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**August 2009 Yellowstone
Backpack Trip**

**~ Photo submitted
by Mike Budig**

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W A N T E D

Legal Advice and Representation

Conservation needs the expertise of a lawyer familiar with environmental law to provide occasional guidance and representation in court to convince government agencies to enforce ordinances. Focus will be on the Wasatch to take care of issues important to the Wasatch Mountain Club. Contact Will 801-942-2921 or Kyle 801-652-8110, Conservation co-Chairs.

*Kathy VanDame receiving the 2009 Alexis Kelner Conservation Award from John Veranth. Kathy has worked from many years on air quality issues and has fought to protect regional vistas such as the view of Navajo Mountain on the left of the photo, 80 miles away from the presentation ceremony on Boulder Mountain.
~ Photo submitted by John Veranth*



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 on behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

From the President

2009 Alexis Kelner Conservation Award

by John Veranth

The deserving recipient of the club's conservation award for 2009 is Kathy VanDame, a tireless advocate for air quality. Since she was traveling when we had the annual awards banquet at the Lodge she received the plaque while on a hiking trip to southern Utah. Kathy has devoted many years of tireless effort to both Wasatch Front air quality and to the protection of regional visibility in the west. The overlook high on Boulder Mountain was an appropriate location for the presentation with the distant views of the Little Rockies (40 miles) and Navajo Mountain (80 miles).

Kathy is currently the Issues Coordinator for the Wasatch Clean Air Coalition and the environmental representative on the Utah Air Quality Board. She has also served on a number of committees for the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP). The Utah Air Quality Board is the rule making and adjudicative body appointed by the governor to set policy for the state's air protection programs. The WRAP is a collaboration between the National Park Service, the Forest Service, the BLM, the western states and tribes that deals with visibility protection and other air issues that span across multiple political boundaries.

Kathy is a former Registered Nurse who moved to Utah with her husband David in 1973. Although she claims that she and Dave have been "traveling full time" since 1993, I know from my email in-box that she spends many hours a day monitoring air and other environmental issues, sorting out the important items, and sending alerts and requests for information to an extensive list of citizen activists and agency staff. Without her dedicated watchdog efforts many really bad projects and rule changes would have slipped through without citizen input over the years. She has proven effective both in working with Division of Air Quality staff on details of proposed actions and in marshalling citizens to action when that is needed to influence policy.



Her activism is a lesson in how to become effective on issues. Her first activism was with local planning and zoning regarding a proposed motel in her neighborhood and she learned that to have real influence on the outcome you have to be involved way upstream in the earliest stages of the process. In 1997 she attended her first meeting of the Wasatch Clean Air Coalition and volunteered to attend daytime meetings since others had regular jobs. Soon the WRAP needed a representative of citizen nonprofit organizations for their Communications Committee to help bridge between technical committees and public outreach in the development of visibility protection plans for the Grand Canyon. Soon the WRAP's efforts expanded to deal with visibility in all national parks and major

wilderness areas in the west, and Kathy's involvement expanded to attending EPA-sponsored training on reviewing Title V permits. The Title V permits are the current attempt to codify the emissions limitations and monitoring requirements for each major industrial source. From this she realized that agency staff really benefit from this type of citizen involvement as it allows them to tell industry that someone is watching the process and

making sure the agencies are following the rules. So she started to closely monitor all types of air permits, transportation plans, and administrative rules, while also following the email alerts from national organizations. Even with this incredible level of effort she continues to travel extensively.

This award was established by the friends of long-time WMC member, wilderness activist, and current club Historian Alexis Kelner on his 50th birthday. The purpose of the award is to honor local citizens to have provided an exceptional level of effort and dedication to conservation issues. Kathy well deserves to be on the list of distinguished individuals who have received the award. Thanks for clearing the air.

The WMC Lodge

The WMC lodge is tucked away in a grove of evergreens at the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon. It is used for a variety of WMC social functions but can also be rented out for personal use on a full- or half-day basis. Renovation to the lodge included the installation of flushing toilets and a shower. Running water! The two dormitory-style rooms on the second floor provide sleeping accommodations for about 20 people. Go to www.wasatchmountainclub.org/lodge/Lodge_pictures.htm to view pictures of the infamous lodge. The kitchen contains a stove and refrigerator, but—you guessed it—it is not stocked with food, utensils or other culinary items. **All** users of the lodge are expected to clean up the lodge after use. Contact Dave & Susan Rabiger at (801) 964-8190 for reservations.

The Lodge needs constant tender loving care, and WMC members have come to the rescue since 1929. Come donate your carpentry skills or just help clean. Call Bob Myers at (801) 485-9209 or send an e-mail to caretakerwmc@yahoo.com to volunteer. Ask for a list of very specific items that need your attention and the hand tools and equipment needed to get the job done. You need not be a member to volunteer. (Warning: Associating with WMC members and participating in WMC activities can become addictive. Improved health, positive attitudes, and long-lasting friendships are also possible side effects.) We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

Please give back and keep your eyes open for upcoming WMC Service Days. The most up-to-date activities are posted on the website (see inside front cover).

Please give back and come help the lodge on the following WMC Service Days. Seeing how there is still a lot of snow in the mountains, at least one of these dates will be filled with shoveling snow off the lodge roof and its surrounding area. Other minor interior and exterior repairs may also occur. If you are physically unable to help out, feel free to bring drinks or treats up to the laborers! Thanks so much in advance for your help!

Single sturdy lodge seeking multiple hard-working hands for great company. Enjoys long days filled with sunshine, sweat, and an occasional deep cleaning.
If interested, contact either Lodge co-director.

Lodge Service Day:

None listed in January

Contact Lodge Director to schedule a service day or see if you can help out!

Contact: Robert Myers, Lodge Director
801-466-3292 (H) 801-381-0575 (C)

Directions to the Lodge

Drive up Big Cottonwood Canyon (7200 S) to Brighton Ski Resort. Drive to back of the BIG parking lot (near the Brighton Manor Motel). Walk up the hill directly behind the motel past the boulders, bearing left across the stream and up the trail through the trees (100 yards). Wear walking shoes and carry a flashlight for the hike down.

WMC Lodge Rental Rates (Day: a 24-hour period) **WMC Members**

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Boating Message

Director: Don Urrizaga

You all read Janet Embry's very nice article about the Pink Flamingo in the October Rambler. We awarded Connie Blaine a \$25 gift certificate to Sid's Sports for best costume at the event. Not long after the Pink Flamingo a group of us met at the Boating Shed on a Saturday to scrub the boats and clean and organize the gear and put it all to bed for the winter. It is NOW time to start thinking about next year's boating season and plan to come to the Boating Permit and Pizza Party on the 14th of January. "The club has an OUTSTANDING history of boating trips with both the equipment and experienced river runners to make it one of the club's most popular programs." It's time once again to get together, to put our heads together and plan, to fill out and submit permit applications, and secure our fair share of the river permits issued to Utahans. Everyone is invited, seasoned vets and newcomers alike. Bring your friends. It is our goal to make this the best river season yet.

Time and Place: Thursday, January 14, at 6:30 PM at the Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church (3280 East, 3900 South). We will provide pizza and beverages. (No alcohol is allowed in the church.)


You are encouraged to bring blank permit applications (see the boating website for details as to how to access them) and a checkbook. Be sure to sign up for the club's boater email notification system by sending a SUBSCRIBE message with your name and address to Bret Mathews at bretmaverick999@yahoo.com.

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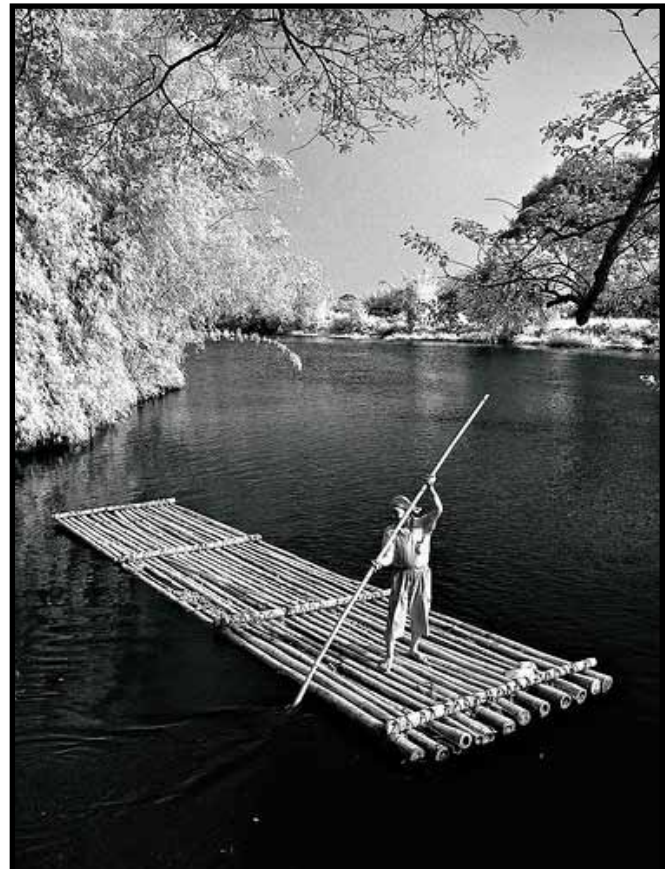
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*August
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Backpack
Trip*

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Rumbellow, Gayle
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Bloomenthal.

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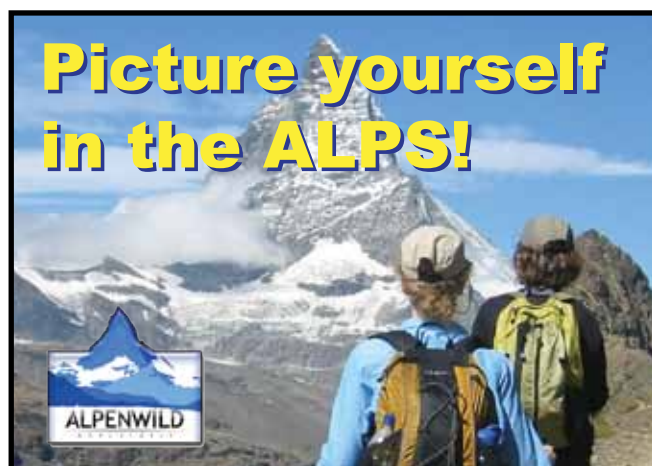


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Conservation Notes

Will McCarvill & Kyle Williams

Well surprise surprise- Solitude wants to have all of Silver Fork added to their ski resort. In general the proposal is contrary to the 2003 Revised Forest Plan for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and in particular the Central Wasatch Management Area section.

First and foremost, resort development is confined by the plan to current permit boundaries. We see nothing in the proposal that warrants amending the plan. Watershed protection is a high priority and natural systems provide more quantity and higher quality water than the highly altered environment of a ski resort. The current Forest Plan has a goal that native plants and animals are at their natural range and distribution. Silver Fork is important summer range for large game animals and ski areas do not approximate the natural progression of plant species. The plan also desires to maintain scenic resources. Lifts are not part of a natural backdrop.

The canyon is ROS Roaded Natural which does not include large scale ski resorts with their intense development and infrastructure. Specifically addressing recreation, Wasatch Mountain Club members use the canyon summer and winter for hiking, snowshoeing and skiing. Dispersed recreation is also important to other Salt Lake County residents as this canyon is relatively easy to access and explore. The loss of this canyon will also result in the loss of the next canyon to the west, Days Fork, to winter recreation. Days Fork is easily accessed from Silver Fork via the upper bowls of each: there is a summer trail connecting them now. The rugged terrain of Honeycomb Canyon within the Solitude ski boundary currently prevents resort skiers from spilling over into Silver Fork. We are concerned about the defacto expansion of ski resorts outside of their official boundaries through resort skiers accessing back country from lift served terrain. The north end of the ridge between Silver Fork and Days Fork called Green's Basin is prime snowshoe and backcountry ski territory that will be lost to the resort as well. If each ski area is allowed to expand onto public land the cumulative effect will be that the public will loose access to much of the central Wasatch unless they are willing to pay for a lift ticket. Write your letters now to:

Kahlow District Ranger
Uinta/Wasatch-Cache National Forest
Salt Lake Ranger District
6944 S 3000E
Salt Lake City Utah 84121

Brian Ferebee Forest Supervisor
Uinta/Wasatch-Cache National Forest
Federal Building
125S State Street
Salt Lake City Utah 84138

Thanks to all who took the Envision survey last month. Over 4500 responses were tallied and were generally favorable to keeping the ski areas in their current boundaries.

General Membership Meeting!!!!
Officer and Director elections and updates on conservation issue and club business.

Thursday, February 18, 7:30 PM
Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church
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A Guy and His Goats

Julie Kilgore

Perhaps you have recently bumped into a guy and his goats on some local trails. Larry, Moe, Diego and Mikey have been sharing the local trails since last spring, and Bob Jones is the guy who is always with them. Bob was mostly crippled due to a bad back and was walking with canes when he got his first goats. But in taking them out walking every week, he is now able to walk and hike without canes.

Bob is joining the Wasatch Mountain Club hoping that the experience will be mutually beneficial. "Although I can nearly run up to Dog Lake now, I prefer to take casual walks. I am doing night walks up Mill Creek during the week just to keep us all in shape. And I like to do a day hike in various places Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon." Bob organized a Christmas Eve hike and a New Years Eve moonlight hike. "With the goats, not only can I carry extra blankets, and coats, but a propane heater as well. Hiking in the cold and at night doesn't have to be uncomfortable."

Bob is enthusiastic about sharing the benefits of hiking with pack goats. "Goats are considered eco-friendly. They are browsers, which is a lot like pruning and is good for the plants that they eat." Bob says that goats digest most seeds so they don't introduce new varieties of plants into wilderness. Goats do not tear up the trails or roots of plants, so they do not do the damage that horses, cows and sheep can do. Their dropping and hoof prints are similar to deer, and indistinguishable for the novice.

The primary difference with pack goats is that they are "imprinted" when they are born so that they are comfortable around humans. As a herd animal, this imprinting makes them instinctively want to follow the crowd or the senior goat, which in this case is Bob.

Because of this imprinting, tethers are not generally necessary for a pack goat, but are useful to keep down the excitement if there is a stray dog around. When dogs are permitted off the leash, Bob keeps the goats on a lead. When the dogs are supposed to be on leashes, he allows the goats to walk free. "I like to have another person with me in case we run into a lot of dogs on the trail. Dogs like to chase, and if a goat starts to run, it may be a bit exciting before things get back under control. So it is easier to hold the goats while we move an untethered dog along."

Outfitters rents pack goats so if you have considered using pack goats for hiking or backpacking, Bob says that hiking with him and the boys is a good way to familiarize yourself with the whole idea.

Look for Bob's "Goat Hikes" listed in this month's rambler. Additional Goat Hikes may also be posted on the web calendar to take advantage of favorable weather conditions.



Cherry Canyon Hike 11/21/09

Organized by Julie Kilgore

Above: Bob putting the harness/pack on one of the goats with Fred helping.

Right: Two goats on the trail

Below Right: Group putting Yak Trax on for the way down. Tanner Morrill, Fred Schubert, Carol Masheter, Steven Duncan

~ Photos by Alex Rudd



Cherry Canyon Hike

The group on the trail

~ Photo by Alex Rudd



Outgoing Message from Publications Director Sonya Lloyd

As Publications Director, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone in the Club for all your input and contributions to The Rambler. There wouldn't be a Rambler without your stories, pictures, and activities. I will be having our first baby sometime in the next 4-5 weeks, so continuing on as Publications Director will be somewhat difficult. I have enjoyed this volunteer opportunity for the last two years and have learned a ton! I have decided not to run for Publications Director this next year, but will be training someone new to take over. It wouldn't be fair to announce her name and not the other nominees, but you'll see her name in the online edition of January's Rambler in this section. Thank you again for all your support! Please continue submitting trip reports, photos, stories, etc so The Rambler can continue on! The best of luck to everyone this year in all you set your mind to!!!

~ Sonya Lloyd



*Storm Mountain Hike 11/28/09
Organized by Julie Kilgore*

*Steve Duncan showing some of the
climbs in Ferguson Canyon.*

~ Photo by Alex Rudd

2010 General Elections

The WMC Governing Board consists of a set of directors and four trustees; all are volunteers who serve for a specified period of time: 1 year for general directors and 4 years for trustees. Please vote once for each director; co-directors count as one vote. Please attend the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, February 18th @ 7:30 pm. See activities calendar and back page for location.

 X Position: Nominee(s)

- President: John Veranth
- Vice President: Kyle Williams
- Secretary: Susan Allen
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- Trustee: Steve Duncan
- Trustee: Dave Rumbellow
- Trustee: Jerry Hatch

The WMC Board is grateful for the work of Knick Knickerbocker, Mark Bloomenthal and Patti O'Keefe for serving as the Nominations Committee.

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 your activity to the club, login to the WMC website and click on “Volunteer to Organize An Activity”. The appropriate director will approve and/or edit this event for inclusion in both the web calendar and Rambler submissions. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

Rules and Regulations:

1. **Dogs & 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 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. 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: Once logging into the website, click on “Email Lists” on the left-hand side. Then follow the online instructions. (Boaters: E-mail the Boat Director—inside front cover—for more information.)

Group size limits in wilderness: Some National Forest ranger districts limit the size of group hiking in wilderness areas. For such hikes, the hike listing will indicate the maximum number of participants (not including the organizer). Please help our organizers on hikes with group size limits by arriving promptly and being understanding if you cannot be accommodated on the hike because of a limit.

Activity Difficulty Rating

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 0.1-4.0 > Not Too Difficult (NTD) | B > Boulder fields or extensive bushwhacking |
| Lightly Strenuous | E > Elevation change > 5,000 feet |
| 4.1-8.0 > Moderate (MOD) | M > Round trip mileage > 15 miles |
| Moderate to Very Strenuous | R > Ridgeline hiking or extensive route finding |
| 8.1-11.0 > Most Difficult (MSD) | S > Scrambling |
| Very Strenuous, Difficult | X > Exposure |
| 11.1+ > Extreme (EXT) | W > Wilderness area, limit 14 |
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Be kind. When you carpool up local canyons, please give the driver \$1.50 or \$2.00 to help with gas and the wear and tear on the vehicle.

Directions to Meeting Places

Mill Creek Canyon Park and Ride Lot: Between 3800 S and 3900 S on Wasatch Blvd (3555 E), between the I-215 freeway and Wasatch Blvd along 3900 S. It is on the northwest corner of the intersection. You can ONLY enter it from the west-bound lanes of 3900 S. To get to the Mill Creek Canyon Rd from the Park and Ride lot without making a U-turn, go west (right) on 3900 S, proceed under the freeway, then turn north (right) at the next available street, which is Birch Dr; proceed north to Upland Dr (across from Skyline High School); go east (right) under the freeway and across Wasatch Blvd to the Mill Creek Canyon Rd (3800 S).

Skyline High School: 3251 E Upland Drive (3760 S). From the intersection of Wasatch Blvd and the Mill Creek Canyon Rd (3800 S), go west under the I-215 freeway, then turn north (right) into the entrance opposite Birch Dr (3330 E).

Butler Elementary: 2700 E just south of 7000 S

Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride Lot: At the northeast corner of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Rd and Wasatch Blvd. at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

6200 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 access to Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Ft. Union Lot #4: 200 yards west of Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride, near the Porcupine Pub & Grille (which is located at 3698 Ft. Union Blvd).


Little Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride Lot: 4323 E Little Cottonwood Canyon Rd. On the north side of the intersection of Little Cottonwood Canyon Rd and Quarry Rd at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Utah Travel Council Parking Lot: About 120 E 300 N. Go east from the intersection of State St and 300 N and turn south (right) into the first parking lot.

Parleys Way K-Mart Parking Lot: 2705 Parleys Way. From Parleys Way, turn north into the parking lot; or from Foothill Drive, turn west on Stringham Ave (2295 S) and then south into the lot.

ACTIVITIES LISTING

See online Calendar for updated and additional events and trips.

| Date  | Activity |
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| Jan 1 Fri | Snowshoe New Year's Day – mod <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Rick Kirkland 801 486-0909 rkirklan@utah.gov Start the New Year right! Sleep in a little and then join Rick for an invigorating snowshoe. The club recommends you bring the 10E's, shovel, probe, and beacon. |
| Jan 1 Fri | Snowshoe: New Years Day – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Heidi DeMartis 801 942-8088 heididemartis@excite.com Heidi will be leading the more mellow group today. She's starting a little later to let you recover from the night before. If you resolved to exercise more this year - here's your chance! |
| Jan 2 Sat | Snowshoe: Cardiff Fork Ntd/ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Ellen Jenkins 801 293-9198 ellenjenkins@yahoo.com Join Ellen at the civilized time of 10am for a snowshoe in Cardiff Fork. The club suggests that you bring your 10E's and avalanche safety gear for any snowshoe. |
| Jan 2 Sat | Snowshoe: Powder Park – mod <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Cassie Badowski 801 278-5153 cassie@hesstravel.com Join Cassie on a trip to Powder Park today. There's sure to be lots of conversation and laughs whenever Cassie is around! Come prepared with your 10E's and a beacon, probe and shovel are recommended. |
| Jan 2 Sat | Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com Organizers Leslie Woods, Polly Wiessner & Karen Perkins lead the tour. We do laps, usually in an area on the north side of BCC, where the terrain is safer & gentler. The exact location will be decided by group consensus at the meeting place. We attempt to avoid known avalanche chutes & treacherous terrain, & generally ski a few favorite spots all season. Beacons, shovels, probes, tele or comparable gear + skins required - along with a reasonable knowledge of their use. Skiers can yo yo as many times as they are able! For changes, cancelations, etc., skiers will be alerted by e-mail. And yes, we go EVERY SATURDAY! You may contact Karen, preferably by e-mail. If questions remain unanswered, do call. |
| Jan 2 Sat | Nordic Ski Tour: Mill Creek Canyon Road (beginner) – ntd – 2.5 mi Out & Back – 750' ascent – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 3:15 pm at Mill Creek Winter Gate <i>Organizer:</i> Michael Berry 801 583-4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net A short tour during the Holiday weekend, suitable for beginners, or those who are new to the area. After two back-to-back off-leash dog days (31st/ 1st) on the Mill Creek calendar, the ski route beyond the winter gate should be easier to negotiate without having to dodge those often wayward canines. Back before dark. Park at one of the Mill Creek lots near the end of the road at 3:15 pm, and meet the organizer (wearing reddish-brown jacket) at the winter gate by 3:30 pm. |
| Jan 3 Sun | Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – mod+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com Open glade skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~3500' vertical ~6 hrs. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark |

- Jan 3 **Snowshoe: Reynolds Loop – mod – Loop**
Sun
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801 466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com
This is one of Mohamed's favorites: start at Mill D and head to Reynolds then loop down through Butler Fork. Final route depends on snow and avalanche conditions. The club recommends you bring your 10 E's, beacon, probe and shovel.
- Jan 3 **Snowshoe: Dog Lake – ntd – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 1400' ascent**
Sun
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Jim Piani 801 733-0627 jvpiani@burgoyne.com
Jim is organizing a trip to beautiful Dog Lake.
- Jan 3 **Afternoon Goat Hike - Millcreek Canyon – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace**
Sun
Meet: 3:30 pm at Millcreek Road Closure
Organizer: Bob Jones 801-230-2254 rcjones@xmission.com
Join Bob and his pack goats for a casual social walk in the snow. Bring Yak Tracks, Snow Shoes or Skis. The group will hike at a comfortable pace and stay together until the turnaround time, which may be dark so bring a flashlight or headlamps. The goats will pack a heater, additional blankets, and Mapp gas to heat a Sierra cup of water in less than a minute! Bob's goal is for the group to go a little farther each time so that beginners can be encouraged to stretch themselves.
- Jan 5 **Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace**
Tue
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com
Weekly moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear, and snow safety and avalanche-training skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should email ahead of time to describe your acquaintance with the above requirements.
- Jan 5 **Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd**
Tue
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet at 10:00 AM every Tue and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal, healthy pace with friendly conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC snowshoe email list for automatic notices/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 915 am.
- Jan 6 **WMC Board Meeting**
Wed
Meet: 7:00 pm at WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E Suite 103)
Organizer: John Veranth 801 278-5826 veranth@xmission.com
Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the boards attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting
- Jan 6 **Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace**
Wed
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com
This semester I have Wednesday mornings off, so I'm trying to get a mid - week group going. These trips will be short but intense. Generally start times of 7 am and ending by 11. Backcountry skiing is preferred, but snowshoe or yaktrax hiking are also a possibility, depending on conditions. Contact organizer as the activity / destination can change every week.

- Jan 7 Thu Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+**
Meet: 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)
Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703
 Norm will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where hiking and 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.
- Jan 7 Thu Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**
Meet: 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym
Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com
 Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.
- Jan 9 Sat Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com
 Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.
- Jan 9 Sat Snowshoe: Cottonwoods – ntd+**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Holly Smith 801 272-5358
 Holly will pick a beautiful destination according to the weather and snow conditions.
- Jan 9 Sat Snowshoe: American Fork – mod**
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Jude Elizondo and Andy Beard 801 216-4597 judelizondo@aol.com
 Join Jude and Andy on another snowshoe adventure in American Fork. There's sure to be good conversation and a good workout. Destination will depend on the snow conditions. Bring your 10E's and the club suggests an avalanche beacon, shovel and probe. Call to register so they can give you directions to the meeting place.
- Jan 9 Sat Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com
 Organizers Leslie Woods, Polly Wiessner & Karen Perkins lead the tour. We do laps, usually in an area on the north side of BCC, where the terrain is safer & gentler. The exact location will be decided by group consensus at the meeting place. We attempt to avoid known avalanche chutes & treacherous terrain, & generally ski a few favorite spots all season. Beacons, shovels, probes, tele or comparable gear + skins required - along with a reasonable knowledge of their use. Skiers can yo yo as many times as they are able! For changes, cancelations, etc., skiers will be alerted by e-mail. And yes, we go EVERY SATURDAY! You may contact Karen, preferably by e-mail. If questions remain unanswered, do call.
- Jan 10 Sun Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd- – Moderate pace**
Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com
 Open glade skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~4000 vertical ~7hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Backcountry experience and avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark.
- Jan 10 Sun Snowshoe: Catherine's Pass – mod**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Mike Budig 801 328-4512 mbudig@blazemail.com
 Mike is headed to Catherine's Pass today. It's sure to be a good workout with excellent scenery. Remember your 10E's, beacon, shovel and probe.

Jan 10 Snowshoe: Greens Basin – ntd+ – 4.0 mi – 1050' ascent – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 9:15 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Tricia Lee 801 274-7643 trisha2king@mac.com
Join Tricia for a beautiful day in Big Cottonwood. She is headed to Greens Basin from the Spruces.

Jan 10 Afternoon Goat Hike - Millcreek Canyon – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace

Sun *Meet:* 3:30 pm at Millcreek Road Closure
Organizer: Bob Jones 801-230-2254 rcjones@xmission.com
Join Bob and his pack goats for a casual social walk in the snow. Bring Yak Tracks, Snow Shoes or Skis. The group will hike at a comfortable pace and stay together until the turnaround time, which may be dark so bring a flashlight or headlamps. The goats will pack a heater, additional blankets, and Mapp gas to heat a Sierra cup of water in less than a minute! Bob's goal is for the group to go a little farther each time so that beginners can be encouraged to stretch themselves.

Jan 10 Nordic Ski Tour, Days Fork – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Bob Cady 801 274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
An up and back with a loop around the lower bowl

Jan 10 Hike: Meeting For Mt Elbrus Russia Trip

Sun *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Zig Sondelski 801 292-8332 zig.sondelski@gmail.com
A meeting will be held about Sun, Jan 10 to begin planning for a mountaineering trip in July 2010 to Mt Elbrus being organized by Svetlana Litvinenko. Mt Elbrus, at 18,513', is the highest point in Europe and is one of the "seven summits". Having climbed it last July, I would describe it as an EXT backpack with crampons and ice ax on a flagged and well-travelled route. It was an easier route and shorter but much higher hike than Mt Whitney, my previous high peak. Following the Mt Elbrus climb, there will be an option to climb Lenin Peak in Kyrgyzstan at 23,406'. Anyone interested, curious, wanting to learn more, see a slide show or talk with the 2009 group please, contact Zig Sondelski by phone or email for details and meeting information.

Jan 12 Alpine Ski Tour: Tue Ski Backcountry: (mod+ To Msd) – mod+ – Fast pace

Tue *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Chris Proctor 801 485-1543 Proctorgtr@aol.com
Weekly moderate to long/hard ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear, and snow safety and avalanche-training skills are essential. Call or e-mail Chris Proctor Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should email ahead of time to describe your acquaintance with the above requirements.

Jan 12 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet at 10:00 AM every Tue and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal, healthy pace with friendly conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC snowshoe email list for automatic notices/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 915 am.

Jan 13 Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace

Wed *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com
This semester I have Wednesday mornings off, so I'm trying to get a mid - week group going. These trips will be short but intense. Generally start times of 7 am and ending by 11. Backcountry skiing is preferred, but snowshoe or yaktrax hiking are also a possibility, depending on conditions. Contact organizer as the activity / destination can change every week.

Jan 14 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703

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Jan 14 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com

Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.

Jan 14 Boating Meeting/social Permit And Pizza Party – class I

Thu *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church (3280 East, 3900 South)

Organizer: Don Urrizaga 435 884-0147 don_urrizaga@yahoo.com

"The club has an OUTSTANDING history of boating trips with both the equipment and experienced river runners to make it one of the club's most popular programs." It's time once again to get together, to put our heads together and plan, to fill out and submit permit applications, and secure our fair share of the river permits issued to Utahans. Everyone is invited, seasoned vets and newcomers alike. Bring your friends. It is our goal to make this the best river year yet. Thursday, January 14, at 6:30PM at the Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church (3280 East, 3900 South). We will provide pizza and beverages. (No alcohol is allowed in the church.) You are encouraged to bring blank permit applications (see the boating website for details as to how to access them) and a checkbook. Be sure to sign up for the club's boater email notification system by sending a SUBSCRIBE message with your name and address to Bret Mathews bretmaverick999@yahoo.com

Jan 16 Snowshoe: Millcreek – ntd

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Mary Ann Yates 801 278-2423 marlos@xmission.com

Mary Ann will pick a destination that you are sure to love and that is suitable for the snow conditions.

Jan 16 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

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Jan 16 Snowshoe: Wolverine Cirque – mod

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Cassie Badowski 801 278-5153 cassie@hesstravel.com

Cassie is headed to the Wolverine Cirque. This is a classic with some heart stopping views. Call Cassie with questions. Come prepared with your 10E's and a beacon, probe and shovel are recommended.

Jan 16 **Alpine Ski Tour - Camping - Bear River Range – msd – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 5000’ ascent – Moderate pace**

Sat –

Jan 18 *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Mon

Organizer: Michael Moody 801 949-8032 mike.h.moody@hotmail.com

If you want to go camping at a time when the hordes of people and bugs are at there absolute minimum, winter is the time to go. We will be going to the Mount Naomi Wilderness where the snow is plentiful, the number of BC travelers is almost zero, and snowmobiles are not allowed. There is only one downside, the long approach, that is why we will be camping. Depending on snow stability, we will be going up High Creek or Cherry Creek. We will meet early in SLC on Saturday and carpool to the trailhead. We will travel in, set up camp, and then get a few turns in. On Sunday we have all day to explore the vast area and maybe summit a peak or two. Monday (MLK holiday) we will see how the group feels, maybe ski some, and then return home. I will be bringing a 4 season tent, we will all share the load, and pre-plan meals. Plan on 6 miles to camp, and around 5000 ft per day.

Jan 16 **Nordic Ski Tour: Upper Setting (uintas) – ntd – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1500’ ascent – Slow pace**

Sat

Meet: 9:00 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Jerry Hatch 801 583-8047

The snow should be well settled in the Uintas by now and prime for touring. The scenic basin below Castle Peak is reached at the 6 mile mark (2,000 ft. elevation gain), however, Jerry says that he will turn around when the group is ready. Metal-edged skis would be suitable for this trip, with scales, skins, or swix. Beacons are not required. General winter safety gear is recommended. Call Jerry for more information if driving from Park City. Carpool rate is 0.15 per mile per vehicle plus gas, divided by number of occupants. Mirror Lake Highway daily use fee is \$3.00 per vehicle or annual pass if you have one.

Jan 17 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd – Moderate pace**

Sun

Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com

Open glade skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~4500 vertical ~8hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Backcountry experience and avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark.

Jan 17 **Snowshoe: White Pine – mod+ – 9.0 mi – 2400’ ascent**

Sun

Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Kerry Faigle 801 232-8984 kfaigle@sisna.com

Kerry is going to beautiful White Pine lake (or as close as conditions permit). On a sunny day this is the perfect way to get some vitamin D and enjoy the snow. Bring your 10E's, beacon, probe and shovel!

Jan 17 **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod – Moderate pace**

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801 891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net

Organizer's Choice Snowshoe. Meet Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) for today's snowshoe tour to a fun destination. Depending on weather and avalanche conditions. Meet Knick at 6200 South & Wasatch Park-n-Ride at 9:00 am to car pool up Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Jan 17 **Afternoon Goat Hike - Millcreek Canyon – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace**

Sun

Meet: 3:30 pm at Millcreek Road Closure

Organizer: Bob Jones 801-230-2254 rcjones@xmission.com

Join Bob and his pack goats for a casual social walk in the snow. Bring Yak Tracks, Snow Shoes or Skis. The group will hike at a comfortable pace and stay together until the turnaround time, which may be dark so bring a flashlight or headlamps. The goats will pack a heater, additional blankets, and Mapp gas to heat a Sierra cup of water.

BE PREPARED! ALWAYS TAKE THE 10 E'S AND CHECK THE LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS! WHAT ARE THE 10 E'S? MAP/COMPASS, FLASHLIGHT, POCKETKNIFE, MATCHES/FIRE-STARTER, SUNSCREEN/BUG SPRAY, SUNGLASSES, CANDLE, FIRST AID KIT, EXTRA CLOTHES, & FOOD AND WATER

Jan 18 **Nordic Ski Tour: Tony Grove (Logan Canyon) Or Red Pine To Mud Lake Flat (uintas) – mod – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 2000’ ascent – Moderate pace**

Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Michael Berry 801 583-4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net

All-day XC ski tour on MLK Day, depending on conditions. This trip is likely a go if I have at least two qualified people who ask to register (Note: calls or emails only to express interest is ok, but not the same as registering). Generally, lighter-weight backcountry touring gear (with scales, skins, or swix) is used, however, skiers must choose their own gear weight- based on suitability for maintaining efficient downhill technique and control. Beacons and shovels required. General winter safety gear and headlamps advised. Planned meeting time is 8:00 am.

Jan 19 **Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd**

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list

Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vinedesimone@yahoo.com

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Jan 20 **Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace**

Wed *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com

This semester I have wednesday mornings off, so I'm trying to get a mid - week group going. These trips will be short but intense. Generally start times of 7 am and ending by 11. Backcountry skiing is preferred, but snowshoe or yaktrax hiking are also a possibility, depending on conditions. Contact organizer as the activity / destination can change every week.

Jan 21 **Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+**

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703

Norm will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where hiking and 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.

Jan 21 **Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com

Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.

Jan 21 **X-dance Action Sports Film Festival-movies**

Thu – *Meet:* 4:00 pm at 272 So Main Salt Lake City

Jan 26 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Tue For those of you who are unmoved, or left a little cold by the artsy flics and melodramas of the Sundance Film Festival, and would prefer a little heat, and some adrenaline pumping action on the screen, don't miss SLC's virtually unknown treasure which shows up each January- the X-Dance Action Sports Film Festival, which will run January 21-26, downtown @ 272 So Main. The films and times will be posted on their website, @ x-dance.com.

Jan 22 **Biking Meeting/social - Death Valley Bike Trip**

Fri *Meet:* 7:00 pm at Marilyn & Jim Bickley's home 10913 S. Coraville Way (4460 W.) in S. Jordan's Daybreak community

Organizer: Marilyn & Jim Bickley 801 446-0544 jmbickley@qwest.net

The planning meeting for the February bike trip to Death Valley will be held on January 22, 2010, at Marilyn and Jim Bickley's home. If you are interested in participating in this popular bicycle adventure, please plan on attending this important meeting.

Jan 22 **Potluck "June In January" Sing-a-long & Potluck**

Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 1724 Bunkerhill Road

Organizer: Patti 801 424-9215

Need a break from the January blahs? Bring a snack or drink to share and join the gang at Patti O'Keefe's house for a rousing night of song, socializing and general silliness! The fun starts at 6:30 PM and lasts until ??? Grab your Hawaiian shirt (extra points if you wear a coconut bra!), dust off the old vocal chords (and any musical instruments tucked away in your closet) and bring them to 1724 Bunkerhill Road. Directions: From Murray-Holliday Rd. (approx. 4800 So.) turn So. On Kingsrow Road (1660 East); Bunkerhill is 1st street on left. 1724 is 2nd house from the end on your right. Need more encouragement?? Call Patti at 424-9215.

Jan 23 **Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

Jan 23 **Snowshoe: Albion Basin – ntd – Slow pace**

Sat *Meet:* 9:15 am at 3900 S Wasatch Blvd - the newly paved park and ride

Organizer: Doug Stark 801 277-8538 dostark@yahoo.com

Doug will be leading this leisurely paced snowshoe through scenic Albion Basin. Doug prefers the park and ride closer to Millcreek on 3900 S and Wasatch.

Jan 23 **Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

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Jan 23 **Hike Antelope Island Sentry Peak – mod – 6.5 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at Car Pool

Carpool: 8:30 am at 2100 S TRAX Park & Ride

Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801 244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com

Julie would like to explore the southern end of Antelope Island. The trail to Sentry Peak starts at the Fielding Garr Ranch where the group will pick up a permit. This is a new hike for Julie so it might be a bit exploratory. Bring Yak Trax or your choice of lightly studded footwear.

Jan 23 **Snowshoe-6th Annual Lone Peak Winter Ascent – msd – Out & Back – 6000' ascent – Fast pace**

Sat *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Matthew VanHorn 801-631-7152 hatmanvorn@hotmail.com

Climb this monarch of the Wasatch in its most challenging conditions. You should be very fit and somewhat comfortable with exposure. You must bring an ice axe and be experienced in its use. Plan for a long day. Registration required, email preferred.

Jan 24 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Mark Borges 801 363-4504 mborges@xmission.com
Open glade skiing/boarding. Some parts might be steeper then 38 degrees and/or in the trees. ~4500 vertical ~8hr. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Backcountry experience and avalanche awareness is required. Email or call Mark.

Jan 24 Snowshoe: Afternoon Organizer's Choice – ntd

Sun *Meet:* 1:00 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Robert Turner 801 467-1129
Set aside your afternoon to join Robert for an enjoyable snowshoe. He will select a location suitable for the conditions and the group.

Jan 24 Snowshoe: Maybird – msd- – 6.5 mi – 2440' ascent

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah and Deirdre Flynn 801 466-9310 agm1144@yahoo.com
Mohamed and Deirdre are headed to Maybird. Will they find the bridge to join the Red Pine trail on the way out? There's one sure way to find out - come and join them! This is a challenging trip but lots of fun. 10 E's, avalanche beacon, probe and shovel are highly recommended.

Jan 24 Nordic Ski Tour, Pine Valley Towards Soapstone Bench – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Carpool: 9:00 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Bob Cady 801 274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
An up and back along a little used trail near the Mirror Lake Highway. Fairly easy terrain, but trail breaking is usually required and we may go a long distance.

Jan 26 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vinedesimone@yahoo.com
Vince will organize a Tuesday Group this year. Meet at 10:00 AM every Tue and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect a normal, healthy pace with friendly conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC snowshoe email list for automatic notices/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 915 am.

Jan 27 Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace

Wed *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required
Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com
This semester I have wednesday mornings off, so I'm trying to get a mid - week group going. These trips will be short but intense. Generally start times of 7 am and ending by 11. Backcountry skiing is preferred, but snowshoe or yaktrax hiking are also a possibility, depending on conditions. Contact organizer as the activity / destination can change every week.

Jan 28 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)
Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703
Norm will organize a "Thursday Group" this year, leaving at 9:30 AM. They go to places in the Cottonwood Canyons area where hiking and 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.

Jan 28 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

Thu

Meet: 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com

Come join us for our Thursday evening gym climb. This is a great way to improve your skills, gain confidence, and keep in great climbing shape. Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. Momentum is offering discounts for club members. There is an annual \$15 climbing fee to cover the cost of rope and anchor gear replacement.

Jan 29 Moonlight Snowshoe – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace

Fri

Meet: 6:30 pm at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801 891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net

Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) Meet Knick for this Organizer's Choice moonlight snowshoe tour possibly in East Canyon. Exact location dependent on weather and safety conditions. Knick plans a fun evening in the moonlit snow. Meet Knick at Skyline High east parking lot to carpool. Dress warmly in layers, headlamp may be needed and come prepared.

Jan 30 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat

Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

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Jan 30 Alpine Ski Tour Multi Canyon Traverse – msd – Fast pace

Sat

Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Brad Yates 801 278-2423 bnyslc@earthlink.net

This trip will most likely go from Alta to Millcreek Canyon, depending on current avalanche safety considerations. Multiple sub drainage's in the tri canyon area may also be included, expect at least 5000' vertical gain perhaps up to 7000' and out at least 8 hrs. Beacon and Shovel required.

Jan 30 Snowshoe: Days Fork – ntd – Out & Back

Sat

Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Dave Rabiger 801 964-8190 drabiger@utah.gov

Dave is headed to Days Fork where the snow is always good. The pace will be casual. Location is subject to change based on conditions.

Jan 30 Snowshoe: Big Cottonwood Leader's Choice – mod

Sat

Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Cindy Crass 801 530-7331 cjcrass@cnmlaw.com

Cindy is thinking of heading to either Lake Blanche or Broad's Fork today. Final decision will be based on the day's conditions. Bring your 10E's, shovel, probe, and beacon.

Jan 31 Snowshoe: Afternoon Organizer's Choice – ntd

Sun

Meet: 1:00 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Robert Turner 801 467-1129

Set aside your afternoon to join Robert for an enjoyable snowshoe. He will select a location suitable for the conditions and the group.

Jan 31 Snowshoe: Upper Greens – mod

Sun

Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Mark McKenzie 801 913-8439 mark.mckenzie@slcc.edu

Join Mark for an enjoyable day in Upper Greens. If the group makes it to the peak the round trip distance is 6 miles and elevation of 2,380 feet. The club recommends you bring your 10E's, beacon, shovel, and probe.

Jan 31 **Nordic Ski Tour: Red Ledge And The Racetrack – mod+ – 17.0 mi Out & Back – 2700' ascent – Moderate**
Sun **pace**

Meet: 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Michael Berry 801 583-4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net

An exploratory tour in the Co-op Creek/ Strawberry Reservoir area. The variety of scenery should be the highlight of this trip, including the prominent Red Ledge rock formation and Racetrack Peak (10, 400 ft.) visible from US-40. Bring sturdy boots and lightweight backcountry touring skis with scales, skins or swix. Beacon and shovel required.

Feb 2 **Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd**

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list

Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vinedesimone@yahoo.com

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Feb 3 **Alpine Ski Tour - Al's Morning Madness – mod+ – Fast pace**

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Organizer: Alex Rudd 801 971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com

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Feb 4 **Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+**

Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the 'Porcupine' and across the street on the north side of the road)

Organizer: Norm Pobanz 266-3703

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Join Bob Norris for a multi-sport adventure in Nepal. Involving trekking the Khumbu, white water rafting and a visit to the National Game Preserve on the Indian border, the trip will give you a good idea of the cultural, climatic and geographic diversity of this amazing country. We will leave in mid-May and return in early June. Exact dates will be determined by needs of those going. For general questions, a detailed trip description or a dvd of this trip done in 2008, contact Bob Norris. 801-943-6039. bobnepal@comcast.net

"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" by checking snow and weather conditions at <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/> Before you participate in any WMC winter sports activity please review the Winter Sports Policy located on the club website www.wasatchmountainclub.org Before entering avalanche terrain, the club recommends you attain backcountry 'safe travel' and 'avalanche awareness' education AND attain and learn to use a transceiver, probe and shovel. Organizers are expected to keep the group together and use proper backcountry etiquette.

Feb 4 **Alpine Yurt Ski Trip, Sawtooth Mountains – msd-**

Thu – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Feb 8 *Organizer:* Michael Moody 801-949-8032 mike.h.moody@hotmail.com

Mon

Sawtooth Mountain Powder Days Dates: Feb 5th – 8th Cost: \$147/person The WMC is taking a group of lucky skiers to Bench Hut in the Sawtooth Mountains for 4 days/3nights of Back Country Skiing in February 2010. Nestled at 7400' on the shoulder of Mount Heyburn in the Sawtooth Mountains, the Bench Hut is a spectacular destination for the downhill shredders and intermediate skiers alike. The area around Bench Hut is off limits to motorized vehicles by the Forest Service (this means NO SNOWMOBILES!). We will meet in SLC on Thursday after work and Carpool to Ketchum where we will spend the night. On Friday, we will carpool in the morning to the trail head, where we will leave modern society behind and enter the Back Country world for 4 spectacular days. Bench is a wall tent built from local materials that reflects the age and ingenuity of the first pioneers in the Rockies. All the basic amenities are provided at the hut including two wood stoves, a two burner propane stove for cooking, pots, pans, tableware, lanterns, bunks with foam mattresses, books, cards, games and a wood fired SAUNA! The Hut can sleep up to 14 people, yet we will limit the group to 10. Hut users need only bring food, sleeping bags and avalanche safety equipment. The trail to the hut, a 1,200' gradual elevation gain over six miles, proceeds gently up a ridge from the Redfish Lake trailhead. Outstanding views of the Sawtooth and White Cloud Mountains mark this trail. Skiers will need to be able to carry their gear into the hut. LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: The strong, experienced skier will enjoy and be challenged by BC skiing in this area. An advanced level of fitness and high-intermediate to advanced downhill ski abilities are essential. This means being comfortable skiing 'black runs' with a 15-20 lb pack in backcountry snow conditions, especially deep powder! Participates should have good BC skiing/slit-boarding skills (and know what this means), and at least attend one Avalanche Class. Please no snowshoers or XC skiers. PLANNED ITENARY: Feb 4th – Meet in SLC and Carpool to Ketchum (location and time TBD) Feb 5th – 8th Bench Hut, see why everyone wants to go hut skiing! Feb 8th – Get back to the cars and Carpool back to SLC PAYMENT: BC skiers wishing to attend: need to e-mail the trip leader with a short list of experience/classes along with a contact phone number. BC skiers will need to adhere to the Hut rules; which includes leaving the hut in better shape than found. Approved BC skiers have 7 days to submit full payment to leader or the skier could lose their spot. Refunds will only be given if there are approved participates on the wait list and one of these is able to pay for said position. There are no refunds for inclement weather, nor is there any guarantee for powder. NOT INCLUDED: - Transportation to Trail head (we will carpool) - Night stay in Ketchum - Food (we will try to organize group food, yet this is not in the cost of the hut) - Guiding service (this is an option at \$300/day) - Personal Gear - Porter Service (this is an option at \$150/day for a max of 50#)

Feb 4 **Bob Wright Memorial Death Valley Road Bike Ride – mod**

Thu – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Feb 8 *Organizer:* Marilyn Bickley 801-446-0544 jmbickley@qwest.net

Mon

It's time to get away from the snow, cold temperatures, and smog to enjoy some warm weather and sunshine in Death Valley! Camping will be at the Furnace Creek Campground walk-in tent sites. Bike rides are day trips and the possibilities are Badwater, Artist's Palette, Scotty's Castle, Stovepipe Wells, and perhaps Titus Canyon (mountain biking). There are also many good hikes available including Wildrose, Charcoal Kilns, and Telescope Peak. Showers and swimming are available at Furnace Creek. Itineraries are flexible. We will do group cooking. The planning meeting is on January 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Jim and Marilyn Bickley's house, 10913 So. Coralville Way (4460 West), South Jordan, Utah 84095. Cooking pods, pod leaders, logistics, and carpooling will be discussed. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person, which includes camping and food, due on or before the planning meeting. Transportation and park entrance fees are up to the individuals. If you have a geezer pass (Golden Age Pass), bring it. Please register with Jim or Marilyn Bickley by January 15. Phone is 801-446-0544 or e-mail at jmbickley@qwest.net

Feb 4 **Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com

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Feb 6 **Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace**
Sat
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Feb 6 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
Sat
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Brett Smith 801 994-1832 brettsmith459@yahoo.com
Join Brett for a wonderful day in the snow. He will select a destination based on the conditions. Come prepared with your 10E's, beacon, shovel, probe, and some lunch for the organizer wouldn't hurt.

Feb 7 **Silver Forksnowshoe**
Sun
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Michael Budig 801 328-4512 mbudig@blazemail.com
Snowshoe up the beautiful (and threatened by Solitude for expansion) Silver Fork Canyon. Meet at the Park and Ride at 6200 South and Wasatch Blvd at 9:00AM. Organizer: Michael Budig

Feb 7 **Nordic Ski Tour: Norway Flat – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Sun
Meet: 9:00 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Bob Cady 801 274-0250 rcady@xmission.com
An up and back along the Mirror Lake Highway. Not too difficult type terrain, but we may go a long distance (carpools can be arranged for option to stop in at Vince's Annual Spagetti Dinner in Park City on the way home).

Feb 7 **Snowshoe - Organizer's Choice – mod**
Sun
Meet: 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801 891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net
Organizer's Choice Snowshoe. Meet Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) for today's snowshoe tour to a fun destination in Big Cottonwood Cyn. Depending on weather and avalanche conditions. Meet Knick at 6200 South & Wasatch Park-n-Ride at 9:00 am to car pool up Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Feb 9 **Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd**
Tue
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
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Sun, Feb 7, 2010 23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Vince & Linda Desimone invite you to enjoy WMC fellowship at the 23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Directions: Hwy 224 from I-80, direction Park City; Just past the large white barn on the R., turn L. on Meadows Dr.(Ridgeview sign & traffic signal) Follow Meadows to one street past the first stop sign and turn L. on Mountain Top Lane. At top of hill, turn R. on Mountain Top Rd. to 168 and the sounds of fun! No RSVP needed. TV OFF during Super Bowl ! Please no early arrivals. \$5 for food and hot drinks. (Bring other drinks of choice) Organizer:Vince Desimone Phone:435 649 6805 Email:vincedesimone@yahoo.com Meeting Place:168 Mountain Top Rd, Park City Meeting Time:6:00 pm

- Feb 11 Snowshoe: The Cottonwoods – ntd+**
 Thu *Meet:* 9:30 am at Fort Union Lot #4 (just west of the ‘Porcupine’ and across the street on the north side of the road)
Organizer: Norm Pobanz 801 266-3703
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- Feb 11 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**
 Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym
Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com
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- Feb 13 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com
 Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.
- Feb 13 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000’ ascent – Moderate pace**
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- Feb 14 Snowshoe Or Hike: Organizer’s Choice – ntd**
 Sun *Meet:* 9:30 am at Call for meeting place
Organizer: Clayton Rand and Conley Adams 801 897-8911 and 801 967-2846 conley63.1@juno.com
 Clayton and Conley will lead a snowshoe or hike depending on conditions today. Please call for meeting place and details.
- Feb 18 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-**
 Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym
Organizer: Peter Campbell 801 733-0313 wmc-alpinist@hotmail.com
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- Feb 18 Membership Meeting - Elections & Business**
 Thu *Meet:* 7:30 pm at Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church 3280 East 3900 South
Organizer: John Veranth 801 278-5826 veranth@xmission.com
 General membership meeting for officer and director elections and updates on club business and conservation issues. Entertainment speaker to be announced in February Rambler.

Feb 20 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Karen Perkins 801 272-2225 karenp@xmission.com

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Feb 20 Alpine Ski Tour - Camping - Stansbury – msd- – 7.0 mi Out & Back – 5000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Feb 21 *Organizer:* Michael Moody 801 949-8032 mike.h.moody@hotmail.com

Sun Stansbury Mountains are home to some wonderful backcountry skiing. With 3 large Coulairs, tree skiing, and chutes, it is truly a BC skiers paradise. The only problem being the long approach into them, that is why we are winter camping. We will meet early on Saturday in SLC, carpool to the trailhead, make the long approach, set up camp and then get some turns in. Sunday we will ski into the afternoon, and then head home.

Feb 21 Nordic Ski Tour, Mill D Creek Basin Loop – mod+ – Shuttle – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Organizer: Bob Cady 801 274-0250 rcady@xmission.com

We will take Mill D North Fork to Lake Desolation, climb up to the ridge, then run north along the ridge to the NE corner of Mill Creek Basin, then descend Mill Creek back to the road.

Feb 23 Snowshoe Park City Environs Mod/msd

Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via snowshoe email list

Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Vince DeSimone (435) 649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com

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Feb 25 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum Climbing Gym

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Feb 27 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace

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Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

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Mar 4 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

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Mar 7 Nordic Ski Tour Lily Lake Wine Tour – ntd – Loop – Moderate pace

Sun *Meet:* 8:30 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Organizer: Bob Cady 801 274-0250 rcady@xmission.com

We will do a loop around the Lily Lake Ski trails (north slope of the Uintas on the Mirror Lake Highway), then stop at the warming hut for a fire, some wine, cheese, fruit, sandwiches, whatever, before returning to the cars. BYOB

Mar 11 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

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Mar 13 Alpine Ski Tour, – mod – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will Mc Carvill 801-942-2921 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go. Destination pending snow conditions and group composition. Bring transceiver, probe poll, shovel and know how to use them. Avalanche awareness is required.

Mar 13 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

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Mar 20 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

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Mar 20 Rappeling Class- Canyoneering – ntd

Sat *Meet:* 1:00 pm at Dogwood Picnic area, BCC

Organizer: Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Learn to rappel, and open the door to all kinds of new experiences and places. With proper instruction it is safe and easy- your fears are quickly banished. Whether you have never done it, or did once long ago and are not sure you remember, this is a great opportunity to learn not only how to do it, but also to be comfortable and safe on rope. Dogwood is the first picnic area in Big Cottonwood Canyon, just 1 mile up the canyon, on the right. Park on the highway to avoid a picnic area use fee, walk thru the site, up canyon, and follow a trail 50 yards past the last table to the climbing wall. A harness, helmet, gloves and descending device are needed, I have a few extras for folks who do not have and are unable to beg, borrow, or steal one, for a 5\$ rental/equipment replacement fee, but you need to make those arrangements with me in advance, as there is a limited number available.

Mar 25 Rock Climb - Momentum Climbing Gym – ntd-

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Mar 26 Nordic Ski Tour: King's Peak – msd – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Moderate pace

Fri – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

Mar 27 *Organizer:* Larry Swanson 801 583-4043 swanson.l@worldnet.att.net

Sat The last Saturday in March is the big event of the ski season. The King's Peak ski tour, hosted for the 37th (or so) year by Steve and Larry Swanson, will convene on Friday night (March 26th) by nightfall at the Henry's Fork Winter Parking Area and get underway in the pre-dawn hours on Saturday morning with headlamps. The total distance for the summit via 'Swanson's cut-off' is 32 miles round trip. See March Rambler for further details.

Mar 26 Introduction To Technical Canyoneering – mod-

Fri – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Mar 28 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com
Sun

The North Wash is a great place to get started and learn some of the basics of canyoneering, with something for everyone in these wonderful southern Utah sandstone slots. We will drive down Friday after work, and do canyons Saturday and Sunday, returning home Sunday night. If this is your first trip, you need to have taken one of the club rappelling classes as a prerequisite. (there will be another on March 20) The trip is half full already, with people who were overflow for this same trip in October. This trip is intended for those who have not already been to North Wash yet.

Mar 27 Break Into The Backcountry, Yo Yo – mod – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

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Jun 26 Day Hike: Mt. Nebo – msd – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 3500' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 8:00 am at REI sandy - 230 W 10600 S Ste 1700 Sandy, UT 84070

Organizer: Tanner Morrill 801-809-0173 tannermorrill@yahoo.com

Mt. Nebo via North Route-- This beautiful hike is 6-8 Hours. Past the saddle, the last 500 ft. of this hike are strenuous. The summit ridge is exposed and requires two hands for climbing. Recommended: 10Es & at least 40 oz of water. Elevation: 11928 Distance RT: About 8 miles.

Jul 10 Hike: Mt Elbrus Russia Mountaineering – ext – Out & Back – 5000' ascent – Fast pace

Sat – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Jul 24 *Organizer:* Zig Sondelski 801 292-8332 zig.sondelski@gmail.com
Sat

A repeat of the 2009 mountaineering trip to Mt Elbrus organized by Svetlana Litvinenko will be done in July 2010. Mt Elbrus, at 18,513', is the highest point in Europe and is one of the "seven summits". Having climbed it last July, I would describe it as an EXT backpack with crampons and ice ax on a flagged and well-travelled route. It was an easier route and shorter but much higher hike than Mt Whitney, my previous high peak. Following the Mt Elbrus climb, there will be an option to climb Lenin Peak in Kyrgyzstan at 23,406'. A meeting will be held in January for anyone interested, curious, wanting to learn more, see a slide show or talk with the 2009 group. For further information and details, phone or email Zig Sondelski.

Aug 1 John Muir Trail Backpack – msd – 212.0 mi Shuttle

Sun – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Registration required

Aug 31 *Organizer:* Michael Budig (801) 328-4512 mbudig@mail.com
Tue

This will be about a 3 week 212 mile backpack on the John Muir Trail in the spectacular High Sierras of California- starting in Yosemite and finishing near Mt Whitney. Exact dates to be determined, I will have to apply for the permits in February. This trip will require some organizing and caching of food- and the permit application process starts in February. So registration will be required by February 15.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Do not use for renewals.)

Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, please.

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: Applicant 2: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ email address: _____

Applicant 2: Main phone: _____ email address: _____

PRIVACY INFORMATION: The WMC defaults to publish name, phone and email on website “Member’s list” area. This information is only available to active members on the web site. With your permission, we also occasionally release our address list to WMC-Board approved wilderness and/or conservation organizations for one-time mailings under the stipulation that they do not continue to use the list or provide it to other. You may opt to (1) have your address published on the “Members Only” area but not made available to other organizations, (2) have your address published on the “Members Only” area and provided to Board-approved organizations, or (3) not have your address on the WMC roster nor given to other organizations.

YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION: Once you have been notified that your application has been accepted, log in to the WMC site and select your level of privacy from the menu under Club Preferences. If you do not have computer access or need help, please contact the Membership Director to make your preferences known.

If you would like a printed copy of the membership roster, you may download a pdf file.

If you are a member and do not have computer access and would like a membership roster, please contact the Membership Director and that list will be provided to you.

Membership dues:

\$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)

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

\$25.00 for student membership (Annual dues \$20.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)

Student members must be full-time student, age 30 and under.

Enclosed is \$_____ for application fee and first year’s dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in all WMC activities is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate. I agree to abide by the rules of the WMC.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and may result in injury, illness, death, and damage to 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 guide 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 to or loss of my property.

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, 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 understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

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 certify I am at least 18 years old.

Signature 1 _____ Print Name 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Print Name 2 _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application to:

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REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SANDY REI (10600 S 230 W)

Avalanche Awareness for Youth - Thurs, Jan 14 @ 7pm **(Also at SLC REI on Tues, Jan 12 @ 7pm)**

This evening will include a narrated video showing avalanches, people triggering avalanches and the destructive power of avalanches. Then a local avalanche professional will tell their story about close calls or accidents they have had as they learned about avalanches. This will be followed by a PowerPoint presentation about the basics of how to recognize avalanche terrain, recognize obvious signs of instability, safe travel practices, the basics of avalanche rescue equipment and self-rescue procedures, and where to obtain information about current avalanche conditions. This program is tailored for younger outdoor enthusiasts between middle school and college, though all ages & families are encouraged to attend.

Ski/Snowboard Tune & Wax - Thurs, Jan 21 @ 7pm **(Also at SLC REI on Tues, Jan 19 @ 7pm)**

Come join the ranks of do-it-yourselfers who are discovering that tuning your skis at home can not only be a great way to save your hard earned money, but one of the most gratifying hobbies you will ever undertake. Join REI shop technicians this evening for some expert instruction on minor base repair, P-tex, edge sharpening and waxing. By learning to tune your own skis and snowboards, you can ensure that your equipment will perform at its peak. One \$20 Gift Certificate good towards REI Sandy Wax and Tune Shop Services will be raffled off. Must be 18 yrs or older and present to win.

Snowshoe 101 - Thurs, Jan 28 @ 7pm **(Also at SLC REI on Thurs, Jan 7 @ 7pm)**

Learn how to snowshoe!

SALT LAKE CITY REI (3285 E 3300 S)

Canine Companions for Independence - Mon, Jan 11 @ 7pm

The most advanced technology capable of transforming the lives of people with disabilities has a cold nose and a warm heart. Tonight's program, presented by the Wasatch Champions for Canine Companions for Independence, will be about exceptional dogs helping exceptional people. A video program chronicles the journey from puppy to graduate dog. Service dog and

Skilled Companion teams as well as puppy raisers will demonstrate their dogs' skills and answer your questions. This event is for anyone wanting to know how these dogs make a world of difference in the lives of adults and children with disabilities.

GPS 101- Thurs, Jan 14 @ 7pm

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join an REI navigation expert as he unveils the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of GPS receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. This is an excellent primer for people who are looking to get started with GPS use.

Polar Dream - Thurs, Jan 21 @ 7pm

In 1988, international explorer Helen Thayer became the first woman and the oldest person at age 50, to travel on foot to the magnetic North Pole. Thayer walked and skied for 27 days in the Arctic pulling a 160-pound sled for 364 miles with her only companion being her 94-pound dog, Charlie. She faced and survived seven confrontations with polar bears thanks to her own quick wits and keen senses of Charlie. She has gone on to write three best sellers: Polar Dream, Walking the Gobi and Three Among Wolves.

Memorable Skiing Stories...and Some Not So Memorable **Tues, Jan 26 @ 7pm**

Long-time ski writer, historian, and 2009 inductee to the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame, Mike Korologos, will share stories and anecdotes from his extraordinary experiences as a ski writer of some 50 years.

COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER / CLASSES

Winter Trails Day @ Mountain Dell **Sat, Jan 9 10am-2pm**

Come try out snowshoes or nordic skis for the first time, or try out the latest and greatest gear. Demo equipment will be provided at no charge by local retailer Wild Rose, Salomon, Rossignol, Swix, Tubbs and others in the snow sports industry. Activities include an hour long snowshoe interpretive tours, 30-40 minute introductory classes to cross country skiing and beginning skate ski lessons. Best of all, it's FREE! Mountain Dell golf Course is a fee area for day skiing but all fees have been waived for this event, January 9th only.

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