erosion damaged many Wasatch trails.

Emergency erosion control drove our selection of projects, which included Mill B North Fork in June and Mill D North Fork in July. In each case, erosion had destroyed existing trail stabilization structures (lower Mill B), or created deep ruts (stream-side trail section in Mill D North), rendering trail conditions dangerous. Under Forest Service guidance, we succeeded in restoring the damaged sections of these trails. August took us to the Katherine's Pass trail in Albion Basin, and in September we created a new half-mile section of the Lake Mary Trail. If you have not already done so, please walk the new section of trail and note how much better it is than tramping up and down a dusty road.

The satisfaction of knowing that we have helped to keep our trails open is its own reward, but the value of the effort goes far beyond this. The current political reality is that the Forest Service does not, and is unlikely in the foreseeable future to have the funding or manpower to accomplish all the needed trail work themselves. They must rely on volunteer assistance from the Mountain Club, Save Our Canyons, and others. There are many pressures on our Wasatch Mountains, and our maintenance efforts place us at the table when trail decisions are made. Thus, trail maintenance helps the Club maintain a vital role in Wasatch Mountain recreation management.

Special thanks to David Andrenyak, Richard Jirik, Bob Meyer, Larry Swanson, Alexis Kelner, Martin McGregor, Will McCarvill, and Dave Parry, who provided help on multiple projects this year. We are currently in the planning stage for next year, and solicit project suggestions. Next year's projects are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month, June through September. We have useful things to do for people with all ability and skill levels, so please consider joining us next year. The Forest Service may also offer trail maintenance training. Please contact Chris Biltoft (marychris@sisna.com, 364 5729) for further information."

Winter Sports Director's Message

November 2005 Greg Libecci

As I write it's October 6th and the Wasatch has had its first snowfall with Alta reporting 10 inches! Hopefully by the time you read this much more snow will have fallen and the snowshoes and skis will have made their way down from the attic.

The **Robert Frohboese Memorial Avalanche Clinic** dates are set. Bruce Tremper from the Utah Avalanche Center will kick things off on **December 14th** with his informative talk and slide show. Then, Saturday the 17th will be the practical clinic where we will practice beacon recovery. (See activity listings for details)

During the Winter Sports Planning Meeting it was suggested that the club offer a series of beginner backcountry ski activities. The idea is to begin in January and have multiple weekends where the emphasis is on basic backcountry skills. Practice with the beacon, tips on skinning, slope angle measurement, basic Wasatch navigation, etc. The organizers will then take the group out for some climbing and a few turns. These will be NTD + and participants will be expected to have some experience skiing, have the proper backcountry gear (see the Winter Sports Policy listing in this Rambler). Participants will be required to pre-register so the organizer can control the number in the group, which will be capped at 7. If you are a skier and want to "break the ice" and get an introduction to the backcountry, this could be the chance you have been waiting for. Keep your eye out for the first listing and get out NOW with your gear and practice at the resort.

I encourage all backcountry enthusiasts to log on the **Utah Avalanche Center** web site and get familiar with the wealth of information it provides. You can also register to receive daily avalanche condition reports. **801-364-1581** <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/>

Organizers PLEASE think about your favorite trips and call your coordinator with a date. We are a volunteer organization and if YOU don't organize a trip, well, there just ain't no club! Ski trip organizers contact Steve Pritchett: (801) 859-8670 or email: spritchett@moxtek.com and Snowshoe organizers contact Cheryl Soshnik: 435-649-9008 or email: csoshnik@yahoo.com.

To keep up on what's going on with planned Rambler trips and last minute trips join the email list specific to your activity. To subscribe to the snowshoe email list, send an email to: majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com with body text that reads "Subscribe wmc-snowshoe. To subscribe to the ski email list, send an email to: majordomo@haas.dsl.xmission.com with body text that reads "Subscribe wmc-ski."

Feel free to drop me an email to let me know your thoughts regarding the program.

Cheers! Be safe.

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Think snow



Find out what's going on!

If you would like to hear about the future social activities we have in the works, be sure to sign up on the "NEW" social email list. Just access the WMC website and in the left hand column go to email lists. Follow that to the social list and the directions. That way you can mark your calendar and avoid missing the fun.

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Lowe Peak summit team with Alex Rudd as photographer.

WMC Winter Sports Policy

October 6, 2005

Overview

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. The core program includes snowshoe tours, backcountry tours, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and out-of-town trips (e.g. yurt and winter camping trips). The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Class is held in December each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic is held in January of each year. At least one telemark clinic is held each year.

General Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers

The winter sports program adopts the guidelines for hiking organizers, published in the Wasatch Mountain Club Policies handout. Please take the time to review these before organizing backcountry trips. If you do not have these please make sure to get them. In addition to the hiking guidelines special considerations are necessary for winter activities. Planning your destination and route is the key to a successful trip. You should always try to carpool or utilize UTA transit options in the Wasatch Canyons. Help people understand what the outing involves so that they can decide whether they should be on the trip. The organizer may use his/her discretion as to the equipment and skills necessary for a safe and successful tour. The organizer may evaluate the equipment and capabilities of skiers/snowshoers and turn away people who aren't prepared for the outing. You can check their clothing and gear by eye, and ask questions about their experience and fitness. Make sure that everyone going on the trip signs the release form and therefore acknowledges the risk involved and that it's their responsibility to be prepared.

Talk to the group and reach an understanding of when to turn back. The group is only as strong as the weakest link. Pay attention to the health and fitness of the group. You could run out of time to return before dark, or the conditions might turn ominous. Participants disagreeing with the organizer can choose to withdraw from a trip after clearly notifying the organizer, and preferably, at least one other witness. Skiers/snowshoers should return to the trailhead with a buddy, and be sure that the organizer understands your route. Large groups should be subdivided with appointment of a second organizer and separation of the parties into a 'fast group' and 'slow group'. Have fun.

Equipment Guidelines for Winter Sports Organizers and Participants

All trip participants are responsible for their own equipment and preparedness. Be self-sufficient at all times, and be prepared to assist others when necessary. Carry necessary supplies for changes in conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. In addition to the "Ten Essentials" (re: Seattle Mountaineers), which are emergency items you should have in your pack at all times, the following items are sometimes carried on winter sports trips: climbing skins, transceivers (dual-frequency or 457 mHz), shovel, probe, repair kit, headlamp, and rope.

The organizer has the discretion to require any of these additional equipment items for group safety considerations. The general guideline is to require transceivers and shovels on MOD and above trip ratings. Of course, participants may always choose to take these additional items. If participants are unsure of what the trip involves and if certain equipment items will be required, please ask the organizer beforehand or at the meeting place. If beacons are required, the group should consider whether to conduct a beacon signal test before the tour and a practice avalanche search during the tour.

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

If possible, carefully review and then bookmark the Utah Avalanche Center web site. Also register to receive daily avalanche forecasts. These reports are helpful in determining current conditions and worth checking daily to keep up on the "history" of the snow pack..

Utah Avalanche Forecast Center: 801-364-1581
<http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/>

1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as poles.
3. Be alert following periods of steady snowfall—that's when most avalanches occur.
4. Slopes with angles of 25 to 50 degrees are most likely to slide.
5. Cornices, or overhanging shelves of snow, can build up along ridges and can fall, triggering ava-

lanches. When traveling along ridges, avoid the edges.

6. When traveling through potentially unstable terrain, spread out and cross slopes one at a time, keeping close watch for sliding or settling of the snow.

7. Most avalanches start above timberline, on slopes opposite the prevailing wind. Heavily forested slopes are less likely to slide.

8. Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snowpack.

9. Check with local forecasters and outdoor travelers for conditions and hazards.

10. Only one in three avalanche victims buried without a beacon survives. But if you're caught in an avalanche, try to escape by grabbing a tree or rock. If you fall, get rid of your skis, poles and pack and "swim" on the slide to stay toward the surface. When the avalanche stops, try to stay near the surface and make an air pocket.

Winter Touring Etiquette

1. Parties should try to stay away from one another as best they can.

2. People need to be encouraged to keep their tracks close together in crowded areas.

3. Break trails that will be useful to everyone who follows.

4. Pay attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others).

5. Share observations about potentially dangerous snow and avalanche conditions.

6. During the ascent you should keep an eye out for the person behind you.

Useful phone numbers:

Utah Highway Patrol,
road conditions – 801-964-6000

Avalanche Forecast Center – 801-364-1581

Safe Backcountry Ski Travel Techniques:

(Copied from the Utah Avalanche Center web site: www.avalanche.org)

One at a time. There always needs to be someone left in a safe spot to do the rescue. Never put everyone on the slope at once. With large groups, split them in half and stay in visual and voice contact.

Have an escape route planned. Always think avalanche. What will you do if you trigger an avalanche? Have a plan first.

Use slope cuts. Keep your speed up and cut across the starting zone, so that if you do trigger an avalanche, your momentum can carry you off the moving slab into safer terrain. You can do this on skis, snowboards or on snowmobiles.

Watch out for cornices. They always break farther back than you think. Always give them a wide berth. NEVER, NEVER walk out to the edge of a drop-off without first checking it out. Many people have needlessly died this way.

What are the alternatives? Use terrain to your advantage. Follow ridges, thick trees and slopes with safer consequences. You can almost always go back the way you came. The route got you there, it will most likely get you back as well.

If there's no other choice, go underground. You can almost always weather out a bad storm or bad avalanche conditions by digging a snow cave in a protected area. You may be uncomfortable but you will be alive.

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-NTDM	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road Elbow Fork	EL-NTDM	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTDM	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 Hobble 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-NTDM	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	Grizzley 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
Wastach	Catherine's Pass from Brighton	MOD A!	5.0	1500	

MOD RATINGS cont:

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
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

MSD RATINGS Cont

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Big 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).

MARKETPLACE

This area is free for members placing ads for used, recreational gear or for private and non-commercial and not-for-profit activities. To submit an add to the Marketplace email ads to wmc@xmission.com by the 10th of the month before publication. Non WMC members \$5.00 up to 20 words, \$.20 per additional word.

New MSR snowshoes \$95.
vincedesimone@yahoo.com or call after 20
Nov. 435 649 6805.

FOR SALE '02 MAZDA - Mazda Protégé
moon roof; extra clean; 30mpg * all maintenance
records * [ONLY 35,000 miles] Contact Carol
Ann Langford 583.2787 #3120 or 255.4713
"driven by little old lady on Sundays!"

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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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.

*****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.

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.

The WMC Lodge

The WMC club lodge is located at the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The lodge is used for a variety of WMC social functions, but can also be rented out for personal use (Full or half-day basis). Recent renovation to the lodge include the installation of flush toilets and shower. The two dormitory-style rooms on the second floor provide sleeping accommodation for about 20 people. The kitchen contains a stove and refrigerator, but is not stocked with utensils or culinary items. **All** users of the lodge are expected clean up the lodge after use. Contact Julie Mason at 278-2535 for reservations.

WMC Club Member Rates

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

Non WMC Member Rates

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

Weddings and/or Wedding Receptions

WMC members \$400/24 hour period
Non-WMC members \$500/24 hour period



It's winter again - Look for emails asking for help shoveling snow off the lodge roof.



**The
WMC
Wants
you!**

The Lodge needs constant care and WMC members have come to the rescue since 1929. Do you share to keep this club tradition in working condition. Come use your carpentry skills, or just help clean. Call Clayton Rand at 288-0251 or David Rabiger 964-8190 or send email caretakerwmc@yahoo.com to volunteer. Ask for a list of very specific items that need your help and attention and the hand tools and equipment needed to get the job done. We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

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

Lodge Parties:

Harvest Party November 19th

Halloween Party November 29th

Directions to The 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). Wear walking shoes, carry a flashlight for the hike down,

Lodge Email list.

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.

Come Apply for Boating Permits With US!

Next YEARS BOATING ACTIVITIES:

January

10 / 1 day

Permit Party

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Larry Gwin

435-647-3642 ljgpenuel@yahoo.com

We'll be having the **Permit Party on Tuesday January 10**. Please be sure to send in and get your permit applications. Stay tuned to the Rambler and the Boating Email for any additional information. 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.

Colorado River, **West Water Canyon & Delores River** – Westwater River Permits; Bureau of Land Management, (BLM); Grand Resource Area; 82 E Dogwood #G, Moab, UT. 84532-2968, 435-259-2196

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

San Juan River, San Juan River Permits, BLM, San Juan Resources Area; PO Box 7; Monticello,

UT.84535, 435-587-2144

Colorado River, **Grand Canyon River** Permits, Grand Canyon National Park; Box 129; Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023; 520-638-7843

Green River, **Canyon of Lodore** River Permits; Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40, Dinosaur, CO. 81610, 970-374-2468

Yampa River, River Permits, Dinosaur National Monument; 4545 Hwy 40, Dinosaur, Co. 81610; 970-374-2468

Green River, **Desolation/Gray Canyons** Wilderness River Permits; BLM, Prive River Resource Area; 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501; 435-636-3622

Middle Fork of the Salmon River Permits and Info; Middle Fork Ranger District, PO 750, Challis, ID. 83226, 208-879-4112

Main Salmon River Permits and Info, North Fork Ranger District, PO Box 180, North Fork, ID. 83466; 208-865-2725

Salmon River :Lower River Permits, 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

Verde River, River Permits, Verde Ranger Station, Prescott National Forest, Star Route 1, Box 1100, Camp Verde, AZ. 86322, 520-567-4121



Photos from Bret Mathews

Group shot from July 3-4 Payette River Trip. - the paddle boat is entering a rapid named "Howard's Plunge", names (clockwise from the captain in the back) to go with the faces are Roger Upwall, Gou Bahn, Noel DeNevers, Frank Fullmer, Dennis Stong, Dave Stanley, and Greg Bahn.



The right hand shot is from the May 15-16 Beginners Trip, first timer paddle boaters Mary Ann and Glen enjoying the scenery on the Moab Daily stretch of the Colorado River.

Cedar mountains Trip Talk Donn Seeley:

The Cedar Mountains are a low but rugged range in the West Desert, south of I-80 on the east side of the Bonneville salt flats. Nobody paid a lot of attention to the Cedar Mountains over the years, which made them a great place to visit. The Utah Wilderness Coalition recognized this grand neglect by including the Cedars in their BLM wilderness proposal.

To everyone's surprise, the Cedars are the first significant patch of BLM wilderness in Utah to make it through Congress. Some folks thought that putting wilderness in the Cedars might help to prevent the development of the Goshute Indian Reservation in neighboring Skull Valley as a "temporary" high-level nuclear waste repository. The measure was attached to an appropriations bill that the House passed recently, so it looks pretty good. Coincidentally, this is the 20th anniversary of the Utah Wilderness Coalition, of which the Club is a member, so we finally had some good news about wilderness.

Nine of us took a visit to the Cedars on Saturday, Oct. 15, to see what we'd won. I put together a semi-exploratory route to the nameless, cliff-bound high point of the range. We ran out of time before reaching the top, but we hit a lot of high points in spite of that. I liked the narrow canyons and pour-offs in the



**Sharon headed down a narrow canyon
- photo by Donn**



**(some of) The Group: Dale, Tom, Bret and Sharon.
-photo by Donn.**

foothill

country, and I'd love to go back and explore more of that area. We saw a lot of animals, both on the trail and on the drive down the west side bench road. The wild horses looked surprisingly healthy this year. We saw a big buck deer bounding down a narrow canyon, and a big herd of does and fawns crossing a hill. A

jackrabbit and a (rattle-?) snake made appearances in the canyon bottom. On the drive back, with lightning striking around us and fat raindrops turning the dust on my windshield to mud, we saw a lone coyote loping through the tall grass.

It was a beautiful day and we had a great group of people. Thanks to Will McCarvill, Sharon Vinick, Bret Bailey, Barb Hanson, Tom Walsh, Cheryl Soschnik, Brent Seely and Dale Woodward for making it such a nice trip. (I promised Sharon that I would schedule a Cedars hike next year and budget enough time to reach the summit!) --

Donn Seeley
(see also - cover photo)

Leader's Party Oct 1st 2005

Most of the time, the only rewards of a successful hike/bike/climb/boat/ski or snowshoe are the physical exertion, social stimulus and the views. If you are lucky, you brought your camera and can remember the adventure for weeks to come, until another adventure catches your attention and you head off in another direction. But once a year, the WMC tries to thank its volunteer members as only a volunteer, non-profit club can – we buy you dinner. The Leader's Party is a once a year event where everyone who has organized a club activity is invited to the Lodge for a social feast. The club may have a board of directors, but it wouldn't last very long without the day-to-day volunteers. We thank you, and hope you will continue to volunteer in the future.

For those not invited, the calendar year turns over October 1st – contact your favorite director and volunteer today – it's what the WMC is all about.



**President Mike Budig -
introducing the directors.**



**Climbing Director Craig Homer
thanking his crew - this is his last
year as director - thanks Craig.**



**New Winter Sports director, Greg Libecchi thank-
ing people he has never met, but hopes will volun-
teer again this year.**

Grand Gulch by Signe Gines

Grand Gulch is a truly unique location in Southeastern Utah. The Anasazi, translated “Ancient Ones” flourished in the Grand Gulch between 700 and 2,000 years ago. The fact that so many sites remain and that they are in such excellent condition, makes Grand Gulch a special area.

The earliest known Anasazi inhabitants of Grand Gulch were the Basketmakers, who lived here from A.D. 200 to 700. The culture is thought to have derived from earlier nomad hunters and gatherers and when the nomadic people learned to plant and cultivate, they became more settled and the Basketmaker culture evolved.

The Basketmakers constructed their dwellings by digging a shallow pit, building up walls and a roof of logs and sticks, then covering them with mud. They constructed tools from the surrounding flint and wood. The most prevalent remains of the Basketmaker culture in the Gulch are the slab-lined storage granaries, which

can still be seen on the mesa tops or on high ledges protected from the weather.

Archaeologists have determined that a series of droughts may be the

force that drove the Basketmakers into the surrounding mountains. When their descendants returned in about A.D. 1050 they brought with them the influence of the Mesa Verde people to the East and the Kayenta people from the South. As time passed the Mesa Verde influence became the most dominant.



Grand Gulch has a diversity of rock art panels consisting of petroglyphs (pecked into the rock) and pictographs (painted onto the rock with pigment from the surrounding rocks and minerals). Their meaning is left to our imagination.

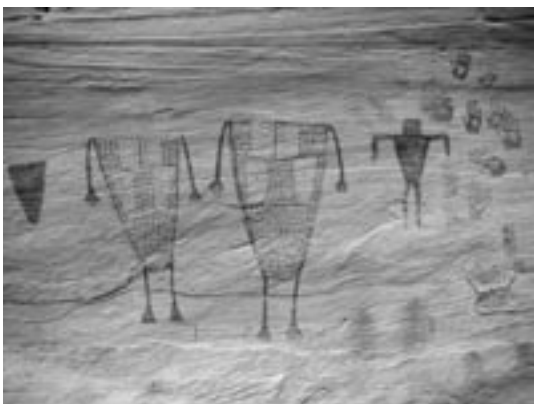
We crawled out of our sleeping bags early Saturday, Sept 3rd, just in time to view the orange colored sky of dawn.

It would be our first day on the trail. Our campsite for the night had been at our exit point, Collins Springs. We were all anxious to get on our way so it didn't take long to pack and load up and drive to the Kane Gulch trail head.

There were four of us that began our hike Saturday, Sept. 3rd; Frederick Gabriel (hike leader and coordinator), Jan Uhler, Jeannine Bulot and Signe Gines. Before we began our hike, Frederick needed to pick up the permit from the rangers and get last minute details about the water situation.

The weather was beautiful the entire four days of backpacking; blue skies were a perfect background for the red sandstone formations. There was only one evening rainstorm. Water was plentiful, which is usually not the case. We found several springs and pot holes that supplied us with more than enough water.

Finding the dwellings was not difficult. Jeannine seemed to know exactly where to look. In fact, as the hike progressed, Jeannine located several sites that were not located on the map. Every time we came upon a site, we dropped our packs and explored. We spent anywhere from 30 min. to an hour exploring each site. It was amazing to see how well preserved the dwellings were. One thing that really impressed me was the realization that these were very small people. The fact they were able to construct their homes in these sandstone cliffs requires one to develop a sense of respect for what they accomplished and how they lived.



Grand Gulch

Walls of sandstone
tower toward
the heavens.
Sandy creek beds
at their base
become the trails
on which we hike.
Spirits
of the Ancient Ones
can be felt here.
They roamed
these mighty canyons
leaving painted messages.
Life depended
upon what this canyon
could offer;
Safety, food, and water.
Farming, hunting, gathering
taking care
of each other.
Simplicity.
Listening,
one can hear
children's laughter
echoing
throughout red-rock cliffs.
Carefree
full of life.
Gleaning from
what was left behind
we speculate
about their life.
Ancient Ones.
Preserved here
amongst the red
weathering sandstone.

Sept. 13th 2005
Signe Gines



**Signe Gines; Jeannine Bulot; Jan Uhler among the
Anasazi ruins and pictographs.
Photos by Frederick Gabriel**



**Snake River- Heart Lake ('Bear Stories')
Backpack, Yellowstone National Park,
September 14- 19, 2005 by Mike Berry and
Vince Rocco**

This year's trek started at the South Entrance to the Park and ended at the Heart Lake Trailhead. Total distance with full packs was about 36 miles. The route was 'Classic Yellowstone' in every sense. Participants besides Michael Budig were: Mike Berry, Shawn Bodine, Bret Matthews, Annette McMullin,



Constance Modrow, and Vince Rocco.

As always, Michael had a well organized trip planned and provided each of us a color topographic map of the selected area and had reserved the backcountry sites along the planned route (www.nps.gov/yell/). The excitement was palpable. We were on the road within minutes and heading up towards the Gros Ventre Campground in Teton National Park for the first evening. The talk in one carpool centered around old and new grizzly bear stories, sometimes an "off-limits" topic before a YNP trip. A recent grizzly bear encounter (attack) in Glacier National Park that had made national news. Mike Berry recalled that the grizzly bear population in the Yellowstone ecosystem had increased substantially in recent decades, perhaps increasing from 300 to 600 bears. Hmm... Someone said there was a poor whitebark pine nut crop for the bears this year, too. Hmm...

A frosty Wednesday morning (September 14th) greeted the tent campers on day one. The entire group convened at Yellowstone's South Entrance Ranger Station to watch the Backcountry Etiquette film. The outside temperatures hovered around 50 degrees. Former Alaskan, Constance M., didn't seem to mind the weather at all. We were all getting psyched up for the adventure ahead.

After a car shuttle was set-up about 15- 20 miles up the road across from Lewis Lake. Annette, the Jordan Valley Hospital nurse, shared her tasty snack of fresh

bakery bread and blue cheese as we waited. Our group was finally ready to hit the trail around mid-day with fully loaded packs. At this time, Michael Budig stated that he has never encountered a grizzly bear in 30+ years of leading these Yellowstone backpacks. Was he overdue??! It was time to draw the curtain of civilization behind us, though, not before providing noon time entertainment to several lunching tourists as we had an immediate ford of the cold Snake River to negotiate.

After a successful and bone-numbing traverse, we were ready for our first break (to change shoes), a mere 1/8th mile from the start. A pleasant 5.5 mile hike on the mostly level brought us to a wide spot along the Snake River where we found our 8C1 campsite and an intriguing 'hot stream' flowing through the valley.

We were all wondering where the soaking spot was that the ranger had advised of us back at the station (soaking directly in a natural "thermal feature" is illegal, but not in the "run-off" which mixes with the surface waters of the park). We found it at 108 degrees.

Thursday, September 15th, found us traveling east along the Snake River. Mike, Shawn and Vince were out in front, fording the water and taking a north turn onto the Heart River 'Cut-off' trail. We made camp at 8B5 that evening near along Basin Creek in a secluded spot after a crossing of Basin Creek. A crackling campfire- perhaps our best of the trip, kept the



chill away for this evening. In such fine bear country. Due to bears we hung food and identified a climbing tree or two before turning in for the night. This camp was approximately eleven miles up the trail (north-east) from the 1st camp.

On day three we saw no evidence of human traffic on the trail but plenty of evidence of elk, wolves, bears and various small mammals. Much of the trail in this area passes through enormous sections of the park that are recovering from the fire of 1988. There

is a significant amount of deadfall from the fire, but the Park Service has done a tremendous job of keep the trails clear. So much so, that Vince accused Mike of “aerobic backpacking” up the trail, but maybe it was the cool temperatures and sightings of bear scat on the trail that kept him going at a ‘healthy’ pace. Regardless, Shawn and Vince were right behind him every step of the way.

Early on Friday morning we were awoken by the sound of owls and a sandhill crane. The day’s hike of about 10 miles started out with a ford of the Snake and passed some thermal features along the way. We ended up fording the Snake and Heart Rivers four times that day. Mike, Shawn and Vince had a refreshing lunch break at the outlet of Heart Lake in the warm afternoon sun.



The night’s camp at 8J1 was on the northeast shore of Heart Lake, and offered several luxuries. The camp was connected to an access trail and had been used the previous night by Park Service employees who were nice enough to leave us some split wood and newspaper for starting a fire. What service!

Heart lake is populated by loons that we heard around sunset. While enjoying our last campfire (no fires allowed on west side of Heart Lake) we watched as a full moon rose southeast of the lake. On cue we heard the howling of Wolves from the south end. Later, Vince had a close encounter with a BEAR (a black bear) that was in the trees behind his tent as he was preparing to retire for the evening!! Though Shawn seemed unimpressed.

Saturday, rain and snow arrived with the morning light. After breaking camp Mike Berry, Shawn, Constance and Vince started hiking along the north shore of Heart Lake to our campsite on the west side. Suddenly, GRIZZLY BEAR!!... on the opposite side of the creek about 50 yards away!!! The dish-shaped

face, and on profile view, the prominent shoulder hump identified the species. Hmm...If we had all been walking down the actual trail we would have exited the trees at the creek directly opposite the big *Ursus arctos*. We watched from a fairly safe distance before he disappeared.

That afternoon we saw the Heart Lake Geyser Basin and watched an eruption of Rustic Geyser, which occurs every 30 to 90 minutes. There are also several hot pots and a fumarole in this area. An eight point white tail deer walked within 30 feet of us as we left this area, and seemed quite unconcerned about our presence. Camp that evening at 8H4 (2 nights) was rather subdued due to the cold and wet weather.

Sunday morning, September 18th, the day dawned overcast and cold but at least it stopped raining. Mount Sheridan was shrouded in clouds. Shawn and Vince decided to exit the backcountry a day early and become happy tourists in the park for a day or so. We hiked up Mt. Sheridan non-the-less.

The rest of the group prepared for a 3,000 foot, 8 mile RT summit attempt on the big mountain (10,300 ft) from the Lake (7,450 ft.). The trailhead was just 1/8th of a mile from our camp. At about the time we hit the snowline (9,000 ft.), the views opened up to the east- Flat Mountain and the Continental Divide, portions of Yellowstone Lake, and the Absaroka Range beyond. A thin blanket of fresh snow revealed occasional coyote and fox tracks on the way up to timberline.

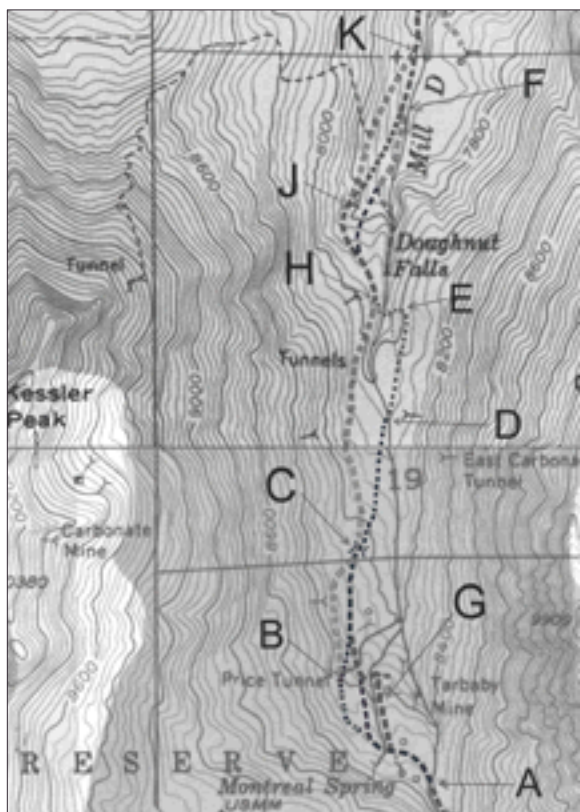
Wow- the view to the north, looking directly down on to the Snake River access, was spectacular. The Teton to the SW- A local NPS ranger was stationed on the peak and he pointed out Cirque Lake in the nearby Red Mountains – and happily shared our lunch.

We woke up the next morning to a surreal scene of hazy, diffuse light across the lake, as a heavy fog has settled in over the basin for the morning. The hike out of the Heart Lake basin on was sublime- a cool 55 degrees with the breeze, and sunny. During one break on the climb up to the 8,100 foot saddle out of Heart Lake Basin we dropped our packs and soaked our sore shoulder muscles at the Witch Creek hot river. Perhaps 102 degrees.

We hiked until the jarring sound of a car alarm in the looming parking lot took us sharply back to civilization. If it wasn’t for food and vacation time we would have all turned around right then and there.

FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

6. Cardiff Fork Road -- Part II



1. The original Reed and Benson road is shown as a dashed line on this portion of the Dromedary Peak and Mount Aire USGS maps of 1955. The Tar Baby road, circa 1911, is shown as a heavy dashed line indicated as G. Segments of the Cardiff Fork road as it exists today is shown as a double dashed line.

and floods the fork road. This dump is from the South Price Tunnel, which was started some time after the Tar Baby. The Geological Survey's *Cottonwood, Utah* quadrangle of 1939 showed only the original lower part of the Tar Baby road, although it had surely been extended by that time.

The Tar Baby road continued to be used as long as the company was operating, at least until 1938 (SLMR, 15 Feb.1939), and into the 1950s by leasors. Its entire length was shown in the 1955 edition of the USGS *Dromedary Peak* map, as was a structure on the built-up flat above the mine. The two-storey bunkhouse was destroyed by fire in the mid-Twentieth Century. Its remains can be seen above the road between the flat and the mine.

The next major change to the Cardiff

The Reed and Benson road described in the last segment of this series lasted with only minor variations through the first decade of the Twentieth Century. A major addition was made in 1911 or 1912 after the Tar Baby Mining Company was incorporated and began operations at its lower tunnel, located just above the South Fork stream in the deep gorge a short distance below where the road crossed the stream, point A on the map. (SLMR, 15 May 1911) At this very congested location there was little room for structures or staging areas for materials and supplies, so a flat area was constructed, suitably constrained by heavy stone walls, a short distance above and to the west of the stream. Access was provided by a road, G on the map, starting at the newly prepared staging area and running down canyon through a sharp S-turn crossing the stream from Montreal Spring, then joined the original Reed and Benson road to go onto the flat below where it joined the bypass road, passing the lower edge of the Price Tunnel dump on the way.

At some later date the Tar Baby Road was extended from the staging area up to the main road at Montreal Spring, following the east side of the spring's outlet stream. If the original Reed and Benson road on the west side of the spring's stream was still in use, this new road sealed its fate. Montreal Spring is located on the south side of the huge mine dump on the west side of the Cardiff Fork road, the dump that always has a flow of water from the mine tunnel that comes down



2. Junction of the original Reed and Benson road, later the Tar Baby road with the bypass road. Tar Baby Flat is where the company's shops and bunkhouse were located. Price Tunnel dump is on the right. Today's Cardiff Fork road can be seen entering at the lower left. (B.Komeyli photo)



3. View down Cardiff Fork road from Reeds Peak dump. Old road down Greens Hill drops down on the right side of the modern road.

Fork road was made in 1915. The Cardiff company had made a major strike in its new tunnel and was prepared to ship large quantities of ore to market, as much as 100 tons per day. (SLT, 8 May 1915) To ease the difficulties faced by teamsters in moving this amount of material, a new road was built at three places to ease the grades and shorten the distances. The upper section was started at the Price Tunnel, point B on the map, where the new road was kept up on the slope, well above the old road on the flat below. Descending at a constant gentle grade, it met the old road at point C, where a substantial cut was made to place it six or eight feet below the level of the latter. It immediately left the old grade again and traversed the side hill, descending gradually until it joined the old road at point H on the map. This segment considerably shortened the distance

traveled and avoided two crossings of the South Fork stream.

The final segment was built below the Reeds Peak tunnel, where the earlier road descended a rather steep grade known as Greens Hill. Although it is not known who this hill was named for, the General Manager of the Tar Baby mine was C. R. Green, a mining man with many years experience at the Cardiff mine and other South Fork properties. He may well have been involved in road work that caused his name to be assigned to this difficult hill, but nothing has been found to substantiate this possibility. At any rate the new road was built above the old one following a more gentle grade between points J and K on the map. Hikers going up this road may not consider the grade as gentle, but a trip up the old right of way will convince them otherwise.

In 1916 the Cardiff Company was convinced to start using motor vehicles to transport ore down the canyon. This eliminated many teams from the canyon roads and did much to ensure the purity of the water in Big Cottonwood Creek. However, in spite of the road work done in 1915, the South Fork road was still too steep for the trucks and tractors available at the time. Teams continued to be used until 1918 when the White Motor Company was able to demonstrate a five-ton narrow-tread truck that was able to negotiate the road to the mine.

One final change to the Cardiff Fork road was made by Nature in the 1960 decade when a colossal thunderstorm caused a flood to come cascading down out of the cirque below Kessler Peak, bringing with it great amounts of limestone rock. The Cardiff Fork road was covered with this debris, leaving it impassable. Another road was cut adjacent to the damaged one to gain access to the upper canyon. This was between H and J on the map in figure 1, and explains why there are parallel roads for a short distance.



4. Reeds Peak road comes down Greens Hill in the distance. Original Reed and Benson road and Doughnut Falls trail departs to the left in the distance. Broad open area in foreground used to be a parking area where Doughnut Falls visitors could park before the Cardiff Fork road was closed to traffic.

. Faint Trails

Activities Listings :



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March 2006 - Kilimanjaro Climb/Safari

If you have never climbed the highest mountain in Africa - 19,340ft-, now is the time to do it. We will take the Machame/Western Breach route in 8 days. Then we will do a short Safari in Tanzania- 4 nights/5days-. The new dates are 2/27/06 thru 3/14/06 and the price for the land arrangements are \$2443.00 (climb only \$1548.00, Safari \$895.00 for 4 plus travelers), a total of 17 days (2005 prices). If you do not want to do the Safari, and or spend an extra day in Arusha before the climb, we can work that one out too. Be a part of this great trip and then contact Christel Sysak at 801-943-0316 or Christel@vacation.com

OCT 28 2005 - NOV 20 NEW ZEALAND EXPLORATION
Look for the trip report of the 16 WMC members on this trip in a future RAMBLER.

NOV 6 SUN HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: MILL CREEK CANYON DOGGIES WELCOME (NTD).

Depending on the weather, snow conditions, and mud levels, Cheryl Soshnik (435-649-9008; 801-641-4512, or csoshnik@yahoo.com)

is going to do something nice 'n easy in the Mill Creek area with the doggie she's pupsitting this week. If it's not obvious which activity she'll be doing (ie, if it snows 10' in early November you bet we'll be snowshoeing!) please call or email ahead of time, or join the WMC-HIKE or WMC-SNOWSHOE lists for last minute details (like, if it's a cold miserable rain a-falling, you won't be seeing me outdoors today!). Prospective WMC members welcome as the group stays together on this 'no person and no doggie left behind' activity. We'll leave from the outskirts of the Parley's Way K-Mart parking lot at 10:00 AM.

NOV 10 THU SNOWSHOE/HIKE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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.

NOV 10 THU SNOWSHOE DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER RAMBLER. For December Rambler, we are scheduling snow-



Deseret Peak from the Oquirrh.
Photo by Alex Rudd.

shoe activities for December 12 thru January 15, 2006. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

NOV 12 SAT LODGE WORK PARTY: We need your help with painting and general maintenance at the lodge. Please bring your skills, work gloves and your great positive attitude. Fire wood is available for personal use

only. For all of that I will have lunch for you if you RSP Clayton by Nov 11

at 288-0251 or claytonrand@networld.com. Time is from 10AM to 4 PM. See you at the lodge.

NOV 12 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 13 SUN DAY HIKE: TOLCAT CREEK CROSSING (MOUNT OLYMPUS TRAIL) (NTD). Join Christine Lyon (1-435-649-8811 or chris@hemicorp.com) for a hike below the snow. Meet Christine at the Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride lot at 9 AM.

NOV 13 SUN HIKE OR SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (NTD). CONSTANCE MODROW (287-2508 day, 954-8324



Elk on a ridge line - photo by Alex Rudd

evening) wonders what mother nature will provide for today's activity. Bring your hip waders if we're still in 'mud season', or if the snow dances have been fruitful, maybe we can actually snowshoe today! At any rate, join Constance for some fun aerobic activity in the Wasatch Front. The pace will be casual and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this 'nobody left behind' activity. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 13 SUN SKI TOUR: UPPER REACHES OF THE UIN-TAS (MOD+). In the winter, the Mirror Lake Highway is not maintained past the Soapstone turnoff, 14 miles east of Kamas. The highway is usually closed by the first of December. It is quite a treat to drive to the summit and tour in the high country before the road is closed. You should bring light metal-edged back-country skis. Dogs may be approved by the organizer. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:30 am. Contact trip organizer Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) for meeting plan if driving from Park City area. Remember recreational parking pass and \$5- \$10 per person in vehicle based on occupancy, mileage and gas prices.

NOV 17 THU SNOWSHOE/HIKE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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.

NOV 19 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (MOD). Holly Smith (272-5358) will organize the more adventuresome group today, as we test out our 'snowshoe legs' at an appropriate location in the Cottonwood Canyons. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 19 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (NTD). Carol Ann Langford (255-4713) is hoping to Snowshoe today, if Mother Nature has blessed us with early season snow. We'll hike if there is not enough snow, so join us no matter the conditions! The pace will be casual and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this

'nobody left behind' activity. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM.

NOV 19 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Brad Yates to verify conditions and for details (521-4185) bnyslc@earthlink.net. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a

shovel, and skins, etc.

NOV 19 SAT SOCIAL: HARVEST PARTY, POTLUCK AT THE LODGE. Social hour at 6PM, followed by a delicious potluck dinner. We'll provide the roast turkey, and you can bring along your dishes that go with it. Come on up with your big turkey appetite and your beverage of choice, to enjoy the pleasures of welcoming in the winter season. For further questions please call: Beverly Emrick - 599-8744 or (bemrick@networld.com) or Vicky McDaniel - 576-0160 or (mcdaniel@xmission.com).

NOV 20 SUN SNOWSHOE: BRIGHTON TOWARDS TWIN LAKES PASS (MOD). Meet the snowshoe community for the traditional early season outing to Twin Lakes Pass. Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) will be the co-organizers. Avalanche beacons and knowledge of their use is strongly suggested. Carrie and Rick expect to go to the dam, but the pass is no guarantee! We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 20 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: POWDER PARK (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Steve Pritchett to register (415-9857) spritchett@moxtek.com (email before Friday PM). You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Additional hazards may be present with a light early season snowpack. Also be prepared for stumps, logs and rocks.

Helpful Websites For Your Reference

1) Outdoor activities:

- wasatchmountianclub.org
- outdoorutah.com

2) State Parks:

- stateparks.utah.gov

3) National Parks:

- nps.gov/parks.html

4) Utah Division of Wildlife Resources:

- wildlife.utah.gov

5) Winter Safety: 364-1581

- avalanche.org

6) Camping Reservations:

- reserveusa.com

7) River Info:

- whitewaterutah.com

8) Bicycling:

- wasatchmountianclub.org
- bicycleutah.com

9) Real Estate Info:

- knick.utahrealestate.com (to search current active listings)
- http://www.gmacrealestate.com/knick



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NOV 21 MON - 26 SAT BACKPACK: KANAB CREEK IN THE GRAND CANYON. Russell Patterson (973-6427) has Park Service permits for six people. Kanab Creek is the largest tributary on the north side of Grand Canyon. We will hike from Willow Spring in Hack Canyon to the junction with Kanab Creek and hike down Kanab Creek to the Colorado River in Grand Canyon. Kanab Creek is a scenic, remote and very deep narrow canyon in a pristine wilderness. Along the way we will explore side canyons and possible fish for trout.. Call Russell to register and get more details.

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NOV 22 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). 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.

NOV 23 WED - 26 SAT BACKPACK: THE MAZE. Robert Cady (274-0250 or rcady@xmission.com) will be leaving Wednesday afternoon for Hans Flat. We'll hike down the North Canyon trail to the Maze Overlook on Thursday. Friday will be spent exploring the Maze, and on Saturday we will hike back out. Contact Robert to register and get more details.

NOV 23 WED - 26 SAT BACKPACK: THE MAZE. Robert Cady



Tim MacDonald riding in the Fall colors (or black and white if that's what you print.) Photo by Hardy.



Holly Hardy John and Audrey out around Mountain Dell.

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NOV 24 THU SNOWSHOE: TURKEY TROT (MOD). For those needing a workout prior to the big feast, Rick Kirkland (486-0909) will choose an appropriate destination, probably Red Pine Lake. Come prepared for conditions, and bring your own giblets. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM

NOV 25 FRI SNOWSHOE: GREEN'S BASIN (NTD+). Mark R. Jones (486-5354) will lead the winter's first trip to Green's Basin. Take the plunge. Be prepared for conditions. Bring a drumstick to share. If the snow is questionable, you can plan for the hiking option. Mark will meet you at Butler Elementary school, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 10:00 AM, to discuss what's likely on the ground up there.

NOV 25 FRI SKI BACKCOUNTRY: MEADOW CHUTES (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Steve Pritchett to register (415-9857) spritchett@moxtek.com (email before Wed noon). You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's. Additional hazards may be present with a light early season snowpack. Also be prepared for stumps, logs and rocks.

NOV 26 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (NTD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will find an appropriate location in the Wasatch Front. The pace will be 'turtle' and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this 'nobody left behind' activity. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 26 SAT – no WMC ski activity today, watch for ski emails for last minute non-club options. Contact one of the directors or coordinators as needed for help to sign-up for the emails. And don't forget to volunteer for next month!

NOV 27 SUN – no WMC ski activity today, watch for ski emails for last minute options.

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NOV 27 SUN SOCIAL: "BURY THE BIRD" POTLUCK, definitely NTD. Need a sure fire cure for those post-Thanksgiving leftover blues? Bring 'em to Patti O'Keefe's house for the "Bury the Bird" potluck Sunday Social. Come with all your orts and smidgens of turkey dinner leftovers, your beverage of choice and an appetite and let's finish off that ol' bird once and for all! The munching begins at 5:30PM and ends ????. Address: 1724 E. Bunkerhill Road. Directions: From Murray-Holladay Rd. (approx. 4800 So.) turn So. on Kingsrow Road (1660 E.); Bunkerhill is 1st street on left. 1724 is 2nd house from the end on your right.) Need more encouragement? Call Patti at 424-9215.

NOV 27 SUN SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (NTD). Tony Barron (272-8927) will organize today's easier paced activity, for those still waddling from their Turkey Feast. He will determine an appropriate destination based on the weather and snow conditions for today's easy paced, 'nobody left behind' trip. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 27 SUN SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (MOD). Vicky Ashby (450-7432) says this will be "organizer's choice", depending on the snow and weather. Be prepared for the conditions, and be ready for a brisk adventure. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

NOV 29 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgr@aol.com). 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.

DEC 1 THU SNOWSHOE/HIKE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize 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



Hiking in the Heart Lake Basin on Mike Budig's Backpack in Yellowstone.

confirm the outing (ie. In case of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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 1 THUR SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD

to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate with turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. Jen says "Since it's the beginning of the season we'll see how close we get to the top!" Almost any cross country or backcountry ski can be used. And don't forget your headlamps, skins or wax and dry change of clothes. Join Jennifer for an NTD pace or ski ahead if you are after a faster (MOD) pace. Dogs are welcome with owners that adhere to the Millcreek leash laws and clean-up requirements. Email Jen @ JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions.

DEC 3 SAT - SNOWSHOE, POTLUCK, SINGALONG AT THE LODGE. Meet at the WMC Lodge at Brighton at 1 PM for a NTD/MOD snowshoe to Catherine Pass. Your hosts will put turkeys in the ovens to bake while we snowshoe. Back at the Lodge we'll socialize over appetizers and play board games while putting the finishing touches on the 6PM potluck and hanging some seasonal decorations. Somebody else is bringing the meat so do your best with yummy salads, side dishes and desserts. Following dinner we'll sing Christmas Carols accompanied by whatever kind of acoustic instruments that show up - as

always, a piano player is appreciated. Carol Ann, Dudley, Christine, Bart, LaRae and Frank have hosted for the past ten years and most likely will do it again this year. Bring a flashlight to get yourself back to your car after dark. UTA bus service is available to Brighton. As always, BYOB. Cost is \$5 per person. Call Frank at 533-9219 with questions or e-mail

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FRANKBERNARD55@EARTHLINK.NET. The Lodge is located about 500 feet directly up the hill behind the Brighton Lodge, which is at the far end of the large Brighton Ski Area parking lot.

DEC 3 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (MOD). Judy Elizondo and Andy Beard (824-9440) will do an 'organizer's choice' somewhere along the Wasatch front today, depending on the snow conditions and weather. Come find out what adventure our newlyweds have in store for us today! We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 3 SAT SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Brad Yates to verify conditions and for details (521-4185) bnyslc@earthlink.net. You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, and skins, etc.

DEC 4 SUN BEGINNER SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON (EL-NTD). Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) plans to take a beginner group up Big Cottonwood Canyon to an easy location so you can learn how easy it is to snowshoe. This will be an easy, slow paced for enjoyment. Suggested items to bring besides snowshoes: ski poles, warm layers, snack, water, etc. Meet Knick at Butler Elementary at 9 AM to car pool. Please only beginners or slower paced snowshoers.

DEC 4 SUN SNOWSHOE/HIKE: GRIZZLY GULCH (MOD+). Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) are heading up Griz-

zly 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. We'll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.



Backpacking in Yellowstone through an old burn.

at 10:00 AM every Tuesday, and 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 meeting location and 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

DEC 4 SUN SKI BACKCOUNTRY: ORGANIZERS CHOICE (MOD). Tentative tour based on early season conditions, call or e-mail Walt Haas to register (534-1262) (haas@xmission.com). You must have an avalanche beacon with a working knowledge of its use, a shovel, skins and 10 E's.

DEC 4 SUN SKI TOUR: NORTH OF IRON MINE MOUNTAIN (UINTAS)(MOD+). This tour starts at the Soapstone Basin turn-off and offers the right combination of trail (jeep road) conditions, slope aspect, and elevation for early season success. After 7.5 miles and 2,000 feet of climbing the terrain opens up in the high country and a likely turn-around point. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Parley's Way by 8:30 am. Contact trip organizer Mike Berry (mberryxc@earthlink.net, 583-4721) for meeting plan if driving from Park City area. Remember recreational parking pass and \$5-\$10 per person in vehicle based on occupancy, mileage and gas prices.

DEC 6 TUE SNOWSHOE: PARK CITY ENVIRONS (MOD-MSD). This is the first organized adventure of the season for Vince DeSimone's "Tuesday Group". They leave at 10:00 AM every Tuesday, and 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 meeting location and 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.

DEC 6 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB (MOD+ to MSD). Call or e-mail Chris Proctor to verify conditions and for details (485-1543) (Proctorgtr@aol.com). 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.

DEC 8 THU SNOWSHOE: THE COTTONWOODS (NTD-MOD). Norm Pobanz (266-3703) will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons

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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 of bad weather and possible road restrictions), discuss equipment, or to suggest a destination, call Norm ahead of time. 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 8 THU SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate with turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. See DEC 1 THU SKI TOUR for details. Email Jen @ JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions.

DEC 10 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (MOD-). Holly Smith (272-5358) is organizing today’s moderate Snowshoe activity. She will choose a destination to match today’s conditions and weather. We’ll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 10 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (NTD). Christine Allred (424-0096) will find an appropriate location in the Wasatch Front, possibly Silver Fork, for today’s outing. The pace will be relaxed and easy, and all members and prospective members are invited to join us today on this ‘nobody left behind’ activity. Christine does NOT like going in blizzards – if you can’t see across the street, she probably won’t go. For all other conditions, we’ll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 10 SAT SNOWSHOE: WASATCH FRONT (MOD+). Mohamed Abdallah (466-9310) will lead this energetic and brisk-paced activity today, choosing a destination appropriate for the conditions and weather. We’ll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 10 SAT SNOWSHOE DEADLINE FOR JANUARY RAMBLER. For January Rambler, we are scheduling snowshoe activities for January 16 thru February 12, 2006. All proposed snowshoe activities must be sent to Cheryl Soshnik (csoshnik@yahoo.com) (435-649-9008, 801-641-4512) by this date.

DEC 11 SUN BEGINNER SNOWSHOE: BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON (EL-NTD). Knick Knickerbocker (272-2485) plans to take a beginner group up Big Cottonwood Canyon to an easy

location so you can learn how easy it is to snowshoe. This will be an easy, slow paced for enjoyment. Suggested items to bring besides snowshoes: ski poles, warm layers, snack, water, etc. Meet Knick at Butler Elementary at 9 AM to car pool. Please only beginners or slower paced snowshoers.

DEC 11 SUN SNOWSHOE: MAYBIRD GULCH (MOD+). Carrie Clark and Rick Gamble (519-9257) will co-organize today’s activity in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Beacons are strongly suggested. Carrie and Rick invite you out on the trail for a day of exertion and fun. We’ll leave from Butler Elementary School, which is located at 2700 E 7000 S, at 9:00 AM.

DEC 14 WED AVALANCHE CLINIC: ROBERT FROHBOESE ANNUAL (NTD). This is part 1 of the WMC Avalanche Clinic. In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness. We have the great fortune of having Bruce Tremper from the Utah Avalanche Center joining us for a talk and slide show presenta-



Hikers with Alex Rudd

tion. This clinic will take place at 7:00 PM at the South Valley Unitarian Church located at 6876 So. Highland Drive. Refreshments will be provided. Part 2 will be a Transceiver Field Practice scheduled for this coming Saturday. See listing. For more information or to volunteer please contact Greg Libecci (801-699-1999 or email glibecci@yahoo.com).

DEC 15 THU SKI TOUR: MILLCREEK CANYON ROAD NIGHT SKI (NTD to MOD). Meet Jen Heineman for a 6 PM start at the winter closure gate with turn-around at or before the Big Water summer parking. See DEC 1 THU SKI TOUR for details. Email Jen @ JHeineman28@yahoo.com with any questions.

DEC 17 SAT AVALANCHE CLINIC: TRANSCEIVER FIELD PRACTICE (NTD). This is part 2 of the WMC Avalanche Clinic. In honor of the memory of Bob Frohboese, the WMC sponsors this excellent clinic on backcountry avalanche awareness. To have any level of skill at avalanche rescue you must practice out in the snow! Meet at Butler Elementary, 2700 E. just south of Fort Union Blvd. at 8:45 AM. Bring your snowshoes or skis for mobility on the snow. If you want to go out on a short ski outing afterwards, bring the 10 “E”s, lunch, shovel, transceiver and skins. For more information or to volunteer please contact Greg

Libecchi (801-699-1999 or email glibecchi@yahoo.com).

JAN 10 2006 TUE BOATING: PERMIT PARTY.
The Permit Party will be held at the Mt Olympus Church at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006. We need your attendance. No permits no trips. Hope to see you there.

NON-WMC EVENTS

NOV – DEC SKI CLINICS: There are many available, try this link for a start http://www.freeride-magazine.com/uploads/6_Clinics.htm. As an example, the link for www.babesinthebackcountry.com can be followed to find a Dec 3, 2005 backcountry sampler clinic at Alta. Or you can select “ski fitness classes” to learn about conditioning classes like Wasatch Telemark Dryland Training.

NOV 1 the Utah Winter Games website should be active, see <http://www.utahwintergames.org/>. Checkout the activities and clinics.



Ophir Canyon and a lone Elk- photos by Alex Rudd



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Please read carefully and fill out all three (3) pages completely.

I am applying for a

☐ New Membership
☐ Single ☐ Couple

☐ Reinstatement (please do not use this form for yearly membership renewal)

Name of applicant (1) _____ Birth date _____

Name of applicant (2) _____ Birth date _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Rambler Phone (1) _____ Work Phone(1) _____ Email(1): _____

Rambler Phone (2) _____ Work Phone(2) _____ Email(2): _____

How did you learn about the WMC? _____

Privacy Information: The WMC publishes member's names, address and phone numbers in the The Rambler, twice a year to facilitate membership communication. We also occasionally release our address list to WMC-board approved wilderness and/or conservation organizations for one-off mailings under the stipulation that they do not continue to use the list or provide it to others. Please select from the following:

- ☐ Please publish my address in The Rambler and provide to board approved organizations.
☐ Please publish my address in The Rambler but do not provide to other organizations.
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Do you wish to receive The Rambler (club publication) ☐ yes ☐ no.

Membership dues:

\$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 application fee and first year's dues. Check and money orders only. Make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

Mail completed application to:

Membership Director

Wasatch Mountain Club

1390 South, 1100 East

Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

Leave blank for office use:

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

Board Approval Date _____

Membership application (Page 1 of 3)

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

The Wasatch Mountain Club is a volunteer run organization. Events are published monthly in the Rambler, providing contact details, meeting times and places as well as a guide to the difficulties of the activity. Members can join other in a variety of activities, or lead an activity of their own by contacting the director in charge of the particular kind of event. Directors' contact information can be found in the front of the Rambler. Members can also subscribe to a series of email lists found on our web page, www.wasatchmountainclub.org. These lists provide more spontaneous communication between members heading into the backcountry.

What kinds of activities are you interested in?

Hiking: ☐ easy hike, ☐ moderate hike, ☐ challenging hike, ☐ car camp, ☐ backpack, ☐ family hikes

Boating: ☐ rafting, ☐ kayaking, ☐ canoeing,
☐ trip leader, ☐ instruction, ☐ equipment, ☐ sailing

Biking: ☐ mountain biking, ☐ road biking, ☐ camping tour

Winter Sports: Snowshoeing: ☐ easy tour, ☐ moderate tour, ☐ challenging tour

 Skiing: ☐ easy, ☐ moderate, or ☐ challenging x-country ski

☐ easy, ☐ moderate or ☐ challenging backcountry ski

☐ yurt trips

Climbing: ☐ wasatch Climb, ☐ out-of-town trip, ☐ winter mountaineering

Other: ☐ caving, ☐ rollerblading, ☐ scuba, ☐ canyoneering, ☐ other: _____

The Wasatch Mountain Club needs you!

In addition to the outdoor ☐

President, V.P., secretary and four trustees are elected to the board on a yearly basis at the annual membership meeting in February. In addition, committees are often formed to share the work load. It's easy to get involved.

Conservation: ☐ Air & Water Issues, ☐ Telephone tree, ☐ Trail clearing,
☐ Trailhead access, ☐ Wilderness

WMC Lodge @ Brighton: ☐ General Repair, ☐ Skilled Labor

Information: ☐ Public relations, ☐ Instruction, ☐ Web site

Social: ☐ Social host, ☐ Party assistance, ☐ Lodge host

Rambler: ☐ Word processing, ☐ Mailing, ☐ Advertising, ☐ Computer support

Membership: ☐ Help, ☐ Recruiting

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

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

Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledge of Risk and Release from Liability

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

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware the WMC activities involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death and damage or loss of property.

These dangers include

nature, the inherent dangers

of the WMC. 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 responsibilities 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 difficulties of any activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge 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 and 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 or directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of 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 the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I certify that I have sufficient insurance to cover and 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: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Witness:

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

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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www.wasatchmountainclub.org**

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