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October 28-30, 2011

Trip Report by Karl Johson,
plus more photos by Deborah
Askew, Robert Myers and
Jennifer Angell on Pages 52-57

THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM Is Found In Friends

The WMC Foundation needs your help removing snow from the roof of the lodge this coming winter. Please check the WMC website [Activity Menu](#) for scheduled work parties. More information is available by contacting Robert Myers at (801) 466-3292 or robertmyers47@gmail.com. We generally start at the lodge by 9:30 AM. Carpooling is available. Lunch is provided for your help.



"We are never alone when we have friends and comrades; no obstacle or freak of nature can beleaguer us; we can find a way to overcome the difficulties before us."



THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB LODGE

Owned & Operated by the Wasach Mountain Club Foundation, a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization,

The Wasatch Mountain Club lodge has a unique place in the history of the WMC Club, having been built by Club members in the late 1920's and enjoyed by the Club, community groups, and private parties through the years. This building, which is on the National Historic Register, is available to the general public. We encourage nonprofit, educational, scientific, enviromental, charitable and private groups to utilize this wonderful facility and its location in Brighton, Utah.

- You can help support the preservation of this historic structure by considering reserving the lodge for your use, or expanding the knowledge of its availability, to friends, associates and organizations with whom you associate
- For more information, go to our website at <https://wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org/>
- Current user fees for the building are \$460/night with a \$300 security/damage deposit

THIS ARTICLE IS PROVIDED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE WMC AS A PUBLIC AWARENESS NOTICE

THE WMC FOUNDATION YEAR-END APPEAL

The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation has made great strides in its first year as a charitable organization. However, becoming an established and self-supporting operation takes time. Even though all expenditures have been reserved only for current necessities, it is not surprising that our start-up year finds our financial situation tenuous at best.

We have been faced with a decrease in the use of the lodge, much of which was a result of the late spring snow that forced cancellations due to lack of access. Lodge user fees are a staple for Foundation income, and this shortfall in revenue impacts our basic costs of operation as well as funds needed for maintenance and improvements.

Therefore, we are asking that you consider the WMC Foundation when you make year-end donations. **We really need your support in order to preserve our historic WMC Lodge.**

In addition to asking for your monetary donations, **we need your help to inform the general public about the lodge's availability.** The fact that the lodge is open for use by the public seems to be a well-kept secret, even among our Big Cottonwood Canyon neighbors. Your willingness to spread the word and get our flyers out there could be invaluable.

So if you can help:

- 1) **Visit our website <https://wasatchmountainclubfoundation.org/whats-new/> and make a donation online or mail a check to WMC Foundation, 1390 S. 1100 E., Suite103, Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443. Please label the check as "Year-end Donation". Remember this is a tax deductible donation to a charitable organization.**
- 2) **Download Flyers & Foundation information from our website, or if that is not possible, contact Robert Myers at robertmyers47@gmail.com or ph. 801-466-3292 to have the information sent to you.**

NO CONTRIBUTION OF TIME OR MONEY IS TOO SMALL!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation Board

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.

2012 BOARD NOMINATIONS

John Veranth

The nominations committee is responsible for recruiting a slate of qualified and willing candidates for the Wasatch Mountain Club Governing Board for the year from March 2012-Feb 2013. The members of this year's Nominating Committee are:

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Ann Perry 801-860-8060 perrya15@gmail.com

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

Lori Major 801-424-2338 lorimajor@yahoo.com

Thanks to these club members for being willing to serve on the committee.

Most of the current directors are willing to stay on, and the continuity is much appreciated. Open positions for next year are:

Biking Director

Social Director

Mountaineering Director

Four-year Trustee (candidate must be a former board member)

In addition, the WMC needs to nominate two directors for the Wasatch Mountain Club Foundation Board.

The elections for the 2012 year will be at the February General Membership Meeting and the new officers and directors will take over in March. Contact the nominating committee if you are interested in volunteering to serve on the board. It is a great way to get more involved with the club.

Former WMC member Stu Turkanis passed away November 10, 2011 at the age of 75. Many of you will remember Stu strolling along at the back of hiking groups, but always making the effort to go as far and as high as he could. He was always pleasant to talk to and he will be missed. (Submitted by John Veranth)



BOATING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

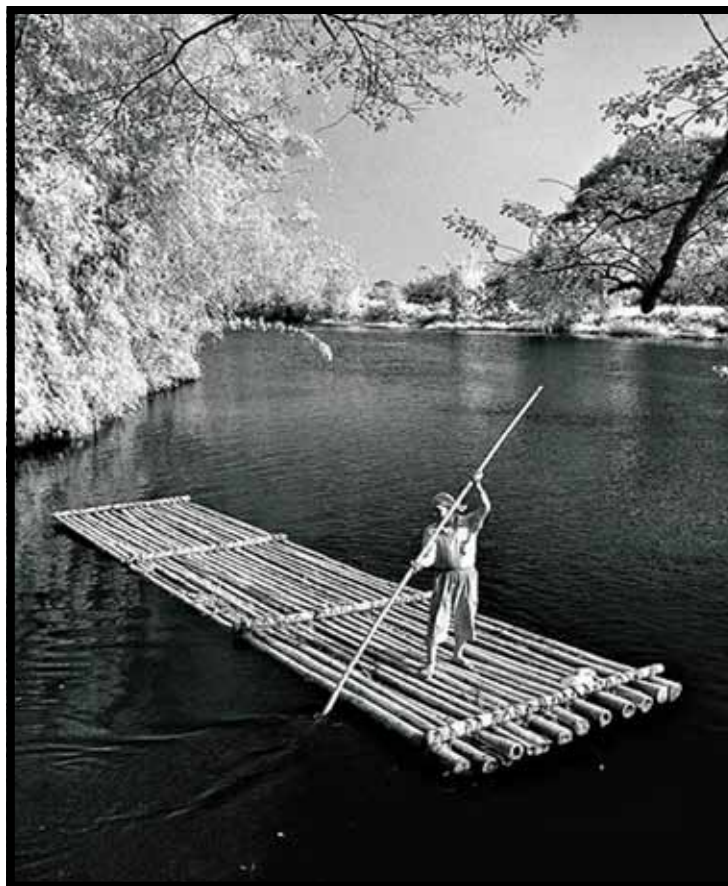
Don Urrizaga

BOATING PERMIT AND PIZZA PARTY

Once again, no sooner did we get the gear cleaned and organized and the boats rolled out, semi-inflated, and stacked up in the shed, it's time to start thinking about the upcoming 2012 season.

"The club has an OUTSTANDING history of boating trips with both the equipment and experienced river runners to make it one of the club's most popular programs."

It's time to get together to discuss rivers, trip options, trip organizers, to fill out and submit permit applications, and attain our fair share of the river permits issued to Utahans. All WMC members are invited. We are going to get a slew of permits and make this the most successful year on record. You are encouraged to bring blank permit applications (see the boating website for details as to how to access them) and a checkbook. Be sure to sign up for the club's boater email notification system by sending a SUBSCRIBE message with your name and address to Bret Mathews bretmaverick999@yahoo.com.



When: Thursday, January 19, 2012, 6:30 PM

Where: Rocky Mountain Pizza, 3977 South Wasatch Blvd. – Salt Lake City, UT

Who: All WMC members are invited

What: The pizza is on us - beverages are on you



Winter Nominations Banquet & Social

January 7, 2012

This is a continuation of the long-running WMC tradition of having a sit-down dinner social event to coincide with the announcement of the slate of candidates for next year's Board and the close of the nominations process. Interest in a formal dress-up dinner and dance with live music was declined, so once again this year we are having a more informal, lower cost venue for casual socializing and a few brief speeches.

Meet at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 665 Fort Union Blvd, Midvale, Saturday, January 7th, at 6:30 PM. The WMC has reserved a private room separate from the main dining area. Your cost for the buffet is \$10.49 and \$1.99 for beverage for adults; \$9.49 for seniors, with beverage for \$0.19. Reservations are not necessary, just show up after your wonderful day of winter recreating in the Wasatch Front. Come and help continue this WMC tradition!

Sing-A-Long Potluck Dinner

Come and join the holiday spirit at a potluck dinner and Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long. We'll meet at 5:30 PM at Cynthia Crass' home for appetizers with pot luck dinner to follow. Turkey and ham have already been offered, so please bring a nice appetizer or a dinner side dish/salad/ dessert to share with four to six others. BYOB. Also, please bring a folding chair or camp chair to ensure adequate seating. For those who wish to sing Christmas carols, we'll have words and guitar chords for some popular songs. Acoustic musicians are always welcome to join in - an electric piano is also available. DIRECTIONS: Take Wasatch Blvd south and about 12000 south it starts running east and west rather than north and south. At the bottom of the hill watch for 2220 East SCHOOL ZONE



- turn right and go north two blocks, turn right on 11620 South and go to 2244 second house on the right. Coming south on 1-15 take the 11400 South exit. Go east on 11400 South past 1300 East to 1700 East. Turn right (south) to a traffic light at Wasatch Blvd. Go left on Wasatch (east) to 2220 East SCHOOL ZONE and turn left and go north 2 blocks to 11620 South. Turn right (east) to 2244 which is the second house on the right. Coming north on I-15 take the 12300 South exit and go right (east) to the traffic light at Wasatch Blvd. Turn right to 2220 East SCHOOL ZONE and turn left (north) and follow directions above. Questions or would like more information call Cindy Crass at 801-530-7331 or Fred Tripp at 435-645-4507 or email Frank Bernard at frankbernard55@earthlink.net

A LITTLE ABOUT US . . .

The Wasatch Mountain Club was incorporated in 1920 by an informally organized group that had been hiking together for several years. The original Club charter listed the purpose as:

- to promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities;
- to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah;
- to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art;
- to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states;
- to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and

The Wasatch Mountain Club is an outdoor recreation club for adults. Club activities include:

- hiking, backpacking and camping,
- flat and whitewater kayaking, canoeing and rafting,
- mountain and road biking,
- rock and ice climbing, canyoneering and mountaineering,
- snowshoeing,
- Nordic & Alpine backcountry skiing,
- social/entertainment activities/programs and
- conservation pursuits.

While most activities are aimed at adult participation several activities for families are organized each season. Activities are not limited to the above list, but are dependent on volunteer organizers to form the activities and programs.

The club organizes scores of activities each month. Activities are open to all members. Some activities require advanced sign-up while others just state a date, time and meeting place. Trips may range in length from a few hours to several days. Most trips are centered in or around the Wasatch Front. Occasionally there are trips to other regions of Utah or to neighboring states. The sailing trip destinations have had varied locations such as the Greek Islands, Caribbean locations and the South Pacific.

The Wasatch Mountain Club provides a social vehicle to the outdoor enthusiast who seeks others of similar interests while providing an opportunity to develop organization skills and knowledge of the various outdoor sports. Whether you are a novice or an expert, there are trips and activities designed for you. If there is some question about the difficulty of the activity, a call or email to the trip organizer will fill you in on more information.

The Wasatch Mountain Club is run entirely by volunteers. Participants are expected to help with the organization and formulation of the trip. A great experience can be had in the outdoors. Your experience with the Wasatch Mountain Club will be as great as you make it.

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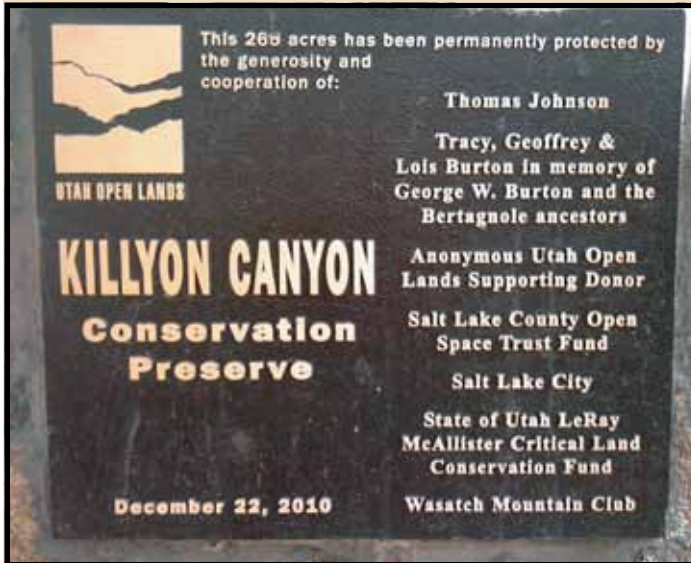
WMC members are invited to an open house at the VIICE ski factory on Friday December 9, at 6 PM to view the ski manufacturing process and check out a FREE pair of demo skis for the weekend. Our head ski designer, Scott Berry, will explain each step in the manufacturing process and members will watch the "lay up" process and the skis being put into the press, and also the final trimming and tuning stages. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Please RSVP to Jim Berry at 801-560-5601
or email at jamesberry7899@comcast.net

KILLYON CANYON HIKE

By Chris Venizelos

Thanks to several people and organizations, including the **Wasatch Mountain Club**, 268 acres in Killyon Canyon are preserved.



It was a warm and sunny day. The leaves of the maples and scrub oaks were brilliant shades of red and were beginning to fall. After hiking a mile, we took the first side canyon to the left and continued up about 1.5 miles before turning around and heading back. We crossed the stream that parallels the trail several times. We encountered a few other hikers, a few dogs and a bow hunter. There was much excitement on the way back – Lydia and Ken were stung by hornets. Many newer, sturdy bridges are now over the creek. They were not there when I was last in Killyon Canyon nearly 6 years ago. A few of us continued on to where the trails intersect. A left turn takes you to Lookout Peak; a right turn takes you to the

road at Little Mountain; and straight ahead takes you to the Affleck Park Campground. This can also be reached by driving up the road towards Big Mountain and East Canyon. We hiked a total of about 7 miles.

Front (L-R) Chris Venizelos, Liz Cordova, Lydia Trettis and Sandra Biel. Back (L-R): Renee Borns, Connie Modrow and Ken Biel.



The group enjoying a well deserved rest

*Photos by
Chris Venizelos
and Lydia Trettis*



In 1852 a grant was awarded to Daniel H. Wells that gave him "exclusive control of the canyon for opening a road to the public, toll authorized." Shortly after receiving the grant Wells was called away for other duties. While he was away he left the work of constructing the road and collecting tolls in Emigration Canyon to his assistant John "Killman." Approximately a year and a half after the first grant was awarded, John Killian was given a similar grant for the canyon. It is believed that the John "Killman" recorded in the original grant is actually the same person as the John "Killian" that received the second grant.

The grant obtained by John Killian gave him control of the upper reaches of Emigration Canyon. This consisted of an area beginning about 5 miles from the mouth of the canyon and extending to Mountain Dell. The road that he had constructed followed the drainage up the canyon, climbed up over the ridge and descended to the base of Big Mountain. This road not only provided access to the timber on the other side of the ridge, but also connected with the Mormon Trail forming Killian's Cutoff. While this route was somewhat shorter than the original Mormon trail, it was infrequently used. The original trail provided better campsites and easier access to water.

In 1858, Appleton Milo Harmon built a sawmill at the foot of Big Mountain. It is likely that the lumber cut in Harmon's mill was hauled out of Killyon Canyon by way of Killyon's Cutoff. It is thought that the logging that was taking place in Emigration canyon was sufficient to remove a large portion of the trees, forever changing the composition of the vegetation in the canyon, and clearing the way for the "Sheep Driveway" that was to come.

In the 1870's the Mormon colonizers began to utilize the high valleys of the Wasatch Mountains for the grazing and raising of their sheep. During the warm summer months there was more than enough vegetation for them to eat. However, during the winter months the sheep had to be brought down to lower, warmer elevations. The sheep were moved to and from the Salt Lake Valley along the "Sheep Highway." There were two different variations of this highway. The north branch, called the Big Mountain Trail, went up Killyon Canyon to Mountain Dell, and then over Big Mountain and into East Canyon. The south branch, the Little Mountain Trail, left Emigration Canyon and went over Little Mountain, across Mountain Dell and then up Alexander fork to Parley's Summit. By the 1950's with increasing development and regulation of grazing the Sheep Driveway was closed and the annual migrations were brought to an end. The road up Killyon Canyon and down into Mountain Dell saw continued use into the 1980's as a jeep trail. In 1983 an unseasonably warm spring brought on a rapid snowmelt creating flooding throughout the valley. The floodwaters that were running down Main Street in Salt Lake City, were also wreaking havoc on the jeep trail up Killyon Canyon. The high water flow eventually eroded away the riverbank, undermining the road in places. Along certain stretches the water actually jumped the bank and began to flow down the road, creating a channel much deeper than the one it originally occupied. These floods effectively prevented vehicles from using the road through Killyon Canyon. From this time on the jeep trail has only been accessible on foot or with an off-road-vehicle. (From saveourcanyons.org)

**Jerry
Hatch's**

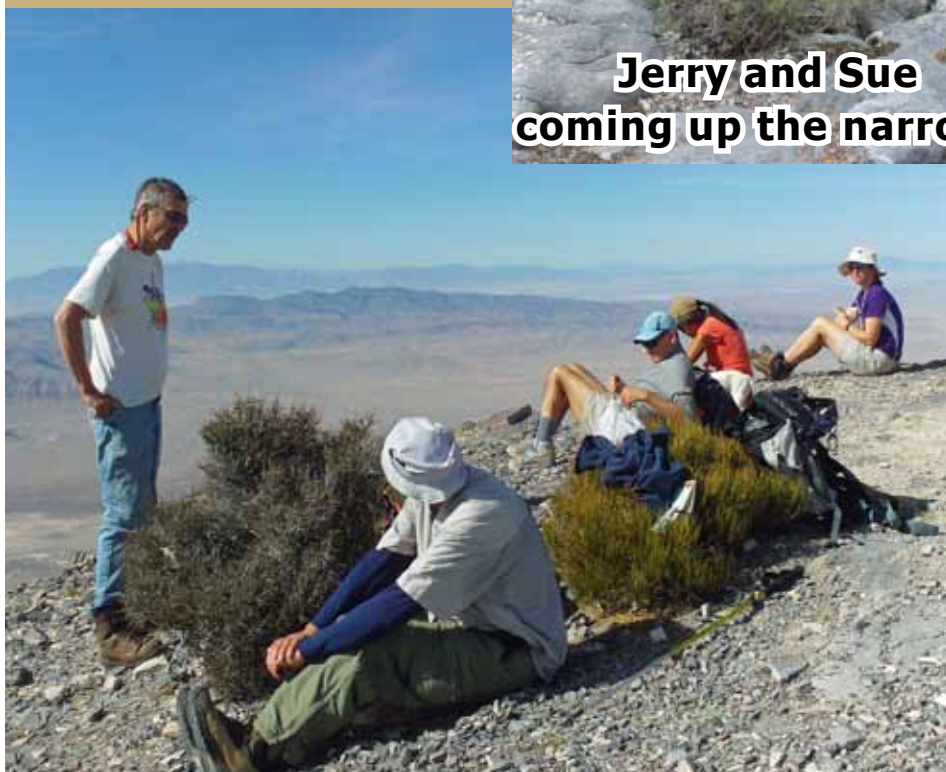
NOTCH

PEAK

HIKE



**Jerry and Sue
coming up the narrows**



**At the summit of
Notch Peak, Jerry
explains how the Carl
Bauer-Wick Miller
Memorial Hike got
its name. L-R: Jerry,
Wayne, Mark, Irene,
and Christine.**

Chuck Klingenstein

October 22, 2011



**Steve Carr and his
dog, Rico, enjoy the
breathtaking views**

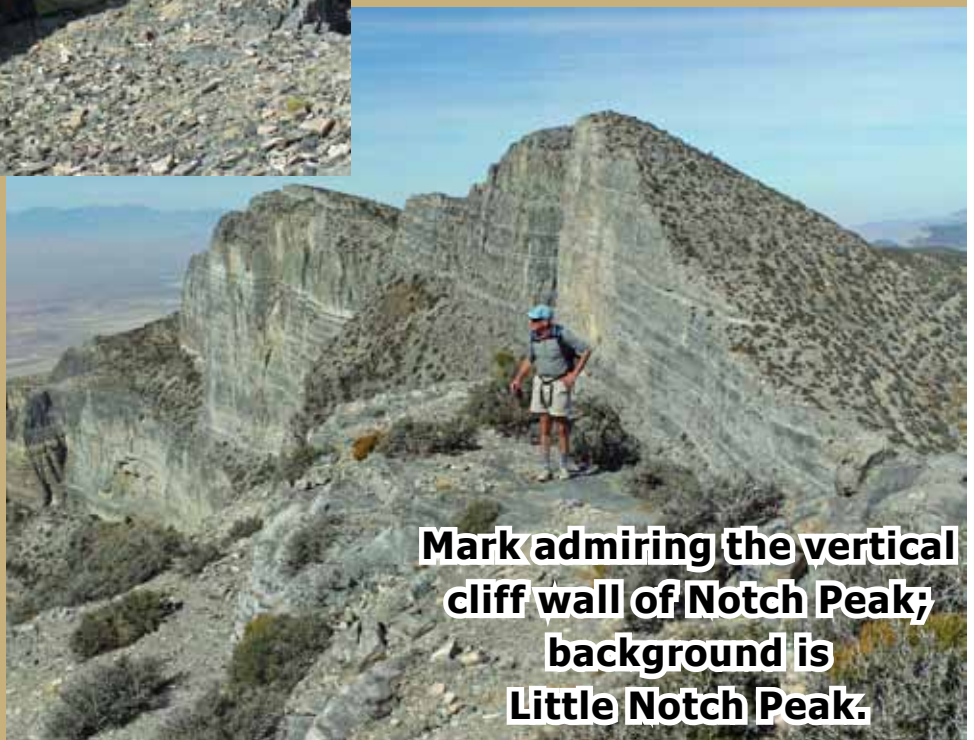
*Photos by
Stanley Chiang*



**At the summit with the Great
Basin stretching on forever
in the distance (Chuck, Jerry,
Lynn Hardy, Jeff Hardy, Mark,
Jan, Sue, Wayne, Jeff, Irene,
Christine, Steve and Rico)**



**Participants: Jerry
Hatch, Chuck
Klingenstein, Lynn
and Jeff Hardy, Mark
Bloomenthal, Jans
Wager, Sue Frehse,
Wayne Stump, Irene
Yuen, Kristine Holzer,
Steve and Rico Carr**



**Mark admiring the vertical
cliff wall of Notch Peak;
background is
Little Notch Peak.**

April 15, 2011

**Riders L-R: Mounia Collins,
Gloria Leonard, Tricia Lee,
Rod Collins, Barb Hanson,
(unknown), Mark McKenzie,
Jen Heineman, Dave
Rumbellow and Rob Paull**

**Season of Robert Turner's Bike Rides
35+ and Counting!**

Rush Valley Ride on May 21, 2011



**Aline Devaud in foreground
Antelope Island Ride on May 14, 2011**

**Riders L-R: Laurie Davidson,
Rob Paull, Mark McKenzie
and Dave Rumbellow.**



**Emigration Canyon-Big Mountain
Ride on May 25, 2011. Riders at
the Sun and Moon Café. Left side
(Front-Back): Donna and Ralph
Fisher, Barb Hanson and Mary
Gootjes; right side (Front-Back):
Rob Paull and Dave Rumbellow.**



**Mirror Lake Highway
from the Backside Ride
on June 29, 2011**

**Robert's bike against
snow bank at Hayden
Pass. The snowplow
can be seen in the
background spraying
snow as it works its
way up toward the pass.**



**Huntsville-Ogden Valley Ride
on August 10, 2011**

**Riders stopping for a
break at Causey Dam.
L-R: Diane Rosenberg,
Anna Cordes, Chris Winter,
Geoff Lipsey, Mike Roundy,
Leslie Woods, Jerry Engel,
Katie Slack and
Beverly Hanson.**




**Riders outside the
Rhode Island Diner in
Oakley stopping for
lunch to celebrate
Robert's birthday.
L-R: Bob Myers, Mary
Settle, Gene Thibeault,
Kneel Robinson, Barbara
Alexander, Cheryl
Soshnik, Jen Heineman,
Mary Gootjes, Diane
Rosenberg, Jerry Engel
and Rob Paull.**

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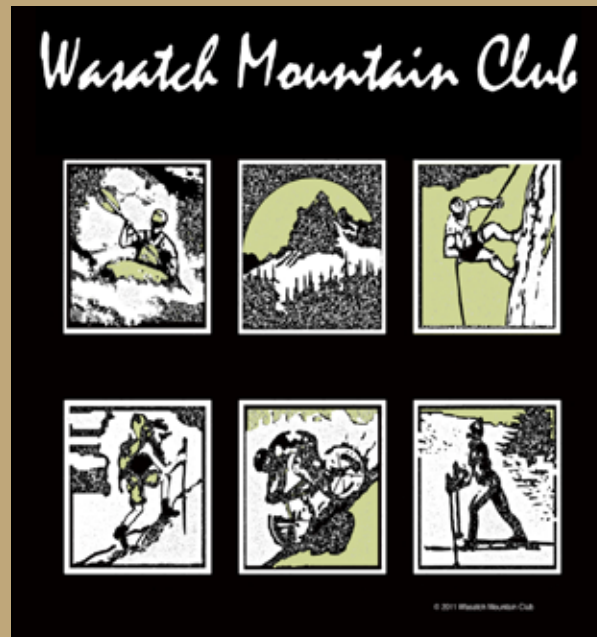
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halloween PARTY

AT THE LODGE!

Dancing was the big activity of the evening. Here is the 'YMCA' crowd!

Cheryl: It was another successful Halloween Party, with about 65 folks attending in an amazing variety of unique and clever outfits.



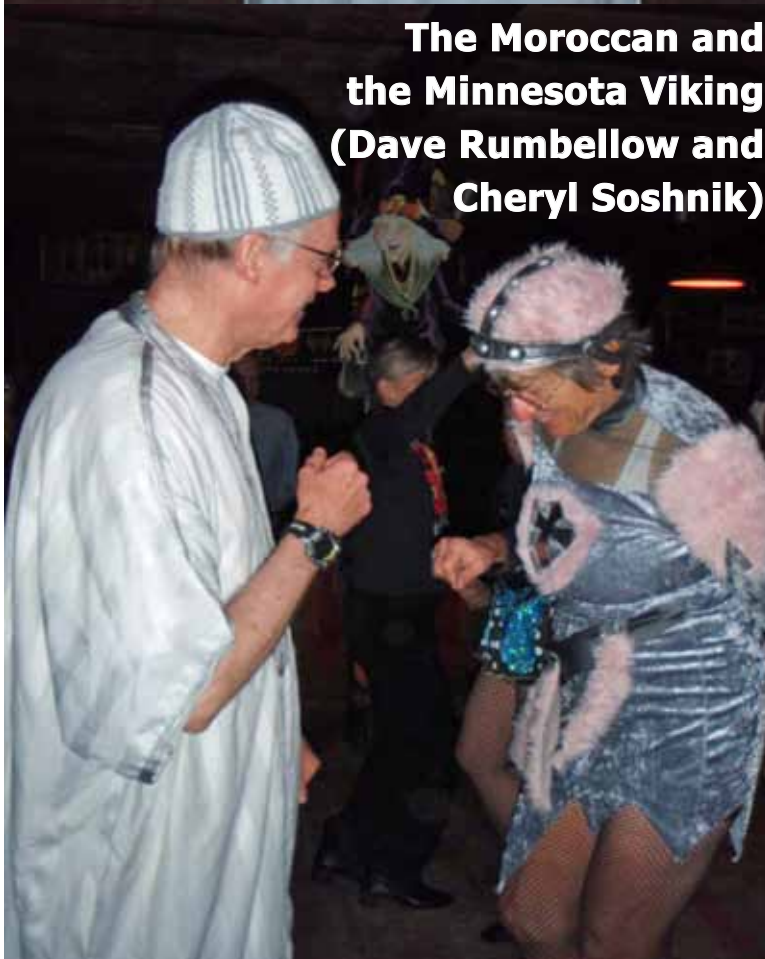
October 29, 2011!



The theme of the night seemed to be "Pirates" because they were EVERYWHERE. Gary Meyers, with a parrot on his shoulder, was the winner of the "Best Pirate" competition.



Our host Craig Anderson, did another fantastic job of organizing the party. Here is an unusual view -- Criag without a mask! We lost count of his costume changes throughout the night, but he was seen in at least 8 different outfits!



The Moroccan and the Minnesota Viking (Dave Rumbellow and Cheryl Soshnik)



Rhett Butler (Dudley McIlhenny) and Scarlet O'Hara (Cynthia Witt) had the most elaborate and beautiful costumes of the night

**New this year,
a pinata for the
kids!**

**The nun and the devil:
Vince and Linda DeSimone**

**Winner hands down for
the scariest costume**

**Anonymous and Anonymous
(Jim and Bonnie Zinanti)**



Patricia Ann Gallagher the fortune teller, came all the way from Portland OR and had a great time!



Park ranger Craig McCarthy and his partner Karen Broussard who came as a Freudian Slip



"Crazy Cat Lady" - Linda Morrison

Photos by Cheryl Soshnik

ANNA CORDES

FARMINGTON

to

OGDEN ROAD

RIDE



Sinclair Station Regroup in Hooper
Bottom Center moving Clockwise:
Don Vincent, Angie Vincent, Chris
Winter, Robert Turner, Jeff Wilson,
Rob Paull and Diane Rosenberg



Served as a
 convenient
 stop for a ...

October 19, 2011



L-R: Jeff, Rob,
Vince and Chris



*Photos by Anna Cordes
and Diane Rosenberg*

L-R: Diane and Angie



**Where's Anna?
Was she Hung by Mistake?**

**No, she ended up at Roosters,
happy with the bicycle
accommodations offered
by this cycle-friendly
establishment that provided
great food and service for
our post-ride meal.**

DAVE ANDRENYAK'S GRANDEUR PEAK HIKE

Twass The Hike On The Day Before Halloween . . .

Planning a hike in the central Wasatch during late October has a small degree of spookiness.

The variable late autumn weather can result in a myriad of hiking conditions where some are unpleasant. Fortunately, outstanding conditions prevailed for the October 30th Grandeur Peak hike. A chilly morning start gave

way to plenty of sunshine, blue skies, and pleasant temperatures. The trail was dry and in many places had a bed of recently fallen leaves as most of the maple trees had lost their leaves. Some of the oaks still retained their leaves that had a bronze

color typical of autumn. Most of the ground cover was in shades of brown. The flora was still beautiful and had the character of a dry flower arrangement. The vista views of Mountain Dell area, Church Fork,

Millcreek Canyon, and the Millcreek/Big Cottonwood ridgeline were spectacular.

With the exception of Leslie who had time constraints and turned around at the saddle, we all made it to the summit. Some participants hiked fast, while others traveled at a moderate pace. Still, it was great to be part of an

extraordinary group. This was also an inaugural hike of Norm's ninth decade. Keep up the effort Norm! Your wit, passion, and enthusiasm make these hike experiences even more meaningful for all of us.



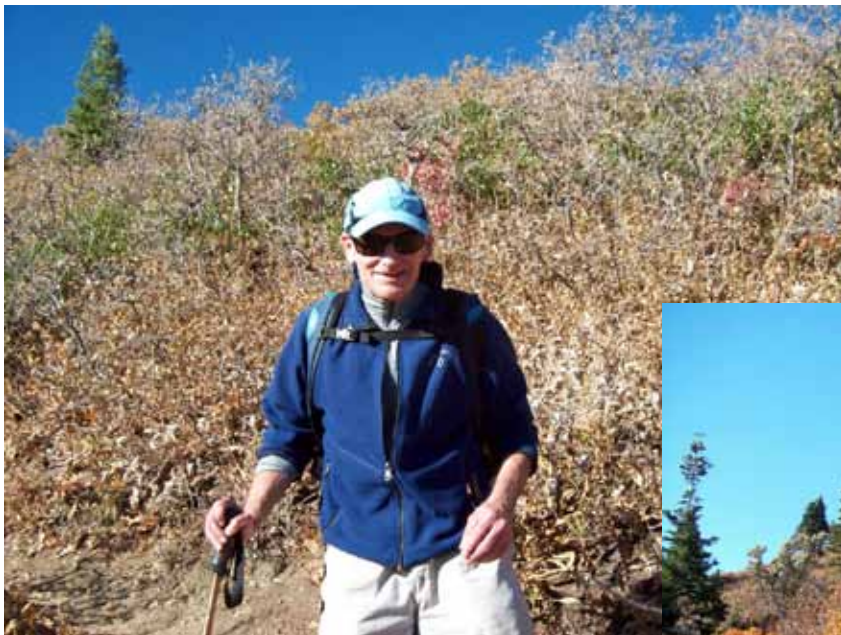
Eric McDonald and Leslie Woods



**Liz Cordova and
Norm Probanz**



October 30, 2011



Mark Bloomenthal

**Deirdre Flynn and
Mohamed Abdallah**



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Andrenyak, Steve Wolf,
Sadie Wolf, Rich Fitzgerald,
Eric McDonald, John
Ostrowski, Ifeta Blagojevic,
Kris Holzer and Liz Cordova**



Erin McCormack



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Sonja and Jason Mitchell

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!

Mike Berry's Dark Canyon (UT) Backpack

October 7-9, 2011

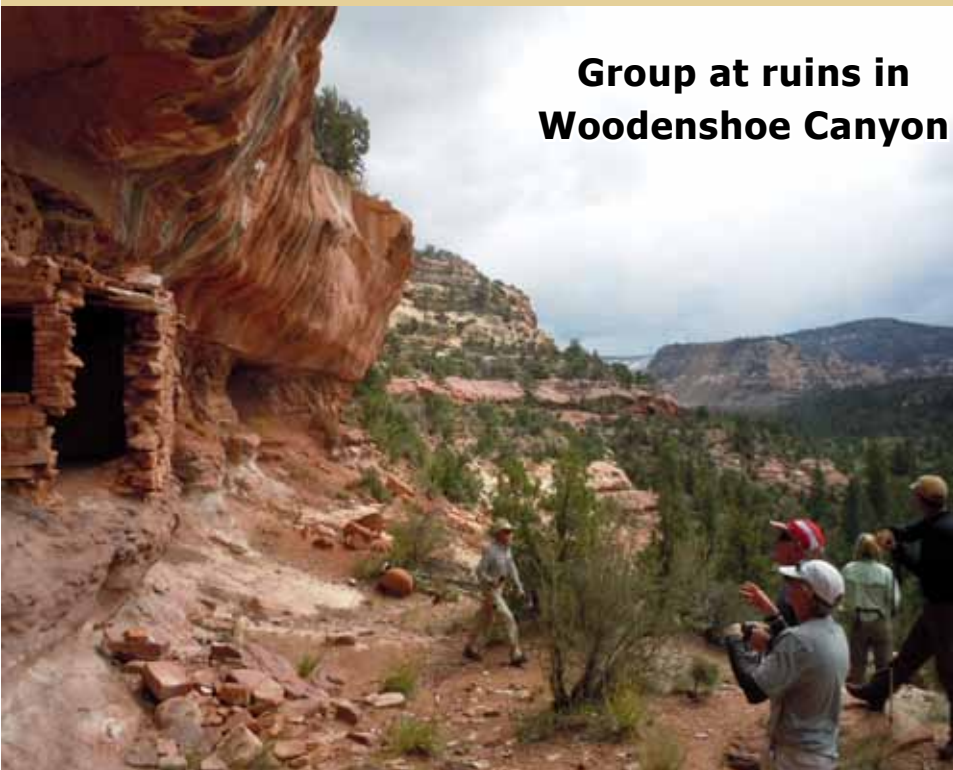
We had 6 people turn out for an early October backpack loop in the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area. The trip began with a car camp after a 5-hour drive to Glen Canyon NRA "open" camp spots overlooking Lake Powell. The next morning we awoke to nice temperatures, but it was a different story up on Cedar Mesa and the Natural Bridges area where snow had fallen above 8,000 feet. We made it through the 8,500-foot Bears Ears Pass to reach the high plateau trailheads. Highlights of the 14-mile per day trip included ancestral Puebloan ruins, dripping springs, fresh mountain lion tracks, and a variety of weather and temperatures. After 41 miles, we exited at the trailhead to discover our frozen road had turned to mud, which

WMC group at Woodenshoe Canyon Trailhead



L-R: Brad Yates, Gene Thibeault, Deborah Askew, Lisa Verzella, and Gregg Lott

Group at ruins in Woodenshoe Canyon



gave us an unexpected extra night at the (corral) trailhead. We had to wait for the overnight "re-freeze", but were rewarded with a stellar sunset and starry night to reflect on a truly awesome wilderness experience. Fortunately, we had extra provisions to make it through the night in comfort. Hopefully, a variation of this backpack trip can be repeated, perhaps over 6 days/5 nights. Participants (6): Lisa Verzella, Gregg Lott, Brad Yates, Deborah Askew, Gene Thibeault and Mike Berry (organizer).

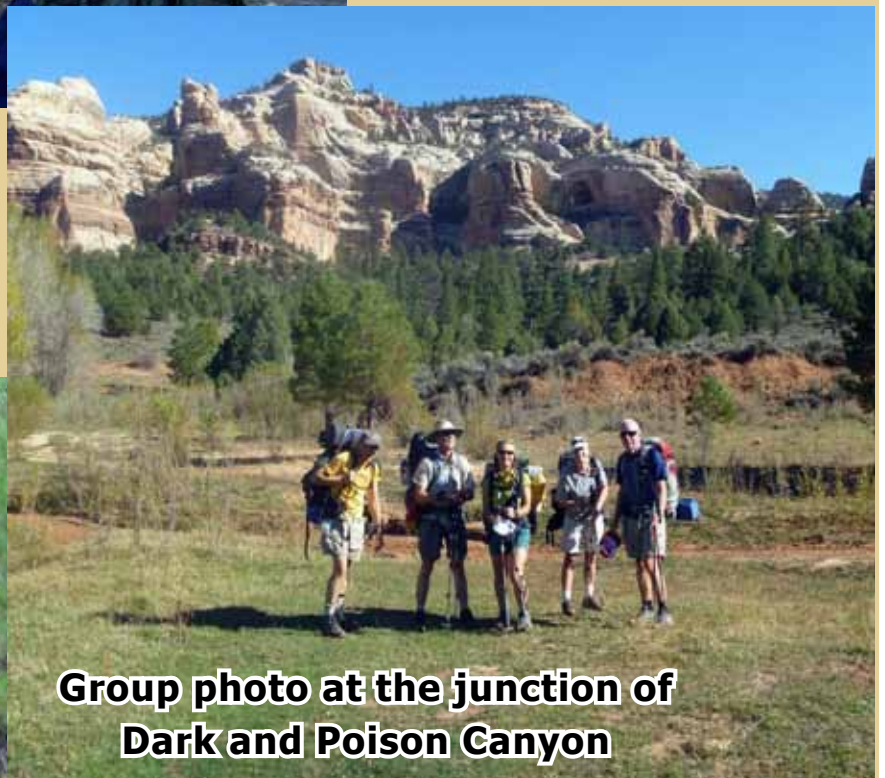
**First light and frost
near Dark and Poison
Canyons**



*Photos by Mike Berry
and Gregg Lott*

**Lisa Verzella enjoys her
morning beverage and
wards off the chill**

**L-R: Mike Berry, Gregg
Lott, Lisa Verzella,
Deborah Askew and
Gene Thibeault**



**Group photo at the junction of
Dark and Poison Canyon**



**Definition of a "tree-hugger":
Lisa Verzella**

Rick Thompson's North Wash Canyoneering 201 Trip

A small group of four (Laila Bremner, Chris Cox, Michael Wellman, and Julie Kilgore) joined Rick Thompson for his "Canyoneering 201" trip the weekend of October 8th. The weather reports were questionable, and indeed a light drizzle kept us off the slick rock the first morning. All was not lost, however. We all piled into one vehicle and took an exploratory drive, visiting Hite Marina (a first for all of us), and driving even further south to successfully retrieve Rick's port-a-potty that was left behind on a canyoneering trip earlier this spring.



Photos by Michael Wellman

The morning drizzle ceased and the rocks quickly dried, so Rick selected a less-technical but still-fun slot for some late afternoon adventure. It was suppose to start with a couple of short rappels into the "Shillelagh" slot, but things got a bit complicated when the rope wouldn't drop after everyone came off the first rappel. So there we were late in the afternoon and a bit stuck. We were on a ledge between the two pitches. We couldn't go down without the rope. And we couldn't go up to get the rope loose. Or at least that's the way it seemed at the moment.

It took Rick a bit of time to rig things up, and it took a few tries to get the right rope lengths, but he finally got it all working just right and back up he went to get that rope untwisted.

The second day we were looking forward to putting more of our Canyoneering 201 skills to test. The canyon of choice was "Slidenide," so named for a dramatic and narrow chute that we could "slide" down if we put enough pressure against the sidewalls while we drop!

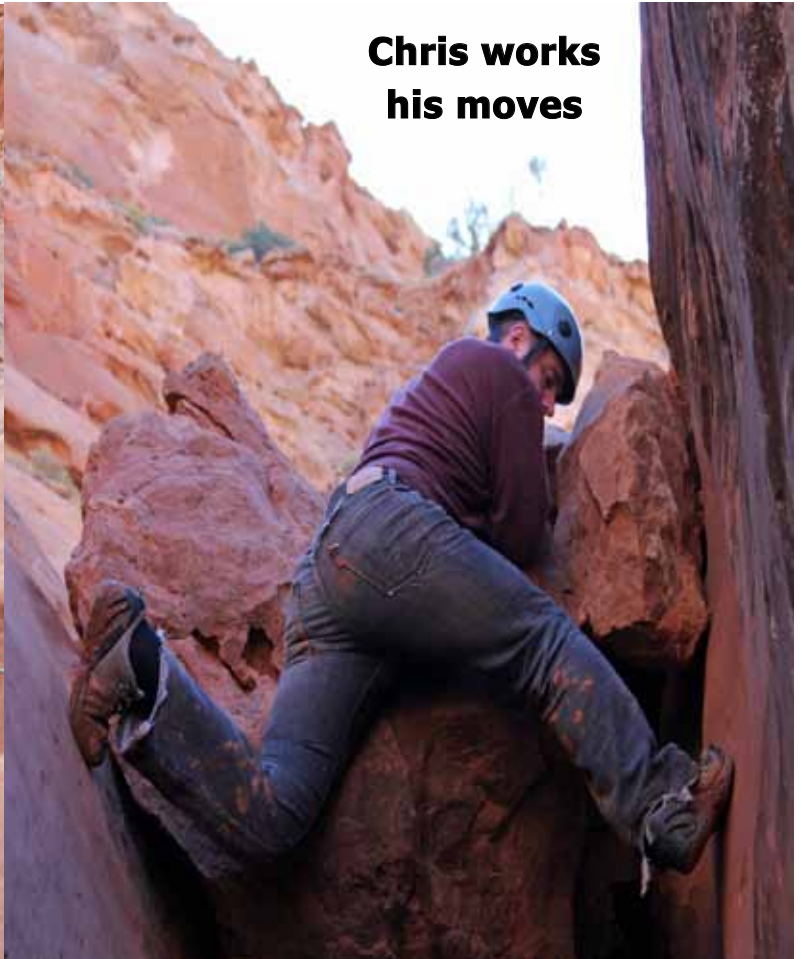


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submitted by Julie
Kilgore**

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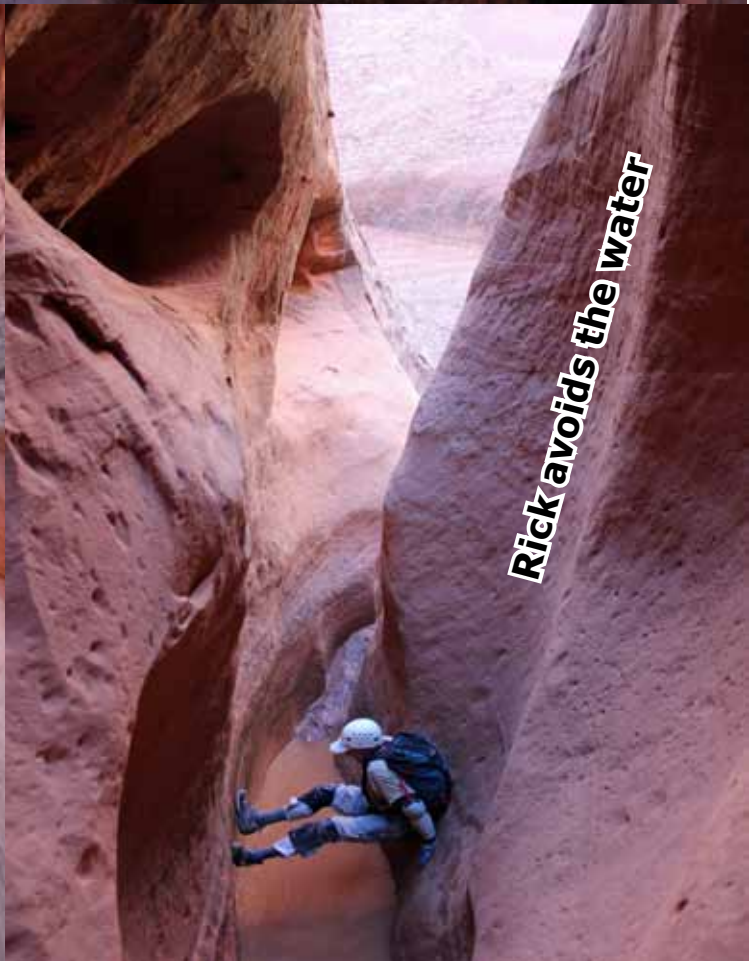
**Laila Drops
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**Chris works
his moves**



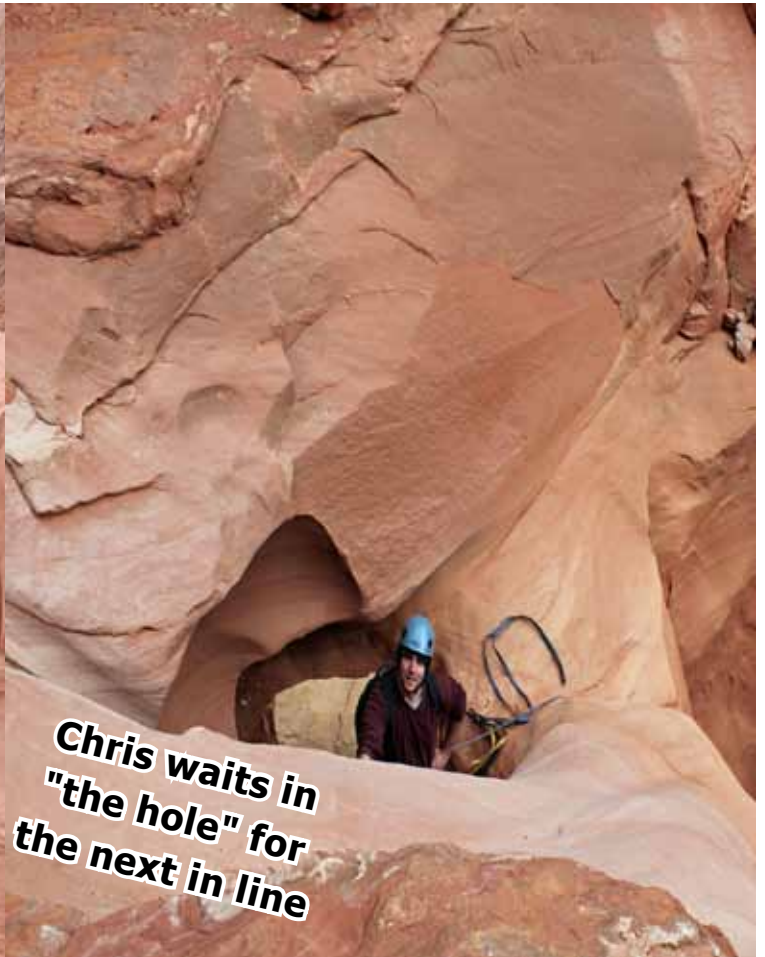
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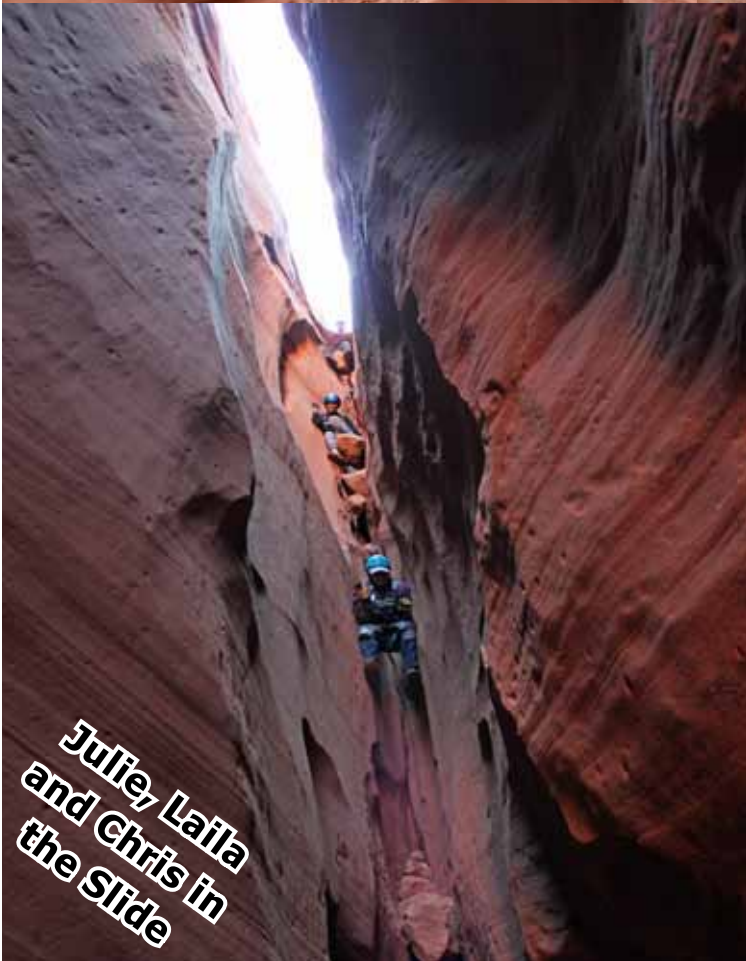
Rick avoids the water



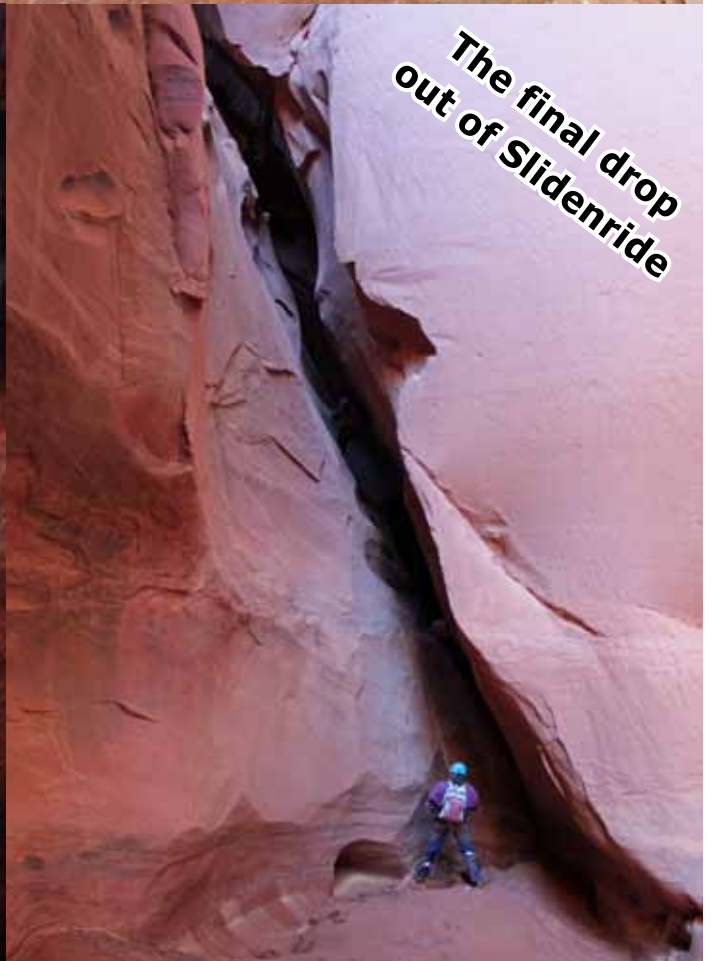
Michael enjoys a flat moment



Chris waits in "the hole" for the next in line



Julie, Laila and Chris in the Slide



The final drop out of Slidenride

Mohamed Abdallah Deirdre Flynn's

Knickerbocker



Christmas card view
of Mt Superior



Photos by
Knickerbocker

Shane Bode, Gina Martinez
Bald, Deirdre Flynn and
Steve Duncan

Snow making machines were
busy at Alta Ski area today



11/6/11

Quick lunch at Catherine
Pass - cold and breezy!



Hiking up snow packed
road for the first one
half mile

Catherine Pass
from
Alta
Snowshoe

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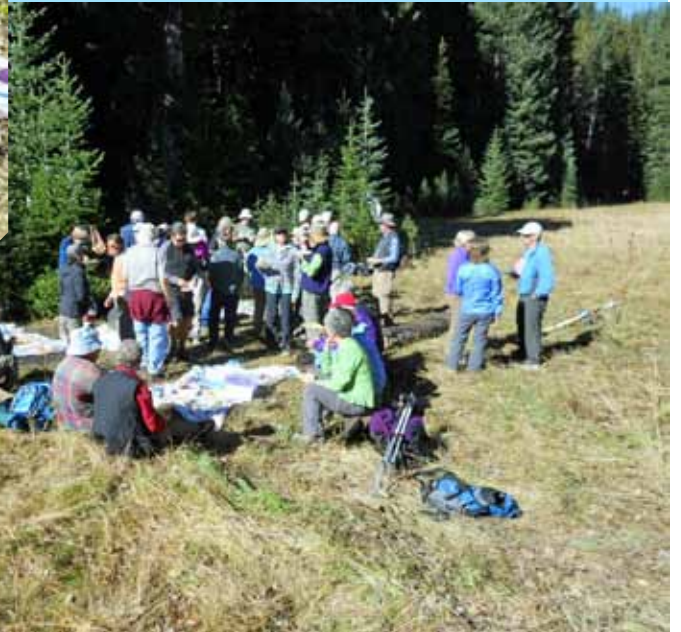
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Norm Pobanz's Surprise Gourmet Birthday Party at Greens Basin



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ELLIOTT MOTT'S

THAYNES PEAK Hike
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Group on Thaynes Peak
L-R: Dave, Kristine, Deirdre,
Gina, Mark, Knick and Mark

**L-R: Gina, Cindy
and Mark along
the trail heading
up**

**Mark, Knick,
Deirdre, Cindy,
Mark and
Kristine on
the trail
heading down**

*Photos by
Elliott Mott*

Martin McGregor's

"QUAINT TRAILS" HIDDEN VALLEY

HIKE

Brighton from the East

9/5/11

Photos by Mike Mauritz



**Martin takes
the group to
the Blue Jay
Mine in the
Brighton area**

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REMEMBER: There is also a "Gear Swap" area online where you can post what you are looking for, or place something that you want to sell or get rid of. It seems to be more up-to-date most of the time, due to the hard copy of the Rambler only being produced once a month.

FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

59. Alta Tunnel

Most people who hike into Silver Fork know about the Alta tunnel near the end of the road. While there is nothing much to see there today, not too many years ago there was a large waste rock dump, an open tunnel with a steady stream of water running out and across the dump, and some detritus reminiscent of promising operations during earlier years. The tunnel belonged to the Alta Tunnel and Transportation Company, which was incorporated in 1911 at the intersection of the lifelines of two mining men. The first was Frederick L. Schrott, also known as the Lucky Dutchman as a result of his uncanny ability to find ore where others could not. He worked in Colorado and Nevada before applying his skills in the Wasatch mines. He took a lease on the old Prince of Wales mine and worked it with good result, mostly through the Boston tunnel, low in the east bowl of Silver Fork. Convinced that the area held an abundance of untapped riches, he filed a block of fourteen claims that took in all of the upper part of Silver Fork and the ridge between it and Honeycomb Fork. He first tested his theory by driving a shaft on the east slope of Silver Fork, then started a tunnel in the bottom of the fork to develop the properties at depth. But Schrott was as much a promoter as a miner and had a history of starting a mining development, then passing it off to other parties with considerable financial gain on his part. And so it was here. At this point the other mining man entered the scene.

Frederick V. Bodfish was a mining engineer who, while working in Colorado, had built a reputation for being able to run a mine in a profitable manner. In 1910 he took a lease and bond on the American Flag mine at Park City, and while there looked for other opportunities among Wasatch mines. His search brought him in contact with the Lucky Dutchman, who offered to lease and bond his fourteen claims and the embryonic tunnel. Seeing the potential, Bodfish accepted the offer and put men at work on the tunnel while the Dutchman left the area to exploit opportunities in Nevada. The following year Bodfish formed the Alta Tunnel and Transportation Company, which dominated the Silver Fork mining scene for the next three decades. In 1913 motors, transformers and an air compressor were installed to allow pneumatic drills to be used in place of the labor intensive hand drills. An electrical transmission line was run from the Solitude Tunnel in Mill F South Fork, down through Honeycomb Fork and across the ridge to the Alta tunnel. Also during that year a force of men completed a new road running east from Silver Fork to meet the county road near Mill F Flat. Until this time the old road that had been built into Silver Fork in 1871 was being used. It paralleled the Silver Fork stream on the steep slopes above the Silver Springs community, an impractical route for motor vehicles. Upon entering Silver Fork itself the new road crossed to the west side of the stream and continued up to the mine, where it crossed the stream again on a large fill constructed with the waste rock from the tunnel. The present day road from the Solitude ski resort into Silver Fork and up the west side of the stream follows the route of Bodfish's road of 1913. But since that time the fill giving access to the mine has been washed away, leaving a gaping gorge between the end of the road and the mine's dump. One can imagine the lake that was created when the culvert at the bottom of the fill got plugged with debris, and how the water finally ran over the top of the fill, eroding it away until nothing was left.



This undated photograph, probably taken around 1920, shows the building covering the portal of the Alta Tunnel and the embankment over Silver Fork Creek allowing the road to pass across to the mine. (USGS photo)

Early in 1915, with the tunnel over 1,000 feet into the mountain, stringers of high grade ore were encountered. As the face of the tunnel progressed farther into the mountain, a drift was started to follow the ore. About this same time Schrott returned to Salt Lake City and later in the year took a lease on a portion of the tunnel including the drift following the ore body. He formed The Mines Development Company to work his lease and began removing ore, giving Bodfish both publicity and royalties from the ore shipments, while allowing his men to dedicate their efforts toward the extension of the tunnel. Curiously, or perhaps not so curious, the productive drift was running under the shaft the Lucky Dutchman had worked more than half a decade earlier. Schrott continued working his lease for two years before leaving for other ventures.

When the tunnel encountered water, and the flows increased as the tunnel went deeper, the water seriously interfered with the mining operations. Bodfish put a positive spin on the matter, predicting the company could use the water to generate electricity, and he proposed selling water to Salt Lake City. But behind the scenes all was not as rosy as it seemed. The development funds were rapidly dwindling. Bodfish levied assessments on the company's stock and drew on his savings as well as those of his siblings and in-laws. Each time a known vein



At the end of the 1920 decade a concentrating mill was added to the AT&T facilities, seen here at the left side of the photo. It enabled low grade ore to be concentrated for profitable shipment. (Western Mineral Survey photo)

from higher elevations was cut, it either proved barren or yielded but small quantities of ore. In 1919, at a depth of 3,800 feet, all agreed that nothing of value lay ahead and driving was discontinued. Several long drifts were started to get under the Prince of Wales, which had yielded well in earlier years, but failed to do so now. Working on a shoe-string budget, Bodfish refused to give up. With meager resources generated by leases, small ore shipments and frequent stock assessments, he continued through the 1920 decade, but the Depression years of the 1930s put his company into such serious trouble that his operations ceased. During the following years the tunnel was worked only by leasers. In 1938 he attempted to revive operations and in 1940 reorganized the company, but the World War II years put an end to that. Bodfish moved to Oregon where he worked a mine with his brother. He died there in 1946. That same year another company, Altamina, made a brief and abortive attempt to revive the mine.

The Alta tunnel, albeit much changed from its operating days, remains as a point of interest. In later years of the twentieth century much of the waste rock on the dump was removed to be used as road fill. Finally the tunnel was plugged to prevent the water from escaping, thereby creating a large underground reservoir. A pipeline was installed to carry the water to the Solitude Resort where it is used for culinary purposes. In this case the output of the mine is much more continuous and valuable than it ever was during the Bodfish years.



The Lucky Dutchman shaft on the east slope of Silver Fork, now covered with a protective grate. The trail to the mine comes up on the far side of the shaft.

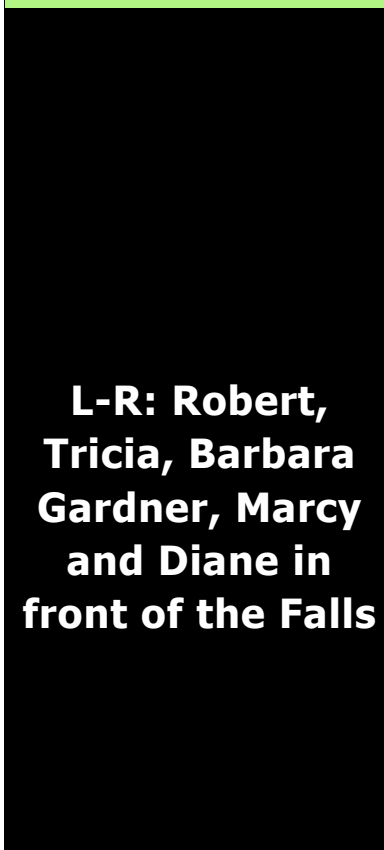
The Lucky Dutchman shaft, mentioned earlier in this narrative, remains on the eastern slope of Silver Fork, about a thousand feet south of the tunnel. The seemingly bottomless pit has been covered with a steel grate, making it a little less terrifying, and a lot less dangerous. A trail leads to it, starting at the Silver Fork trail about seventy-five feet south of the deep drainage coming down from the Antelope Tunnel. The trail is not obvious, it being obscured by vegetation, but it crosses to the north side of the gully and enters the woods where it becomes very apparent and is easily followed up to the shaft, an ascent of about 240 feet.



**Front row, L-R:
Marcy Allen,
Robert Turner
and Tricia Lee**

**Back row, L-R:
Cheryl Soshnik
and Barb
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Robert Turner's Provo River-South Fork Ride October 21, 2011



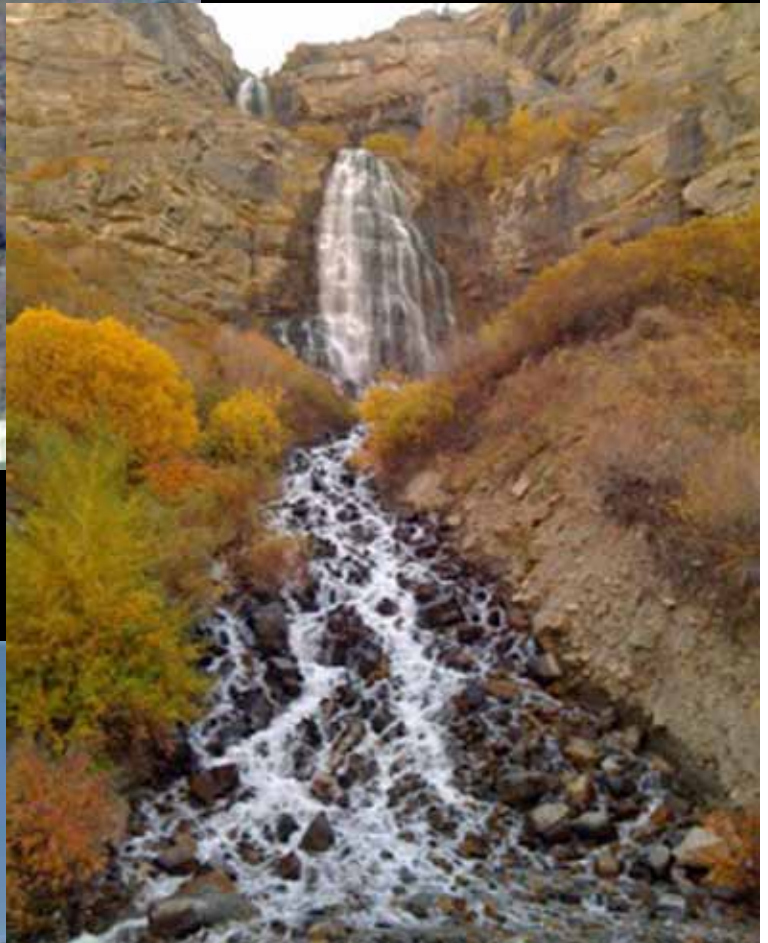
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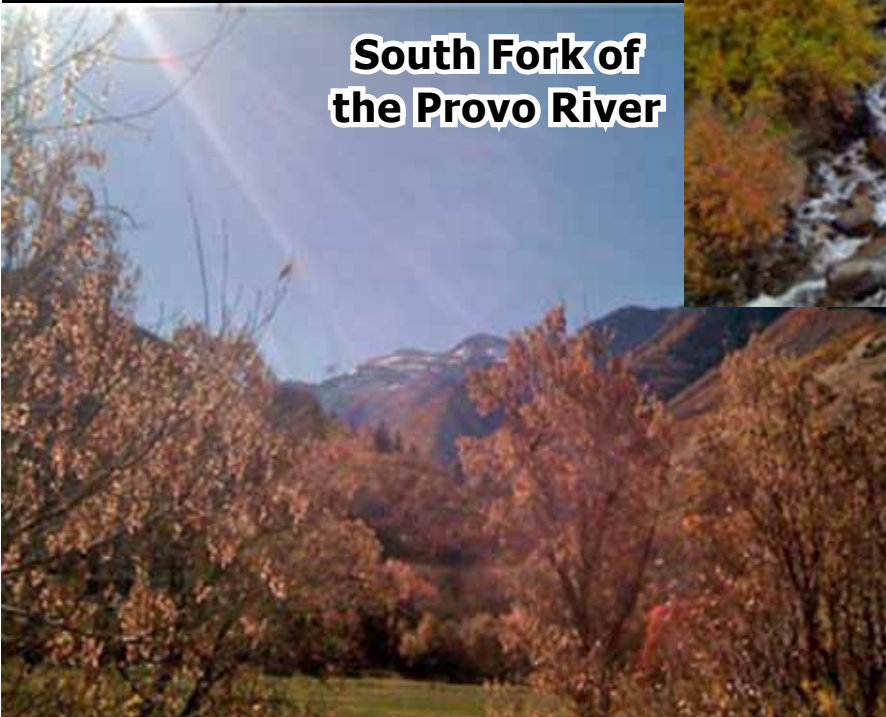
Vivian Park



Bridle Veil Falls



**South Fork of
the Provo River**



*Photos by
Diane Rosenberg*





Distance: 4.2 miles (round trip)

Walking time: 2 1/2 hours

Elevations: 650 ft. gain/loss

- Fisher Towers Trailhead (start): 4,740 ft.
- Viewpoint: 5,390 ft.

Trail: Popular, easy to follow trail

Season: Spring, summer, fall, winter. There may be some snow on the trail during the winter months. This area is very hot in the summer months and there is no water, so be sure to carry some. For current conditions call the Grand Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, in Moab at (801) 259-6111.

Vicinity: Near Moab

Few of nature's geologic creations are more bizarre to look at than Utah's Fisher Towers. About a dozen of the strange monoliths stand near the Colorado River east of Moab, grouped together like petrified skyscrapers from some prehistoric city. The brick-red sandstone skyscrapers rise abruptly from the desert floor, while a network of gullies and canyons form the city's avenues and boulevards below. The residents of this weird metropolis are an endless collection of goblins and gargoyles frozen in the canyon walls beneath the towers.

The Fisher Towers have long been objects of fascination among rock climbers, and on holidays and weekends you are likely to see a few of the human spiders here. The trail passes by the bases of a half dozen of the sandstone monoliths, including the 900-foot Titan, and finally ends on the crest of a ridge commanding a spectacular view of the Towers. If you are interested in photographing them try

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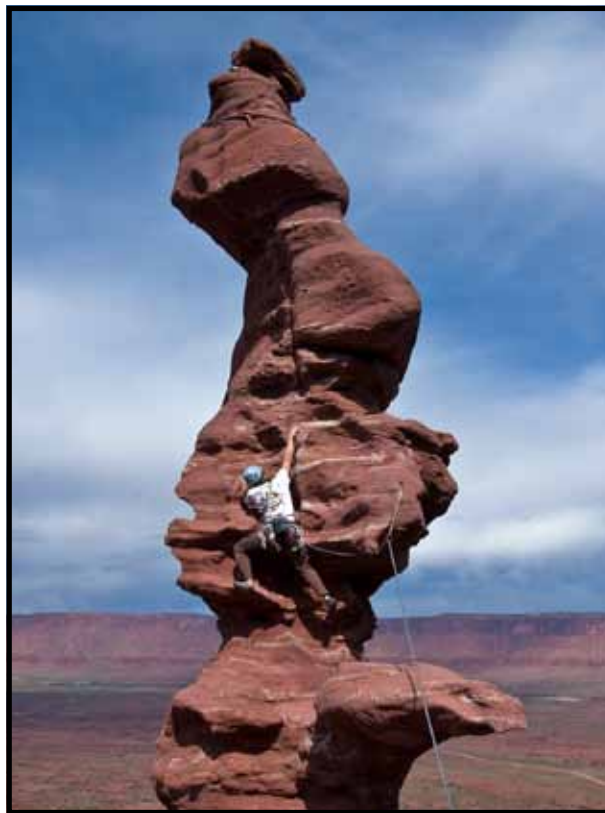
to be at the viewpoint about half an hour before sunset, when the low western sun inflames the spires' reddish hue and striates them with deep shadows.

The Titan, largest of the Fisher Towers, remained unclimbed until the 1960's when a team of three Colorado climbers, sponsored by the National Geographic Society, made an ascent to the top. On his impressions at the top of the 900-foot pinnacle, team member Huntley Ingalls wrote:

"It was a strange, awesomely isolated place, a flat, rough area of bare orange sandstone about 70 feet long and 40 feet wide. Its boundary was the free air. It overhung the body of the tower below it, which plunged in rippling bulges and converging fluted ribs to the distant desert floor." (National Geographic Magazine, November, 1962)

From the campground the trail first drops down to cross a small dry wash, and then winds its way back to the Towers. For the next two miles it proceeds in a general southerly direction along the tower bases, meandering in and out of a succession of arroyos, but never straying far from the Towers. The entire length of the trail is decorated with an enormous variety of rock art, sculpted by the wind and the rain from the soft red sandstone, and it is in large part this spectacle that makes the hike so delightful.

The last major tower on the route is the Titan, which the trail passes after about 1.5 miles. After passing the Titan, the path veers southwest onto a long ridge from which you will be rewarded with a majestic view of the Towers. The most common ascent route up the Titan is on the south side, the side nearest to the viewpoint.



The ridge at the end of the trail also offers a fine view of Castle Rock and the Priest and Nuns, about six miles to the southwest. Confusingly, there is also another formation which the USGS Fisher Tower map calls Titan Tower about 1.2 miles northeast of the viewpoint. The tower that most locals know as the Titan, however, and the one scaled by the National Geographic team is the one near the trail. (David Day, utahtrails.com)



Sonya enjoys the Fall colors

Julie Kilgore's Ferguson Canyon Storm Mt. Summit Hike



Deirdre - wow what a view!

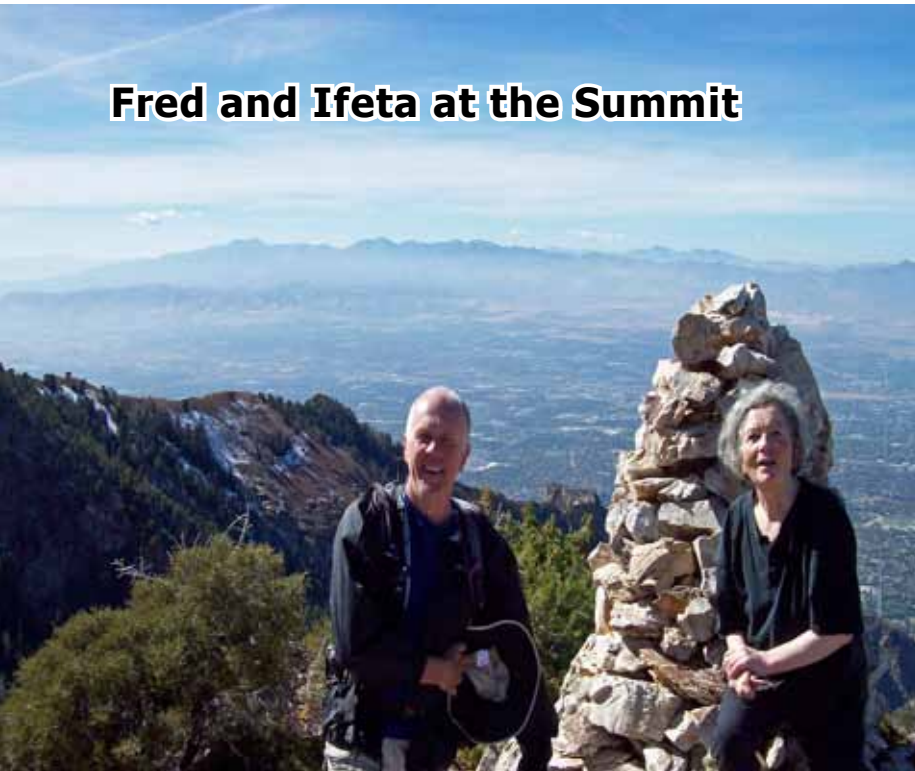
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Fred Schubert, Ifeta
Blagojevic and Julie Kilgore*



October 22, 2011

**Julie and Jason
reach the ridge**

Fred and Ifeta at the Summit



Julie: It was a beautiful fall day for for the "multi-group" hike up Ferguson Canyon. Two people went no further than the Salt Lake Overlook. Some were going to stop at the meadow but the day was warm, the group was fun, and summit fever ruled the day!

Newlyweds Jason and Sonya take in the view



Group at the Summit

Charles Keller's Faint Trail Hike Mines and Mine Trails in Grizzly Gulch

Knick: This was the last Faint Trails hike of the season for Charles and Allene. It was a leisurely hike into and around Grizzly Gulch, featuring the Alta-Brighton horse trail, Prince of Wales pipeline trail, a few obscure trails, lots of mines and more history that could possibly be packed into one day!



Some of the group of 22 hikers

October 9, 2011

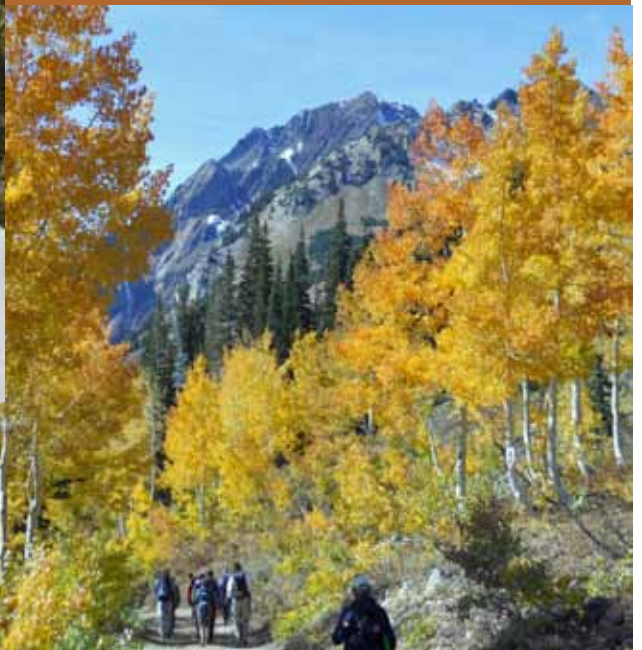


Time for another photo in his red 3-ring binder

Charles is showing everyone a picture of the old cabin that once stood there



**That white stuff is from
Oct 6th & 7th storms - it
was 2 ft. deep in places**



Photos by Knick Knickerbocker

Rick Thompson's North Wash Canyoneering 101 Trip Report

October 28-30, 2011

By Karl Johnson

On my first trip with the WMC, an introductory canyoneering trip, I couldn't have asked for more out of the North Wash Canyons or my fellow travelers through this magically carved realm. The fun began immediately upon our Friday arrival at the Sandthrax Campsite, 28 miles south of Hanksville. I was privileged to witness Bret Mathews' learned-on-the-farm skills of extricating our vehicle from the deep sand of the aptly named campsite. Lessons 1 and 2: carry a tow strap in your vehicle and BEWARE of the campsite "road" the sand midway on connecting the two entrances.

I discovered shortly thereafter, as more people arrived to sit around the campfire, that WMC members have plenty of interesting experiences to share. This, plus a million stars and some gnarly trees that looked pleasantly spooky, made for an enjoyable evening before the cold drove us to our tents.

We were greeted by frost on the tents Saturday morning. Like lizards, we gravitated to the campsite road, as the sun rising over the adjacent red rock formation first began to shine there. I was reminded to move my chair out of the "road" before we started off hiking up the formation on our first excursion to the East Fork of Leprechaun Canyon.

Greg Cornelius and Rick were the leaders of two groups of nine each. Everyone greatly appreciated their excellent instruction and innate sense of when to assist and when to allow us newbie canyoneer's a chance to spread our padded elbows.

As we started off, Greg sought volunteers to carry ropes and the men gallantly stood silent while two ladies spoke up and clipped the rope bags to their packs. It took awhile for Greg's group, or at least me, to realize that the sound of his pack slamming to the ground after a downward toss was not the last sound we would ever hear from a fellow club member.

We rappelled three times, I think, over the course of the 3.8-mile hike. All were 30 feet or less. The East Fork had more pools of water than expected but none that appeared to be more than thigh deep, meaning we expended way too much effort trying to pass over rather than thru the water. Then again, our efforts at chimneying, stemming, and other contorted uses of friction were a large part of the challenge and fun.

Most people wore knee and elbow pads, as you need to use friction a lot to sort of half climb, half scooch/slide thru sections 18-40" wide. In the narrow sections the width varies both vertically and horizontally, requiring different techniques and some upward or downward movement to pass through. It may be too narrow at the bottom to pass through, requiring suspension of the body as you move forward. A substantial amount of chimneying (like the Grinch going down the chimney: back on one wall, feet on the other) is involved to go down or forward.

It was surprising intellectually, but not visibly, to learn that most of my fellow canyoneer's acquired substantial portions of their canyon wardrobes from Home Depot or Wal-Mart. Wearing a hole through the seat of the pants - nothing a little duct tape won't fix. And it makes a nice tail as it slowly peels off. Or, you can follow Greg's great tip and snap up a highly functional, not to mention lovely, pair of neoprene shorts as an over garment for \$10.00 at Wal-Mart. Don't forget the rubberized gardening gloves and kneepads, with your choice of construction trade, wrestling, rollerblading or other type.

It's a group sport in the sense that assistance is readily provided when needed, like positioning yourself at the end of a controlled slide so you can reach out and slow the following person's momentum. One technique is called a "thigh belay" where you simply push the person's thighs against the rock to create more friction as they slide down toward you. Sounds strange, but it's amazing how well friction works to control movement.

The challenge of selecting the best technique(s) (chimneying, stemming, etc.) and route (high or low) through each narrow section can also be a group endeavor. As part of a 3-day canyoneering course I took through a private company, the leaders explained how they use canyoneering as a vehicle for corporate leadership training, including building trust and group cohesion.

The East Fork was not only fun, but also beautiful, and the canyon was complemented by perfect sunny, 60-degree weather, which added to the enjoyment.

Back at camp, Greg strung up a rope clothesline that we decorated with an impressive 40-foot string of sandy wet clothes. Pursuant to Rick's astute suggestion, many wardrobes were bought at D.I. so as to avoid wearing holes in other, more valuable clothes.

Rick and Bret prepared an excellent Saturday dinner of salad, vegetables, and a shrimp gumbo and kept the hot water and coffee boiling. Meanwhile, I'm not sure if we ever resolved the campfire debate over whether the bright object just above the red rock rim was Mars or Jupiter (it was Mars).

The last two canyons we tackled were Right and Left Blarney on Sunday. These were shorter canyons, but equal in beauty and easy accessibility. Again, we had perfect 60-degree weather. I'm scratching my head trying to think of a weekend trip that tops this one. Thanks to all for a great time.



*Photos by
Deborah Askew,
Jennifer Angell
and Robert Myers*

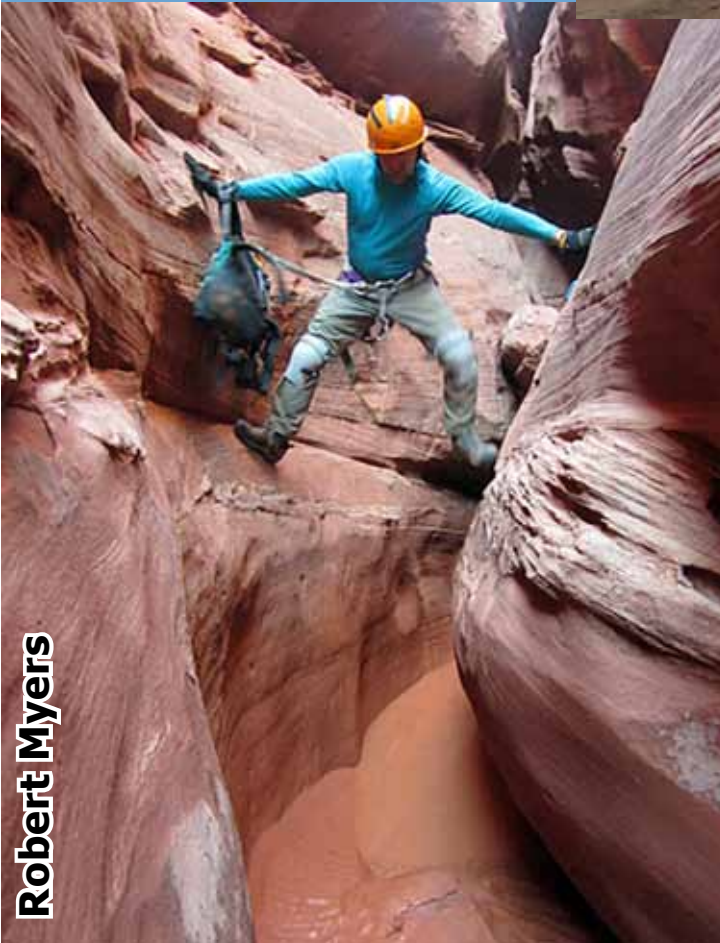
Jennifer Angell



**Existing Leprechaun
Canyon**



Robert Myers



**Terri Smith (blue helmet) and
others sliding into the unknown**

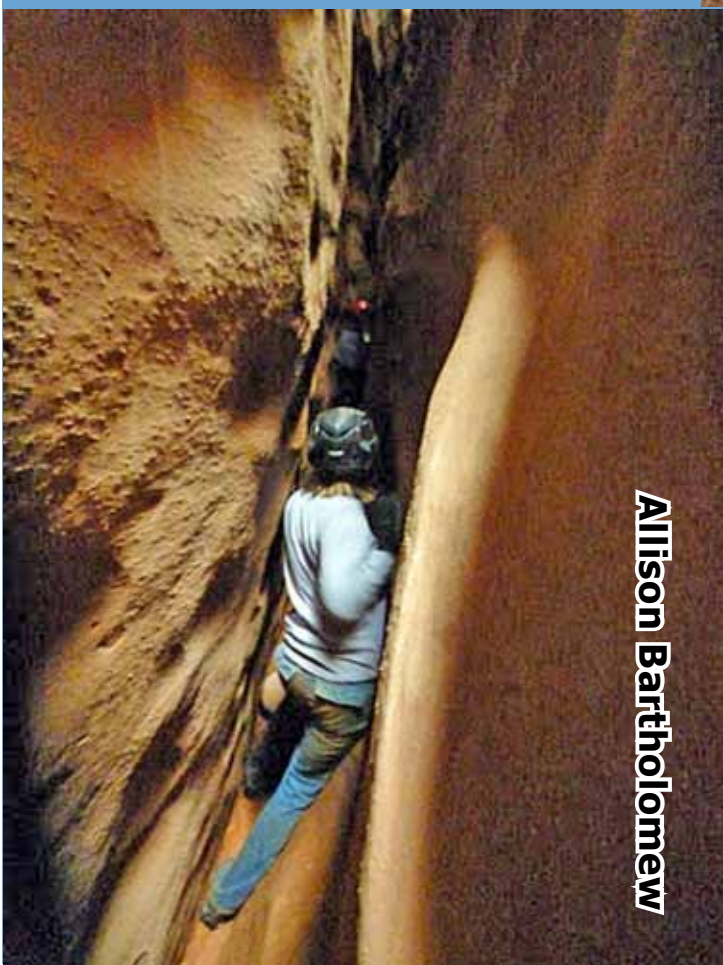




**Rick stemming the pool
near the bottom of
Right Fork Leprechaun**



**Terri Smith getting
ready to slide into
the unknown**



Allison Bartholomew



**Bret Mathews
tutoring
Lynn Brown**

**Rick overseeing
a rappeller**



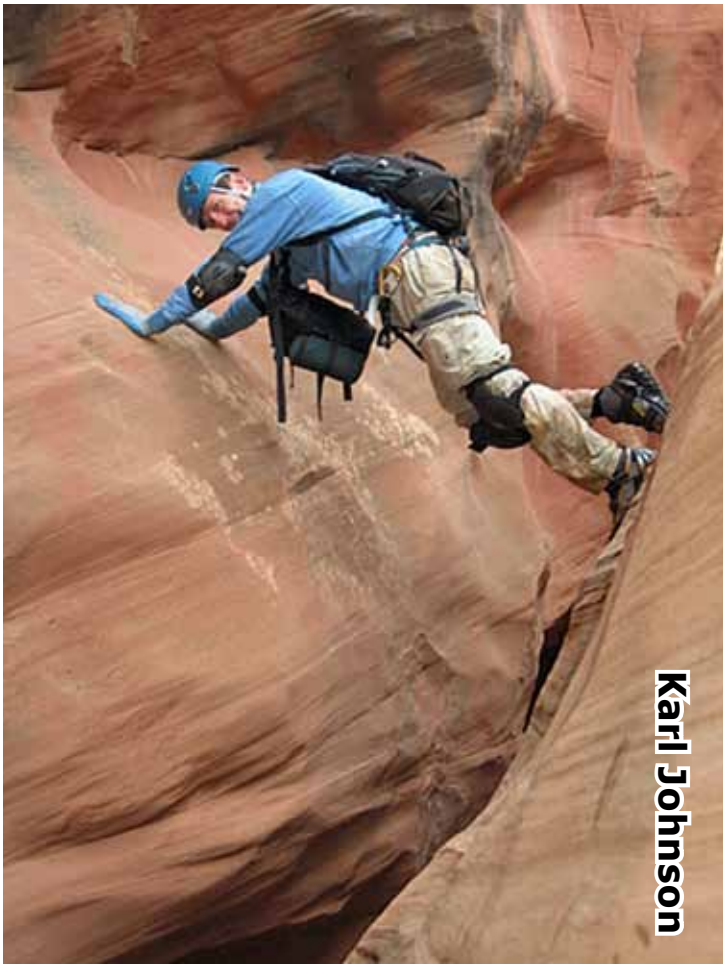
**The "A Team at the first
rappel, Left Blarney**



**Jennifer Angell and
Jeremiah Osborn**



Rick: We spend the day sliding on slickrock, and it will eventually wear a hole in/or tear the rear end out of your pants. If it happens after one day, and we have a second day of canyons still to do, we just duct tape up the seat of the pants and go back out for another round. This is just another duct taped butt, Cindy Crass' to be specific, preparing for round 2.



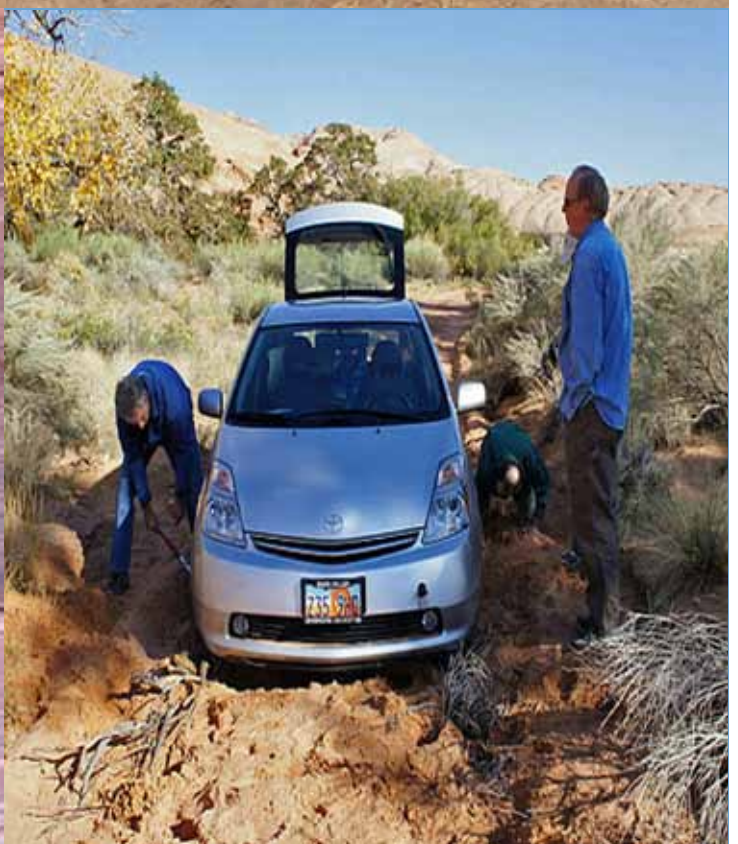
Karl Johnson



Deborah Askew



It's a long ways down there!



Oops Robert . . . no way to end the weekend!

The hike to the Communications Tower was great, but Julie decides the routes to Frary Peak didn't look like fun.



H I K E

Julie Kilgore's
Antelope Island/Frary
Peak

Feeling the need to summit **SOMETHING**, the group took the nice short side-trip to Dooley's Knob. L-R: Alex, Kathy, Julie and Gwen.



November 5, 2011



Photos by Alex Rudd
and Julie Kilgore

WMC WINTER SPORTS POLICY

The following policies define the activities and responsibilities within the winter sports program of the Wasatch Mountain Club. (10/00) The core program includes snowshoe tours, backcountry tours, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, and out-of-town trips (e.g. yurt and winter camping trips). The Robert Frohboese Avalanche Class is held in December or January each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn-to-Ski Clinic is held in January of each year. At least one telemark clinic is held each year.

The winter sports director is responsible for the overall management of the winter sports program. He/she appoints a skiing and snowshoe coordinator who in turn schedule trips, which are not planned at the committee meetings, but can be announced in the Rambler throughout the season. The coordinators also assist trip organizers with information as needed. Other responsibilities include organizing or participating in training trips catered to novices and beginners. They are also welcome to submit articles discussing information on topics of interest.

The winter sports program will also promote conservation issues such as curtailment of ski resort expansion to prevent further loss of backcountry terrain, rigid control (or elimination) of helicopter skiing, continuation of involvement in land management decision-making (e.g. snowmobile vs. ski trails on Daniel's Summit), and use of UTA routes.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR WINTER SPORTS ORGANIZERS

The winter sports program adopts the guidelines for hiking organizers, published elsewhere in these policies. However, special consideration is necessary for winter activities. Planning your destination and route is the key to a successful trip. You should always try to carpool or utilize UTA transit options in the Wasatch Canyons. Help people understand what the outing involves so that they can decide whether they should be on the trip. The organizer may use his/her discretion as to the equipment and skills necessary for a safe and successful tour. The organizer may evaluate the equipment and capabilities of skiers/snowshoers and turn away people who aren't prepared for the outing. You can check their clothing and gear by eye, ask questions about their experience and fitness. Make sure that everyone going on the trip signs the release form and therefore acknowledges the risk involved and that it's their responsibility to be prepared.

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

EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES FOR WINTER SPORTS ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS

All trip participants are responsible for their own equipment and preparedness. Be self-sufficient at all times, and be prepared to assist others when necessary. Carry necessary supplies for changes in conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. In addition to the "Ten Essentials" (re: Seattle Mountaineers), which are emergency items

you should have in your pack at all times, the following items are usually carried on winter sports trips: climbing skins, transceivers (dual-frequency or 457 mHz), shovel, probe, repair kit, headlamp, rope.

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

BASIC AVALANCHE AWARENESS GUIDELINES (SOURCE: US FOREST SERVICE)

1. Carry an avalanche transceiver that will transmit your location. The transceiver can also be set to receive signals. Learn how to use the transceiver.
2. Carry a shovel and collapsible poles to probe the snow for victims in case you need help with a rescue. Some collapsible ski poles can double as poles.
3. Be alert following periods of steady snowfall when most avalanches occur.
4. Slopes with angles of 25 to 50 degrees are most likely to slide.
5. Cornices, or overhanging shelves of snow, can build up along ridges and can fall, triggering avalanches. When traveling along ridges, avoid the edges.
6. When traveling through potentially unstable terrain, spread out and cross slopes one at a time, keeping close watch for sliding or settling of the snow.
7. Most avalanches start above timberline, on slopes opposite the prevailing wind. Heavily forested slopes are less likely to slide.
8. Dig snow pits and learn to read the weather history of the snow pack.
9. Check with local forecasters and outdoor travelers for conditions and hazards.
10. Only one in three avalanche victims buried without a beacon survives. But if you're caught in an avalanche, try to escape by grabbing a tree or rock. If you fall, get rid of skis, poles and pack and "swim" on the slide to stay toward the surface. When the avalanche stops, try to stay near the surface and make an air pocket.

WINTER TOURING ETIQUETTE

1. Parties should try to stay away from one another as best they can.
2. People need to be encouraged to keep their tracks close together in crowded areas.
3. Break trails that will be useful to everyone who follows.
4. Pay attention to inter-party safety considerations (e.g. do not tour above others). Share observations about potentially dangerous snow and avalanche conditions.

WINTER SPORTS RATINGS

Here is the listing of snowshoe and ski tours and the ratings according to difficulty. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the BACKCOUNTRY. These types of trips may be rated 'Not too difficult' (NTD), but more often are rated 'Moderate' (MOD), or 'Most difficult' (MSD). They more likely encounter avalanche paths, and generally cross areas with steeper terrain. Avalanche beacons and shovels are strongly recommended for these types of trips, and may be required by the trip organizer (see trip descriptions). Typical examples are Powder Park of Catherine's Pass. A trip labeled TOUR is one which mostly follows along a groomed trail, or above an un-groomed road surface and generally has a gentler grade, and less risk of encountering avalanche paths. These types of trips are often rated NTD, but occasionally are rated MOD, or even MSD to length. Avalanche beacons are recommended on a more selected basis. Typical examples are Beaver Creek, or Norway Flats. 'Ski mountaineering' (SKI-MTN) is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to snow gear and avalanche beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example, Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD.

*** Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel.** A new rating category for AVALANCHE AWARENESS has been compiled by the Winter Sports Committee to help you assess the relative risk for each trip. Legend- **AI** - trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; **A** - trip crosses known avalanche path; **M** - trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.

EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING-*	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD M	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD M	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD M	5.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Green's Basin from Spruces	NTD M	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD A	4.0	1000	
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon				
	to Ledgefork Campground	NTD M	6.0	400	Tour
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD M	4.0	900	Tour
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD M	5.0	1000	Tour
Uintas	Bench Creek	NTD M	7.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Lake	NTD A	4.4	1200	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD A	5.0	1280	Tour
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD A	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Alta	NTD A	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD A	6.0	1400	
Daniels	R Fork Little Hobble Creek				
	to Valle	NTD M	7.0	1150	Tour

Wasatch	Days Fork to Second Meadow	NTD	A	6.0	1600	
Uintas	North Fork of Provo River	NTD	M	8.0	600	
Uintas	Beaver Creek Trail	EL-NTD	M	10.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Snake Creek Canyon	NTD+	A	7.0	1800	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Turn Around	NTD+	M	10.0	1500	Tour

MOD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING-*		MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Uintas	Weber Canyon Road	MOD	M	16.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Butler Fork to Overlook	MOD	A	3.0	1500	
Wasatch	Brighton to Twin Lake Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1300	
Wasatch	Grizzly Gulch to					
	Twin Lakes Pass	MOD	A!	4.0	1320	
Wasatch	Tom's Hill	MOD	A	4.0	1600	
Wasatch	Bill's Hill	MOD	A	3.4	1800	
N. Wasatch	Little Dell-Affleck					
	Park-Big Mountain	MOD	M	11.0	1320	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Brighton	MOD	A!	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	USA Bowl	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Near) (South)	MOD	A	4.0	1800	
Uintas	Yellow Pine Trail	MOD	M	7.0	2400	
Daniels	Main Canyon – Murdock Hollow	MOD	M	10.0	1400	Tour
Daniels	Strawberry Peak	MOD	A	10.0	1700	Tour
Uintas	Little S. Fork-Willow					
	Hollow Loop	MOD	M	10.0	2000	
Daniels	Clyde Creek- Mud Creek Loop	MOD	M	14.0	1000	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak Bowl	MOD	A	9.0	2800	
Wasatch	Big Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	6.4	1400	
Wasatch	Alta to Brighton via Twin					
	Lakes P	MOD	A!	8.0	1320	
Uintas	Smith Morehouse C. to					
	Erickson B.	MOD	A	15.0	1200	
Uintas	Murdock Basin	MOD	M	15.0	1400	
Uintas	Upper Setting Road	MOD	M	12.0	2300	Tour

Uintas	Norway Flats Road	MOD	M	12.0	2530	Tour
Uintas	Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flat	MOD	A	14.0	2235	
Wasatch	Lake Desolation	MOD	A	8.0	1900	
Wasatch	Brighton to Alta via Catherine's P	MOD	A!	10.0		
Wasatch	Red Pine Lake	MOD	A	8.0	2000	
Uintas	Soapstone to North of Iron Mine Mtn.	MOD	M	14.0	2240	
Uintas	Shingle Creek	MOD	M	14.0	2460	
Wasatch	Green's Basin Peak	MOD	A	6.0	2380	
Wasatch	Meadow's Chutes	MOD	A!	6.2	2380	
Wasatch	Reynolds's Peak	MOD	A	7.0	2100	
Wasatch	Little Water via Dog Lake	MOD	A	7.4	2100	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Middle)	MOD	A	7.0	2200	
Wasatch	Day's Fork to Upper Cirque	MOD+	A!	8.0	2000	
Wasatch	Bear Trap to Lookout	MOD+	A	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Powder Park (Far) (North)	MOD+	A	8.0	2040	
Wasatch	Upper Red Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	7.0	2400	
Wasatch	Montreal Hill	MOD+	A!	7.0	2700	
Heber	Main Canyon (Wallsburg to Strawberry)	MOD+	M	15.0	3650	
Wasatch	White Pine Lake	MOD+	A!	9.0	2400	
Uintas	Windy Ridge	MOD+	A!	7.6	3200	
Wasatch	Alta-Brighton-Alta	MOD+	A!	9.0	2800	

MSD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *		MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Pink Pine	MSD	A!	2.0	1000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass	MSD	A!	2.0	1400	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Flagstaff Mountain	MSD	A!	2.8	2000	Short & Steep
Wasatch	Cardiff Pass to Big Cottonwood C.	MSD	A!	5.0	Traverse	1400 u 2800 d

Wasatch	Silver Fork via Brighton					
	Twin Lakes	MSD	A!	6.0	Traverse	1460 u 2400 d
Wasatch	Day's Frk to Big Cottonwood C.	MSD	A!	5.5	Traverse	2000 u 3200 d
Wasatch	Mary Ellen	MSD	A!	9.2	1820	
Wasatch	Soldier Fork	MSD	A	9.0	Traverse	1600 u 2800 d
Wasatch	Tuscarora- Wolverine	MSD	A!	8.0	2100	
Wasatch	Alexander Basin via Butler					
	to Log H	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2600 u 3100 d
Wasatch	Silver Fork Crest	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Maybird Canyon	MSD	A!	6.5	Traverse	2440 u 3000 d
Wasatch	Porter Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2200 u 3400 d
Wasatch	Lake Blanche to Big					
	Cottonwood C	MSD	A!	8.0	Traverse	2600 u 4600 d
Wasatch	Mineral Fork from Alta	MSD	A!	7.0	Traverse	2900 u 3500 d
Wasatch	Gobbler's Knob via Butler	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork	MSD	A!	7.0	3140	
Wasatch	Major Evans	MSD	A!	9.2	2700	
Wasatch	Wilson Fork	MSD	A!	11.0	Traverse	2600 u 3800 d
Wasatch	White Pine from Alta	MSD	A!	10.8	2700	
Stansbury	Victory Mountain	MSD	A!	10.0	3800	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Swift Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3530	
Uintas	Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon	MSD	A	14.0	3601	
Stansbury	Deseret Peak from Guard					
	Station	MSD	A!	12.0	4500	
Uintas	Norway Flats to Smith					
	Morehouse	MSD+	A	18.0	2680	
Uintas	Weber River to Norway Flats	MSD+	A	20.0	2800	
Daniels	Currant Creek Peak	MSD+	A	21.0	2800	
Wasatch	Triple Traverse - Alta to					
	Toll Canyon	MSD+	A!	16.0	Traverse	5700 u 7600 d
Uintas	King's Peak (length!)	MSD+	A	36.0	6800	Very long

SKI-MTN RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING- *	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Wasatch	Mt. Superior	SKI-MTN A!	6.0	2700	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	3700	
Wasatch	Superior and Monte Carlo from Alta	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	4810	
Wasatch	Twin Peaks via Broad's Fork	SKI-MTN A!	10.0	5100	
Wasatch	Box Elder peak from Dry Fork	SKI-MTN A!	12.0	5600	
Wasatch	Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek	SKI-MTN A!	12.0	5630	
Wasatch	Mt. Nebo from Mona	SKI-MTN A!	14.0	6700	
Wasatch	Bells Canyon Supertour				
	Traverse	SKI-MTN A!	14.0	Traverse	3500 u 5700 d
Wasatch	Lone Peak via Supertour Route	SKI-MTN A!	16.0	5854	
Wasatch	Timpanogos from Timpooneke	SKI-MTN A!	22.0	6500	

Editorial Note: Snowshoe and Ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this algorithm:

Difficulty = (M) + (3K). M is the round trip miles including tenths, if any. K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain including tenths, if any. For example: Catherine's Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of altitude gain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (M) + (3 \times K) \\
 & (4.4) + (3 \times 1.2) \\
 & (4.4) + (3.6) = 8.0
 \end{aligned}$$

If the outing is labeled as a TOUR, factor the difficulty answer by (0.6). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet calculates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (M) + (3 \times K) \times (0.6) \\
 & (4) + (3 \times .9) = 6.7 \\
 & (6.7) \times (0.6) = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Localized trail conditions may vary throughout the season and affect the actual difficulty on any given day (e.g. trail breaking, icy, bare spots, wind, warm, cold).

"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" and make sure to bring your 10 Es! Check with the Utah Avalanche center web site for snow conditions and weather forecast <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/> and review the WMC Winter Sports Policy, Backcountry Travel Techniques and Backcountry Ski & Snowshoe Route Ratings listed on the Wasatch Mountain Club website under Winter Sports www.wasatchmountainclub.org. Organizers are expected to keep their groups together and use proper backcountry etiquette.

Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

Activity: _____ Organizer: _____ Date: _____

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 participant 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.

****ATTENTION** IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE WMC, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TRIP ORGANIZER!**

Member (Y/N)	Signature	Print Name	Phone	Check Out
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Return this form to Wasatch Mountain Club, 1390 South 1110 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2443
Please mark attention to the appropriate activity director, e.g., hike, bike, boat.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Only activities approved by the appropriate WMC director can be listed in The Rambler. Direct submissions to the Editor are NOT accepted. To submit your activity to the club, login to the WMC website and click on “Volunteer to Organize An Activity”. The appropriate director will approve and/or edit this event for inclusion in both the web calendar and Rambler submissions. The deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 10th of the month.

Rules and Regulations:

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

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

Find out about unofficial activities on our email lists. Activities formed with these lists are for members only. Lists are to be used only for the scheduling of outdoor activities. Any use of this service for any other purpose, such as advertising, SPAM, jokes, etc, will result in the loss of privilege. To subscribe: Once logging into the website, click on “Email Lists” on the left-hand side. Then follow the online instructions. (Boaters: E-mail the Boat Director—inside front cover—for more information.)

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

Activity Difficulty Rating

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

- Dec 1 Late Afternoon Dog Friendly Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Thu *Meet:* 4:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
 Julie will hike the ridge towards Jack's Mountain located behind Foothill Boulevard and above the "H" rock. Yak trax, micro-spikes, or similar lightly studded footwear, and a headlamp or flashlight will be necessary. Meet at the trailhead for a 4 p.m. departure.
- Dec 1 Snowshoe: Thursday Snowshoe Mod-ntd – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Thu *Meet:* 9:15 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com
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- Dec 1 Movie Night Social**
 Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Pier 49 Pizza (next to the movie theater). Theater and restaurant are located close to corner of Simpson Av. (2250 S) and Highland Dr. (1230 E).
Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 canders11238@yahoo.com
 Join Craig and others for a light meal and a movie at Sugar House Movies 10 on Thursday, December 1st, at 6:00 p.m. We will select a movie while dining. Seeing a movie costs only \$2.00 at this theater. See you at the movies.
- Dec 3 Hike/yak Trax West Granduer – msd- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3200' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 3900 South Wasatch Boulevard UTA Park and Ride
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
 The trail up the west side of Granduer is steep but well traveled, so it makes a nice winter hike if it's been a few days since the last snow storm. If inversion is set in, Julie will take the take the Churchfork route. Bring Yak Trax, Micro Spikes, or some other lightly studded footwear. Dogs OK.
- Dec 3 Snowshoe: Dog Lake – ntd**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Jim Piani 801-733-0627 jvpiani@burgoyne.com
 Jim invites you to join him on a snowshoe to Dog Lake. Expect good conversation and good times. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather! Bring your 10 E's.

Participation in any WMC activity can be dangerous. It is your responsibility to evaluate your own preparedness and ability to safely participate in any activity. Please be sure to read and re-read the release forms in the back of this publication, as well as on the sign-up sheets at the beginning of each activity.

- Dec 3 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 lizandwill@msn.com
 Show and go skiing on a variety of MOD and MOD+ terrain. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. Must be comfortable with various snow and weather conditions. Duration 5-7 hours. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.
- Dec 3 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com
 Deirdre and Mohamed will select a suitable destination for the weather and snow conditions today. Meet them at 9am to find out where they're going. Bring your 10E's and avalanche safety gear.
- Dec 4 Nordic Ski Tour: North Of Iron Mine Mountain (uintas) – mod+**
 Sun *Meet:* 8:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721
 MLH Winter Parking 14 miles east of Kamas. Tour follows Iron Mine Mountain jeep road (north slope) on early season snowpack. The terrain opens up for good views and several options in the high country above 10,000 ft. Expect extra cold temperatures and little sun. Contact trip organizer if driving from Park City area. Carpools can be arranged for separate return times (NTD+ to MOD+). Remember MLH parking fee (\$3) and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK. Lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax) and 10 E's. Meet at 8:15 am for a prompt 8:30 am departure.
- Dec 4 Snowshoe: Catherine's Pass – mod**
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Mark McKenzie 801-913-8439 mark.mckenzie@slcc.edu
 Mark is headed to Catherine's Pass from the Brighton side. Glorious views into Brighton and Alta await at the pass! Bring your 10E's and avalanche safety equipment.
- Dec 4 Snowshoe: Afternoon Organizer's Choice – ntd**
 Sun *Meet:* 1:00 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Robert Turner 801-467-1129
 Wait for the day to warm up and then join Robert for an afternoon snowshoe. These outings are always friendly and sure to brighten your day. Bring your 10Es.
- Dec 6 Rock Climb - Fantastic Plastic @ Momentum – mod – 50' ascent**
 Tue *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum
Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com
 Just ask for the Wasatch Mountain Club people at the front desk and they will point us out. Beginners welcome.
- Dec 6 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd**
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Walt Haas Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

- Dec 6 Tue Snowshoe: Park City Environs Mod/msd**
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via the snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince Desimone 435-649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
 Vince will organize a Tuesday Group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM every Tue and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC snowshoe email list for automatic notices/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 9:15 am.
- Dec 7 Wed Alpine Ski Tour - Telemark/at/splitboard – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com
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- Dec 8 Thu Late Afternoon Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Meet: 4:00 pm at From Foothill Boulevard, go east at the light for 2100 South, which becomes Hyland Hills Road as it winds uphill above Foothill and Wasatch drives. At the very top, turn left on Lakeline and drive north 0.3 mile to the cul-de-sac. The trailhead is a gate
Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com
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Meet: 9:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
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IF YOU'RE A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER, FEEL FREE TO JOIN ONE OR TWO ACTIVITIES TO SEE IF YOU LIKE IT! PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE ACTIVITY ORGANIZER AHEAD OF TIME.

Dec 9 Viice Ski Factory Open House Social

Fri *Meet:* 6:00 pm at 7030 South 400 West, Salt Lake City, UT

Organizer: Jim Berry 801-560-5601 jamesberry7899@comcast.net

WMC members are invited to an open house at the VIICE ski factory on Friday December 9, at 6 PM to view the ski manufacturing process and check out a FREE pair of demo skis for the weekend. Our head ski designer, Scott Berry, will explain each step in the manufacturing process and members will watch the “lay up” process and the skis being put into the press, and also the final trimming and tuning stages. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Jim Berry at 801-560-5601 or by email at jamesberry7899@comcast.net

Dec 9 Moonlight Snowshoe Big Cottonwood Area – mod- – Out & Back

Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

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

Meet Knick for this Organizer’s Choice moonlight snowshoe tour in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Exact location dependent on weather and safety conditions. Knick plans a fun evening in the moonlit snow. Meet Knick at 6200 South Park n Ride to carpool by 6:30 pm. Dress warmly in layers and come prepared.

Dec 10 Snowshoe: White Fir Pass – ntd

Sat *Meet:* 10:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Ellen Jenkins 801-673-6235 ellenjenkins@yahoo.com

Ellen is heading to White Fir Pass in Millcreek canyon. She likes to start at the civilized hour of 10am. Meet her at Skyline High School to join this fun and scenic snowshoe.

Dec 10 Snowshoe: Broads Fork – mod

Sat *Meet:* 10:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Cindy Crass 801-803-1336 dohenyrose27@gmail.com

Broads Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon is a lovely trail through pine trees that opens up into meadows at the top. The view from the beaver pond is transformed in the Winter with the majestic sight of snow-capped Twin Peaks, Dromedary and more. Come see for yourself! Bring your 10E’s and avalanche safety gear.

Dec 10 Day Hike - Mt Olympus Trail – ntd – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 1500’ ascent – Moderate pace

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

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

Hike Mt Olympus Trail to Tollcat Cyn stream crossing. This will be a quick two hour hike or less. Bring your Yak Traks or other foot grippers and trekking poles for icy trail conditions. Dogs are welcome to join us.

Dec 11 Snowshoe: Afternoon Organizer’s Choice – ntd

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

Organizer: Robert Turner 801-467-1129

Wait for the day to warm up and then join Robert for an afternoon snowshoe. These outings are always friendly and sure to brighten your day. Bring your 10Es.

Dec 11 Snowshoe: Grizzly Gulch – mod

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

Organizer: Chris Winter 801-532-1646 cdw_mmn@yahoo.com

Chris is going to organize a snowshoe to Grizzly Gulch. We’ll start at Alta and snowshoe to Twin Lakes Pass. It’s bound to be a lot of fun, a good workout, and good conversation. Bring your 10E’s and avalanche safety gear.

- Dec 11 **Alpine Ski Tour- Yoyo – mod- – 3.0 mi Out & Back – 1500’ ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sun *Meet:* 11:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Brian Barkey 801-394-6047 brianbarkey@gmail.com
 Location depends on conditions. Most likely Powder park area. Skins, pieps shovels required
- Dec 13 **Rock Climb - Fantastic Plastic @ Momentum – mod – 50’ ascent**
 Tue *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum
Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com
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- Dec 14 **Alpine Ski Tour - Telemark/at – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Wed *Meet:* Registration required
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- Dec 15 **Late Afternoon Hike – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
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Dec 15 Movie Night Social

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Meet at the Copper Onion (115 E 300 S) which is next to the movie theater. We will be sitting at the community table.

Organizer: Craig Anderson 801-487-2352 canders11238@yahoo.com

Meet Craig and others for a light dinner and a movie at the Broadway Cinemas (The Film Society). We decide which movie to see while dining. See you at the movies!

Dec 17 Snowshoe: Greens Basin – ntd

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

Organizer: Jim Piani 801-733-0627 jvpiani@burgoyne.com

Jim invites you to join him on a snowshoe to Greens Basin today. This is a beautiful area that usually has good snow. Bring your 10 E's.

Dec 17 Snowshoe: Powder Park – mod

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

Organizer: Shane and Jaq Bode 801-647-2917 shanejaq@q.com

Join Shane and Jaq for a day at the park, Powder Park that is. Bring a picnic and your favorite lawn game. Shane's happens to be plunging down hills full of snow. Bring your 10E's and your avalanche safety gear.

Dec 17 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go skiing on a variety of MOD and MOD+ terrain. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. Must be comfortable with various snow and weather conditions. Duration 5-7 hours. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.



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Dec 18 Holiday Sing-a-long And Potluck Dinner At Cindy Crass' Home

Sun

Meet: 5:30 pm at 2244 East 11620 South - Directions are in the description above.

Organizer: Cindy Crass, Fred Tripp or Frank Bernard Cindy at 801-530-7331 or Fred Tripp at 435-649-450 fredg-tripp@gmail.com or frankbernard55@earthlink.net

DECEMBER 18 - SUNDAY: SING-A-LONG POT LUCK DINNER, definitely NTD. Come and join the holiday spirit at a potluck dinner and Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long. We'll meet at 5:30 PM at Cynthia Crass' home for appetizers with pot luck dinner to follow. Turkey and ham have already been offered, so please bring a nice appetizer or a dinner side dish/salad/dessert to share with four to six others. BYOB. Also, please bring a folding chair or camp chair to ensure adequate seating. For those who wish to sing Christmas carols we'll have words and guitar chords for some popular songs. Acoustic musicians are always welcome to join in - an electric piano is also available. . DIRECTIONS: Take Wasatch Blvd south and about 12000 south it starts running east and west rather than north and south. At the bottom of the hill watch for 2220 East SCHOOL ZONE - turn right and go north two blocks, turn right on 11620 South and go to 2244 second house on the right. Coming south on 1-15 take the 11400 South exit. Go east on 11400 South past 1300 East to 1700 East. Turn right (south) to a traffic light at Wasatch Blvd. Go left on Wasatch (east) to 2220 East SCHOOL ZONE and turn left and go north 2 blocks to 11620 South. Turn right (east) to 2244 which is the second house on the right. Coming north on I-15 take the 12300 South exit and go right (east) to the traffic light at Wasatch Blvd. Turn right to 2220 East SCHOOL ZONE and turn left (north) and follow directions above. Questions or would like more information call Cindy Crass at 801-530-7331 or Fred Tripp at 435-645-4507 or email Frank Bernard at frankbernard55@earthlink.net

Dec 18 Beginner Snowshoe Big Cottonwood - Ntd - Out & Back – ntd – Out & Back – Slow pace

Sun

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

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

Come join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) for this beginner snowshoe tour. Dress in layers with pack to put them in, bring water and a snack and come prepared for a fun outing weather permitting. You can rent snowshoes from different retail stores. Poles and gators are also recommended. Meet Knick at 9:00 am in 6200 South Park-n-Ride off Wasatch

Dec 18 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod-

Sun

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

Organizer: Mike Budig 801-328-4512 mbudig@blazemail.com

Meet Mike at 9am to see what he has planned for today. It's sure to be something fun. Come prepared with your 10E's.

Dec 18 Alpine Ski Tour/telmark – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sun

Meet: 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Cheryl Krusko 801-474-3759 ckrusko@gmail.com

Show and go skiing - Mod and Mod+ terrain. Exact location TBD depending on snow and avalanche conditions. Beacons, shovels, probes and knowledge on how to use them. Duration 4-7 hours. Max group size 8. Please call to register.

Dec 20 Rock Climb - Fantastic Plastic @ Momentum – mod – 50' ascent

Tue

Meet: 6:00 pm at Momentum

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

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Dec 20 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd

Tue

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com

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Organizer: Vince Desimone 435-649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com

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Dec 21 Alpine Ski Tour - Telemark/at – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Wed *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com

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Dec 22 Snowshoe: Thursday Snowshoe Mod-ntd – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

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

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Dec 24 Snowshoe: Maybird – mod

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

Organizer: Shane and Jaq Bode 801-647-2917 shanejaq@q.com

Join Shane and Jaq for a snowshoe to a magical, lake filled meadow overlooked by the great Pfeifferhorn in search of the elusive Maybird. Will they find this mythical creature? Come and help them search through snow filled forests. Bring your 10E's and your avalanche safety gear.

Dec 24 Alpine Ski Tour, Toms Hill – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace

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

Organizer: Steve Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net

Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. Must be comfortable with various snow and weather conditions. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

Dec 24 Snowshoe: White Fir Pass – ntd

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

Organizer: Mark Jones 801-486-5354

Avoid shopping madness today by joining Mark on a snowshoe in Millcreek Canyon. You had your holiday shopping done back in October anyway, right? Mark is going to White Fir Pass. Meet him at Skyline High at 9am.

Dec 24 Nordic Ski Tour: Little Dell To Big Mountain Pass Area – mod- – 10.0 mi – 2000' ascent – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721

After taking the Mormon Pioneer Trail cut-off, this tour may drop into Little Emigration Canyon for some solitude and turns in relatively low angle terrain before exiting as an out and back, or even a 14 mile loop tour (with car shuttle) to Jeremy Ranch if there is enough interest. Lightweight backcountry touring gear and winter safety gear advised.

Dec 25 Snowshoe: Christmas Day Outing – ntd

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

Organizer: Loraine Lovell and Ray Duda 801 255 0085 loraine4travel@yahoo.com

Ray and Loraine will lead their annual Xmas morning snowshoe. Meet at the 6400 Wasatch Blvd Park and Ride at 9:30 am. This is a fun trip so very light snow flurries are ok but white-out conditions are a no-go. Christmas goodies to share are welcome but not expected. Probably Alta (NTD) as the road and parking area are usually cleared. Come join the fun!

Dec 26 Nordic Ski Tour: North Fork Of The Provo (uintas) – mod – 14.0 mi Out & Back – 1400' ascent – Moderate pace
Mon

Meet: 8:00 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way

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

Cross-country (xc) ski tour follows rolling terrain through the forest and past meadows and beaver ponds to the 2.5 mile mark. The 'kick & glide gives way to moderately difficult terrain leading up to the old yurt (site) ruins at the 3.0 mile mark. The long valley beyond this point offers great scenery to the 7.0 mile mark. The organizer plans to put in a track several days before the trip to increase efficiency on the tour day. Generally, lighter weight backcountry touring gear (with swix or scales) is used (e.g. Fischer S-Bound 78 Skis). Carpools may be arranged for separate return times if there is enough interest. Contact organizer if driving from the Park City area. Beacons are not required on this trip, but winter safety gear and head headlamps always advised. Remember to bring approximately \$5 to \$10 if you are a passenger. Also there is a \$3 Mirror Lake Highway fee if you don't have a car pass. Meet at 8:00 am for a prompt 8:15 am departure. NTD to MOD.

Dec 27 Rock Climb - Fantastic Plastic @ Momentum – mod – 50' ascent

Tue *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Momentum

Organizer: John Butler 801-718-4166 john@utahman.com

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Dec 27 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd

Tue *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com

TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Walt Haas Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

Dec 28 Alpine Ski Tour - Telemark/at – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Wed *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Robert* Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com

Introductory to Backcountry skiing in the Wasatch. To participate you will need to have skied the backcountry before, be familiar with your equipment and able handle yourself in challenging snow conditions. We start with less demanding tours (MOD-), advancing into more challenging (MOD+) situations. You must have a beacon, snow shovel, skins & eventually a probe. On every tour we will practice safe travel, you will learn, if you don't already, how to use your equipment and you will be drilled on your knowledge of snow conditions. Three pin telemark, BC and AT gear are the expected gear (If you ski 3 pins bindings or free-heel, you must be able to "link turns"). Destination will depend on participants, weather & snow conditions. Call for meeting time & location.

Dec 29 Snowshoe: Thursday Snowshoe Mod-ntd – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Thu *Meet:* 9:15 am at 3700 E 7200 S (across from Porcupine Grill)

Organizer: Robert Myers 801-466-3292 (H) or 801-651-9965 (C) robertmyers47@gmail.com

They're back! Some say they never went away...but without an official organizer they disappeared from the calendar. Thankfully, Robert Myers has stepped up for the month of December. Sign up for the snowshoe email list on the WMC website to get more information on the planned trip each week. Meet him in the parking area on 7200 S across the street from the Porcupine Grill. The parking area is approximately 150 ft. West of the restaurant, at approximately 3700 E. Departure time is 9:30AM

Dec 31 Alpine Ski Tour, New Years Eve Tour. – mod+ – Out & Back – Fast pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

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

Leaders choice, Tri canyon area dependent on snow conditions. Beacon and shovel required. May update on web page as date approaches.

Dec 31 Snowshoe: Millcreek Organizer's Choice – ntd – Slow pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:15 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

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

Meet Doug at Skyline High School at 9:15 this morning for a leisurely paced outing in Millcreek canyon.

Dec 31 Snowshoe: Grizzly Gulch – mod

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

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

The route to Grizzly Gulch begins at Alta in Little Cottonwood Canyon and makes its way up to the pass. To join Mark on this club favorite, meet at 9am at the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride with your 10E's and avalanche safety equipment.

Jan 1 Snowshoe - Dog Lake – ntd+ – 4.0 mi – 1400' ascent

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

Organizer: David Andrenyak 801-582-6106 andrenyakda@aim.com

A wonderful trip to start 2012. If conditions permit, I suggest that we travel a short way up the low angle slope north and east of Dog lake for some great views. Please remember to bring the 10 Es and avalanche safety equipment. Lets plan to meet at 9:00 am for a 9:15 am departure.

- Jan 1 Sun Nordic Ski Tour: Beaver Creek Trail (uintas), El-ntd – ntd- – 5.0 mi Out & Back – 500' ascent – Slow pace**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721 mberryxc@earthlink.net
 The WMC offers a beginner or 'refresher' day on cross-country skis. The tour is designed for those who are new to the sport, or for anyone who has been away from it for awhile and would like to give 'XC' a try again. Pick up skiing skills on a relatively flat, easy track away from the crowds and in the gentle part of the Uintas. The scenery is a plus too. Instruction will be provided as needed, and ski gear tips given if you are interested in joining some NTD- MOD Uinta Tours. We will plan to stop at Kamas Coffee for a gear check and warm beverage on the way in. Carpool rate is usually \$5- \$10 per person. There is also a \$3 Mirror Lake Highway fee per vehicle if you do not have an annual pass. We will plan to meet in the Salt Lake Valley at 9:30 AM and be back by 4:30 PM. We will plan on 4 hours of skiing maximum. Participants can also return to the trailhead early. To register, volunteer to teach, discuss equipment and transportation, please contact organizer no later than December 29th (Also see 'Learn to Cross Country Ski' Clinic conducted by Jennifer Jackson, certified ski instructor and new WMC member/ organizer- listed for January 29, 2012).
- Jan 3 Tue Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd**
Meet: Registration required
Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Walt Haas Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.
- Jan 3 Tue Snowshoe: Park City Environs Mod/msd**
Meet: 10:00 am at Disseminated via the snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince Desimone 435-649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
 Vince will organize a Tuesday Group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM every Tue and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC snowshoe email list for automatic notices/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 9:15 am.
- Jan 6 Fri Moonlight Snowshoe Mod- – mod- – Out & Back**
Meet: 6:30 pm at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)
Organizer: Knick Knickerbocker 801-891-2669 Knick.Sold@comcast.net
 Meet Knick for this Organizer's Choice moonlight snowshoe tour. Exact location dependent on weather and safety conditions. Knick plans a fun evening in the moonlit snow. Meet Knick at Skyline High School to carpool by 6:30 pm. Dress warmly in layers and come prepared.

Be Prepared! Always take the 10 E's and check the local weather conditions. What are the 10 E's? Map/Compass, Flashlight, Pocketknife, Matches/Fire-Starter, Sunscreen/Bug Spray, Sunglasses, Candle, First Aid Kit, Extra Clothes, & Food and Water.

Jan 6 Fri **Nordic Ski Tour: Multi-day Tour To Amethyst/ryder Lake (uintas) – msd – 38.0 mi Out & Back – 3900’ ascent –**
– Jan 8 **Moderate pace**

Sun *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Glen Mackey 540-529-4907 glen.mackey@gmail.com

The trip begins Friday morning at the Mirror Lake Highway winter parking area 30 miles south of Evanston, WY. We will plan on setting up base camp somewhere in the Christmas Meadows area between the trailhead and the split in the trail (9-10 miles). On Saturday we will attempt to ski to Amethyst Lake or Ryder Lake. Depending on conditions we may try to ski to the other lake before breaking camp and heading back to the car on Sunday. Previous winter camping experience is recommended but not required. Proper winter clothing is a must. Temperatures can range from around freezing during the day to below zero at night. We will be tent camping, so a warm sleeping bag and sleeping pad is very important. I have a sled that we can use to haul heavy gear, but plan on bringing a large daypack that can accommodate gear for a full day away from camp as well as lighter items for the ski in to and out of camp. Lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales or grip wax is best; bring skins for steeper sections and for taking turns towing the sled. Most of the terrain is fairly low angle but avalanche gear is required. Snowmobilers keep a packed snow surface on the Mirror Lake Highway, but significant trail breaking is expected once we leave areas where they commonly travel. The Mirror Lake Highway is a fee area (\$3/car). Contact Glen to discuss the itinerary, gear for the trip, and transportation to the trailhead. Those coming from SLC should plan on departing early Friday morning for the 2-hour drive to the trailhead and expect to be back Sunday evening. If you are coming from a different origin we can work out a meeting point.

Jan 7 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**

Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride

Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 lizandwill@msn.com

Show and go skiing on a variety of MOD and MOD+ terrain. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. Must be comfortable with various snow and weather conditions. Duration 5-7 hours. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

Jan 7 **Nordic Ski Tour: Winter Trails Day And Tuna Demo Day**

Sat *Meet:* 10:00 am at Mountain Dell

Organizer: Cottonwood Canyons Foundation 801-947-8263

(Tentative date) Ski demo and snowshoe clinics. Presented by the Utah Nordic Alliance, The Cottonwood Foundation, Wild Rose, University of Utah Outdoor Programs, and Wasatch Touring, with support from REI.

Jan 8 **Snowshoe: Organizer’s Choice – mod**

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

Organizer: Erin McCormack 801-891-3739 emack77@gmail.com

Erin will choose a destination based on the conditions today. Meet at the 6200 S Wasatch park and ride at 9am. Bring your 10 E’s and avalanche safety gear.

Jan 10 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd**

Tue *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com


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- Jan 15 **Nordic Ski Tour: Shingle Creek (uintas) – mod+ – 16.0 mi Out & Back – 2400' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sun *Meet:* 7:45 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721
 Cross-country ski tour. The route offers challenging terrain up to the 10,062 saddle overlooking Erickson Basin. Generally, lighter weight backcountry touring gear (with scales or skins) is used, however skiers need to make their own gear choices. The choice of gear should be based on the individual's skill level matched to gear weight to ensure safe and efficient travel. Beacons and shovels required. Pre-trip stop at Kamas Coffee for drinks and gear check. The organizer plans to set a track on this route several days before the trip. Contact trip organizer if driving from Park City. Meet at 7:45 am for a prompt 8:00 am departure.
- Jan 17 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd**
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Walt Haas Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.
- Jan 17 **Snowshoe: Park City Environs Mod/msd**
 Tue *Meet:* 10:00 am at Disseminated via the snowshoe email list
Carpool: 9:15 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Vince Desimone 435-649-6805 vincedesimone@yahoo.com
 Vince will organize a Tuesday Group again this year. Meet at 10:00 AM every Tue and go to places in the Park City area where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation. For meeting location and last minute details, join the WMC snowshoe email list for automatic notices/updates for all Tuesday snowshoe trips throughout the winter. You will feel welcome and comfortable. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions/info. The club recommends that you wear a transceiver and know how to use it. Carpool from SLC from the Parley's Way Kmart parking lot at 9:15 am.
- Jan 21 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 lizandwill@msn.com
 Show and go skiing on a variety of MOD and MOD+ terrain. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. Must be comfortable with various snow and weather conditions. Duration 5-7 hours. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.
- Jan 24 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd**
 Tue *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com
 TUE SKI BACKCOUNTRY: Weekly MSD (strenuous) ski tours, usually in the Tri-canyons. 8 AM starts. Good conditioning, appropriate gear and avy skills are essential. Call or e-mail Walt Haas Monday by 5 P.M. for meeting place. Newbies should call or mail ahead to discuss trip requirements.

- Jan 27 **Sing-a-long Potluck “June In January” At Patti O’keefe’s Home**
 Fri *Meet:* 6:30 pm at 1724 Bunkerhill Road - Directions in description
Organizer: Patti O’Keefe or Fred Tripp 801 424-9215 or 435-649-4507 fredgtripp@gmail.com
 JAN 27 - FRI SOCIAL: “MAUI-WOWIE” SING-A-LONG & POTLUCK, definitely NTD. Need a break from the wintry blahs? Dig out your Hawaiian shirt and join the gang for a rousing night of song, socializing and general silliness! (Extra credit for wearing a coconut bra!!) Please bring something to share (entree, appetizer, salad, side vegetable or a dessert) with 4 to 6 others. BYOB. The fun starts at 6:30 PM and lasts until ??? We’ll have a Potluck dinner followed by singing - think folk music, campfire songs, joke songs, songs from Broadway musicals, etc. Acoustic instruments are welcome. Dust off the old vocal chords (and any musical instruments tucked away in your closet) and bring them to 1724 Bunker Hill Rd. (From Murray-Holladay Rd., turn south on King’s Row Drive which is 1660 E. Turn left on Bunker Hill Road, the 1st street on left, to 1724.) Hosted by Patti O’Keefe. Questions or need more encouragement?? Call Patti at 424-9215 or Fred Tripp at 435-649-4507 or email fredgtripp@gmail.com
- Jan 29 **Nordic Ski Tour: (uintas) – mod+**
 Sun *Meet:* 7:45 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721
 Organizer’s Choice.
- Jan 29 **Nordic Ski Tour: Learn To Cross Country Ski Clinic – ntd- – Slow pace**
 Sun *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Jennifer Jackson 435-503-0569 jensjackson@me.com
 Learn to cross country ski or just get some tips to improve your skiing. There will be a clinic on Jan 29th at 1:00-2:00 for classic skiing and 2:00 to 3:00 for skate skiing. This will be taught at the Olympic Venue of Soldier Hollow in Midway, Utah. There will be a \$5 fee for a trail pass and \$5 fee for rentals if needed. This is deeply discounted for WMC members. The class is taught by a certified ski instructor. Space limits so please call to pre-register by Jan 22nd.
- Jan 29 **Snowshoe: Organizer’s Choice – mod**
 Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Deirdre Flynn and Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com
 Deirdre and Mohamed will select a suitable destination for the weather and snow conditions today. Meet at 9am to find out where they’re going. Bring your 10E’s and avalanche safety gear.

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- Jan 31 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd**
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Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com
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- Feb 3 **Death Valley Mid-winter Road Bike Escape – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Fri – *Meet:* Registration required
 Feb 7 *Organizer:* Cheryl Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com
 Tue The Bob Wright Memorial Death Valley Bicycle and Camping Trip is a great mid-winter escape from the snow, to (sometimes) sunny warm Death Valley. We will reserve six campsites at Furnace Creek for 5 days and 4 nights. Daily bicycle rides include Bad Water, Scotty's Castle and Stovepipe Wells, with options for hiking as well. Trip size is limited to 24 participants, so if interested contact me ASAP and no later than Dec 10 for details on paying the reservation deposit or getting on the wait list. Contact me at the number listed, or my new SLC number is 801.623.2329
- Feb 4 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 lizandwill@msn.com
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- Feb 5 **Nordic Ski Tour (uintas) – mod+**
 Sun *Meet:* 7:45 am at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721
 Organizer's choice.
- Feb 18 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 lizandwill@msn.com
 Show and go skiing on a variety of MOD and MOD+ terrain. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. Must be comfortable with various snow and weather conditions. Duration 5-7 hours. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.

- Mar 3 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 lizandwill@msn.com
 Show and go skiing on a variety of MOD and MOD+ terrain. Exact location TBD. Beacons, shovels, probes, skins & tele or AT gear and knowledge of their use required. This is not a beginning tour. Must be comfortable with various snow and weather conditions. Duration 5-7 hours. Reasonable but steady pace. Maximum group size of 10.
- Mar 10 California Dreamin' Car Camp – mod**
 Sat – *Meet:* Registration required
 Mar 17 *Organizer:* Aaron Jones 801-467-3532 ajonesmvp@msn.com
 Sat Savor the beauty of Joshua Tree National Park and experience the wonderland of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Anza Borrego is a springtime dreamscape of palm trees, wildflowers, and waterfalls. The leader has one campsite for two tents reserved for 3/13-3/16. Any additional sites should be reserved immediately.
- Mar 17 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Will McCarvill 801-694-6958 lizandwill@msn.com
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- Mar 30 Nordic Ski Tour: Kings Peak – msd – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent**
 Fri – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
 Dec 31 *Organizer:* Larry Swanson 801-583-4043 oldswaney@gmail.com
 Wed Annual 32 mile round-trip ski tour to Kings Peak or the basin below meets Friday night at Parley's Way, J.B.'s (Evanston, WY), or the North Slope Winter Parking Area. Headlamp wake-up call at 4:00 am for 5:00 am start Saturday morning.
- Mar 31 Nordic Ski Tour: Kings Peak – msd – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Fast pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Parleys Way former Kmart lot - 2703 Parleys Way
Organizer: Larry Swanson 801 583-4043 oldswaney@gmail.com
 Annual ski tour to Kings Peak, Gunsight Pass, or Elkhorn Crossing in the basin below gets under way at 5:00 am from the North Slope winter parking area after a 4:00 am headlamp wake-up call. Meet at Parley's Way K Mart Lot, J.B.'s (Evanston, WY), or the winter parking area on Friday night, March 30th.

The Wasatch Mountain Club is a great place to meet new people interested in the outdoor activities that you enjoy. In addition to the many physical activities, the club also supports several social outings, picnics, potlucks, trip slideshows, live music, and of course, parties. Anyone can suggest a social event. The social committee would love to hear your suggestions and accept your participation. If you have a trip talk to present, just let us know.

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

Ski & Snowboard: Tune and Wax Basics, Thursday, December 1st, 7pm

We will focus on the basics of waxing, including base preparation, structure, major and minor repair, and stone grinding. Our expert technician will also explain different waxes. Registration recommended. If you register for any of our free in-store presentations, we will hold a seat for you until the scheduled start. If you do not arrive to claim your seat before this time, we will release it to the general public. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.rei.com/Sandy or call (801) 501-0850.

Snowshoe Basics, Thursday, December 8th, 7pm

We will focus on selecting appropriate gear and finding out where to go snowshoeing in your area. If you've ever thought about getting into snowshoeing, this is a great introduction to the sport! Register!

Avalanche Awareness - Know Before You Go, Tuesday, December 13th, 7pm

Multi-media talk includes an exciting 15-minute video on avalanche basics followed by a half-hour PowerPoint on how to stay alive in avalanche terrain. Presented by the staff of the Utah Avalanche Center. Ages 14 and older. <http://utahavalanchecenter.org/>

SALT LAKE - 3285 EAST & 3300 SOUTH

Snowshoes.com Get Going! Workshop, Thursday, December 1st, 7pm

Learn how to choose the right snowshoe, what to wear, how to plan your trip, and where to find trails and events near you. This workshop will teach you all the essential tools and tricks. Learn the basics of reading maps and tracking your adventures with trail mapping tools. All ages and experience levels welcome.

Ski & Snowboard: Tune and Wax Basics, Tuesday, December 6th, 7pm

We will focus on the basics of waxing, including base preparation, structure, major and minor repair, and stone grinding. Our expert technician will also explain different waxes.

Avalanche Awareness- Know Before You Go, Thursday, December 8th, 7pm

Multi-media talk includes an exciting 15-minute video on avalanche basics followed by a half-hour PowerPoint on how to stay alive in avalanche terrain. Presented by the staff of the Utah Avalanche Center. Ages 14 and older. <http://utahavalanchecenter.org/> Registration recommended. If you register for any of our free in-store presentations, we will hold a seat for you until the scheduled start. If you do not arrive to claim your seat before this time, we will release it to the general public. www.rei.com/saltlakecity or call 801-486-2100.

Hands-On Ski/Board Tune & Wax Class, Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00am-1:00 pm at REI Sandy

Learn basic tuning skills from our REI certified technician while working hands-on with your own skis or snowboard. Spend four hours with an REI shop tech working hands-on with your own skis or snowboard to learn the basics. We'll have all the tools, just bring a set of alpine skis or snowboard. Space is limited and pre-registration is required \$65 member / \$85 non-member. Class limited to 5 students. Must be 18 years or older to participate in this class. For more information or to register, visit www.rei.com/Sandy or call (801) 501-0850.

Hands-On Ski/Board Tune & Wax Class, Saturday, December 10th, 9:00am-1:00 pm at REI Salt Lake City

Same class as above. For more information or to register, visit www.rei.com/saltlakecity or call (801) 486-2100.

Hands-On Ski/Board Tune & Wax Class, Saturday, December 17th, 9:00am-1:00 pm at REI Sandy

Same class as above. For more information or to register, visit www.rei.com/Sandy or call (801) 501-0850.

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