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Old Timers/Newcomers Party

August 28, 2010

Photo by Alexis Kelner

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.



Lodge Service Days

**September 24 & 25
October 9**

**Check for updates
in online Activities
Listing**

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

Contact: Robert Myers,
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOHN VERANTH

Member Vote on Transfer of the Lodge

During October and November the Wasatch Mountain Club will be conducting the formal membership vote to approve transfer of the WMC lodge building and Forest Service land lease from the club to the separate, non-profit Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation. Since not everyone receives the Rambler, a separate first-class mailing, the information below will be sent to the entire membership list as of the WMC board meeting October 6, 2010 (the record date).

This is an important decision for the club and it is important to have a large fraction of the members actually voting. To maximize participation, voting will have three options:

- 1) A mail-in ballot will be included in the mailing to all members.
- 2) Ballots will be available at the Organizers' and Awards Banquet.
- 3) Ballots will be available at the General Membership Meeting: Thursday, November 11, 7:30 PM, at the Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church, 3280 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84124.

Important Facts

At the September Wasatch Mountain Club governing board meeting, the board voted unanimously to recommend the transfer of the Lodge as a gift to the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation.

Since this involves a transfer of a major portion of the club's assets, and is not in the normal course of business, the Utah Non-profit Corporation Act requires a membership vote.

The number of persons submitting ballots will constitute a quorum.

Decision will be by simple majority of votes cast.

Deadline for voting will be November 11, 2010. Votes submitted in person prior to adjournment of the General Membership meeting, and votes received by mail on or before November 11th, will be counted.

To verify eligibility to vote, members will be required to put their names on a tear-off section of the ballot, which will be removed from the main part of the ballot after names are checked off against the membership list as of the record date.

Three WMC Trustees will serve as election judges to verify membership status and to count and record the votes.

Background Information

The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) lodge was built by the club members in 1929, and subsequently expanded and remodeled by member volunteers. The building, located above the Brighton Ski Resort parking lot, is owned by the club, but the land is leased from the National Forest. The building is a Utah Historic Site and is listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places, in recognition of being one of the few remaining structures from the early years of Brighton. The lodge has received much care from members. Major projects over the last few decades include the metal roof, rewiring to bring the building up to code at the time, and the addition of the annex with flush toilets. In addition, frequent volunteer service weekends have been needed to deal with winterization, removal of snow accumulation, spring reopening, rotting bottom logs, and other routine maintenance. Many thanks to all who have contributed over the years.

In recent years, there have been only 3-5 scheduled club parties or similar events at the Lodge, and most weekends have been used for rentals. Even with the rentals, the lodge is not self-supporting. The club has been subsidizing it from dues, income from book and map royalties, and member donations.

Several years ago, the WMC started looking at options to put the lodge on a more secure financial footing, and to insure that the historic structure will be preserved. Major issues considered included the Forest Service lease fee, the property tax, and the ability to receive significant donations. The WMC is classified by the IRS as a 501 (c) (7) social club, and donations to the WMC are not tax-deductible to the donor. We learned that most other large outdoor clubs have a legally separate, but functionally related foundation, that is able to receive charitable gifts.

The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation (WMCF) is a legally separate corporation whose purpose statement is similar to that of the WMC, but has been organized with a focus on charitable purposes, primarily the preservation of the historic lodge building. Quoting from the WMCF Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES AND POWERS, 3.1 Purposes:

- A. The Foundation is formed to preserve natural and historic resources on public lands through programs that are charitable, educational, scientific, or literary in nature.
- B. The Foundation may own, operate, and/or maintain real estate for the public benefit with primary focus on a structure that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located on National Forest leased land in Brighton, Utah, and is commonly known as the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge (the "Lodge").
- C. The Foundation's purposes include, without limitation, to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers, and lovers of the mountains, deserts, forests, and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Wasatch Mountains and surrounding mountain ranges in the Great Basin on behalf of science, literature and art; to preserve 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.

- D. The Foundation may receive, administer and distribute funds from individual donations and from public grants for charitable, historic preservation, and other purposes allowable under IRS regulations.

The WMCF has a separate board of directors that currently consists of Bob Myers, Earl Cook, Phyllis Anderson, Linda Kosky, (all long-time WMC members) Dave Triplett (an architect), Barbara Cameron (active with the Big Cottonwood Canyon Association), and Ranae Olson (an accountant). The WMCF was organized as a Utah non-profit corporation in 2009 and in July 2010, the WMCF received 501 (c) (3) status as a charitable organization from the IRS. Donations to the WMCF are now fully tax deductible to the donor. This is an immediate and significant benefit to large donors. However, the non-profit, charitable, WMCF will need to legally own the lodge in order to not have tax deductible donations being spent to benefit a non-eligible social club. In addition, both Forest Service rules and Utah tax law allow more favorable treatment for property that is owned by a 501 (c) (3) charity and operated as a public resource, compared to a property being operated as a private clubhouse. Eligibility for more favorable lease and tax treatment will need to be determined, based on how the lodge is being operated. The intention of the WMCF is to make the building available to the public through both rentals and scheduled open house weekends, as well as making the historic building available for architectural and educational tours. Charitable use will include donating a portion of the available rental time to non-profit educational, scientific, and literary organizations using a non-discriminatory, competitive grant application process that considers whether the purpose of the requested use aligns with the purposes of the WMCF.

Thus, the transfer of the lodge from the WMC to the WMCF has immediate fundraising advantages, the potential for larger donations, bequests, and government grant applications in the future, and the potential for cost reductions on lease fees and property tax. In addition, the lodge will be controlled by a board of directors who have volunteered to take care of an historic building. After the transfer, the WMC board will be relieved of the property management, and can focus entirely on the outdoor recreational and social activities that are the reason most of us joined the WMC. Based on extensive deliberation over several years, the WMC board has recommended divesting the lodge by donating it to the foundation.

What about future WMC use of the lodge? If the members approve the transfer, the club will still be able to use the lodge for parties, but will need to pay the full rental rate, the same as any other member of the public. In effect, dues money now being donated to the lodge can be redirected (by vote of the WMC board) to purchase rental days for club events. The WMC has provided the startup seed money to get the foundation organized, and the current WMC board members expect to continue to donate to the foundation additional funds beyond rental days during the initial transition years. However, in the future WMC members will be encouraged to make direct donations to the WMCF for the upkeep and long-term improvement of the lodge. Direct donations to the foundation will be tax deductible, a benefit not available to funds passed through a social club treasury. As stated in its incorporation documents, the primary purpose of the foundation is the preservation of the lodge, but the foundation is also able to receive donations for other charitable purposes, should any donors be interested in funding appropriate educational or scientific projects.

Overall, the proposed transfer of the lodge has benefits for both the future of the lodge, and for the activity programs of the WMC. The WMC board recommends a vote in favor of donating the lodge to the foundation.

John Veranth, President

SAMPLE BALLOT

Vote on transfer of the WMC Lodge building and land lease as a gift to the non-profit, charitable Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation as recommended by the WMC governing board.

Member ☒ In Favor ☐ Opposed

Joint Member ☒ In Favor ☐ Opposed

Optional Survey Questions:

I would be comfortable donating the following annual amount to the WMCF for Lodge operation and maintenance.

☐ zero ☐ \$5 to \$15 ☒ \$ 25 ☐ \$50 or higher.

I would consider making a one-time major gift for a significant Lodge capital improvement project in the amount of:

☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☒ \$1000 or higher.

I would be willing to volunteer to work on the Lodge:

☐ Never ☒ one day a year. ☐ Several times a year.

----- Election Judge Tear Here -----

Print Member Name Ima Member

If Joint Membership:

Print Joint Member Name Also A. Member

THE WMC LODGE

The WMC lodge sits at the top of Big Cottonwood canyon, a short distance above the Brighton Ski Resort parking lot, above the Mt. Majestic Hotel. The building is tucked away in a grove of evergreens approximately 100 yards above the hotel. The building is accessible in the summer by automobile, but since the lodge is within the groomed slopes of the Mt. Majestic ski area, one must be able to travel over snow in the winter to get the lodge, which is uphill from the parking lot. It was built in 1930 by the early founding members of the club and was used as an overnight and weekend destination when travel in and out of the canyon was in a much more difficult period. In fact, the early members also built the first rope tow at Brighton for their weekend adventures, which later became the chairs lifts of the resort. The lodge is one of the only remaining original log buildings in the Brighton area and because of its history and importance, has been placed on the National Historic Register for buildings.

The lodge is currently used by the charitable organizations, the general public who may want to use the facility for a special social function, and an occasional use by the club for educational and charitable events. All of the Club's social and educational events are also open to the general public. Those wishing to use the lodge are asked to help support and fund the maintenance and upkeep of the building by paying a standard users' fee.

Through the years there have been a number of improvements in the lodge, with the most significant being the construction of an addition with modern bathrooms. The building now has a sanitary water supply, flushing toilets, showers and hydronic heating for the addition. We also have a live-in caretaker who resides in the upstairs of the addition. The main floor can handle parties up to 70-80 people comfortably. There are also outdoor porches and a barbeque area with picnic tables and additional seating during the summer. Sleeping accommodations are on the second floor of the main lodge, where there are two dormitory-style rooms capable of sleeping up to 20 people. You can find a link to our website which will further show pictures of the building and many of the unique characteristics of the building. The link to our website is <http://www.wasatchmountainclub.org/Lodge>. The website offers an online reservation system which will accept any major credit card.

Currently the lodge is owned and managed by the Wasatch Mountain Club. The club is in the process of forming a separate charitable tax-exempt organization called the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation. This organization will be a separate entity, with one of its purposes being owning and managing the building. The mission of the WMC Foundation is to preserve and maintain the building and allow it to be used for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, and to further its use by the general public.

To learn more about the lodge, visit our website or become involved as one of our maintenance volunteers. Maintenance is a year-round requirement with roof snow removal in the winter, to painting, repairs and remodeling in the short summer months. We encourage you to call and get involved in one or many of our work parties. Our activities for your involvement are listed in the calendar of events on our website, or by calling the Lodge Director, Robert Myers.

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eat, drink & be scary!

crawl, fly or creep on over to the wmc lodge



Club members and friends are invited to the WMC's annual Halloween Party to be held in its "haunted" lodge at Brighton Ski Resort in Big Cottonwood Canyon, on Saturday evening, October 30, 2010.

POTLUCK/BYOB dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Rockin' DJ Rob Snow's awesome mix of dance music will commence at 7:30 p.m. and will continue as long as feet and wings are moving. Best costumes in the categories of Greenest, Scariest and Sexiest will be awarded. A \$7.00 per person cover charge will be collected at the door; children are free. If you wish to stay overnight at the lodge, there is a charge of \$3.00 per person; children are free.

For further details and directions, e-mail or telephone the organizer, Craig Anderson: canders11238@yahoo.com or 801-487-2352.

don't be a scaredy cat!



it's gonna be wicked fun

OLD TIMERS / NEWCOMERS PARTY

August 28, 2010

By Phyllis Anderson

Despite threats of rain by local weathermen, we had a lovely evening for this annual party at the Mountain Club lodge. The number in attendance was estimated to be 70 to 80 folks, many of whom were truly old-timers. The potluck dishes were outstanding and people dove in like vultures promptly at 6:00! I suppose one should assume that everyone was unusually hungry due to strenuous hikes taken earlier in the day ☺

After dinner, Alexis Kelner orchestrated the obligatory photo op on the porch of the lodge, and Dr. Bruce J. Parsons, an early club member, shared his memories of the club "back in the day". So who is Bruce Parsons, and why is he giving Bob Myers a check for \$1,000.00? Keep reading.

Bruce joined the Mountain Club in 1945 when he was 23 years old, and he remained a member until 1960. (Watching him, it was difficult to believe he is now 87.) Stan Murdock was the club president in 1946 and dues were \$1.50 per year. According to Bruce, spending the night at the lodge was a wonderful experience. A solid wall separated the upstairs dorms, so girls took the left staircase and the men used the right one. There was no co-mingling or hanky-panky in those days. At least that's what Bruce was told. He noted that in line with current values, there are now doorways connecting the two dorms.

In 1947, Steve McDonald was president and Bruce was the publications director. Dues remained \$1.50 per year, and the lodge got its first furnace and first indoor "pit" toilets. No more trips up the hill to the outhouse. Bruce told new members that they are spoiled by the luxury of flush toilets and hot showers.

In August of this same year, the WMC was selected to host the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Two hundred delegates from 25 clubs showed up at the lodge, and a "killer hike" was part of the planned program. The hike started at the lodge, went up to the Mt. Millicent saddle, down to Alta, on to Albion Basin, up Devils Castle, back to Albion Basin, back to the Millicent saddle and finally back to the lodge. All were exhausted, but Bruce said no one passed out.

The following year, Jim Shane was elected club president, annual dues were raised to \$5.00, and Jim built the original Gold Miner's Daughter in Alta. Bruce said that two club members, two "gentle giants," stand out in his mind: Harold Goodro, along with his wife Helen; and Jim Shane, with his wife Elfrida. They were at the forefront of all club activities, whether summer or winter, and through their leadership the first "steel cable" ski tow was constructed in Brighton. Bruce said riders would drop their steel bars on the moving cable, and up the hill they'd go. He added, however, that it was hell to get off at the top! Heightening the challenge was the fact that their skis were war surplus, 7 feet long, and precariously held on their boots with leather straps for the toes.

Other old-timers that Bruce considered outstanding members during this time were, to name a few: O'Dell and Edith (Pinky) Petersen, Pa Parry, Carl Bauer, Jack Wolfe, Lee and Phyllis Steorts, Janet Christensen, Adrian and Emile Segel, and Irene and Chick Morton -- an impressive list indeed.

Bob Myers subsequently gave a report on the status of the lodge. After months of effort, the directors of the new Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation were notified that they have been granted 501(C)3 status as a nonprofit organization. This designation means that donations to the Foundation are now tax deductible for the donor. Upon hearing this announcement, Bruce Parsons rose to his feet and asked if he could donate \$1,000.00 to the lodge on the spot. (Like, any directors are going to say, "No!") And so it was that Bruce Parsons became the very first contributor to the WMC Foundation. How appropriate that our first donor would be a club old-timer. It certainly topped off a delightful party. If anyone else is interested in donating funds to the WMC Foundation, please contact Bob Myers, Earl Cook, Linda Frady, or Phyllis Anderson since we are still in the process of setting up our procedures.

Bruce Parsons presenting a \$1,000.00 check to the WMCF at the Old Timers/Newcomers Party



Left to right: Wendy Parsons Baker, Bruce Parsons, Phyllis Anderson, Robert Myers and Earl Cook. Phyllis, Robert and Earl make up the Board for the WMCF.



*Photos by
Alexis Kelner*

Mary Hanscom at left, front; Ron Weber next to her. Gary Larsen, Dorothy Weber and Dave Hanscom at right. Chauncey Hall in back, behind flowers.

EXTERIOR RENOVATION OF WMC LODGE LOGS

By Robert Myers, Lodge Director

I want to thank all of the volunteers, many of whom came up more than once, that helped us complete the renovation of the log exterior of the WMC Lodge. This has truly been a gleaming example of volunteer work that accomplished a wonderful thing. The results of this project will stand out as a shining example of the Club's effort to preserve the WMC Club Lodge for many years to come. The gist of the project was to clean, seal, stain and seal the exterior of the logs from the elements at the 8,700 feet where this building sits, surrounded by snow six months of the year.

The renovation project actually started last year, when we began caulking of the checks (cracks) in the logs. When the work resumed this spring, we began the removal of the mortar chinking from the building's exterior. The building was then power washed and allowed to dry before the caulking of the checks resumed. This was the most time consuming of the tasks. During the caulking, we uncovered a number of rotten logs that needed to be repaired. Most would assume that the staining and finish coat would have been the most difficult, as I had expected, but it took most of the time. The staining and sealing is where we got most of our help. One of the most expensive elements of the project was to contract with a professional chinker who installed the synthetic chinking between the logs. We had a deadline and we finished the work the day before the Old-Timer/Newcomer Party. It was really great to show off our work to the attendees of the party.

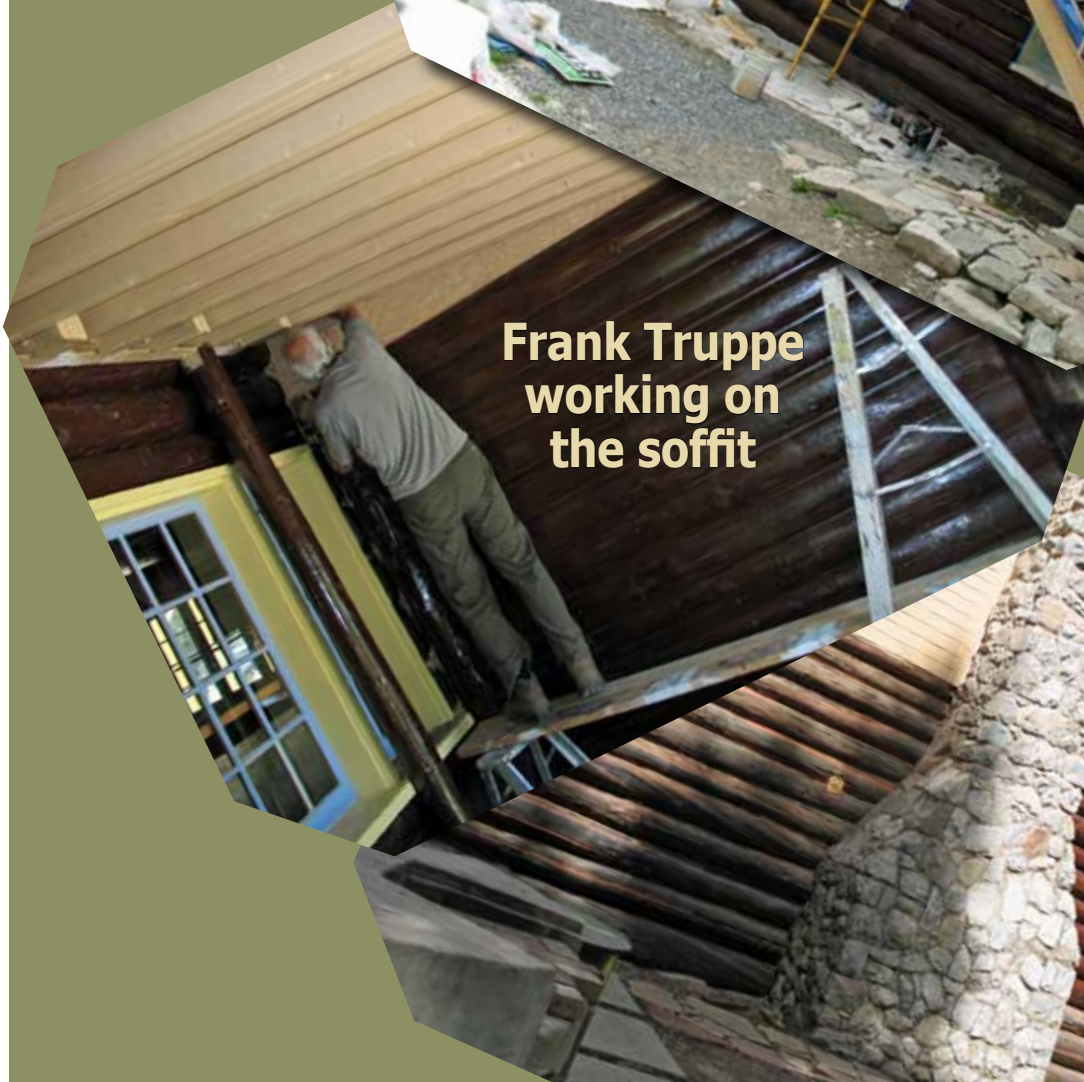
Now that this project has been finished, I want you to know that this project would not have been accomplished without the help of two very important volunteers: Larry Swanson and Hal Wallace. Both of these fellows put in more than twenty days this summer involving countless hours. The task was overwhelming for the three of us and, without all of the others who came up to help us, it would not have been done. A huge, great big "Thank You" to all of these Club volunteers for their time: Hal Wallace (23 Days to date); Larry Swanson (19 days); Barb Hanson (6 days); Dave Andrenyak (5 days); June Akers and Kerry Quinn for their 3 days each; Bret Smith, Dave Rabiger, Barry Quinn, Erin Zwiebel, Marilyn Smith, Dave Hanscom, Chris Biltoft and Wayne Jones (2 days for each of these folks); Christel Sysak, Margy Batson, Mark Luebben, Craig Ringenberg, Rick Thompson, John Butler and Frank Truppe were also generous with their one day of work. I want to thank anyone who showed up for the effort and another big "Thank You". I could not have done this without all of the volunteers who helped us.

Check out the "after" results at the end of these photos.

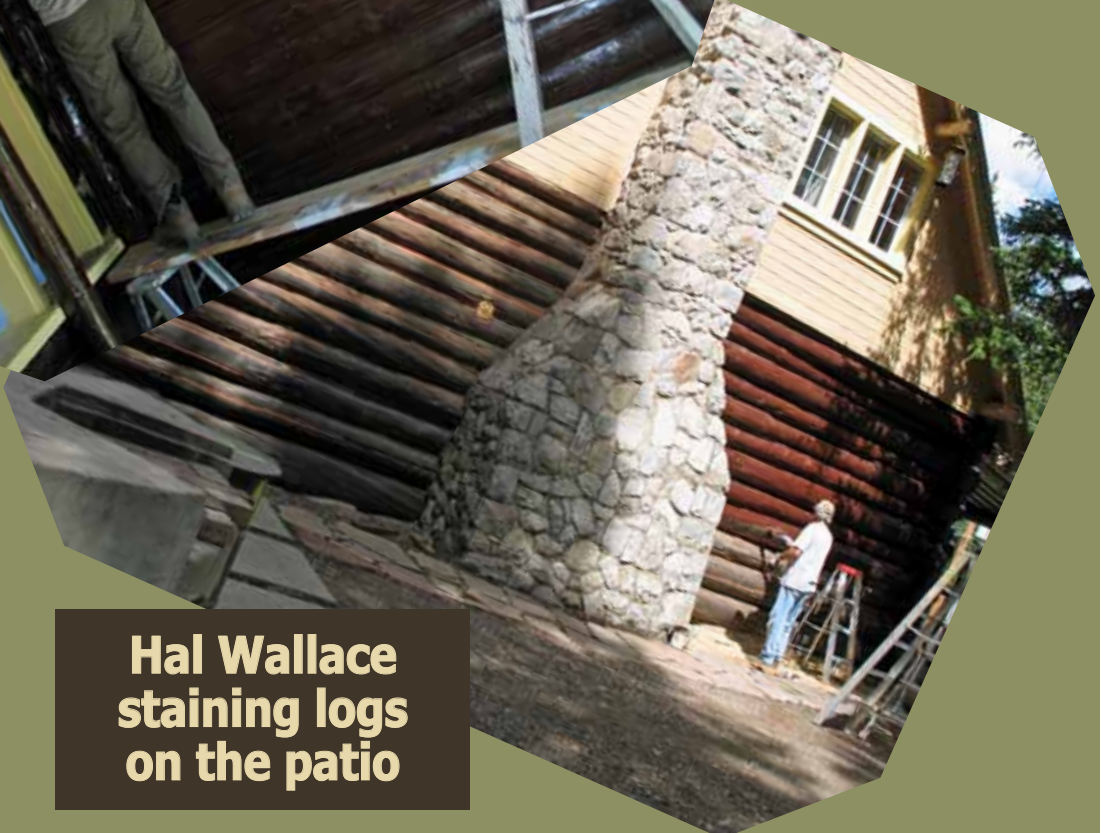
**Barb Hanson,
Kerry Quinn,
Bret Smith and
Larry Swanson
working on the
exterior**



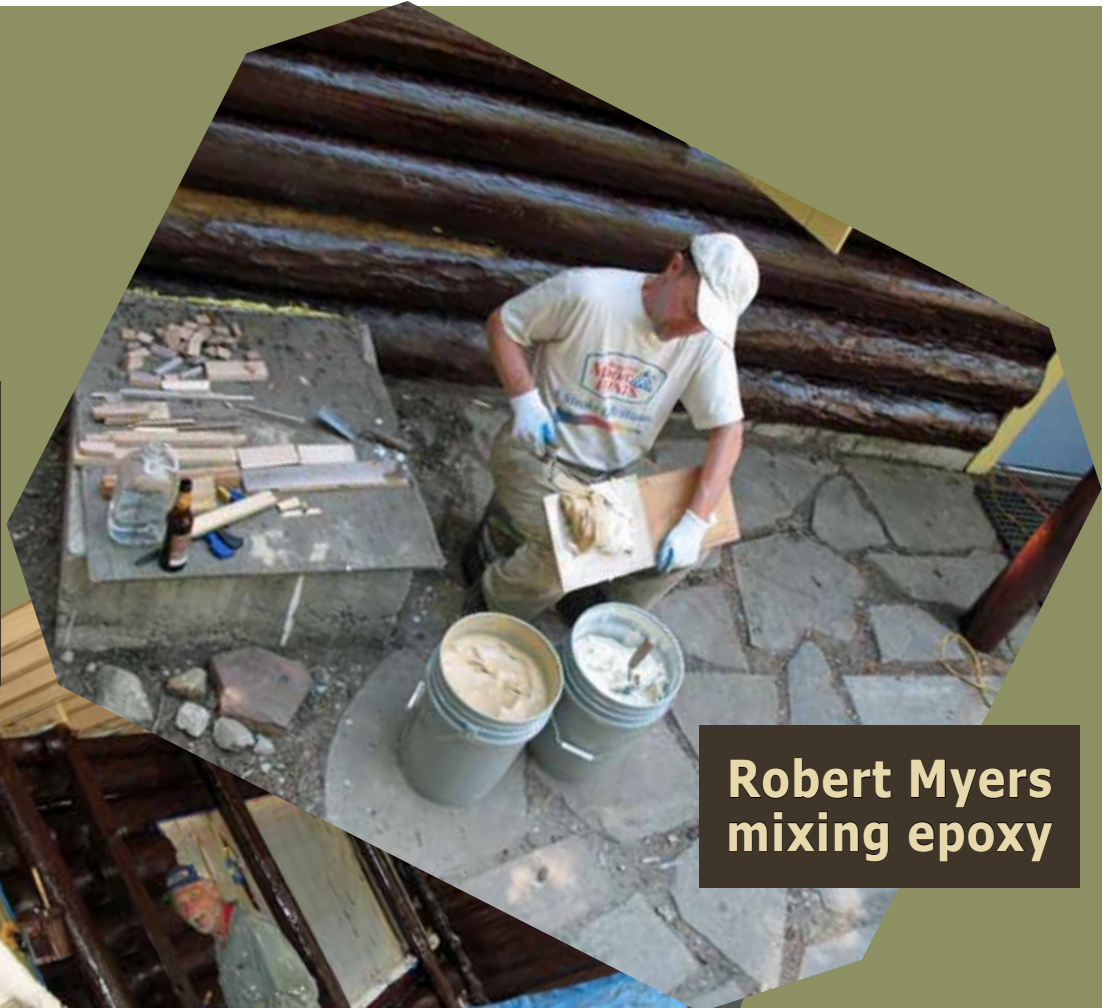
**Frank Truppe
working on
the soffit**



**Hal Wallace
staining logs
on the patio**



**June Akers
and Larry
Swanson
working on
the porch**



**Robert Myers
mixing epoxy**



**Bret Smith
staining logs**



AND THE FINISHED PRODUCT!



CONSERVATION NOTES

WILL MCCARVILL

The Wasatch Water Conservation and Wilderness Act were introduced as H.R.5009. It is difficult to imagine much progress on it as the midterm elections are happening this fall and the anti-government, anti-public lands sentiments are running strong and politicians are listening to them.

The WMC made a significant contribution for Utah Open Lands to purchase a parcel of land in Killyon's Canyon. This parcel has been purchased and will now remain as open space. In the past, the WMC has contributed to the purchase of the parcel on the south side of the mouth of Parleys Canyon, as well as another parcel in Emigration Canyon (Perkins Flat). We support buying out private in-holdings in the Wasatch to expand public lands, and to minimize the conflicts over access and use.

As most of you know, many of the bridges crossing Little Cottonwood Creek were damaged or destroyed by high water this spring. This can affect hiking, biking and climbing access to various parts of the trail that goes up that canyon. Hardy Sherwood is representing the WMC on an ad-hoc committee of users trying to assess the situation, and to figure out how to assume convenient public access.

The FS took action to close the illegal user created biking trail starting at the White Pine Trail head and progressing down the canyon through the Tanner Flat campground. There is an admirable barrier now in place, plus signage. I was inadvertently placed on an e-mail stream complaining about the FS action. I am sure glad I am not a local manager of public lands, as the intensity and irrationality (from my point of view) was pretty intense. One of the arguments revolves around the fact that the trail was once a railroad grade/road and has been used for over a 130 years, so what is the big deal about reopening it, and why is the FS so irresponsible to the public? This was actually good food for thought, so I chowed down. The Wasatch reached the greatest level of abuse between the start of logging, mining and grazing and the formation of the Wasatch Forest in 1907. Prior to the protection of becoming a National Forest, the hillsides were stripped of trees for construction, mine timbers and fuel, and the hillsides were then grazed by sheep and cows, until this too was stripped bare. Miners cut the easiest and quickest roads to their claims, without concern for erosion. Mines leaking toxic metals were abandoned and the runoff contaminates our waters to this day. Wild game was eliminated from the Wasatch due to over hunting and loss of habitat. Once the FS took over, implementation of restrictions and replanting of trees by the CC (dang socialism) responded to the public's need for water, hunting and responsible developments. In my world view, any return to the bad old days requires much careful thought. Just because there was an old road, doesn't mean we should reopen it. It was put in without any consideration of immediate and long term impacts on wet lands, wildlife, habitat, erosion, water purity and yield, much less the simple pleasures of a natural environment. It was put in as quickly and cheaply as possible to extract resources from the Wasatch, with as much return to the investor as possible.

No news yet of the request by Snowbird to acquire access to FS lands in and around Mineral Basin, Mary Ellen Gulch and on top of American Fork Twins for expansion of the ski area to the south of the existing resort boundaries.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT MULTI- ACTIVITIES WEEKEND ON ANTELOPE ISLAND



JOIN US FOR A DAY OR A WEEKEND OF MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES, a spaghetti dinner and car camping on Antelope Island on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. You will have an opportunity to bike, hike and paddle or to do all three in one weekend. Paddling has scheduled two groups on Saturday and one on Sunday. Hiking has also scheduled two groups on Saturday and one group on Sunday. Biking has scheduled one group on Saturday and one group on Sunday. Please refer to the Activities Calendar or the Rambler calendar for specific times, locations and level of difficulty for each individual event.

A group dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Saturday. The dinner has been organized and will be prepared by our fabulous social directors. The dinner of veggie spaghetti (a side of meatballs), salad and dessert will have a nominal charge of \$6.00 and is BYOB.

A group campground has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, October 1st and 2nd. The campground is \$3.00 per person per day and a one-time fee of \$2.00 per car. Day use for the island is \$9.00 per car, including up to 8 people.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend the dinner and/or if you plan to camp. RSVP for dinner (number attending) and campground contact information can be found in the Activities Listing at the end of the Rambler.

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Photo of the same mountain goat with the deformed horn that I saw in the August Rambler. I call her Curly and I first encountered her in July of 1995 on the Cardiff ridge. I have since seen her as recently as January, 2010 above the mouth of Little Cottonwood.

This makes her one very old goat!

Brad Clinch

WMC ARMADA ON THE PROVO

August 15, 2010

By Fred Tripp

THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB LAUNCHED AN ARMADA ON THE PROVO RIVER

on Sunday, August 15th, as seen in the accompanying photos. Ten club members were joined by four prospective members to enjoy paddling the Provo River from below Deer Crest dam to Vivian Park. The wonderful ambience of the trip was created by the combination of a beautiful, warm, sunny day; being on the water through this particularly beautiful section of the river; and the enjoyment of the fun boating companions. The Provo in this area offers magnificent views of Mount Timpanogas and the adjoining peaks of the Wasatch front. The group was comprised of WMC members: Connie Blaine, Connie Bain, Tamra Feenstra, Ben Hall, Carol Milliken, Marilyn Smith, Bob Grant, Mona Cotter, Kerry Kelly and Fred Tripp. They were joined by perspective members: Jayne Christiansen, David Coyle, Michelle Chartleswirth and Ernest Goff.

After unloading their gear, organizing their boats and running a car shuttle, they participated in a safety briefing. Then it was off down the river launching just below the dam. As is very normal for this time of the year, the river was a busy place with many other boaters, numerous people floating on inner tubes and the usual cadre of fisherpersons along the way. We couldn't help but wonder what the fisherpersons were thinking as the WMC Armada approached them. Would they be kidnapped? Would they be swept away by all these boats? But all the boaters gave the fisherpersons plenty of space as they paddled past. Several in the group couldn't resist asking them if they had caught enough fish for us to join them for lunch. Unfortunately, there were no lunch offers.

It was most definitely another great day to be outdoors. The paddling took just over an hour on the water to reach the take out point at Vivian Park. A picnic lunch was then enjoyed in the pavilion in Vivian Park and another shuttle was run to take the boats back to the put in. A second trip then provided added enjoyment as the group paddled down the river to Vivian Park. With two trips completed, everyone packed up their boats and gear and headed home. All the participants expressed their pleasure in participating in a very enjoyable day on the river and a nice group lunch. It was a successful day on the Provo as there were no problems along the way and everyone completed the two trips safely.

Pictured on the water front to back and left to right are: Bob Grant, Marilyn Smith, Carol Milligan, Connie Bain, Connie Blain, Kerry Kelly, Mona Cotter, Ben Hall and Tamra Feenstra. Pictured on land on the right are front to back are Jayne Christiansen, Michelle Chartleswirth, David Coyle, and Ernest Goff



*Photo by Fred Tripp
(owner of the empty
kayak in the rear on
the water)*

WMC Armada – Having just cleared the Heber Creeper railroad bridge, the paddlers regrouped before continuing down the river

ARMADA ON THE MOVE

THE WMC ARMADA MOVING DOWN THE PROVO RIVER



Photo by Tamra Feenstra

It is obvious from the big smile that Kerry Kelly has thoroughly enjoyed the day on the Provo



Photo by Tamra Feenstra



Photo by Tamra Feenstra

Ben Hall has loaded his truck with kayaks and is ready to make the after-lunch shuttle back to the put-in

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JOHN MUIR TRAIL BACKPACK

AUGUST 2010

By Michael Budig

The John Muir Trail is considered one of the classic hikes of the world. It is nearly 220 miles long and involves over 40,000 feet of elevation while traversing from Yosemite to Mt. Whitney through some of the most spectacular scenery of the High Sierras. So, when I posted the trip, I expected to receive some interest and found that I had as many as 12 on the pre-trip list at one time. But as the reality and difficulty of the trip got closer, this whittled down to three participants, a much more manageable number. I hiked with the remaining two, Larry Hall and Dennis Goreham, on my Desolation Trail hike a week before the JMT and found they were both in better shape than I was. And I fully expected I would complete the hike, so I was reassured.

We met on Sunday, August 8, early in the morning for a great breakfast, thanks to Dennis and his spouse, Shelly, before leaving for California. We arrived at Tuolumne Meadows the next day and were able to obtain a new permit allowing us to start the hike the next day, two days earlier than the original permit. We would be starting the hike from Tuolumne Meadows rather than Yosemite Valley (clipping about 20 miles from the trip) so we day hiked and camped that night in Tuolumne Meadows. We observed a black bear and cub running through the shrubbery near our campsite. The Ranger told me this bear was fairly bold and has a history of grabbing food and packs when people are near, but we had no problem.

The next morning we started out hiking up Lyell Canyon to Donohue Pass--a very challenging uphill in hot weather. Larry and Dennis wanted to increase the daily mileage at the start of the trip to shorten the days later in the trip. I noticed two marmots on the trail. Both were pretty scraggly looking were eating horse crap. I figured perhaps the late snowmelt made them somewhat desperate. We hiked about 35 miles to Red's Meadow where we had thermal showers and shuttled into Mammoth to restock. Pizza in Mammoth and a big breakfast at Red's Meadow Lodge allowed us to avoid trail food for a day.

Day six began with Larry telling me that due, to inadequate padding in his shoes, his foot pain had increased to the point that he would leave the trip if it were not for vitamin I (Ibuprofen). Later he told us he needed to leave the trail because the vitamin I wasn't working well enough. He said he would drive back to Utah before coming back to pick us up at the end of our backpack. This was bad news, but he clearly had made up his mind. Larry said the hike was the hardest thing he had ever done and I didn't disagree.

We continued on and three days later reached our last resupply at the John Muir Ranch where we picked up parcels we had sent to ourselves. We would be carrying about 9 days worth of food stuffed into our bear canisters. At Muir Ranch, we met and talked to several other hikers who were on a similar pace and we would encounter them a lot on the rest of the trip. We camped nearby and hiked across the river to soak in natural hot springs which was quite a treat. One twosome we encountered was "the hippies"--two young longhaired men who we sometimes saw smoking an unknown substance and were a bit undersupplied. At one point, they requested food from a ranger and one of them hiked with tree branches instead of walking poles. They were quite funny and interesting to interact with.

One day we found a special treat. Shortly after crossing a major pass we found a gallon plastic bottle of whiskey, still about 3/4 full, along the trail. Apparently someone decided it was not worth its weight going up the pass and choose to share it. I thanked the hiking gods and appropriated a half-liter for later use. Later, I was concerned when Dennis told the hippies that I had some whiskey, as I thought they might want it more than I did. We joked with them about it, but they had also acquired some of the hooch when they hiked by the bottle.

We also ran into a group of three Germans who consisted of a husband and wife and their young son. The couple had apparently hiked the trail over 20 years ago shortly after their marriage and they were quite nice and enthusiastic. Their son was a bit less energetic. They also had two daughters who choose to drive around California rather than backpack. The Germans started the hike at Red's Meadow and planned to go back to Red's Meadow and hike the rest of the trail back to Yosemite. But, about 35 miles before Mt Whitney, the woman reinjured her knee and could barely walk. We heard they all cried as they planned to leave the trail early, exiting through the Onion Valley. Unfortunate, but injuries can happen anytime, anywhere on the trail, as we would later discover.

Another hiker we socialized with a lot was Gregg from Seattle. He was going with some interesting lightweight gear and was hiking at about the same pace. Gregg joined us for several days and I helped him lighten up by acquiring the book he had finished. We saw some wildlife--healthy deer, and even healthy looking marmots as we hiked on the eastside of the Sierras where the snow melted earlier. However, the pikas looked rather meager.

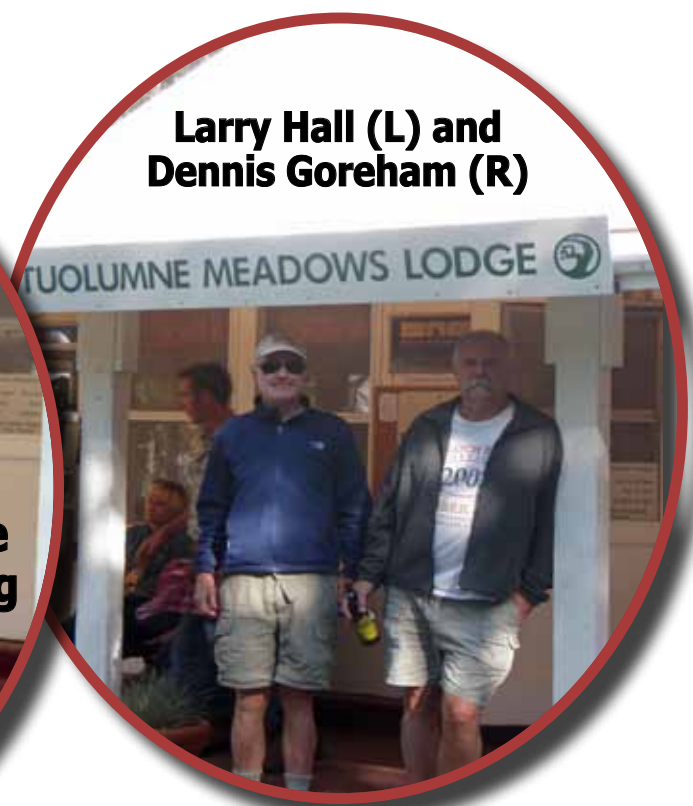
Dennis is an experienced climber and was always stronger and was very anxious to do Whitney. So, when we arrived at Guitar Lake at 11:30 AM on day 15, he wanted to continue on to do Whitney that day because the weather was still great and who knew what the next day might bring. I was easily persuaded and on we went, reaching the peak (along with the hippies) at about 4:00 PM. We found a good campsite down the

canyon and then hiked out the next day, one day ahead of schedule. The weather turned ugly later, so we were lucky to have summited the previous day.

We had beer and great, huge burgers at a shop near the trailhead, and then hitched a ride to Lone Pine with a German man traveling by himself throughout the Western US. We tried (probably unsuccessfully) to dissuade him from spending any time in Death Valley and concentrating on Bryce, Zion and the Grand Canyon.

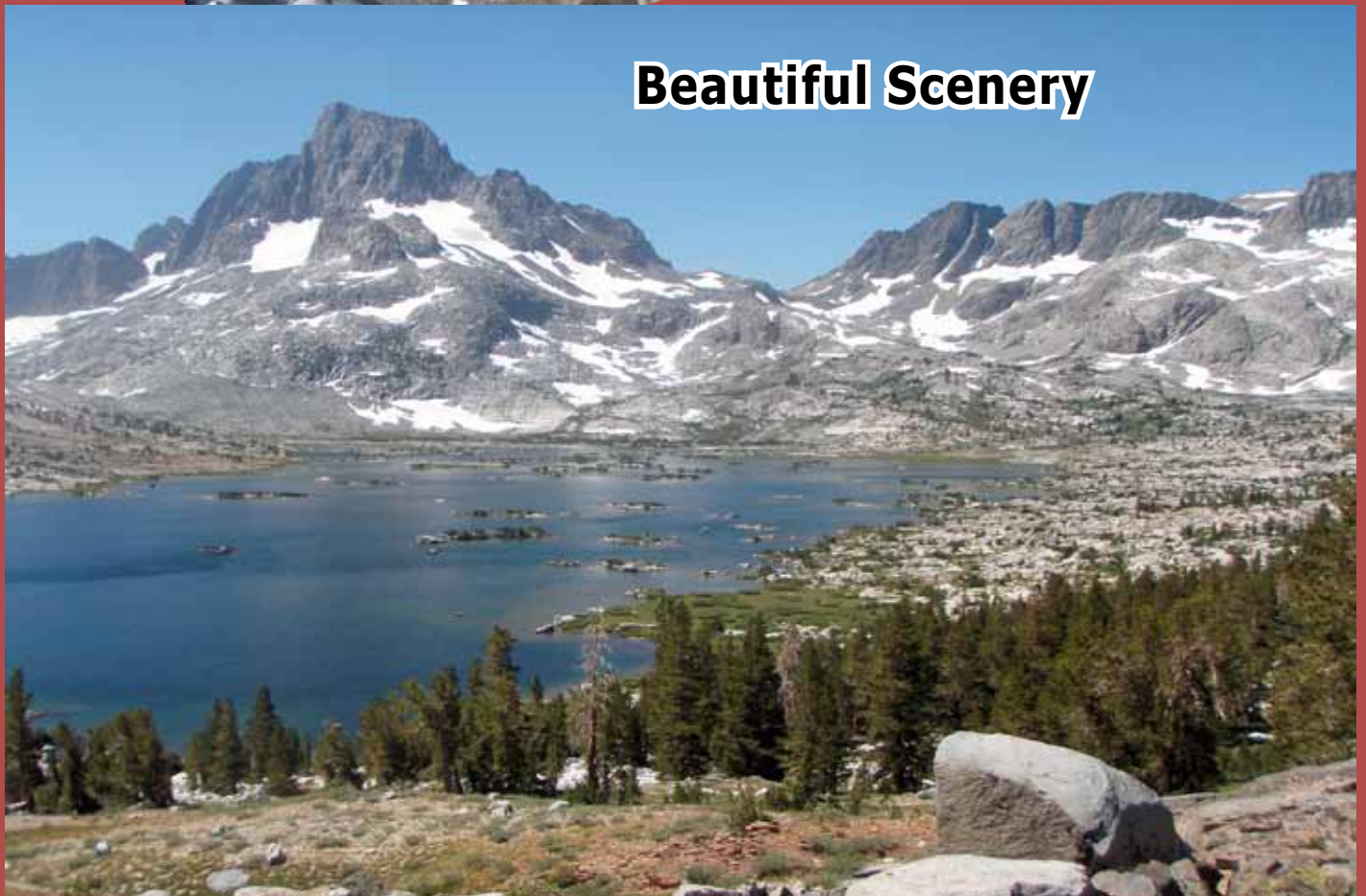
We had a day and a half to spend in Lone Pine. I stayed at the hostel, while Dennis stayed at a hotel. I met several other people in the hostel planning to hike Whitney or beyond. Meanwhile, Dennis looked for Gregg and found out that he had been injured and was at the hospital; we walked over to visit him. He had fractured one elbow and broken the wrist on his other hand when he fell on the trail and went over about a six-foot ledge. Gregg would be released later so we carried his pack and poles to his hotel. His wife and son flew to Fresno and rented a car to meet him the next day. He would require surgery later.

Larry was on time to pick us up and the adventure came to an end. We had 16 very challenging days on the trail with no rain and only two cloudy days. I lost over 10 pounds and gained a thicker beard. It was great to hike with Dennis and Larry. They added a lot to the enjoyment of the trip and made it easier for me. Next year: maybe the Lake Tahoe Rim Trail, the Colorado Trail or a trip to the northwest to hike in the North Cascades and the West Coast Trail.





**Larry and Dennis
as Larry is
preparing to
leave the trip**



Beautiful Scenery



**Dennis
and
Mike
with
found
Whiskey
bottle**



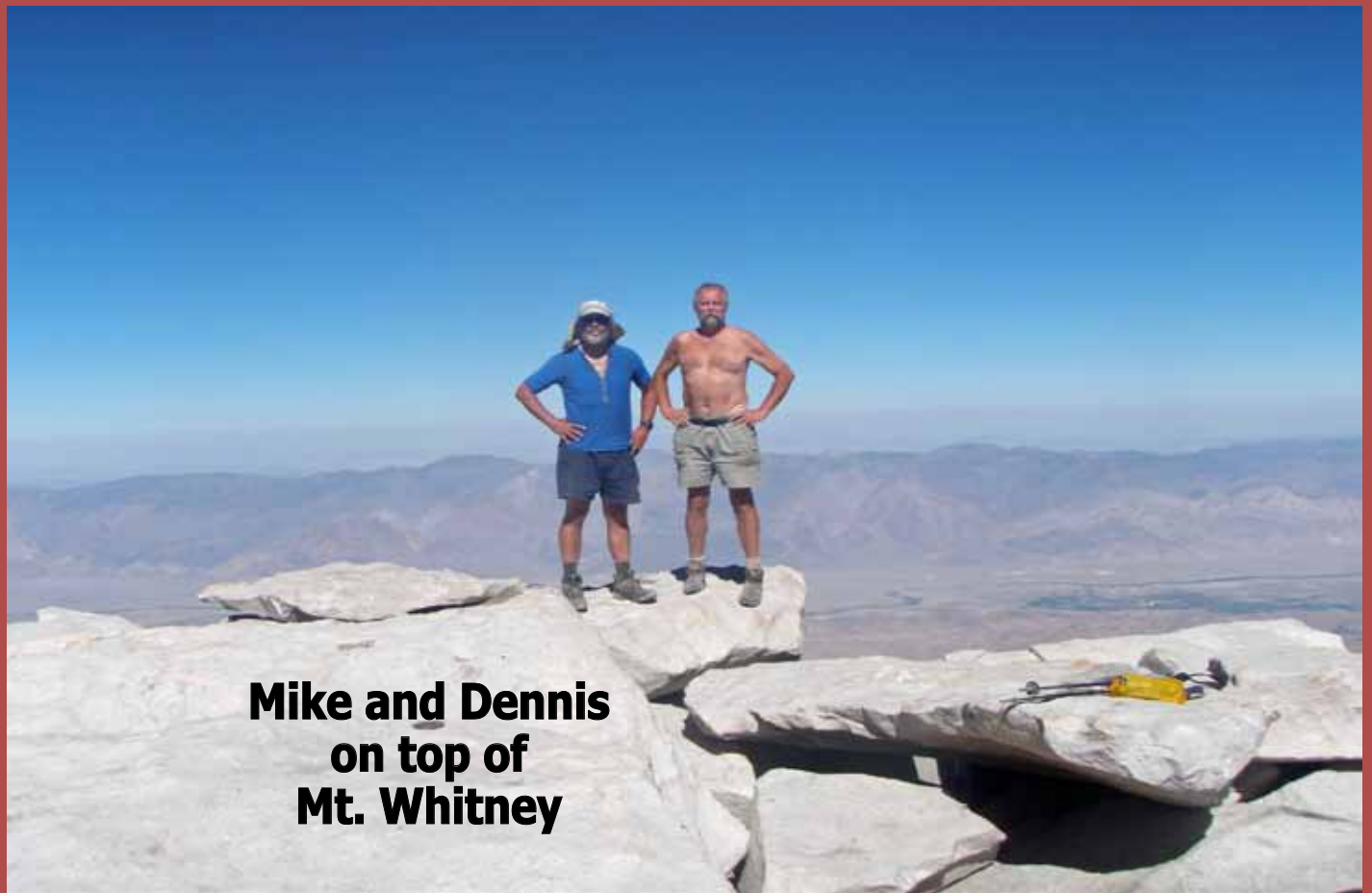
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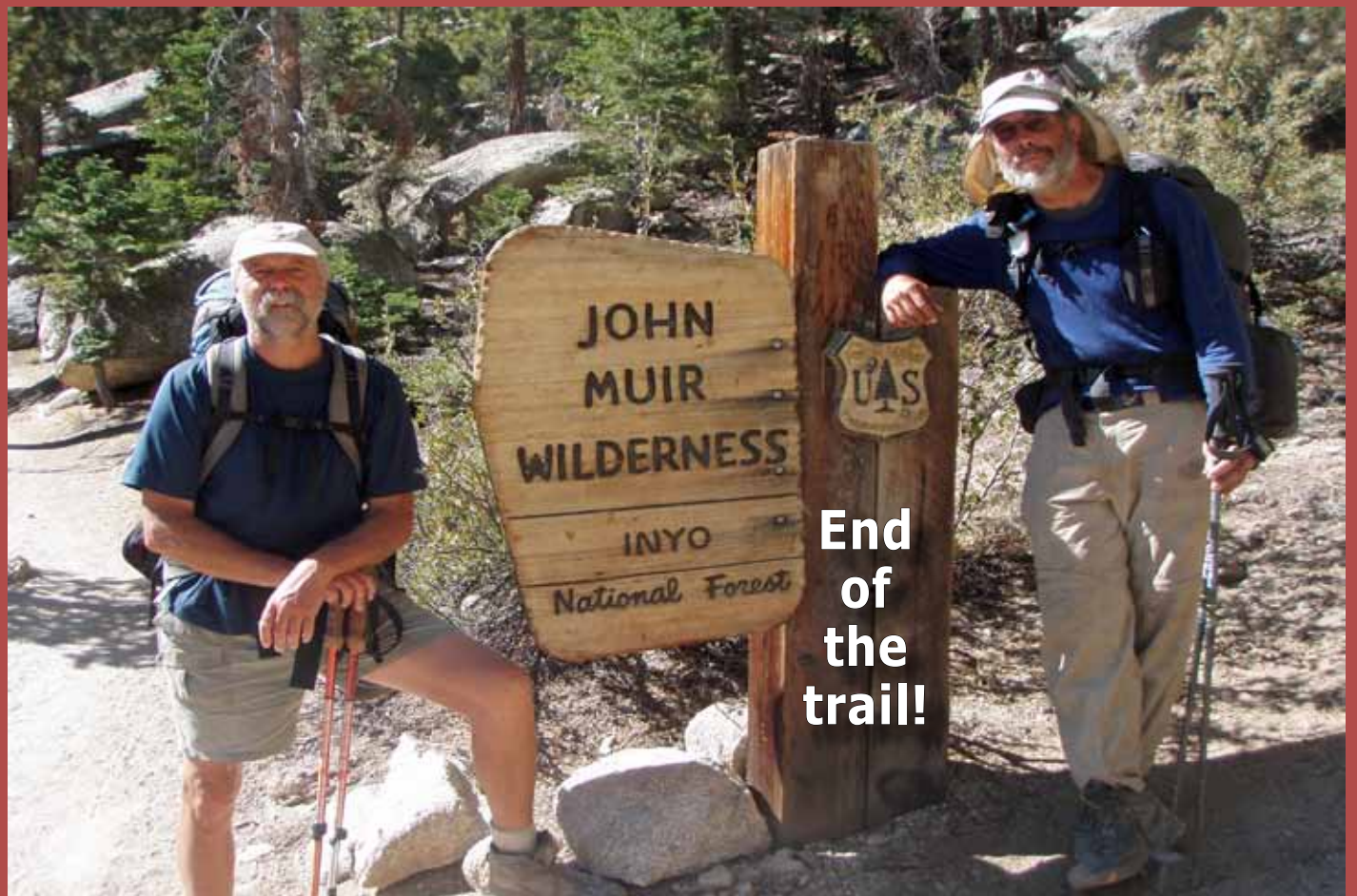
**Mike
fording
a river**



Sunset in the High Sierras



**Mike and Dennis
on top of
Mt. Whitney**



**End
of
the
trail!**

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& Brett Smith's**

MINERAL FORK TO REGULATOR JOHNSON MINE & LAKE BLANCHE DRAINAGE HIKE

**Ridge above Regulator Johnson Mine
looking back down into Mineral Fork**

**August 22,
2010**

**Group coming down faint
trail from Regulator Johnson
Mine toward Lake Blanche**

**Ridge looking
down to Lake
Blanche and
Lake Florence**

**Group included:
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IF YOU'RE A NEW MEMBER . . . depending on your age and background . . . you might have a few questions:

- 1. How do I get involved in activities?**
- 2. What kinds of activities can be organized?**
- 3. What is the average age of WMC members?**
- 4. How many people participate in the activities?**
- 5. How aggressive are the various activity groups?**

The answers . . . ask away! Ask someone in the club! Send an e-mail to wasatchmountainclub@gmail.com or call someone from the governing board (inside front cover). The average age is...honestly, we don't know. Why don't we know? 1. We haven't yet started tracking that information. 2. It doesn't matter. There are older folks who can out-hike/-bike/-paddle any younger person. There are also younger people who like to do light activities. Sometimes tons of people show up for activities; sometimes only a couple. This is the nice thing.

The WMC activities allow for flexibility; if you can show up, do--if you can't, don't. As for how vigorous and aggressive the various activities and groups are (hikers, bikers, etc), contact the director or coordinator. Please don't feel like you can't organize an activity if you don't know your way around. There are so many people who can help you, and you can even decide on a destination at the time of meeting! You might have one or two awkward activities, but just get together with people who share the same interests as you, and you'll be on your way to tons of fun and excitement--things you never thought were possible!

ROBERT CADY'S WHITE WATER GRAND CANYON TRIP

AUGUST 17-SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

BY ROBERT CADY

View down river from Nankoweap

On the evening of August 16, club members Bernie Morris, Bob Cady, Cathy Nixon-Heibel, Don Heibel, Cathy Mooney, Candy Cady, Matt Cady (the permit holder), Nia Themakis (his wife), Alex Pashley, Karen Keller, John Keller, Bill Wallner (the de-facto trip leader on his 13th Grand Canyon trip), and Hannah Pioli (on her first ever white water trip) gathered at Robert Cady's house to load up a trailer with personal gear. Club members, Jed and Kathy Marti and Dudley McIlhenny, had been forced to drop out due to various problems. The next morning the drivers of the three cars picked up people at their houses, met at Cady's for a last minute get together, and then left for Lee's Ferry. When we arrived, a crew from Moenkopi Riverworks had already put 4 inflated 18' rafts with food in the river for us to load up with our beer and move down to the campsite below the put-in. We had dinner at Marble Canyon Lodge, stayed the night at Lees Ferry, followed the next day by a breakfast set up by a Moenkopi employee, had an orientation lecture by a ranger, and then headed off down the river in a light drizzle. Also leaving at the same time was a company of 8 people in 5 rafts from Colorado, about whom more will be said later. Much more.

Day one was an easy float with the hardest rapid being the mid-rated Badger Creek. We all easily made it through, then stopped to help the Colorado group right one of their boats that had flipped in Badger. The second day was a sterner test--House Rock and the roaring twenties. House Rock was harder than it's rating indicated. All our boats made the correct entry on the right side of the tongue. None were able to pull farther right because of large waves, and all hit the two large holes near the bottom of the rapid. Bill Wallner and John Keller were swept out of their boat but hung on to the chicken lines. Karen Keller pulled them back in. Alex Pashley's (with Bernie at the oars) and Matt Cady's boats both did 360's going through the holes, and Bob Cady's attempts to straighten his boat out after the first hole only resulted in his going into the second hole sideways and flipping. After we had managed to right Bob's boat, the Colorado group came through with a flipped boat which we also helped right. We spent the afternoon running the roaring twenties with no further mishaps, but with everyone tense due to our thrashing in House Rock. Once we got to shore, we found that the

dry boxes and some of the rocket boxes that Moenkopi had packed food in for us had leaked in the flip; the bread box so badly that we lost about 1/3 of the bread in it. Future users of Moenkopi may want to bring contractor bags with them to repack and seal all the food in the boxes, especially since aluminum dry boxes usually leak anyway. (As Bill put it: "Aluminum dry box is a misnomer.") Other than this issue, we were very pleased with Moenkopi's service; the food was good, plentiful, and well organized (once we got used to how it was organized) and the boats and frames were good quality. Oh, we could have used some more Clorox powder for the groover.

The next 4 days saw some nice side hikes (Unkar Delta, Nankoweap Granaries, Nautoloid, Saddle Canyon, Little Colorado) along with some serious rapids (Unkar, Hance). Bob Cady lost an oar near the top of Hance and was forced to maintain direction with his one remaining oar for the rest of the rapid, but that was the only mishap. The sixth night saw us at Grapevine camp with Phantom Ranch coming up the next day. It was a large beach, so we agreed to share it with the Colorado group (who had 5 flips to their debit by this time). The next morning their trip leader came over to talk to Bill. One of the people on the Colorado trip had decided during the night to hike out at Phantom (for various personal and trip related reasons that I don't know the whole story of). Since he was one of that trip's boatmen, and they had nobody who could take over his raft, they were wondering if we could take his boat (his personal cataraft) down to Pierce Ferry for them. The only boat we had with extra boatmen was Alex Pashley's, so Bill talked to Alex, Bernie, Don and Cathy. After some discussion and an agreement to lighten the cataraft as much as possible, Don and Cathy agreed to at least try the cataraft on the run down to Phantom. Don found he could control the cataraft to his satisfaction, so he and Cathy continued to run it for the rest of the trip.

The next day found us running Granite, Crystal and the gems (a higher rated version of House Rock and the roaring twenties). Nia Themakis was washed out in Granite and swam the rapid. Bill and Don's boats had good runs in Crystal; Alex's boat did some rocking and rolling; Bob Cady's boat hit the corner of a hole and was spun, but with the example of House Rock in his mind he elected to run the rapid backward for a while until it was safe to finish the spin. Matt Cady was washed off his boat, but Hannah Pioli (who had been partially washed out) pulled herself back into the boat, took the oars and finished the rapid. Afterwards it took her a good 15 minutes and a beer to come down off of her adrenaline rush. We ran the gems with no further mishaps. That night Matt brought out some group wine and we had a "formal" dinner. Matt wore an old suit he had bought at DI (with no shirt because it was too warm); Bernie had a tuxedo t-shirt; Bill had a waiters shirt and bowtie; Don had a shirt and American Flag tie; Candy, Nia, Cathy Mooney, and Cathy Nixon-Heibel wore pretty sun dresses; Hannah Pioli and Karen Keller wore little black cocktail dresses; and Bob Cady pulled out his remaining clean shirt and scrub bottoms, topped off with an NRS strap for a tie. A good time was had by all.

The next five days were easier rapid wise, but we had some nice side hikes: Elves Chasm, Deer Creek and the throne room, Matkatamiba and Havasu. At Havasu, we ran into the Colorado group again; they were leaving as we arrived. We learned that they had to have one of their people medivaced out when she cut her finger and tendon while slicing avocados for lunch. This left them with 6 people and 4 boats. Matt and Nia elected to stay with the boats while we hiked so Matt was available to help some OARS guides z-drag a Colorado boat off the rock they got stuck on while leaving Havasu. The boat floated about 10 feet after being freed, and then ran onto another rock. This time they got off by themselves. The next day had only one major rapid, but it was Lava Falls. On the advice of the OARS guides, we broke camp early and rowed the 12 miles in three hours so as to arrive before the water started dropping at noon. Running at high water meant we could use the left "sneak" (only at Lava Falls could that run be considered a sneak), which Bill wanted to do because of the cataraft. Bill and Don both made good runs down the left "sneak", but Alex was too busy watching Bill and Don to check his own position. He drifted too far right, missed the entry and went into a large hole that he

only made through upright because he straightened out, pushed hard, and had the grace of God with him. Matt clipped that hole, lost an oar and was spun, but Hannah gave him directions to straighten out with his remaining oar so as to hit another hole backwards (the back of Matt's boat was so heavy it punched through that wave instead of riding over). Bob Cady made a good run, much to Candy's relief. However, the first 4 boats were so relieved to be through, they ran into each other and the wall while going through Lower Lava. Afterwards we all stopped for a well-earned beer or three.

The next two days were long days on the river in order to pass Diamond Creek by Sept 2nd. Late on the 1st, after 25 miles on the river (4 left to go) a tired and not-clear thinking Bob Cady tried to push his way away from a hole instead of pull away. He straightened out in time to go through the hole forwards, but Candy was slow to grab on, got washed out and went for a swim. The next day we passed Diamond Creek and camped at Travertine Falls. On the 3rd we still had rapids in the morning including Killer Fang Falls (a mid rated rapid with a large rock that looks like fangs at the bottom). Matt had handed the oars of his boat over to Bernie so he could play in an IK for the day, with Cathy Nixon-Heibel in a second IK. Cathy flipped in the upper rapid. Matt managed to get to her, pull her into an eddy just above the fangs, get her into his IK, and then run the slot between the fangs and shore. A nice rescue for a person who had never been in an IK before. However he ruined it by flipping in the next rapid down. We pushed on and reached Separation Canyon by early afternoon.

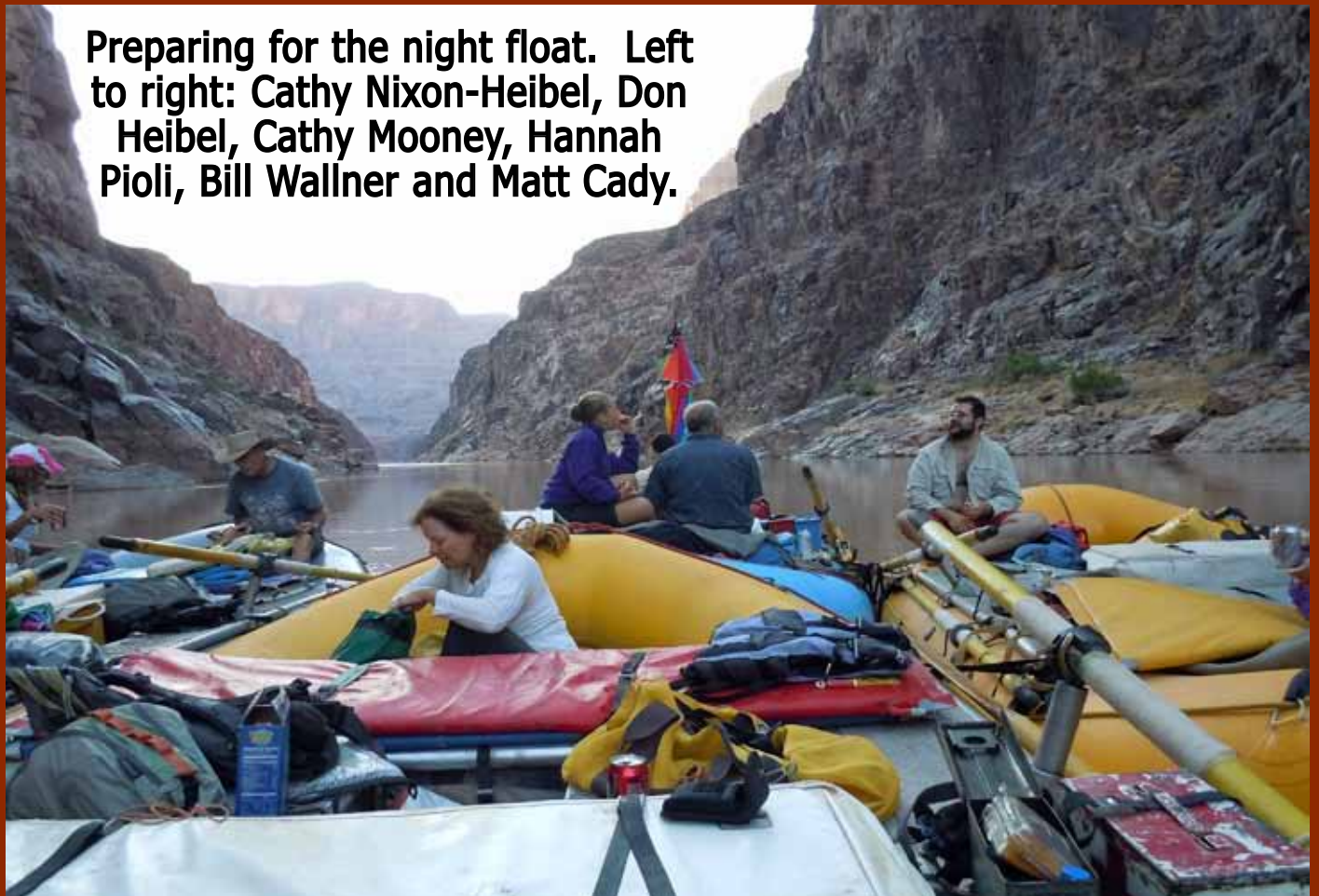
We spent the rest of the afternoon lounging in the shade and taking dips to cool off. In the late afternoon the Colorado group showed up planning to camp there over night. We returned the Cataract to them (and heard that they were now up to 9 flips, including one in Lava), and then got ready for the night float to Pierce Ferry. By about 7 p.m. we had tied our boats together, passed out some snacks for dinner (Moenkopi had us oversupplied with snacks), and were floating down the last 40 miles to Pierce Ferry.

The night float did not go well. There was no moon and starlight did not give enough light to see what we were doing. We tried to use headlamps to warn us of oncoming walls, but their range was limited. At all times 3-4 people had to be manning the oars and lamps to guide us, and the rest of us did not get much sleep due to the constant noise and shocks from running into things. Around 3 a.m. we passed a couple of docks with pontoon boats tied up to them. Thinking this meant we were getting close to Pierce Ferry, and not wanting to miss the take out and go over the new Pierce Ferry rapid in the dark, we started looking for a good place to pull over. Unfortunately, we were now in a stretch of river with high clay banks and even poor spots were few and far between. Finally Hannah Pioli managed to make an athletic barefoot jump onto a sloping shale bank and stop the boats long enough for several others of us to jump ashore, hold the boats and tie on. We spent the next three hours napping poorly because even tied up there was still too much current noise and motion.

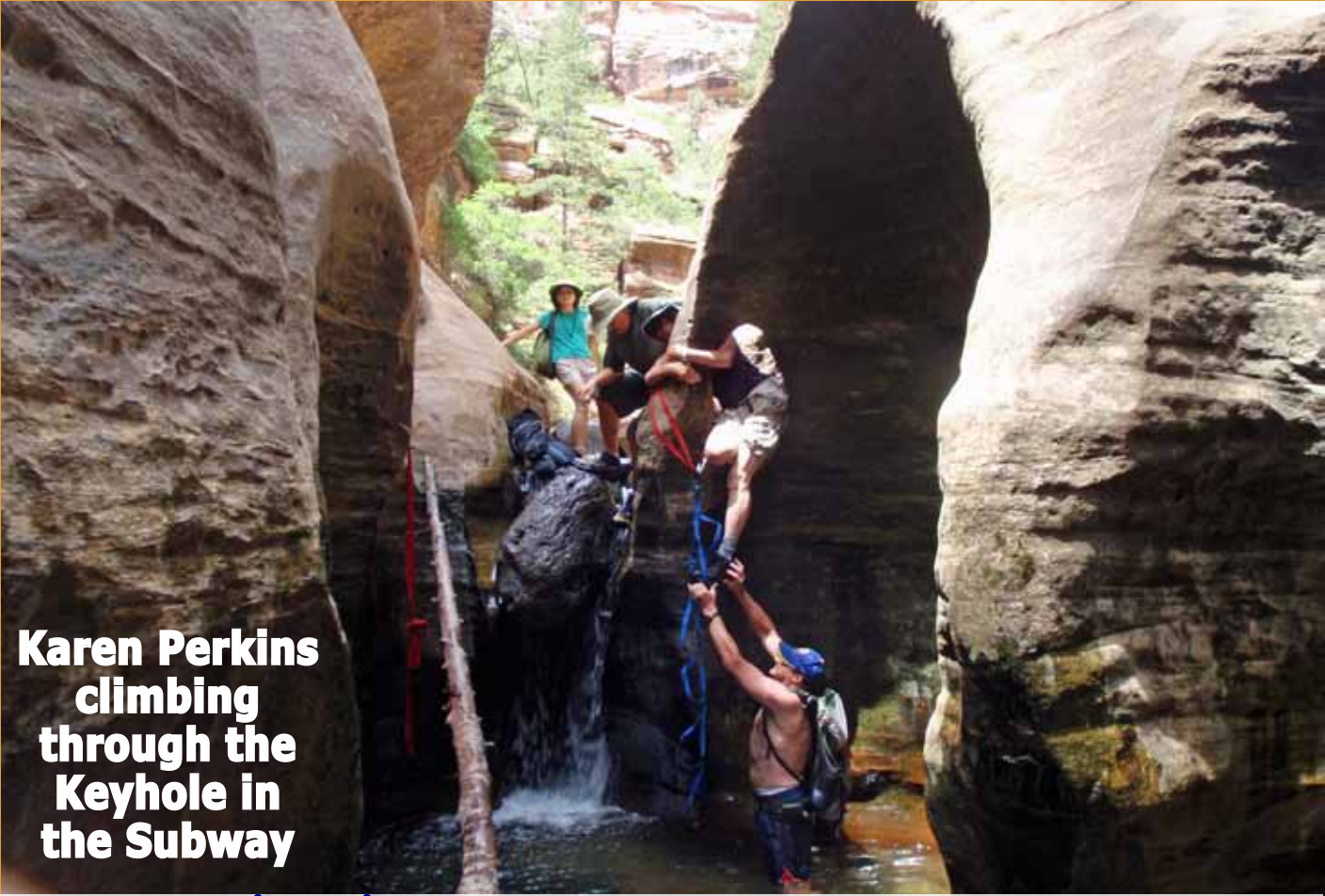
In the morning we untied the boats and took off, expecting that we were only a few miles from the takeout. Passing a side canyon, we noticed the Canyon Skywalk up the canyon. A quick perusal of our river maps showed us that the docks and pontoon boats we had passed the night before had been for tourists at Quartermaster Canyon, and we were still 15 miles from Pierce Ferry. Bill passed out some more snacks, and we started rowing. It took the rest of the morning (about 4 hours of steady rowing because there was still good current) to get to Pierce Ferry. It was a happy, happy thing to see the cars waiting for us there, but first we had to unload our gear, then derig the boats and load them onto the trailer Moenkopi had sent. Moenkopi had sent a driver down, but he stayed busy managing the derigging (and moving things around on and tying them down on the trailer). By the time we were done, we were all so wasted that Hannah had to bully us into taking a group picture (the "after" shot), and then we all left for home, warm showers and soft beds.



Mist on the River



Preparing for the night float. Left to right: Cathy Nixon-Heibel, Don Heibel, Cathy Mooney, Hannah Pioli, Bill Wallner and Matt Cady.

A group of people are canyoneering through a narrow rock passage. A person is climbing a rope over a waterfall, while others are positioned above and below them. The scene is set within a large, natural rock formation.

**Karen Perkins
climbing
through the
Keyhole in
the Subway**

Rick Thompson's Canyoneering In Fabulous Zion National Park

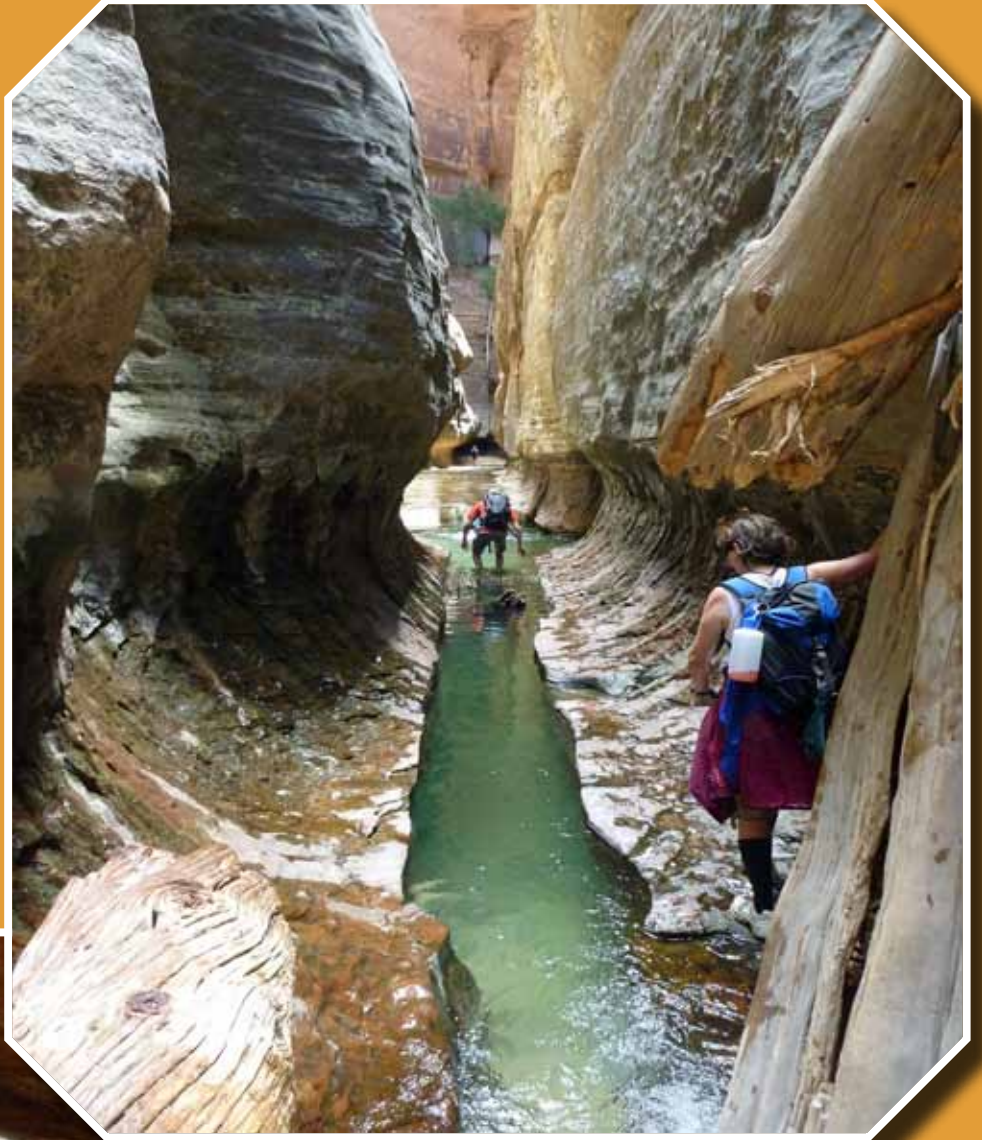
A person is lying in a tight rock crevice, looking up at the camera. The surrounding rock is light-colored and textured. Another person's legs and feet are visible in the foreground.

Dan Parker in a tight spot?

**July 30th -
August 1st,
2010**

Photos by Dan Parker

**Liz Cordova
and Tim Rau**

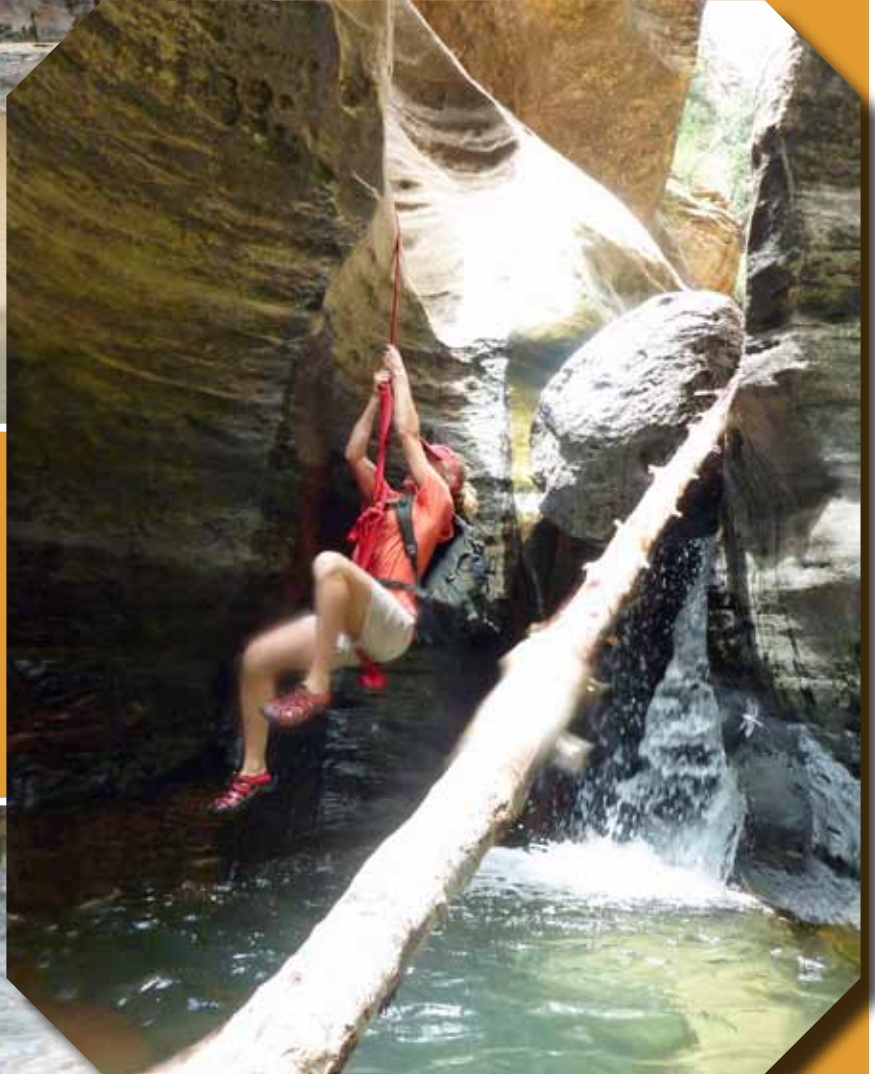


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**Kathy Cirello
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**Goat on Timpanogas
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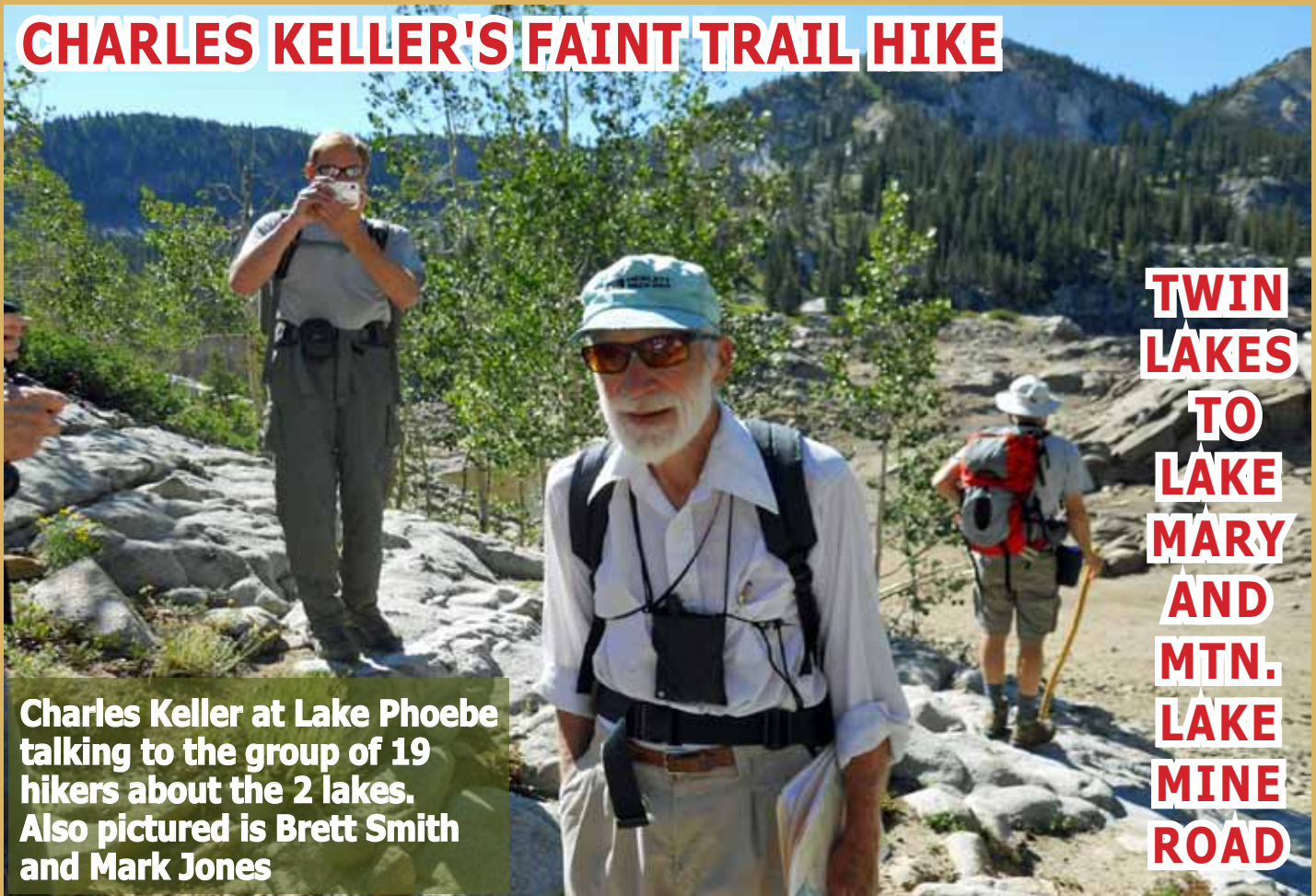


**More Goats
submitted by Deirdre Flynn**

The mountain goat inhabits the Rocky Mountain and Cascade Range regions of North America, from northern Washington, Idaho and Montana through British Columbia and Alberta, into the southern Yukon and southeastern Alaska. Its northernmost range is said to be along the northern fringe of the Chugach Mountains in South Central Alaska. Introduced populations can also be found in such areas as Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Texas, South Dakota and the Olympic Peninsula of Washington.

Mountain goats are the largest mammals found in their high-altitude habitats, which reach elevations of 4,000 meters (13,000 ft) or more. Although they sometimes descend to sea level in coastal areas, they are primarily an alpine and subalpine species. Throughout the year, the animals usually stay above the tree line, but they will migrate seasonally to higher or lower elevations within that range. Summertime migrations to low-elevation mineral licks often take them several or more kilometers through forested areas.

CHARLES KELLER'S FAINT TRAIL HIKE



**TWIN
LAKES
TO
LAKE
MARY
AND
MTN.
LAKE
MINE
ROAD**

Charles Keller at Lake Phoebe talking to the group of 19 hikers about the 2 lakes. Also pictured is Brett Smith and Mark Jones

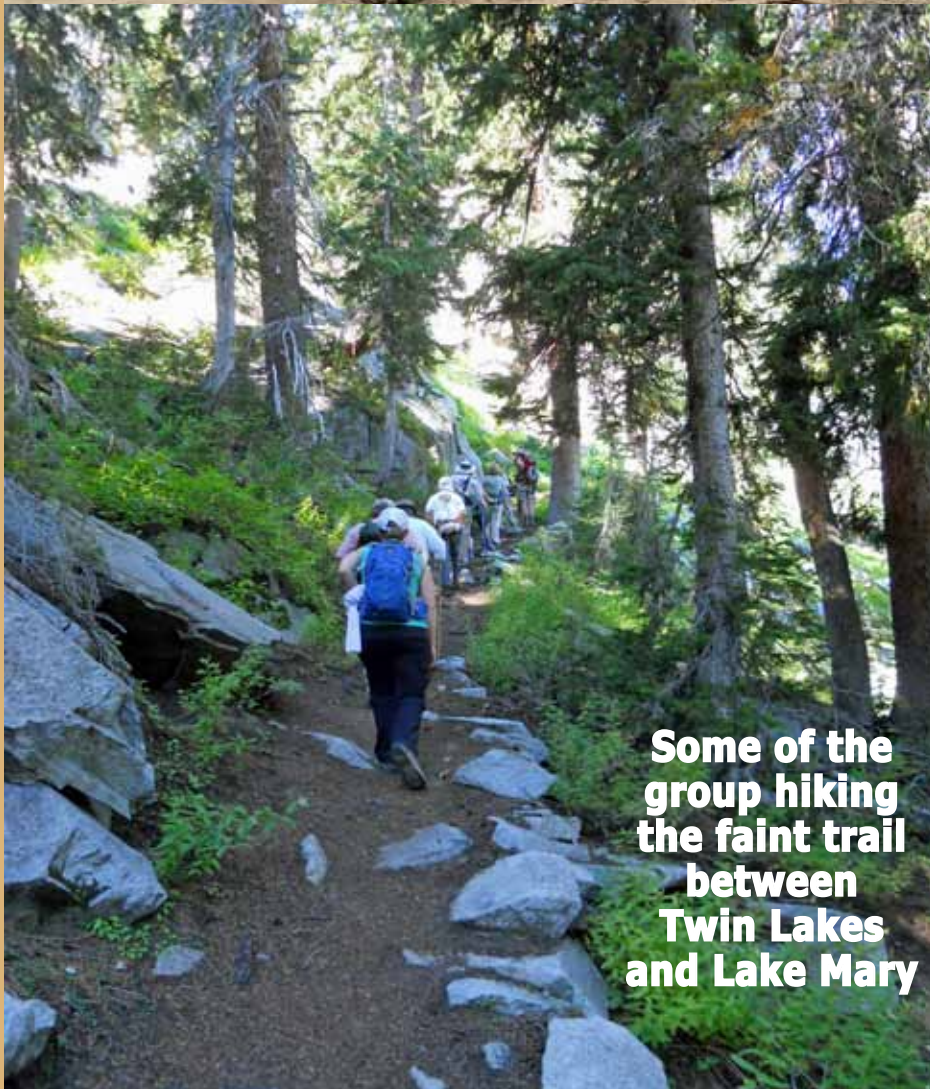
Charles Keller at WP 1 (way point 1) above Dog Lake standing next to rock near an abandoned mine that was chiseled with markings by a surveyor/minor indicating WP1



September 4, 2010



Mark Jones standing on a tree stump in the bottom of what used to be Lake Phoebe with Lake Mary dam in the background



Some of the group hiking the faint trail between Twin Lakes and Lake Mary

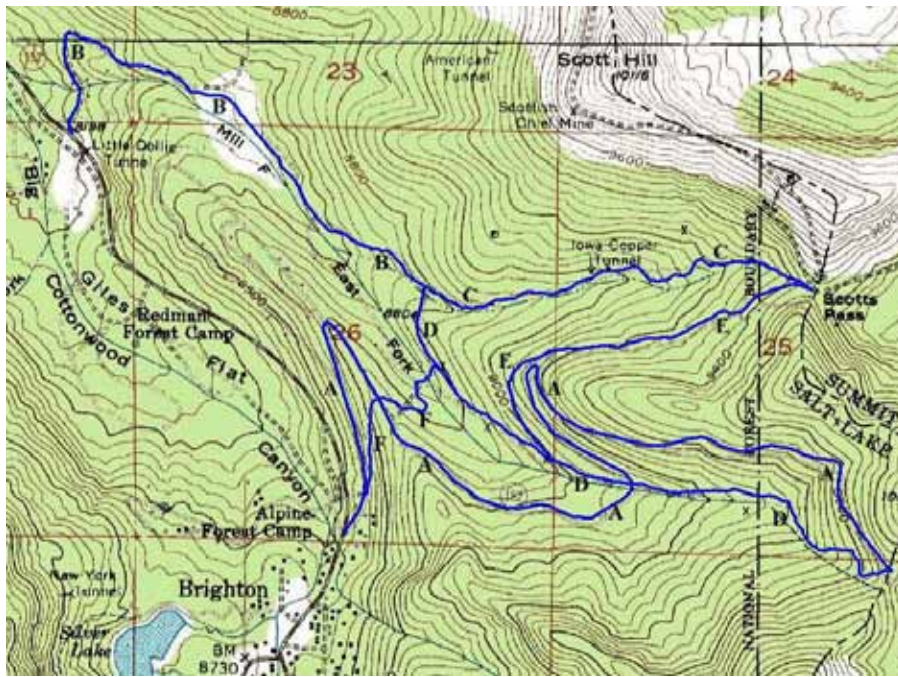
This faint trail was built 100 years ago to carry supplies between the lakes. Per August write-up by Charles Keller of this faint trail, there used to be Lake Phoebe below Lake Mary, but they connected them to make a larger Lake Mary by building the dam. Thanks to Charles and Allene Keller for another interesting historical trail hike! Submitted by Knick Knickerbocker; photos by Knick.

FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

45. Park City - Brighton Road

It may seem difficult to imagine today, but there was a time when the most convenient way to travel from Salt Lake City to Brighton was by way of Park City. That was the case in the last decade of the nineteenth century, but even before then there were roads and trails between the two places. They started as foot- or horse-trails used by miners or other workmen traveling between Park City and Alta in search for work. It has been claimed that these travelers caused William S. Brighton to recognize the importance of his location in Big Cottonwood Canyon and begin catering to them. Word got out, as the story goes, that Mrs. Brighton could serve an excellent meal, and travelers began making the Brighton cabin at Big Cottonwood Lake, as Silver Lake was called then, their place to rest or stop for the night. That surely encouraged him, Brighton, to apply for a Cash Entry patent on eighty acres at, and encompassing, the lake and pushed him into a new career as a hotelier. With his first hotel in place there was added need for a road to the nearest population center, which was Park City.

The topo map accompanying this article shows some of the many roads and trails in Mill F East Fork, which was the site of all the various roads and trails between Park City and Brighton. The first roads were put in place by woodsmen providing logs for Mill F, which was built in 1864. An 1871 Land Office map shows a road going up the fork and splitting to follow both branches of the stream for a short distance. At the end of the road in the southern branch the map showed a trail continuing in an easterly direction over the divide. While the map is somewhat crude, it is apparent that the trail went over the pass known as Guardsman Pass today and continued down to Bonanza Flat, where the office of the mining recorder for the Snake Creek Mining District was located. This was before William S. Brighton settled at Big Cottonwood Lake, but long after he built his first hotel the trail through Bonanza Flat remained the preferred route. In the summer of



Roads and trails in Mill F East Fork germane to the discussion on Park City - Brighton road are plotted on this 1975 topo map. The present day Guardsman Pass road, indicated as letter A, is shown for reference. B is today's Mill F East Fork road, but is essentially the same as existed in 1871. C is the road going up the north fork to Scotts Pass, while D is the road going up the south fork to the pass leading to Bonanza Flat. E is the Scotts Pass road, and F is the Daniel Brighton road.

1883 a group of men and women from Park City traveled this way to visit Brighton Lake, going by horseback over the pass and all the way down Mill F East Fork, which name was in use by that time, and then up the Big Cottonwood road to their destination. On their return they chose to go over Scotts Pass, but reported it was not an uncommon sight to see a horse settle down on its haunches to check itself in the descent, suggesting the Scotts Pass route was not yet in general use. However, that soon changed because in 1886 Brighton solicited the patronage of people in Park City, reporting the best route was by way of Thaynes Canyon, over a good mountain road of eight miles. Much of that good mountain road was the result of the efforts of Brighton's son, Daniel, who shortened the long detour down Mill F East Fork and up the Big Cottonwood road by building a new road over the ridge northeast of the Silver Lake to join the existing road in the south branch of Mill F East Fork. He went up the latter road about a half a mile where he cut another road following a gently ascending contour line to Scotts Pass. The upper part of this latter road is the popular Scotts Pass road used today by hikers and bikers alike. While there were numerous mining claims along that road, there is no evidence to suggest that the claim owners contributed to its construction. Indeed, in July 1886 the deputy



A brilliant light from the heavens shines on this quaint U. S. Forest Service structure built on the old Scotts Pass road.



The Scotts Pass road descends through the aspen forest in a southerly direction below today's junction with the Guardsman Pass road.

mineral surveyor surveying the Silver Star claim complained in his notes that corner posts of this and two adjacent claims had been removed and destroyed by the grading of the new road to Brighton's Lake.

Except for visitors from Park City, it is likely Daniel Brighton's new road was not heavily used, because during the 1880 decade the preferred method of travel from Salt Lake City to Brighton was to take the train to Sandy, another train to Wasatch, the mule tramway to Alta, and on to Brighton by horseback or wagon. But all that changed in 1890 when the Utah Central Railway finally reached Park City and railway passengers from Salt Lake City could take the stage to Brighton via Thaynes Canyon and Scotts Pass. Traffic on this road increased the following year when the railway company introduced the Circle Route Tour - Salt Lake City to Park City on its train, across to Brighton via stage, to Alta by horseback or wagon, down the mule tramway under gravity power, then by rail back to the city.

An additional segment was introduced before the end of the century, further reducing the elevation change, if not the mileage between the Brighton and Park City. Where Daniel Brighton's road crested the ridge northeast of the Brighton resort, instead of dropping down into the south branch of Mill F East Fork, the new link turned and followed the crest of the ridge, climbing gently until it approached the road going up the south branch, then turned to go down that road only a few hundred feet where it met the Scotts Pass road mentioned above. This last segment was followed when the Guardsman Pass road was built many years later.

As motor vehicles appeared in ever increasing numbers during the early years of the twentieth century Brighton became more accessible through Big Cottonwood Canyon, either by private vehicle or public motor coach. But the old Park City road continued to be used for travel to and from that direction until the mid-1950 decade when the Utah National Guard's 115th Engineer Group undertook the construction of a road from Brighton to Midway by way of Bonanza Flat as a training project during its summer encampments. It took several years to complete the project, but then, in spite of its primitive nature, the road became the preferred route to Park City and the old roads of the past half century fell into disuse.



Junction of the Scotts Pass road on the right with the road coming up the south branch of Mill F East Fork



View looking west down the road in the south branch of Mill F East Fork. The power company improved this portion of the road when the new power poles were installed. At the point where this picture was taken the old road leaves the improved road, coming to the lower right corner of the picture. From this point it can be followed to the pass with relative ease.

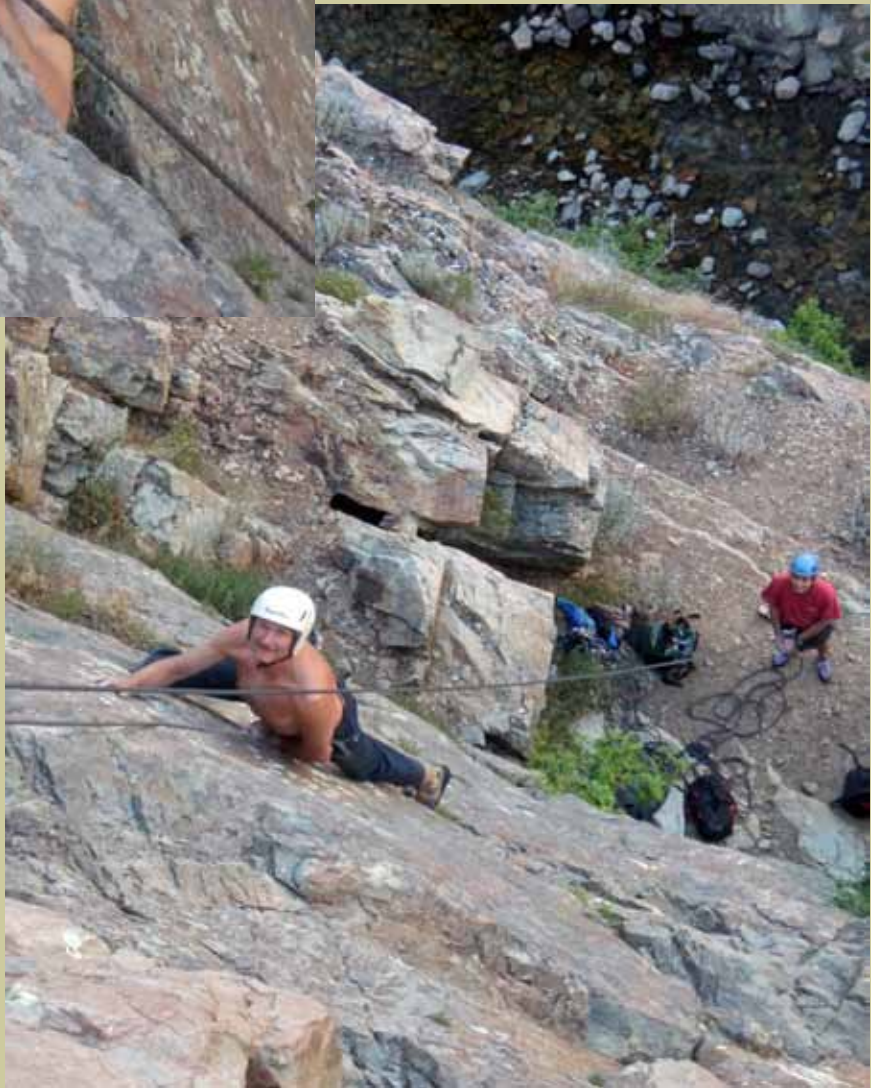
The trails and roads shown on the map and described in the text can still be followed today, although the upper portion of the north branch of Mill F East Fork is heavily posted. The portion of the Scotts Pass road between the Guardsman Pass road and the pass is much used today by bikers, hikers and workers for the numerous electronic installations on Scott Hill, but it generally follows the path of the original road. About 190 feet from the Guardsman Pass road an outhouse has been built right on the original Scotts Pass road. By walking around the back of the structure the original road can be seen going down on a gentle descending course. It is a pleasant road to walk to the south branch road, then follow it down until it forks. The left branch goes across the stream, then turns right to climb to the first switchback of the Guardsman Pass road. However, at that turn the old Daniel Brighton road, very faint at this point, turns left, goes back into the woods, then turns hard right to climb to the top of the ridge. It crosses the paved road about 470 feet below the winter gate. Continue across the paved road and the descending portion will be seen going down to Brighton, meeting the paved road again a little over one-tenth of a mile from the intersection with the Big Cottonwood road.



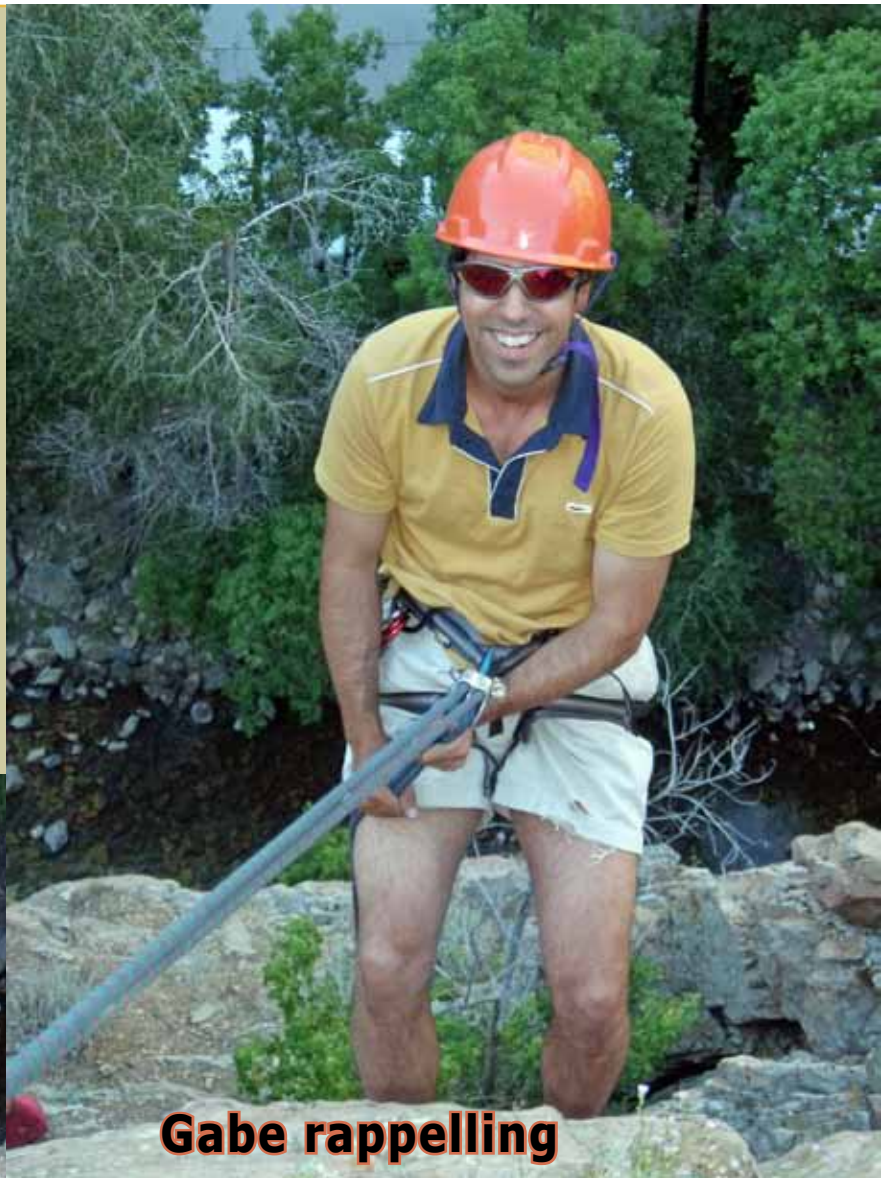
**THURSDAY NIGHT
CLIMB AT STORM
MOUNTAIN**

**Bruck Richardson
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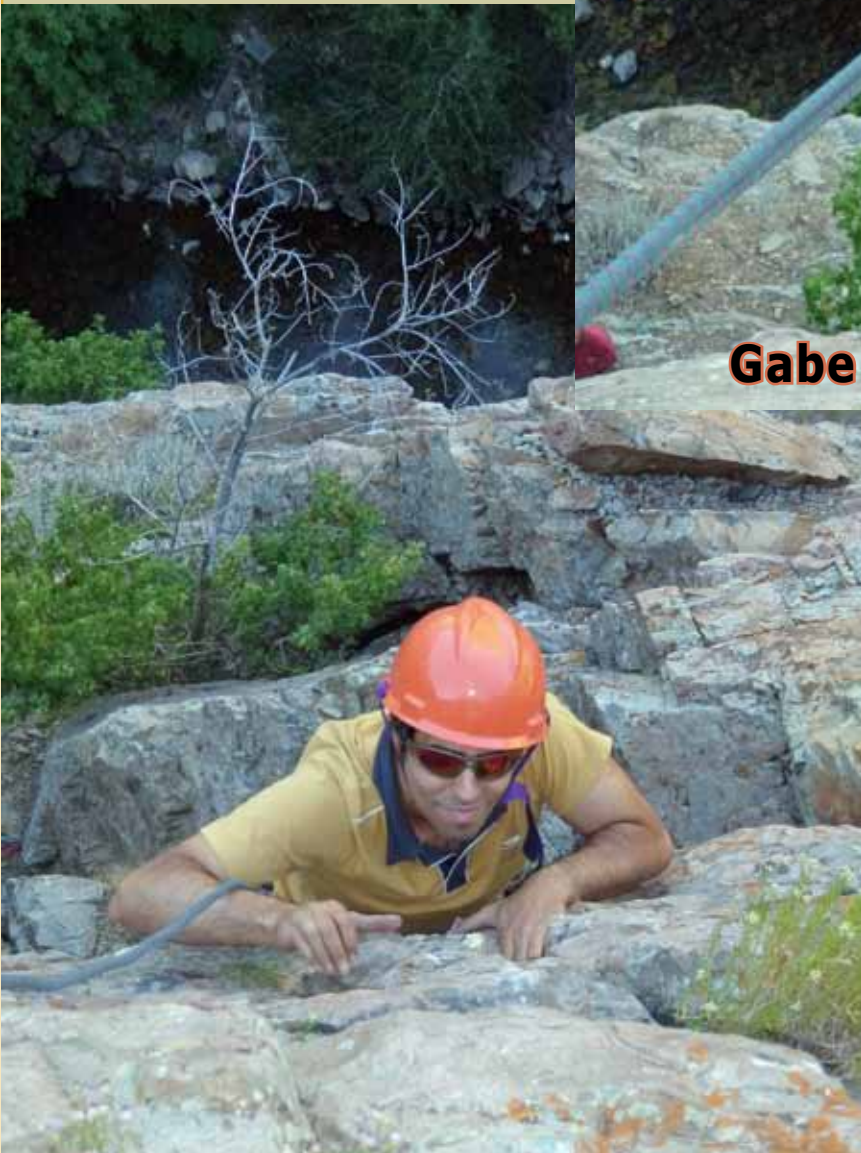
**Bruce Richardson climbing
Chuck James belaying**



**CHECK THESE
GUYS OUT!!!**



Gabe rappelling

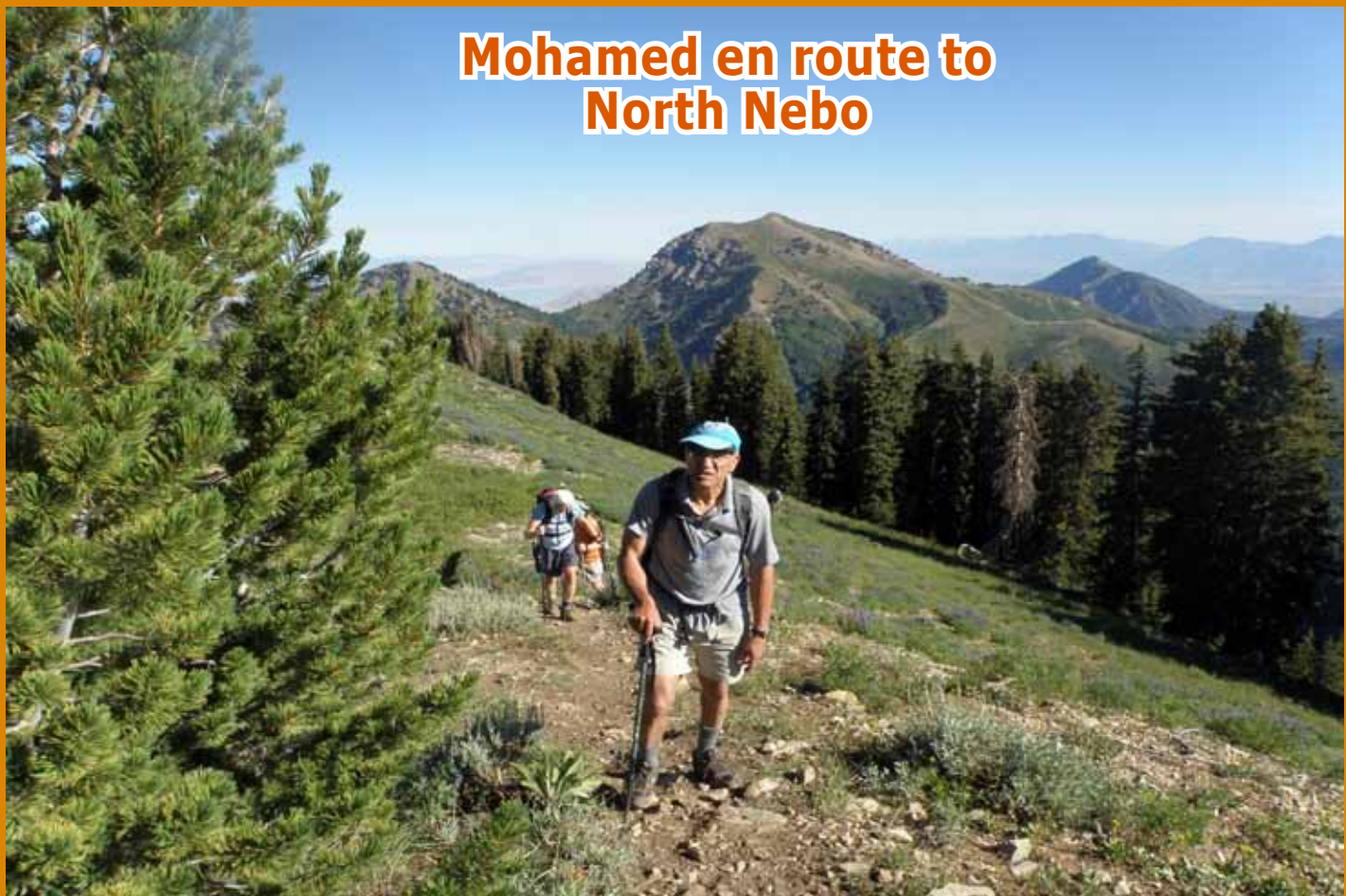


**Gabe pulls the overhang
on Nice Little Crack**

Photos by Carrol Mays



**Mohamed en route to
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A good reason to get up early!

Morning spectacular sunrise with Twin Peaks in the background

Submitted by Bruce Moore

(Be sure to view online copy to get the rich morning colors)

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.

CATCHIN' THE SUBWAY AND ORDERVILLE CANYON

August 13th - 15th, 2010

By Tanner Morrill

The Subway is a world-renowned canyon in Zion National Park, due to its popularity and spectacular tunnel-like walls. It's a non-technical canyon--you don't have to rappel to get down the canyon. It can still be a challenge for those who don't downclimb or swim well.

Rick Thompson led two trips to the Subway in August; I went on the second trip. It's an understatement to say Rick has been down the Subway before. He knew what to expect so he brought a short rope for a couple of large rocks that must be descended. The ropes are nice to help beginning canyoneers get down without bone fractures.

I've never been on a real subway. Although you'll see weirdos in both subways, a big-city subway couldn't have been as fun as swimming, jumping, rock-hopping and hiking.

Our trip was a twofer: Orderville Canyon on Saturday, and the Subway on Sunday.

Day 1: Orderville Canyon

Zig woke at 4 a.m. to secure a permit so we could enjoy this beautiful canyon. We entered and found a side canyon with two guys from L.A. rappelling down a 40-foot rappel. This was the bottom of Birch Hollow, a technical canyon Rick, Zig and Erin had done the day before. We exited over a five-foot wide pool of water by crossing on rocks, or using centrifugal force and running somewhat sideways on a sloped rock as quickly as possible. Running on that sloped rock only two feet above the water was more nerve racking than anything else I did on this trip. Go figure.

We walked through the mud and waist-deep water and down-climbed some room-sized rocks. At one point I was ahead of the group with Hilary and Matt, when I realized the canyon was absolutely dead quiet. "I love the silence--you can't even hear a bird chirp", I said. Just then a bird began to sing up above us. We laughed.

We casually ate lunch under what Rick calls the MOM: Mother of all chockstones. The MOM is as big as a studio apartment. When you're under it, a nagging thought of gravity sits in the back of your mind.

We carried on and enjoyed the various mud formations. Some pools of water were murky and stinky, although most were clear. We arrived on top of a tall chockstone. Twelve feet below, the water was still and over six feet deep. Zig had checked the depth after climbing down a slanted tree that was sticking out above water. Rick told me to jump down just past the tree into the water. It's not that I didn't trust Rick--it's just that I've never been asked to jump into unclear water from such a height. I saw Zig in the water and I knew it was deep enough.

After a moment, I decided to go for it. Splash! I grazed the tree, but with almost no force. That was fun! I love canyoneering! Most of the others enjoyed the big jump, but for some it was almost too much. I'm glad to say that everyone who feared the jump conjured up enough courage to make the plunge.

We kept hiking and started running into people walking up stream. We were close to the Narrows, another canyon that is almost entirely under water with a treacherous rocky bottom. A walking stick is required to walk on what Rick calls "greased bowling balls". At the confluence of the Narrows and Orderville canyon, we ate snacks and I dumped out three liters of water I didn't need. We were only two miles from the end. The Narrows attract hundreds of hikers on a summer Saturday. We hiked out for the last two miles. I tried to find the poison ivy that I had seen warning signs for. After what seemed like forever, we reached a long sidewalk. We passed within inches of obese squirrels on that sidewalk that seemed to take another millennium before reaching the Temple of Sinawava shuttle stop. Like in elementary school, Rick sat at the back of the shuttle so he could break the rules and pass food around.

We enjoyed tasty Italian food at the Pizza & Noodle Company. Some of us enjoyed a meteor shower before Rick drove four of our group to the trailhead to reclaim our vehicles.

Day 2: The Subway

We packed up and headed out Sunday morning. We enjoyed a sandstone vista as we began descending slickrock slopes.

We dropped down a 40-degree gully into Russell Gulch. A large, deep pool the size of a Sugarhouse home sat under 14-foot sandstone walls. Matt and I were first to reach the water. SPLASH! Rick was throwing rocks from above. The ripples sent sparkling reflections dancing on the overhanging walls. In the springtime, quite a waterfall must form here.

We hiked and scrambled till we climbed up on a huge chockstone blocking the canyon. Rick instructed each of us on how to grab the rope and squeeze down into a small chute he called a "rabbit hole". Rick asked for a CTD (crash test dummy), to go first. Erin volunteered to drop into Wonderland. Rick went down another way. He often chose a different route or way of getting somewhere, and some of us learned to follow him for the best route.

We all forgot this lesson momentarily and blindly followed Rick to the next obstacle, which was a deep channel with neck-high water. It starts with a wide downclimb so Rick said to everyone, "Tanner will show you how to do it". So I did. Hilary, Matt and Erin followed me. Rick then led the other group members around the rocks where they simply hiked around the neck-high water. I was freezing and feeling gullible at the same time. We all laughed. "We'll all be getting wet soon", Rick explained. We should have followed Rick.

Soon after, we all slipped into water over our heads. The water was cold, shocking and immediate. Swimming was adventurous, but I was cold. I swam under a perfectly round chockstone the size of a car tire. Matt and Rick climbed on top of the stone and cannonballed into the water.

I felt like I was in an obstacle course. Next we hung onto a rope and did a Tarzan swing around a rock into a circular room of water. I didn't know what to expect when I flung myself around the corner, but I lived through it. This is a place where I could have swung without a rope, had I known what I was doing. A couple of members of our group opted out of a Jane swing and climbed through a narrow hole and down the etrier, a type of webbing ladder.

Next we swam through an underwater tunnel about three feet long and two feet underwater. Almost everyone in the group swam the optional tunnel. That was cool!

We batmanned a 30-foot slope onto a flat rock in the river. I found the hand rappel required more arm strength than I expected. It's not a bad rappel if you put your feet in the right places at the end where the slope turns almost vertical. While we were busy rappelling, a group of three muscular, shirtless men in their twenties came by and passed us by sliding down another rock. Rick and I laughed at their dry bags, which were large plastic trash bags held tight in their grip. Santa's come early this year.

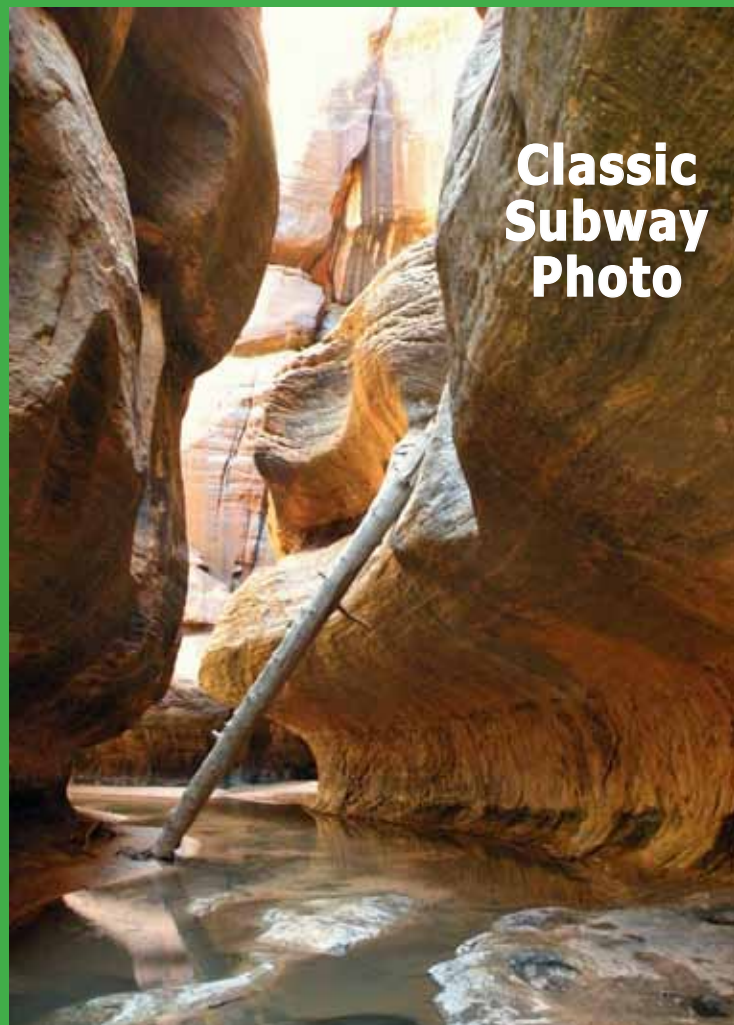
We all got down from the rappel and stank so bad Rick made us take a shower. We waded upstream past a leach in the water to a circular cove with a foot-wide showerhead. The water was powerful and cold, but we had fun. Bob pretended to scrub his armpits. We got wet one last time before the long hike out.

We were careful not to slip as we passed under the classic "Subway" architecture on slippery sandstone. We arrived at a natural Raging Waters. The rock forms a 12-foot slippery slide. Much rougher slides are also available, but they're not very fun.

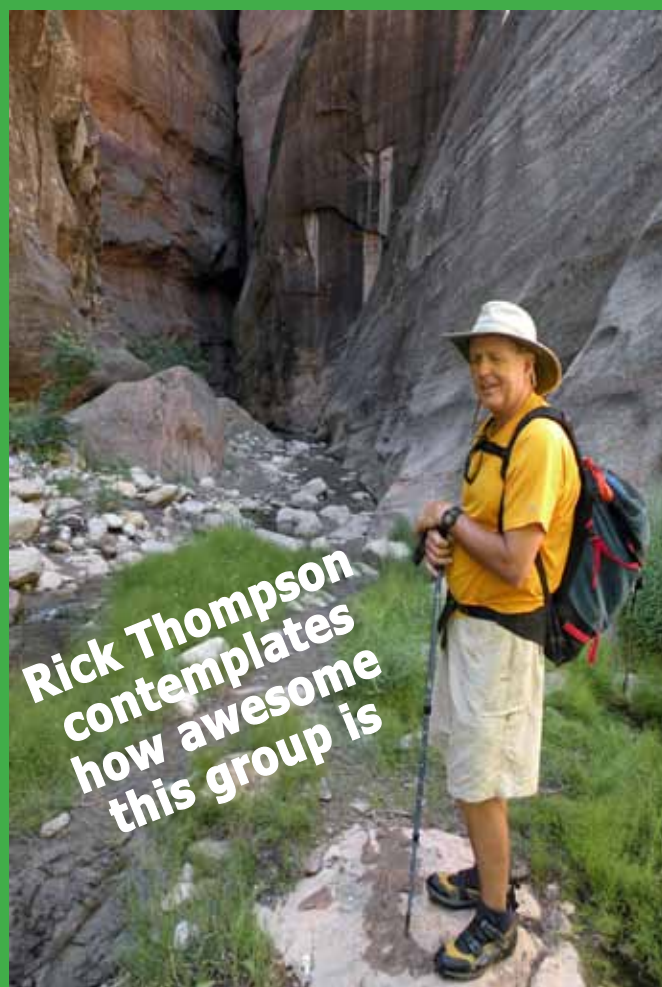
We hiked and scrambled down the beautiful river, now in full sunlight, for about two hours. Tadpoles and three-inch fish were common in the river. We regrouped at some dinosaur tracks that looked like giant chicken prints, before some of us advanced ahead to start shuttling vehicles.

After climbing up and out of that canyon, we finally reached the cars. As we were about to leave, as if on cue, the park ranger showed up to check permits.

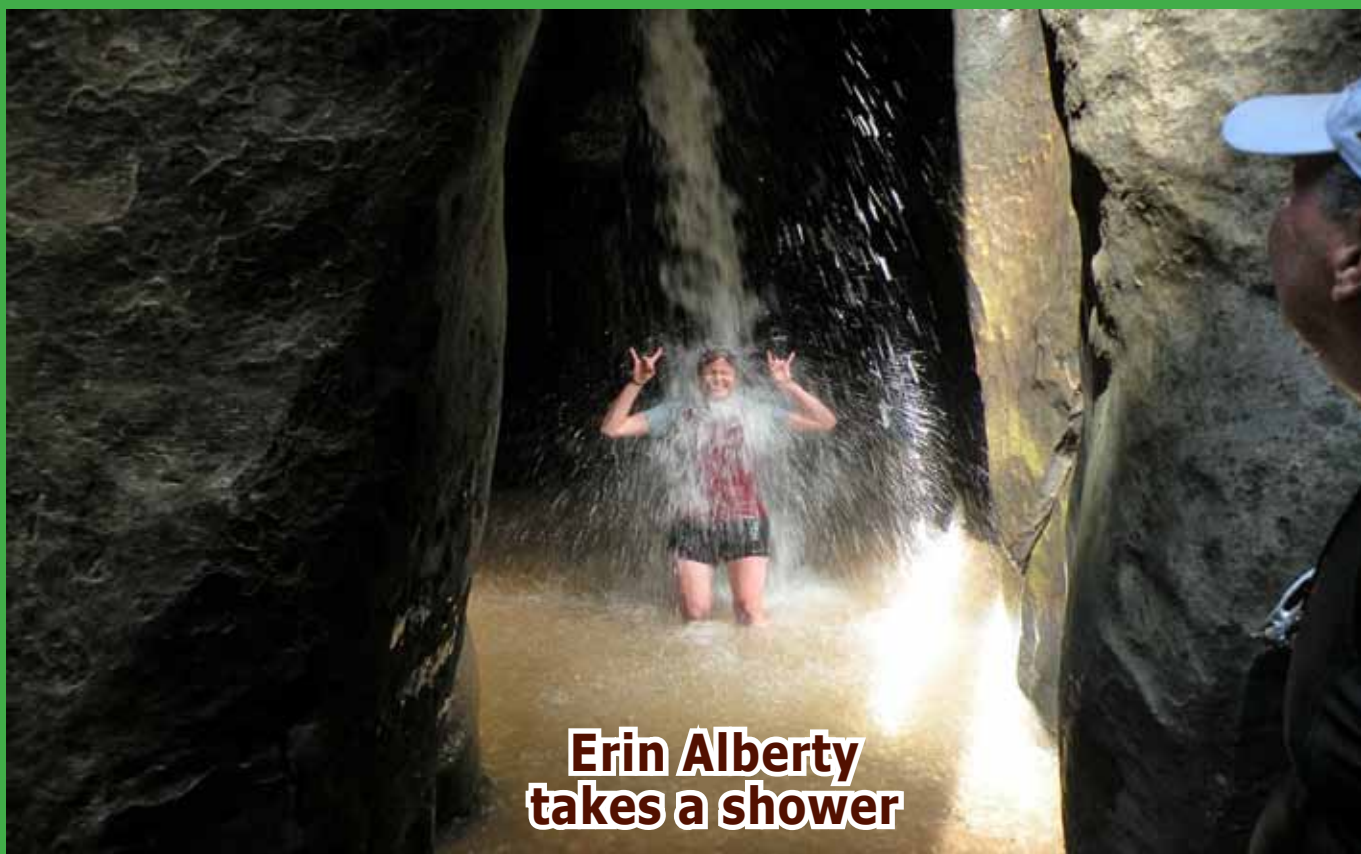
Although the permit system can be a hassle, hiking the Subway was fun and beautiful. It's well worth the trouble.



**Classic
Subway
Photo**



**Rick Thompson
contemplates
how awesome
this group is**

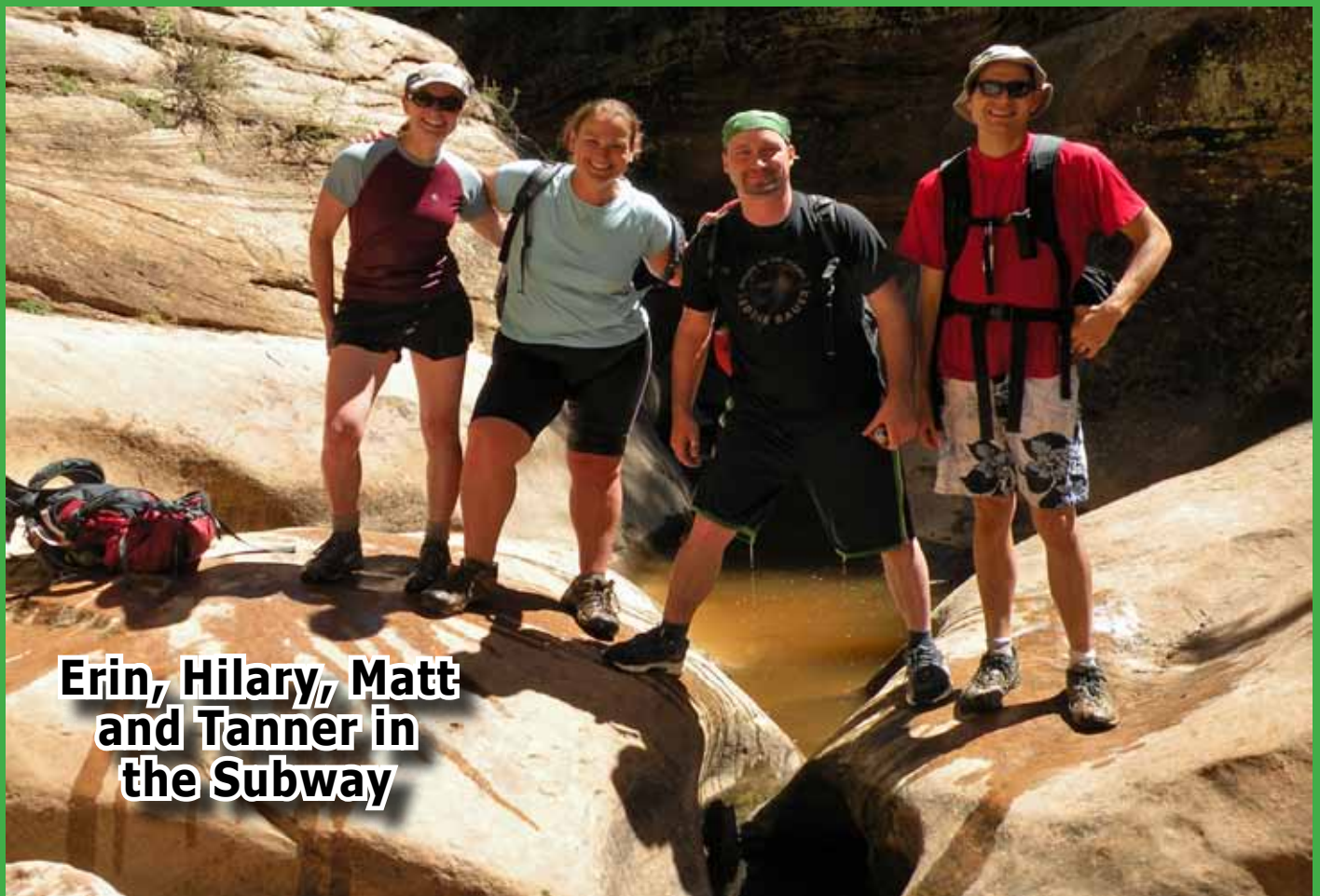


**Erin Alberty
takes a shower**

**Matt Barker
swims under
the Subway
'cannonball'**



**Erin, Hilary, Matt
and Tanner in
the Subway**





CASSIE BADOWSKY'S MT. NEBO HIKE

August 21, 2010



Submitted by Oleh Kernytskyy

Mt. Nebo is the highest peak of Utah County and all of the Wasatch Mountains. It is a tough hike, but hiking it from the north is easier than from the south. The northern trailhead starts on a dirt Mona road near the Monumental trailhead parking area.

To get there: take Interstate 15 south from Salt Lake City for about 40 miles to the town of Payson. Take the Payson exit and measure from here. The trailhead is exactly 25 miles from the Interstate 15 exit. Go through the town of Payson for 0.7 miles and turn left at a light (100 N). Signs point the way to the Nebo Scenic Byway. Turn right after 0.2 miles onto the Nebo Scenic Byway and continue 24 miles to the Nebo Bench Trail. You may park here, or continue on the dirt road at the entrance to the Nebo Bench trail parking area for 0.3 miles on the Mona Pole road. Cross the cattle guard and park here. The road continues, but the trail follows the fence up the hill to the west.

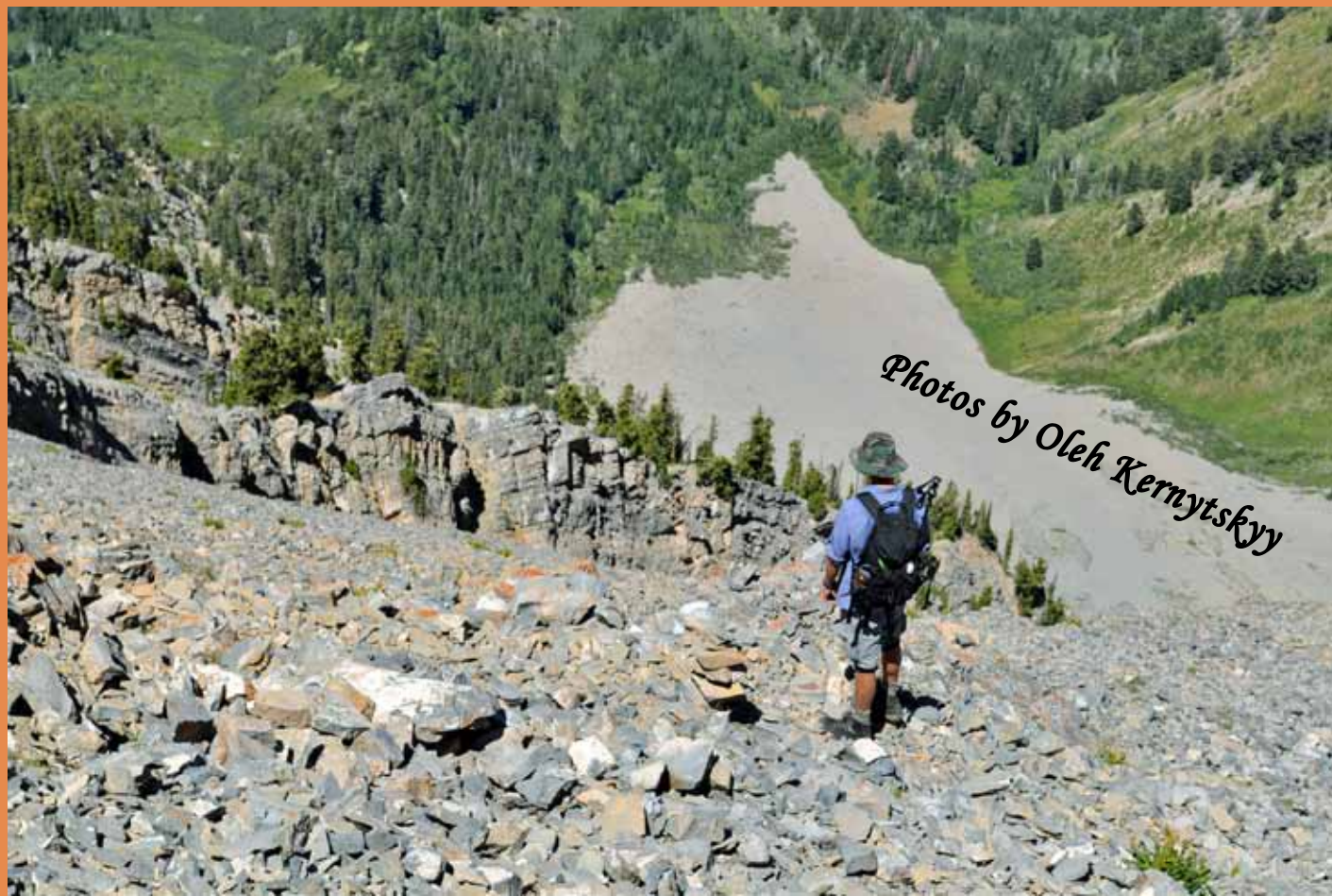
We followed a well-defined trail, which brought us to the North Summit of Mt. Nebo. At first, you will be going through the forest. We were delighted to find some very nice flowers, currants and mushrooms. After this, the trail traverses with slopes and climbs to the ridge, which took us through a series of steep switchbacks.

First, you will arrive to a false summit. The North summit of Mt. Nebo is the next summit, connected to the false summit by a narrow ridge. Sometimes it was tricky to find the trail on the narrow ridge because it had exposure and rocky layers were bent almost to a vertical position. From here we saw steep slopes with traces of avalanches. Stay away from these dangerous slopes! It was better to go on the top of the ridge to avoid exposure. It was not easy to reach the summit, but we were awarded by spectacular views in all directions.

You can follow the knife-edge ridge over the middle peak to the South Summit of Mt. Nebo, but we achieved our goal and decided to return to the north trailhead. For some people, the way down was more difficult as they were very tired after the climb to the Summit. We discussed that it was probably a good idea to be wearing orange clothes, due to the hunting season.

Everyone successfully returned to the same parking lot, viewing nice sceneries on the way down.

It is interesting to know that "Nebo" means Heaven in Slavic languages, in accordance with the Old Testament.

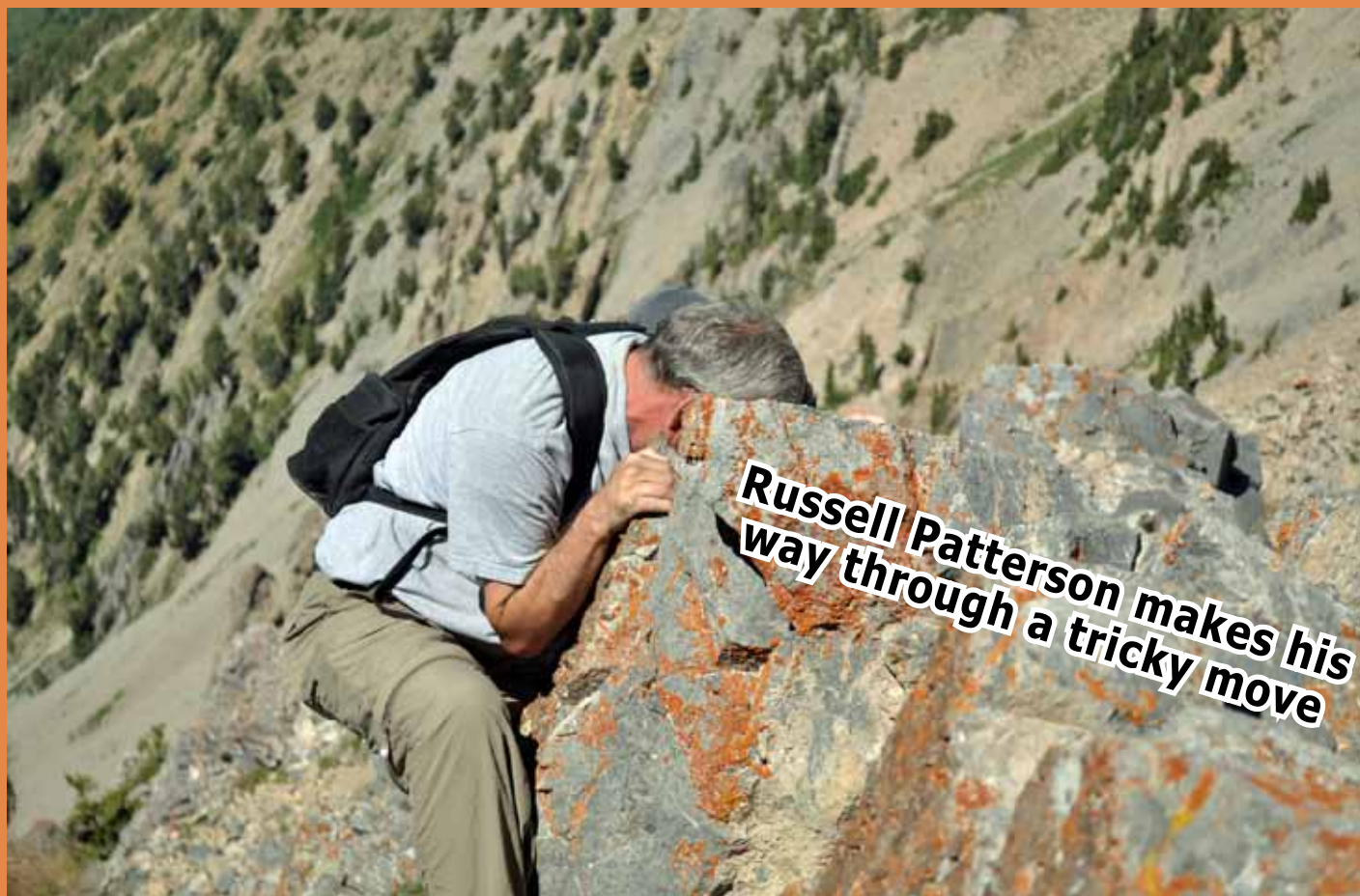




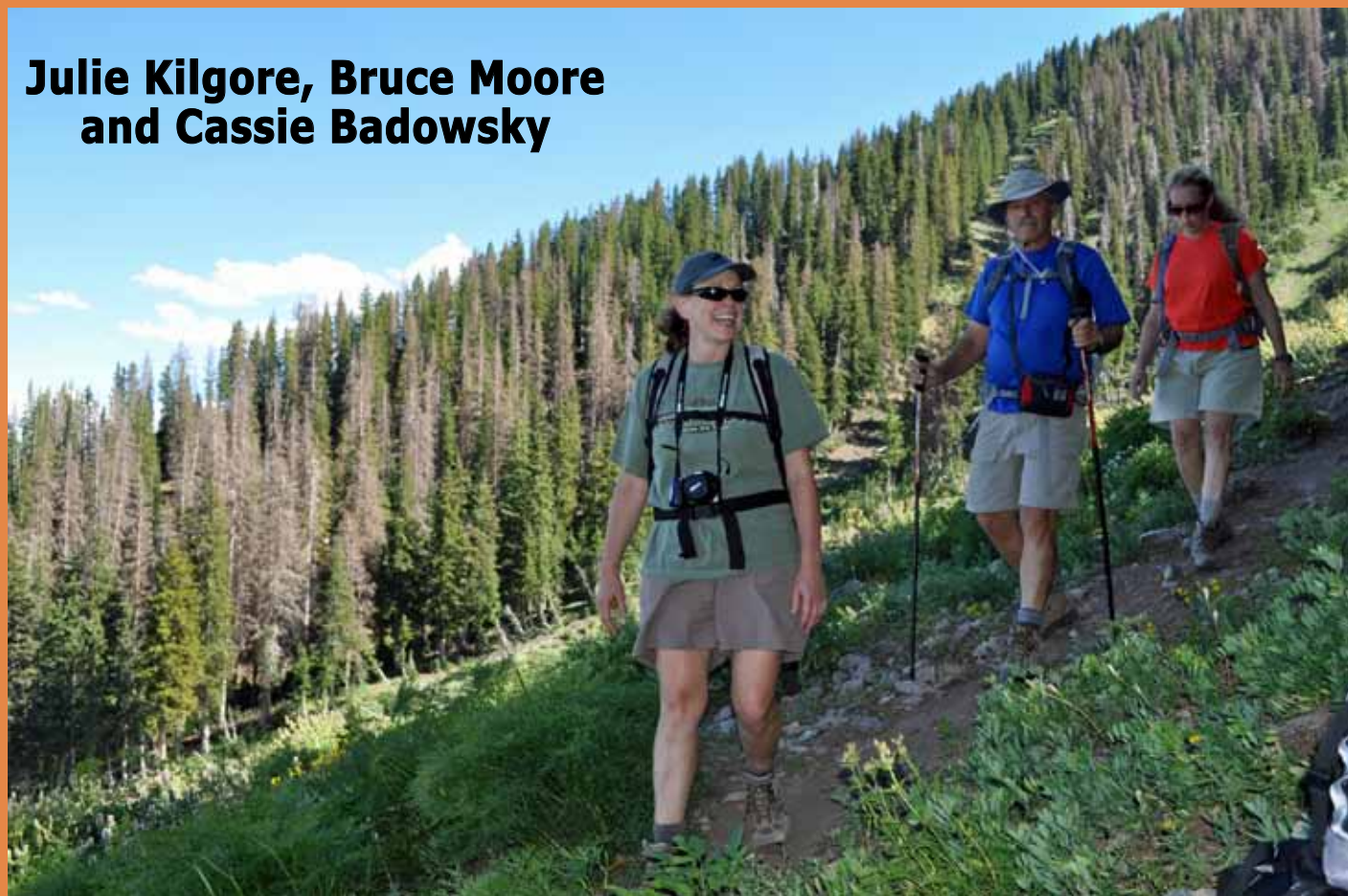
Group makes their way off the ridge

WMC group makes the North Nebo Peak





Julie Kilgore, Bruce Moore and Cassie Badowsky



Thousands of Coloradoans make a run for the border everyday to hike, bike and explore. **Not the Mexico border, but the Utah border.** Utah offers breathtaking slot canyons, hidden and not-so-hidden arches, waterfalls and much more.

For example: Ding Canyon and Dang Canyon are, respectively, the next two canyons to the west of Little Wild Horse and Bell

Canyons. While such close neighbors to the east attract the crowds, including folks who would otherwise never set foot in such a forbidding wilderness as the San Rafael Swell, Ding and Dang Canyon offer solitude even on weekends in April. What's more, and this is why you won't find the crowds, they offer a fun semi-technical adventure. Also, frankly, they are not as pretty or inviting as Little Wild Horse, but that's not saying much as far as criticism: certainly no wilderness canyon lover will fail to find them beautiful and interesting.



Ding Canyon has some small narrows, open sections bordered by towering walls and



spires, and many interesting formations, several sections of scrambling, some cool potholes, and interesting geology as you head deeper into and ultimately all the way through the San Rafael Reef. Here the terrain opens up and you head left (west), crossing south of Ding Dang Dome towards the entrance to Dang Canyon, which is the obvious next canyon in the reef.

Dang Canyon has more narrows and (hopefully) involves some wading in and/or stemming across pinched-off slots farther down. It also contains several chockstones (a stone securely jammed in a crack that may vary in size from a pebble to a large boulder) which are fun and interesting obstacles. There are two cruxes: the first is a steep, but not uniformly vertical, pour-off with a solid (as of April 2006) rap bolt on canyoneer's left, but also not difficult to scramble down if you're okay with friction and a bit of exposure. The second is a chockstone with about a 10-foot drop-off. (From summitpost.org)

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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

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
Very Strong, Well-Seasoned Hikers	

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
Oct 1 Fri – Oct 3 Sun	<p>Car Camp For Multiple Activities Weekend At Antelope Island</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 2:00 pm at White Rock Bay group campground. Available at 2 pm or after but you must arrive before the park closes at 7:30 pm. May stay until 2 pm on Sunday.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Jerry Hatch or Randy Long 801 583-8047 or 801.733.9367</p> <p>Join us for a day or a weekend of multiple activities, a dinner and camping on Antelope Island. See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities. A group camp ground has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. WMC activities begin Saturday morning and continue on Sunday. See the activities listings for October 2 & 3 for details. Please RSVP if you plan to camp. The campground is \$3.00 per person per day and a onetime fee of \$2.00 per car. FEES WILL BE COLLECTED BY JERRY HATCH/RANDY LONG. The camp ground is available at 2 pm or after but you must arrive before the park closes at 7:30 pm. You may stay until 2 pm on Sunday. Day use for the island is \$ 9.00 per car including up to 8 people.</p>
Oct 1 Fri	<p>Evening Road Bike: City Creek Canyon – ntd+ – 13.0 mi Out & Back – 1300' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at North-east side of Capitol Building towards City Creek</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com</p> <p>This short after work ride is to upper Rotary Park in beautiful City Creek Canyon. This is a spectacular autumn ride as green foliage morphs into a riot of blazing oranges, vibrant reds and magnificent yellows and is a wonderful way to unwind after work. Plan on climbing 1300 feet and a round trip spin of about 13 miles. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) in the NE parking lot behind the Utah State capitol building at 6:00pm.</p>
Oct 2 Sat – Oct 3 Sun	<p>Multiple Activities Weekend At Antelope Island - Kayak/canoe – flat water</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Marina at Antelope Island</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Margie Gendler 801-712-7890 gendler801@aol.com</p> <p>Join us for a day or a weekend of multiple activities, a dinner and camping on Antelope Island on October 1, 2 & 3. See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities. Paddling will include two groups on Saturday and one group on Sunday. Saturday's sessions: 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 pm. In the morning we will meet at the Marina near the causeway at 9:30 to be ready on the water by 10 am. We will return at noon. There will be a second trip in the afternoon at 1:30 for those who cannot make it by 9:30 or intend to do something else in the morning. Any craft is okay, but sea kayaks and longer river kayaks move faster than short boats or inflatables, which may have trouble keeping up. Boats are not provided, but if you need to rent, you might team up with one or two others and share rental costs for the weekend. Boats can be rented from SidSports, Wasatch Touring, REI and the Outdoor Program at the U. See listings under hiking, biking, social and camping for more details about the multi-activity weekend.</p>
Oct 2 Sat	<p>Social - Multiple Activities Weekend At Antelope Island - Saturday Dinner</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 5:00 pm at Pavilion at Antelope Island if available. Otherwise, Camp Site #1 in the White Rock Bay group camp ground.</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Holley Richards or Cindy Crass 801-553-1125 or 801-530-7331 cjcrass@cnmlaw.com/cgrichards@aol.com</p> <p>See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities. We will culminate Saturday's activities with a group dinner at 5 pm. The dinner has been organized and is being prepared by our fabulous social directors. The dinner of veggie spaghetti (meatballs on the side), salad and dessert will have a nominal charge of \$ 6.00 and is byob. FEE WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR. We plan to hold the dinner at the Pavilion by the beach. However, it cannot be reserved so if occupied we will use group camp site #1 in the White Rock Bay group campground. We will post a sign if we move to the alternative site. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the dinner (including number attending) to either of the contact persons below. BE AWARE THERE IS AN ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK. EACH PARTICIPANT/CAR IS INDEPENDENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRANCE FEE.</p>

Oct 2 Sat	<p>Multiple Activity Weekend At Antelope Island - Saturday Morning Hike – mod – 6.5 mi Out & Back</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Upper Frary Parking lot. To carpool to the island for just the Saturday morning hike, meet at the 2100 South Trax park-n-ride for a prompt 8:30 a.m. departure. Carpoolers will drive to the upper Frary parking to meet those already on the island. There is</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 8:30 am at 2100 S TRAX Park & Ride</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore or Eileen Gidley 801-244-3323 or 801-255-4336 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Join us for a day or a weekend of multiple activities. Come to the island for one activity, or plan your weekend to try them all! See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities. For the Saturday morning hike activity, Julie Kilgore and Eileen Gidley will co-lead a group to Frary Peak, the highest point of Antelope Island. There are several good turn-around points for those interested in a shorter hike. We'll return in time to join the other activity groups for the spaghetti dinner!</p>
Oct 2 Sat – Oct 3 Sun	<p>Multiple Activities Weekend At Antelope Island - Road Bike And Mountain Bike – ntd+ – 25.0 mi Out & Back – 200' ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at White Rock Bay Campground</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Marcia Hansen or Barb Hanson 801-486-5724 or 801-485-0132 hansen5200@msn.com or barbhanson30@hotmail.com</p> <p>Join us for a day or a weekend of multiple activities. Come to the island for one activity, or plan your weekend to try them all! See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities. Biking will include both road and mountain bike rides. Road bikers who want to do a leisurely ride with a group, meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at the entrance to the White Rock Bay campground. We'll ride out to the Fielding Garr Ranch and back and then ride the island loop. If you are really ambitious, you can ride up to Buffalo Point where the restaurant used to be. Or, if you prefer, you can do a ride on your own and make it as long or short as you wish. Aside from the Buffalo Point hill, this is an NTD rated ride. Road biking riding on Sunday will be self-directed. Mountain bikers can do self-directed rides on one or more of the 35 miles of biking trails on the island. For descriptions and maps of mountain bike trails, see the link below. NOTE: Participants are responsible for their own park entrance fee.</p>
Oct 2 Sat	<p>Multiple Activity Weekend At Antelope Island - Afternoon Hike – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 1:30 am at Meet at camp site #1 in the White Rock Bay group campground</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Randy Long 801-733-9367</p> <p>As part of the Antelope Island weekend activities, a Saturday afternoon group will enjoy a stroll along the shoreline trail, returning to join the other groups for spaghetti dinner. See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities!! Join us for one or join us for all.</p>
Oct 2 Sat	<p>Day Hike Organizer's Choice – ntd+</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784</p> <p>Tom will choose a location in big cottonwood for this outing. Call ahead for destination in case snowshoe's or yaktraks are needed.</p>
Oct 2 Sat	<p>Slow Pace Hike - Terraces To Elbow Fork – ntd – 4.5 mi Loop – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:15 am at Skyline High School (3151 E 3760 S)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Doug Stark 801-277-8538</p> <p>Doug will lead this leisure fall hike from the Terraces to Elbow Fork, returning along the pipeline trail.</p>
Oct 3 Sun	<p>Multiple Activities Weekend At Antelope Island - Kayak/canoe – flat water</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Marina at Antelope Island</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Margie Gendler 801-712-7890 gendler801@aol.com</p> <p>Kayaking on the Great Salt Lake from Antelope Island, a part of the multi-sport weekend. See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities. This will be a longer trip than Saturday's trips. Meet at the Marina near the causeway at 10:a.m. to be on the water by 10:30. Bring your lunch, as we will stay out until mid afternoon. Any craft is okay, but sea kayaks and longer river kayaks move faster than short boats or inflatables, which may have trouble keeping up. Boats are not provided, but if you need to rent, you might team up with one or two others and share rental costs for the weekend. Boats can be rented from SidSports, Wasatch Touring, REI and the Outdoor Program at the U. See listings under hiking, biking, social and camping for more details about the weekend.</p>

Oct 3 Sun	<p>Multiple Activities Weekend At Antelope Island - Road Bike And Mountain Bike</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at White Rock Campground</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Marcia Hansen or Barb Hanson 801-486-5724 or 801-485-0132 hansen5200@msn.com, or barbhanson30@hotmail.com</p> <p>Join us for a day or a weekend of multiple activities. Come to the island for one activity, or plan your weekend to try them all! See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities. On Sunday, both road and mountain biking will be self-directed. For MTB trail descriptions/maps, see link below. Plan on spending a little time at the Antelope Island Visitors Center or join the WMC hikers or boaters who also have activities scheduled on the island both days. Note: Participants are responsible for their own park entrance fee.</p>
Oct 3 Sun	<p>Multiple Activity Weekend At Antelope Island - Frary Peak Hike – mod – 6.5 mi Out & Back</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Upper Frary Parking lot. To carpool to the island for just the Sunday morning hike, meet at the 2100 South Trax park-n-ride for a prompt 9:00 a.m. departure. Carpoolers will drive to the upper Frary parking to meet those already on the island.</p> <p><i>Carpool:</i> 9:00 am at 2100 S TRAX Park & Ride</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Alex Rudd 801-971-9245 rudd94@gmail.com</p> <p>Join us for a day or a weekend of multiple activities. Come to the island for one activity, or plan your weekend to try them all! See Page 6 of the September Rambler for info of all the weekend's activities. For the Sunday hike activity, Alex Rudd will take a group to Frary Peak.</p>
Oct 3 Sun	<p>Hike: Wild Kitten – msd- – Shuttle</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com</p> <p>The route ascends the ridge via the Alexander Basin trail, crosses over Gobblers Knob and Mt Raymond, follows the gentler section of Wildcat Ridge to the top of Neffs Canyon, then descends to the Neffs Canyon trailhead. This is one of the best fall color hikes in the tri-canyon area. Contact Mohamed or Deirdre for more information and to register. Wilderness limit of 9. Shuttle required.</p>
Oct 3 Sun	<p>Beginner/newcomer Hike - Draper Section Of Bonneville Shoreline Trail – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:30 am at Hidden Valley Park, 11700 South Wasatch Boulevard</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Hal Wallace 801-553-7299</p> <p>This hike is open to anyone but is geared toward introducing new people to the Wasatch Mountain Club, or to hiking as an activity. There will be two organizers on this trip to make sure nobody gets behind, and to help with any questions or concerns. Join us for an enjoyable stroll from Hidden Valley Park to the point on the shoreline trail that has a nice overlook of the Draper Temple.</p>
Oct 7 Thu	<p>Norm's Thursday Day Hike – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Disseminated via the Hike email list</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Norm Pobanz 801 266-3703</p> <p>Join Norm's Thursday group for a nice weekday adventure. Destinations, meeting locations, and departure times will vary, so call Norm or check the website for details the week of each hike. October is a transitional month so this could turn into a snowshoe if enough snow has fallen. Depending on the group and the destination, these trips typically split into an NTD group and a MOD group.</p>
Oct 8 Fri – Oct 10 Sun	<p>Canyoneering 101-introduction To Technical Canyoneering – mod-</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com</p> <p>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 rappeling classes as a prerequisite.(there will be another on Sept 30) This trip is intended for those who have not already been to North Wash yet.</p>

Oct 8 Fri – Oct 10 Sun	Car Camp - Browns Park Dinosaur National Monument – mod <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Jerry Hatch 801-300-6439 or 801-583-8047 An adventure to the place the club doesn't usually go. Jerry wants to see this country and he'd like to have club friends join the fun.
Oct 8 Fri	Movie Night <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Pier 49 Pizza (next to movie theatre) not far from the corner of Simpson Av. (2250 S.) and Highland Dr. (1230 E.) <i>Organizer:</i> Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 canders11238@yahoo.com Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at the Sugarhouse Movies 10. We decide which movie to see while eating. See you at the movies!
Oct 9 Sat	Lodge Work Party - Maintenance Project <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at WMC Lodge at Brighton (refer to website or call for directions) <i>Organizer:</i> Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com Hopefully by now the logs are done and we are dealing with gathering firewood and getting ready for the winter. Work party starts at 9:00AM; will car pool, if you call. Come up at any time. Call if you are coming because lunch will be provided by the Club. Bring gloves and work clothes, suitable for the weather.
Oct 9 Sat	Hike - Lake Blanch – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 2700' ascent <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Pam Miller and Ann Polinsky 801 381-7942 or 801-466-3806 Pam and Anne will co-lead this fall hike to the sleepy little Lake Blanch.
Oct 9 Sat	Late Fall Hike Up Ferguson Canyon – ntd – 3.0 mi Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Cindy Wolfe 801-943-4808 With the cooling temperatures, Ferguson Canyon to the overlook is an enjoyable late season hike.
Oct 9 Sat	Day Hike - Oquirrh Mountains – msd – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 4000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Gregory Bronder 435 843-9495 gdbkcb03@comcast.net We will hike some very seldomly visited peaks in the Oquirrh Mountains (Butterfield Peaks 9370', Kelsey Peak 10,373', and White Pine Peak 10,321'). Expect some bushwacking and routefinding. Limit of 9 hikers
Oct 10 Sun	Killyon Canyon Day Hike – ntd – 4.0 mi Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way <i>Organizer:</i> Marilyn Smith 801 273-0369 marilynsmith@msn.com Hike & see newly saved Killyon Canyon. We'll be traveling at a moderate pace to explore the area that your donations to the WMC Conservation Fund helped purchase.
Oct 10 Sun	Day Hike To Mt. Majestic (clayton Pk) – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride <i>Organizer:</i> Knick Knickerbocker 801 891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net Join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or knick.sold@comcast.net) on this seldom done hike to a peak above Brighton. This hike has wonderful views from this "Majestic" peak, including a view of Lake Lackawaxen. You will gain approx 2,000 of elevation on this 6 miles out & back hike to this elevation of 10,721. Meet Knick at Big Cottonwood Park-n-Ride by 9:00 am.

Oct 10 Sun	<p>Baker Pass Day Hike – mod – 7.5 mi Out & Back – 3100’ ascent</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com</p> <p>This is a very pretty autumn trek. We launch from the Terraces in Millcreek Canyon and follow the Bowman trail to White Fir Pass, and thence contour around and up past Baker Springs to Baker Pass. Along the way we’ll cross over Yellow Jacket Gulch and Pole Canyon and enjoy marvelous autumn vistas of both Millcreek and Big Cottonwood Canyons. Plan on a 7.5 mile hike, about 3100 feet of climbing, and a stop at Baker Pass for lunch before returning. Meet Elliott (801) 969-2846 in the east parking lot of Skyline High at 9:00am to carpool/caravan to the Terraces</p>
Oct 14 Thu	<p>Norm’s Thursday Day Hike – ntd</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Disseminated via the Hike email list</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Norm Pobanz 801 266-3703</p> <p>Join Norm’s Thursday group for a nice weekday adventure. Destinations, meeting locations, and departure times will vary, so call Norm or check the website for details the week of each hike. October is a transitional month so this could turn into a snowshoe if enough snow has fallen. Depending on the group and the destination, these trips typically split into an NTD group and a MOD group.</p>
Oct 16 Sat	<p>Slow Pace City Creek Twin Peaks Hike – ntd – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1000’ ascent – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at The parking area at the exit for This Is the Place State Park</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Randy Long 801-733-9367</p> <p>Randy will lead his last hike of the season to the City Creek Twin Peaks. He will go via the Bonneville Shoreline trail from Terrace Hills Drive.</p>
Oct 16 Sat	<p>Day Hike - Medina Peaks - Stansbury Mountains – mod+ – 8.0 mi Out & Back – 4000’ ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Gregory Bronder 435 843-9495 gdbkcb03@comcast.net</p> <p>For those of you who have climbed Deseret Peak, you may have wondered what the rocky peaks to the north are? Well. these peaks are South and North Medina Peaks. We will climb both peaks from the Deseret Peak trailhead. Expect some routefinding and maybe a short section of Class 3 scrambling. Wilderness limit of 9 hikers</p>
Oct 16 Sat	<p>Day Hike, Mt Olympus – msd – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 4050’ ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 9:00 am at Mt Olympus trailhead</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Steven Duncan 801 474-0031 duncste@comcast.net</p> <p>Come to the saddle for a MOD or push to the top for a MSD, wilderness limit of 10.</p>
Oct 16 Sat	<p>Relaxed Pace Msd Hike To Box Elder Peak – msd – 9.6 mi Out & Back – 4350’ ascent</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 8:00 am at 7200 South Park n Ride immediate east of I-15 (not the Trax Park n Ride)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Cassie Badowsky 801-278-5153</p> <p>Beautiful hike with no exposure. We often see goats at the summit. Expect a moderate to slow pace with plenty of breaks to fully enjoy conversation and appreciate the day. This hike is subject to weather conditions, so call the organizer as the hike date approaches.</p>
Oct 17 Sun	<p>Millcreek Dog Hike – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> 10:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Beth Conat 801 518-9338 bethy01c@msn.com</p> <p>Organizer’s choice NTD dog hike in Millcreek Canyon. Please bring your well mannered dogs.</p>
Oct 17 Sun	<p>Day Hike White Pine Lake – mod – 10.0 mi Out & Back – 2600’ ascent – Moderate pace</p> <p><i>Meet:</i> Registration required</p> <p><i>Organizer:</i> Gretchen Siegler 801-661-5635 gsiegler@westminstercollege.edu</p> <p>Join Gretchen on a moderate paced hike to this high lake perched beneath white baldy. Plan for a return time around 2:30. Registration required in case of bad weather.</p>

- Oct 17 Road Bike As You Like – mod- – 40.0 mi Loop – Moderate pace**
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at Parley's Way former K mart log - 2703 Parley's Way
Organizer: Marcia Hansen 801-486-5724 hansen5200@msn.com
 Leader's choice ride. Depending on temperatures, we'll choose a 40 - 60 mile route, re-grouping several times to accommodate slower paces. Bring snacks and/or \$\$ for a mid-ride coffee. Details / cancellation due to weather to be provided through the e mail list.
- Oct 17 Hike To Desolation Lake – ntd+**
 Sun *Meet:* 10:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride
Organizer: Tom Silberstorf 801-255-2784
 Depending on conditions, Tom intends to take the group to Desolation Lake by way of Mill D.
- Oct 17 Hike Neffs To Big Cottonwood Canyon – msd- – 3600' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6100 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Steve Carr 801-261-5787
 We will go up Neff's to the saddle looking down to Big Cottonwood. It is trail to the saddle with 3600' of elevation gain. Then we will try hiking downhill without trail into the Mill B north drainage to end up at the S turn. It doesn't look too bad but if we get cliffed out we will return the way we came. Expect a full day.
- Oct 21 Norm's Thursday Day Hike – ntd**
 Thu *Meet:* Disseminated via the Hike email list
Organizer: Norm Pobanz 801 266-3703
 Join Norm's Thursday group for a nice weekday adventure. Destinations, meeting locations, and departure times will vary, so call Norm or check the website for details the week of each hike. October is a transitional month so this could turn into a snowshoe if enough snow has fallen. Depending on the group and the destination, these trips typically split into an NTD group and a MOD group.
- Oct 22 Movie Night**
 Fri *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Sicilia Restaurant (on the corner close to the movie theatre) at 145 E. 300 S.
Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 canders11238@yahoo.com
 Meet Craig for dinner and a movie at the Broadway Cinemas (The Film Society). We decide which movie to see while eating. See you at the movies!
- Oct 23 Day Hike Notch Peak – mod**
 Sat *Meet:* 6:00 am at Flying J station at 12300 S & I15
Organizer: Jerry Hatch 801-300-6439 or 801-583-8047
 The Carl Bauer-Wick Miller Memorial Hike to Notch Peak is the WMC's traditional farewell to the hiking season. It's a three hour drive to the House Range west of Delta, but the 3,000 ft. cliff and ancient bristlecone pines are always phenomenal. Be prepared for cross-country travel with route finding and a bit of scrambling (the Flying J is located east of I-15 onto Factory Outlet Drive)
- Oct 23 Hike To Houndstooth – msd- – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 3000' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park & Ride
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801 244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
 If you missed the spring hike to Houndstooth, here's another chance. This hike will somewhat follow the ridge to the base of the Houndstooth, with a short scramble through the secret sweet spot that leads to the top. Nothing scary, but this is a VERY STEEP hike. There will be some bushwhacking, but this probably the least miserable route to that familiar granite outcrop between Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. Depending on conditions, this hike will be a MOD+ to MSD-
- Oct 23 Show-n-go Ntd And/or Mod Hike: Wmc Members Only – ntd**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6100 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: n/a n/a
 Club Members who would like to get together for a hike can meet at the 6100 South Park&Ride to pick a destination the fits the condition of the day and the mood of the group. One member will need to be responsible for filling and turning in the sign-up sheet/waiver form for each group. The form can be found in the Rambler or downloaded on the WMC web page.

- Oct 24 Sun Hike: Thayne Peak - Salt Lake Overlook Loop – mod – 8.0 mi Loop – 2850' ascent – Moderate pace**
Meet: 9:00 am at Skyline High School - 3151 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com
 We will head up Millcreek to do the loop between the Thayne's Canyon trail and Salt Lake Overlook. We will hike to Thayne peak along the way. If the weather is not cooperating this hike may be modified. Approximate distance is 7.5-8 miles and 2850 ft elevation.
- Oct 24 Sun Fall Photography Hike - Organizers Choice – ntd**
Meet: 9:00 am at 6100 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Cal Osburn 801 944-4574
 Cal will select a destination depending on where the fall colors are. This will be a leisurely paced hike for photographs and conversation.
- Oct 28 Thu Norm's Thursday Day Hike – ntd**
Meet: Disseminated via the Hike email list
Organizer: Norm Pobanz 801 266-3703
 Join Norm's Thursday group for a nice weekday adventure. Destinations, meeting locations, and departure times will vary, so call Norm or check the website for details the week of each hike. October is a transitional month so this could turn into a snowshoe if enough snow has fallen. Depending on the group and the destination, these trips typically split into an NTD group and a MOD group.
- Oct 29 Fri Social: Sing-a-long And Pot Luck At La Rae And Bart Bartholoma's Home**
Meet: 6:30 pm at 5904 S. Tolcate Woods Lane (2930 E) in Holladay - Directions are in the description above
Organizer: Fred Tripp or Frank Bernard 435-649-4507 or cell: 301-461-0161 fredgtripp@gmail.com or frankbernard55@earthlink.net
 La Rae and Bart Bartholoma have offered to host our October Sing-A-Long. Please note the date of Friday, October 29th. Plan to join us at 6:30 p.m. and we'll begin the evening with a Pot Luck dinner. Please bring something to share (entree, appetizer, salad, side vegetable or a dessert) with 4 to 6 others. BYOB. Following dinner we'll have a Sing-A-Long - think folk music, campfire songs, joke songs, etc. Acoustic instruments are welcome. To reach the Bartholoma home take 5800 S (Tolcate Lane) off Holladay Blvd. (Only goes East) Turn right (South) on Tolcate Woods Lane. When the street ends with a steel fence with horse statues and an eagle statue in the air, YOU ARE THERE. Plan on a fun evening of socializing, enjoying good food and an opportunity to stretch your vocal chords (and bring any acoustic musical instrument that you'd like to play.) We'll wrap it up by 10 PM. For questions or additional information contact Fred Tripp at 435-649-4507 or email at fredgtripp@gmail.com or Frank Bernard at Frankbernard55@earthlink.net. Be sure to add your name to our email list to receive updates for this and future Sing-A-Longs. Just go the WMC web site: Click on Member Menu; Click on EMAIL LIST SUBSCRIBE & UNSUBSCRIBE; Log In, follow the directions to subscribe and select the "SOCIAL" category. When finished return to Member Menu and Log Off.
- Oct 30 Sat Halloween Party**
Meet: 6:00 pm at Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge at Brighton Ski Resort, Big Cottonwood Canyon
Carpool: 5:30 pm at Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride. Try to make your own arrangements with others for car pooling.
Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 canders11238@yahoo.com
 Club members, friends and family are invited to the WMC's annual Halloween Party to be held in its haunted lodge at Brighton Ski Resort in Big Cottonwood Canyon, on Saturday evening, October 30, 2010. POTLUCK/ BYOB dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. Rockin' DJ Rob Snow's awesome mix of dance music will commence at 7:30 PM and will continue as long as feet are moving. Best costumes in the categories of Greenest, Scariest and Sexiest will be awarded. A \$7.00 per person cover charge will be collected at the door; children are free. If you wish to stay overnight at the lodge, there is a charge of \$3.00 per person; children are free. For further details and directions, e-mail or telephone the organizer Craig Anderson: canders11238@yahoo.com or 801-487-2352

- Oct 30 **Day Hike, Snowshoe And/or Ski Before The Party – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 1:00 pm at WMC Lodge
Organizer: Cheryl Soshnik 435 649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com
 Let's get some exercise before the Halloween Party today. Depending on the weather and snow conditions, we'll either hike, snowshoe/ski from the WMC lodge to Catherine's Pass. Bring a change of clothes and potluck/dutch oven dish for the Halloween Party afterwards.
- Oct 30 **Dutch Oven Cookoff And Potluck Before The Party**
 Sat *Meet:* 3:00 pm at WMC Lodge
Organizer: Beth Ebling 801 703-1262 baebling@gmail.com
 This was a hit last year, let's get even more dutch oven creations on the coals this year, before the Halloween Party. Bring your own dutch oven dish to prepare. We'll have some coals but you might want to bring your own to be sure. If you have a recipe you'd like to try but don't own a dutch oven, give us a call, we might be able to find extra ovens. Come at 3:00 to start the coals and visit, and let's plan on eating about 5:00, before the main rush of party potluckers show up so we all get a taste of each other's creations. This year, we'll do a VOTE and have a PRIZE for the best dutch oven creation! Of course, you'll want to stay for the club's great Halloween Party that immediately follows our dinner!
- Oct 31 **Show-n-go Ntd And/or Mod Hike: Wmc Members Only – ntd**
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6100 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: n/a n/a
 There's no telling what Mother Nature will deliver by the end of October. Club Members who would like to get together for a hike can meet at the 6100 South Park&Ride to pick a destination the fits the condition of the day and the mood of the group. One member will need to be responsible for filling and turning in the sign-up sheet/waiver form for each group. The form can be found in the Rambler or downloaded on the WMC web page.
- Nov 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
 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.
- Nov 6 **Cedar Mountains Day Hike – mod – 6.0 mi Out & Back – 3000' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Gregory Bronder 435 843-9495 gdbkcb03@comcast.net
 With cooler weather and impending snow in the higher elevations, the west desert becomes more attractive to those not wanting to quite give up the hiking season. We will be hiking the highest peak and maybe a few other minor summits (Tabby's Peak) in the Cedar Mountains. The Cedar Mountains are directly west of the Stansbury Mountains on I-80 in Tooele County
- Nov 11 **General Membership Meeting**
 Thu *Meet:* 7:30 pm at Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church, 3280 East 3900 South, South side of street, just west of I 215 off ramp.
Organizer: John Veranth 801 278-5826 veranth@xmission.com
 Agenda: 1) Discussion and vote on the lodge 2) Vote on new life members 3) Presentation to be announced next month.
- Nov 14 **Nordic Ski Tour: Upper Reaches Of The Uintas – ntd+ – Out & Back – Slow pace**
 Sun *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721
 Early season cross-country ski tour.

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:

Membership Director
Wasatch Mountain Club
1390 South 1100 East #103
Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443

REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT: Celeste Eppler, EMAIL: ceppler@rei.com, (801) 486-2100, ext. 207

SANDY CITY - 10600 SOUTH & 230 WEST

Trekking Poles: The Long and Short of It, Thursday, October 14th, 7 pm

Think trekking poles are simple? Guess again! Come chat with REI expert, Craig Whetmen, to learn the many features of these multi-purpose tools. He'll cover how to select poles for different terrain and seasons and talk about choices for your comfort and ability. Plus, don't miss the details of various locking systems, repair and optional add-on features.

Climbing Basics for Women, Thursday, October 28th, 7 pm

Join an expert from Momentum Climbing Gym for an introductory class on the basics of rock climbing. Participants will leave with an understanding of the different types of climbing, necessary gear and how to get started.

SALT LAKE CITY - 3285 EAST & 3300 SOUTH

Dave vs. Volcano(s): Climbing Mt. Shasta/Mt. Rainier, Tuesday, October 19th, 7 pm

Join Salt Lake City Native and REI member Dave Smith for an evening of photos and stories on his journey this past summer to climb the two highest volcanoes in the continental U.S. - Mount Shasta and Mount Rainier. Mount Shasta located at the Southern end of the Cascades is the second highest peak of this range, and is located in Northern California. In addition to being popular among climbers and outdoor enthusiasts, Mount Shasta has attracted a diverse community of spiritual seekers to visit this massive free standing mountain. Dave will be speaking to the unique culture surrounding Mount Shasta, along with his own summit bid via the Avalanche Gulch route. Mount Rainier, located outside of Seattle in Washington State, is the highest peak of the Cascades and the most heavily glaciated mountain in the lower 48 states. Mountaineers will often train on Mount Rainier for other peaks in Alaska or the Himalayas. Dave will conclude the evening's presentation with a discussion of this famous peak, followed by a description of his own summit bid via the Disappointment Cleaver route.

Geocaching Basics, Tuesday, October 26th, 7 pm at REI

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors, and then share your experiences online. Join Jeff Caulfield as he teaches you the basics of this fun sport and what you need to get started.

Black/White Digital Photography: Technique/Composition, Thurs., October 28th, 7 pm

Join local photographer Joel Addams for an overview of black and white digital photography that will last approximately 45 minutes and will be geared for beginning and intermediate photographers. Joel has been photographing for eight years from Morocco to Nepal and throughout the United States.

SERVICE PROJECT:

VOLUNTEER! Bend-in-the-River Fall Clean-Up Service Project

Saturday, October 23rd, 9:30 am – Noon

Join REI & friends of the Bend-In-The River by removing invasive weeds and planting native plants along the banks of the Jordan River. A light breakfast will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own clearly labeled tools and work gloves, as a limited number of tools are available on site. **Pre-registration required.** All ages welcome! Minors must have an adult present during the project. Please RSVP the number of people in your party via email to Nick Rothacher, at nrothacher@sa.utah.edu. For directions and additional information, please visit www.bend-in-the-river.org.

MISCELLANEOUS:

REI MEMBERS ONLY GARAGE SALE EVENT, Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 am at REI, Salt Lake City, and Saturday, October 30th, 9:00 am, Sandy

For great deals on used and returned gear, REI Garage Sales are the place to shop! Save 30-60% of retail prices. All items are non- returnable and non-dividendable. Entry when doors open is determined by random lottery.

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**PERIODICALS
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

When: Thursday November 11, 2010 at 7:30 PM

**Where: Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church
3280 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City, Utah
South side of street, just west of I-215 off
ramp**

Agenda:

- 1) Discussion and vote on gift of the Lodge to the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation.**
- 2) Vote on new life members.**
- 3) Presentation - To be announced in November's Rambler.**
- 4) Refreshments.**

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