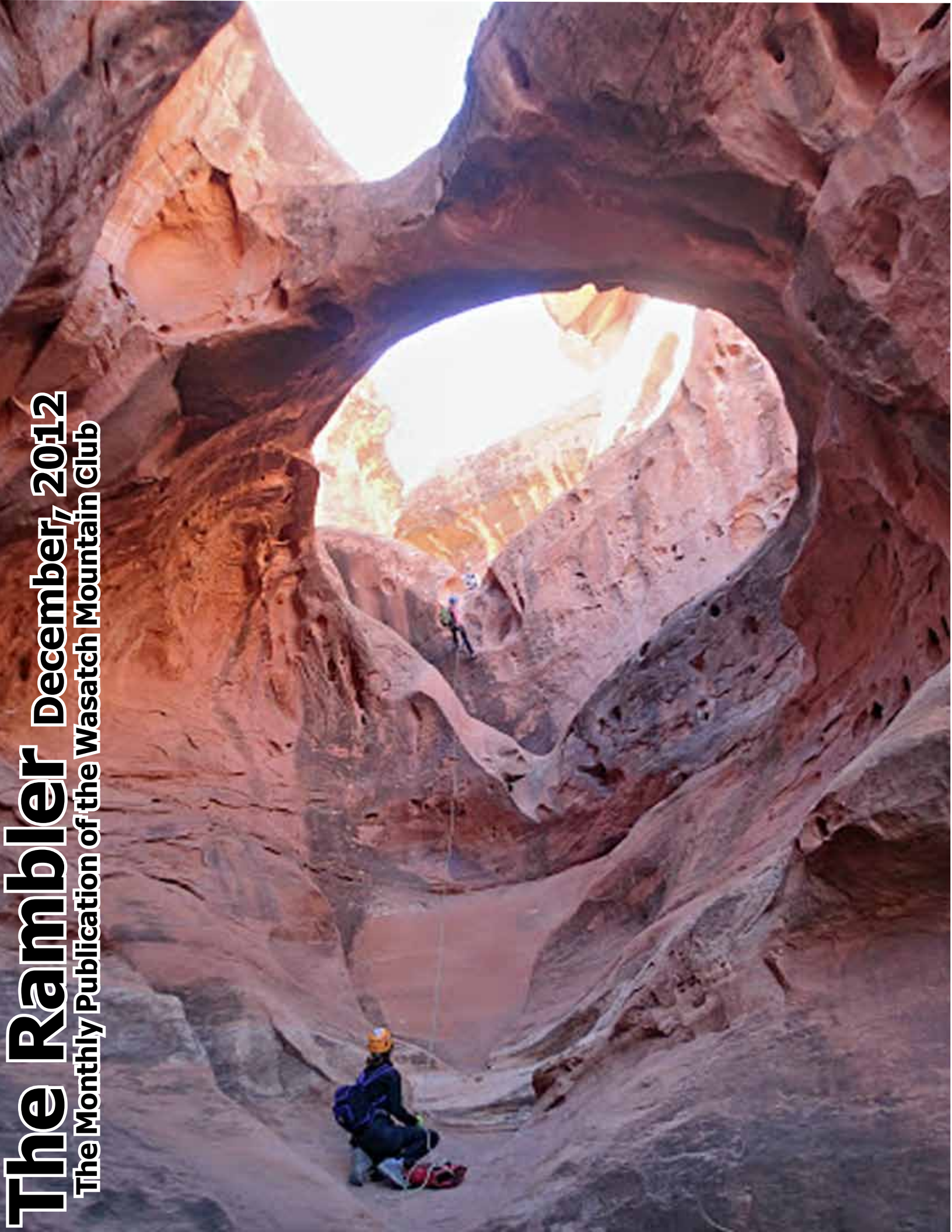


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FRONT COVER:

Rappelling through a 3-tiered 100' drop, through a natural arch, Hogwarts Canyon, North Wash. Zig Sondelski assisting at the top, Katie Slack on rappel, and Lori Flygare on fireman's belay

Rick Thompson's
North Wash Canyoneering 101
October 26-28, 2012

Photo by Bret Mathews

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Est. 1920

The Wasatch Mountain Club, formed in 1920, is an organization of outdoor enthusiasts who engage in recreational activities as well as social gatherings and conservation efforts.

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Angie Vincent, Chair

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Most of the current directors are willing to stay on, and the continuity is much appreciated. Contact the nominating committee listed above if you are interested in volunteering to serve on the WMC Board.

OPEN POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE:

Secretary

Treasurer (one co-director)

Info Tech (one co-director)

Membership

Public Relations

Trustee (need one)

ALSO, LOOKING FOR ANY INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

President

Conservation

If you want to nominate yourself for these or for any of the other positions, you are welcome to do so.

The elections for the 2013 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.

BECOME A WMC MEMBER

**You can join or renew online or download a membership or renewal application. Go to www.wasatchmountainclub.org
Questions? Email or call. We're happy to answer.**

VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS OF THE MOUNTAIN CLUB – THE LODGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

We will be removing snow from the roof of the lodge this winter using the methods we have developed the last few years using the snow blower for the majority of the work, but we need your help. We have been successful preserving the future of the lodge this last summer, now we need your help preventing the ravages of winter snow and all it brings.



We plan to work during the week and we need to hear from you. If you can help, give me a call and we can arrange times to do the work. You can reach me, Robert Myers, at robertmyers47@gmail.com or phone (H)801-466-3292 or (C)801-651-9965.

WMC MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE LODGE

By Robert Myers

As the President of the WMC Foundation, I would like to offer a whole hearted thank you for all the support and generous donations we have received this year, which have enabled us in continuing the survival and preservation of this historical lodge building. A building that was built by Club members as a center for energizing skiing and outdoor activities in upper Big Cottonwood Canyon. To this day, it remains an important resource which is available to the general public for vacations, weekends, family reunions, business meetings and conservation organizations. The historic structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Building as one of the few structures from the early 1930's that still stands. It is our hope that this structure will be available for the next generation, but only if we make the effort to preserve it, as our Club founders would have wished us to do.

We hope that you will continue your support and help us with the effort to raise the funds and provide healthy drinking water for all the users of this historic building. We hope that you will help us with funding this venture, which is important in expanding and finding more users which support the expenditures of the structure. We can only improve the use of the building, if we are able to improve the quality of the experience and we must have potable water which meets local health standards.

We could not have continued our effort without your support. You have enabled us to pay the expenses for this year, which we did not cover in rental incomes. Your donations have enabled us to begin the planning for clean water. The improved water treatment system will represent an important beginning for our transition. The \$20,000 we received in donations in the year to date has been very helpful.

As we trend towards the end of the year, think about us, as you round out whom you can afford to give to before we end the period. We can only succeed with preserving the lodge, if we have your continued support. To us this means saving an inheritance, the building, which can only be preserved and used by the future mountaineers of this valley, if we support it now.



Kathy Craig: THANK YOU Adopt-a-Highway volunteers for showing up and making the fall clean-up a huge success on October 27, 2012! We had 16 people show up: Brett Smith, Bruce Christenson, Steve Duncan, Donnie Benson, Randy Long, Deirdre Flynn, Elliott Mott, Don Vincent, Angie Vincent, Karen Perkins, Kyle Williams, Cassie Badowsky, Stephen Carr, Dave Andrenyak, Will McCarvill and Kathy Craig.





Vince and Linda DeSimone



Steve Duncan with horns



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potluck
poison





Tony Hellman

**Craig Anderson
(our host)**



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DECEASED MEMBERS BY JOHN VERANTH, PRESIDENT, WMC

Two long time club members recently passed away, Mike Treshow and Caine Alder.

I really never knew Caine very well, but every time I take the 4WD road into the Maze I think of him. On my first trip in we came to a spot where Mel Davis said, "Watch out ahead, that's where Caine Alder rolled his jeep." Fortunately, that day the road was in somewhat better shape and we got past Caine's rollover spot without any problems. Caine was an incredible hiker and is reported to have climbed Broads Fork Twin peaks over 100 times.

I knew Mike Treshow in three different contexts: as WMC President, as an expert on local wildflowers, and as a biologist with expertise in plant damage from air pollution. Mike was president when I first became active with WMC governance and to this day I consider him a superb role model for how the WMC President should carry out the club's business. I am sure the tradition precedes Mike, but it was from him that I learned the effectiveness of calling on each WMC board member for a brief oral report as part of the monthly meeting. I also remember his patiently helping Jean with the Rambler when she was editor and dealing with early technology for electronic page layout.

Mike Treshow lead legendary wildflower hikes and was enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge. He not only identified plants, but also would discuss their ecological role and impacts. He published an "academic" plants book, but his general audience "Wildflowers of the Wasatch" was never finished. I have a photocopy of the manuscript that he loaned me when I was writing my hiking guidebook.

Both Caine and Mike will be missed.



Former WMC member Caine Alder passed away October 7, 2012 at the age of 79. Caine wrote his own obituary and said in part: "Early on I learned my love of the mountains, and even though I climbed many peaks in other states, my heart has always been here in the Wasatch Mountains. How lucky for me that I was born right here at the foot of these exceptionally colorful and contrasting peaks."

(Submitted by the Editor)

JEAN FRANCES: Mike and I met on; you guessed it, a Wasatch Mountain Club hike. It was early in June, the evening warm, the group intrepid, and me - a medium type hiker from the East Coast. Huffing and puffing trying to keep up with the pack, I finally arrived at the top where, of course, almost all the other hikers were, RESTING and WAITING...for the snail types like me.

I don't remember how much longer the group hung around before heading down, but shortly after the group dispersed, I heard a voice describing the flora coming from off the trail. Inquisitive, I ventured into the bushes and found a few hikers looking at some of the plants, and asking the man in the floppy hat and with all the answers, questions. I joined the group, asked his name, and quickly forgot how to pronounce it and couldn't repeat even if my soul depended upon saying it.

While waiting for our rides to show up for us, the flora expert and I stood around and got better acquainted. I still didn't know how to say his name. All I could remember about it was that it began with a T. Little did I know that I'd live with his name attached to mine for a short twenty years, one month and six days?

Mike was as wonderful a husband as he was an expert about the flora of this area and air pollution. REALLY TERRIFIC! Mike was genuine, quiet spoken, kind, witty, a teacher, a researcher, a man ahead of his time about climate change, a man who enjoyed the company of women, a man slow to anger, a man loyal and true to those he loved and the things he loved most were his wife, his family and two extended families, hiking, skiing, tennis, traveling, photography, dancing, and the Wasatch Mountain Club. I am not the only one who will feel the loss of a good friend, a lover of the outdoors, a respected colleague, a hiking buddy, and an easy-going kind of a guy.

PHYLLIS ANDERSON: MY FRIEND MIKE TRESHOW. I met Mike in the late 1960's, and although our paths did not cross often, I always considered him a valued friend. He was soft spoken, easy going with a ready laugh, and he enjoyed talking about his children, both his own and his stepchildren, with whom he remained close. Mike endured the loss of a young daughter and an adult son - a pain difficult for me to fathom -- but he always retained his positive outlook.

My fondest memories of Mike were when he first met Jean Francis, whom he subsequently married (now 20 years ago!). He was so smitten and oblivious on hikes that the rest of us could only laugh at him. During this time, Mike and I rode together and shared a camp on one of Michael Budig's many exploratory backpacks into the Wind Rivers. Talk about an absent-minded professor! His stove didn't work, his water filter failed, etc., etc. His mind was obviously in a different place ☺ On the ride home, Mike darted off the highway at the first sign of civilization in order to find a phone to call Jean -- an act he repeated many more times before we finally arrived in SLC. (Where were cell phones when we needed them?) Of course I teased him about it mercilessly, but I was very happy for him.

On July 4, 2011, the WMCF board members joined with the Brighton Community to sponsor their holiday breakfast. My assistant to sell tickets did not show up, so Mike jumped right in without hesitation, something he was always willing to do if he could help. I last saw Mike the end of August this year when we went to lunch. I noted the healing abrasions on his head and he explained that he had fallen in his driveway a month earlier. He was spry and engaging as always. How could anyone know that an elusive blood clot was developing, and that it would end his life prematurely?

I am grateful to have known Mike, and I will miss him.

MICHAEL BUDIG: Michael Treshow was the president of the Wasatch Mountain Club when I became a member in 1980. I always considered him a good friend and somewhat of a mentor and enjoyed his contribution to the club of the book "Onward and Upward."

He was calm, brilliant and self-deprecating and I always enjoyed talking to him. I remember in particular a Wind Rivers backpack that he came on where we both set up tents in areas suitable for ducks in the event of a rainstorm. Sure enough, the storm came overnight - and he chuckled about how he should have recognized from the vegetation that we were camped in unsuitable terrain.

Michael had a very gentle spirit. The Mountain Club benefitted greatly from his involvement. He will be greatly missed.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL TRESHOW, VI
July 14, 1926 - October 16, 2012
A Life Well Lived



**Mike, VI and
son Mike VII**



Mike and Jean enjoying a hike in California



Mike and Jean in California



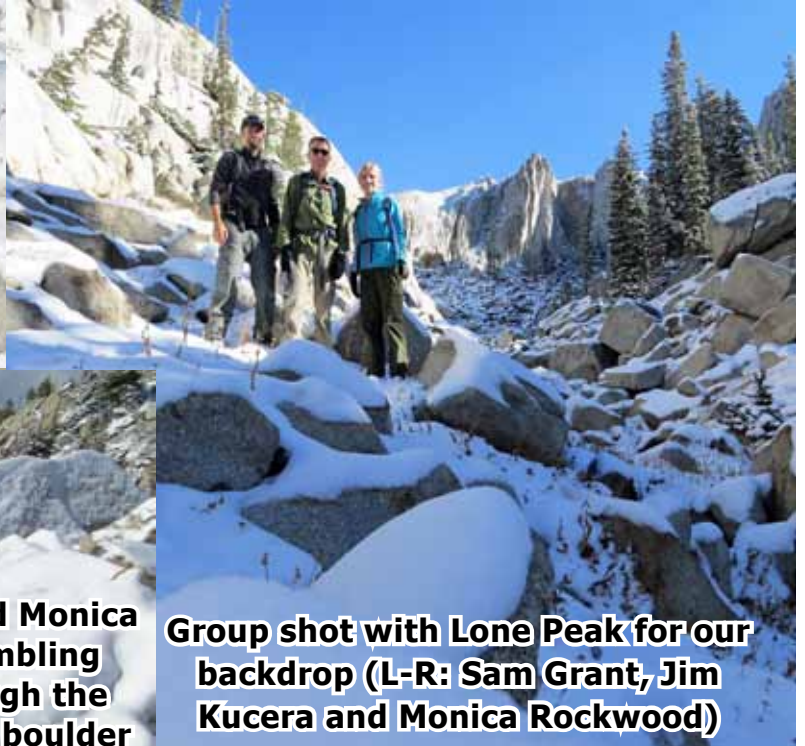
Phyllis Anderson and Mike



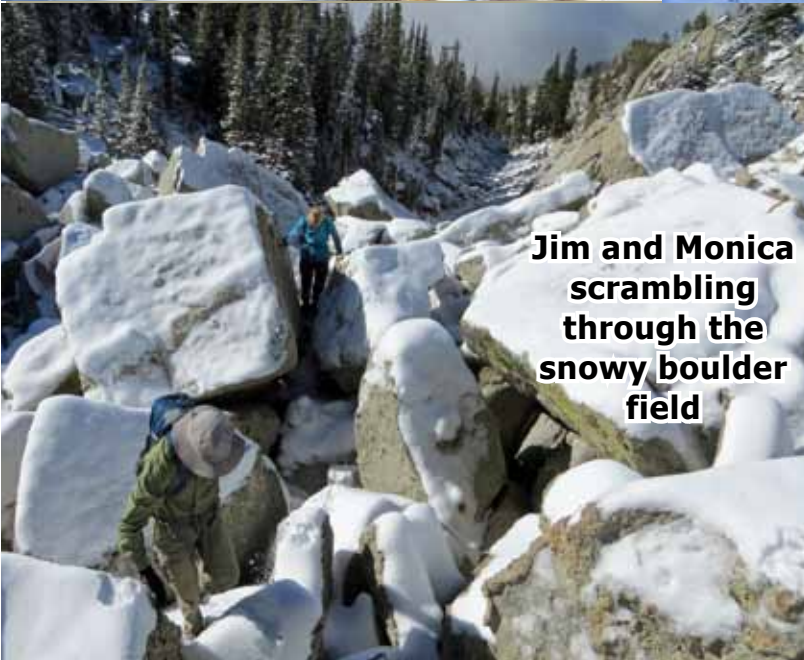
Sam Grant's **LONE PEAK HIKE**



Jim and Monica working their way through the snowy cirque



Group shot with Lone Peak for our backdrop (L-R: Sam Grant, Jim Kucera and Monica Rockwood)

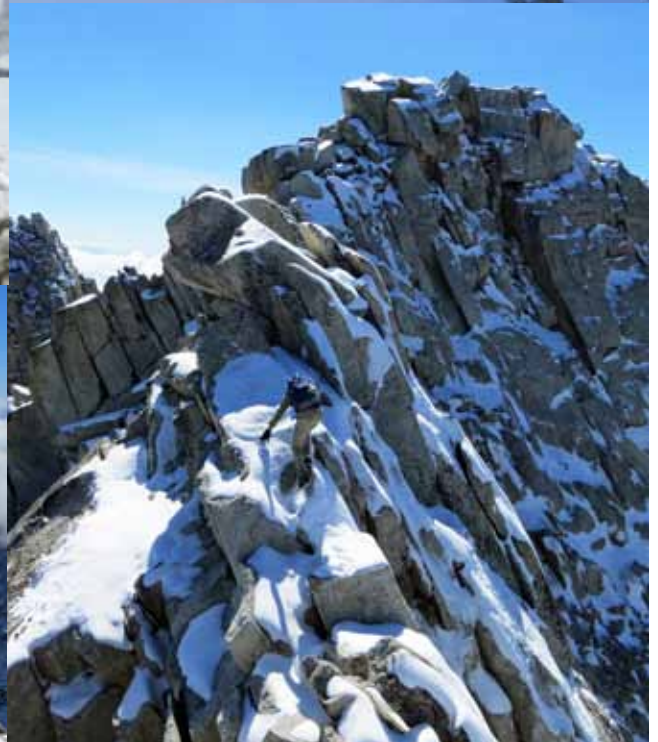


Jim and Monica scrambling through the snowy boulder field

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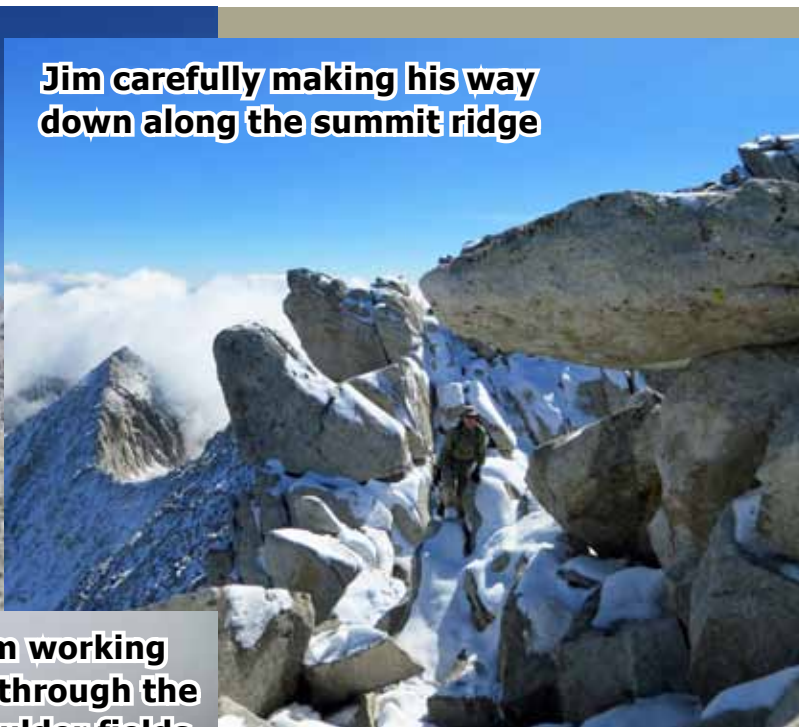
Jim just a few feet from the summit, with the Alpine Ridge behind him



Jim approaching the summit under some slick conditions on the summit ridge



**Sam (R) and Jim (L)
on the summit**

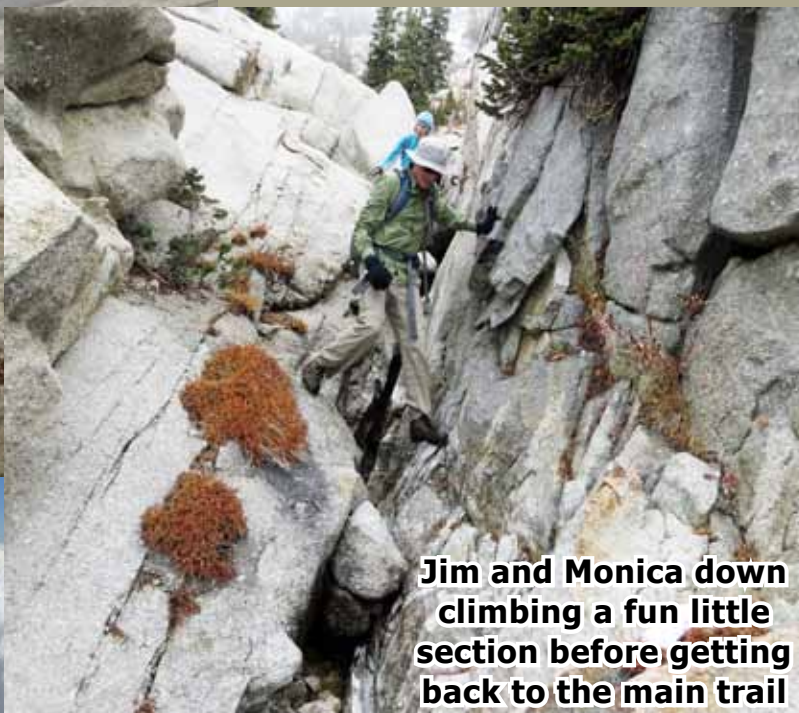


**Jim carefully making his way
down along the summit ridge**



**Monica and Jim working
their way down through the
fog and slick boulder fields**

Photos by Sam Grant and Jim Kucera

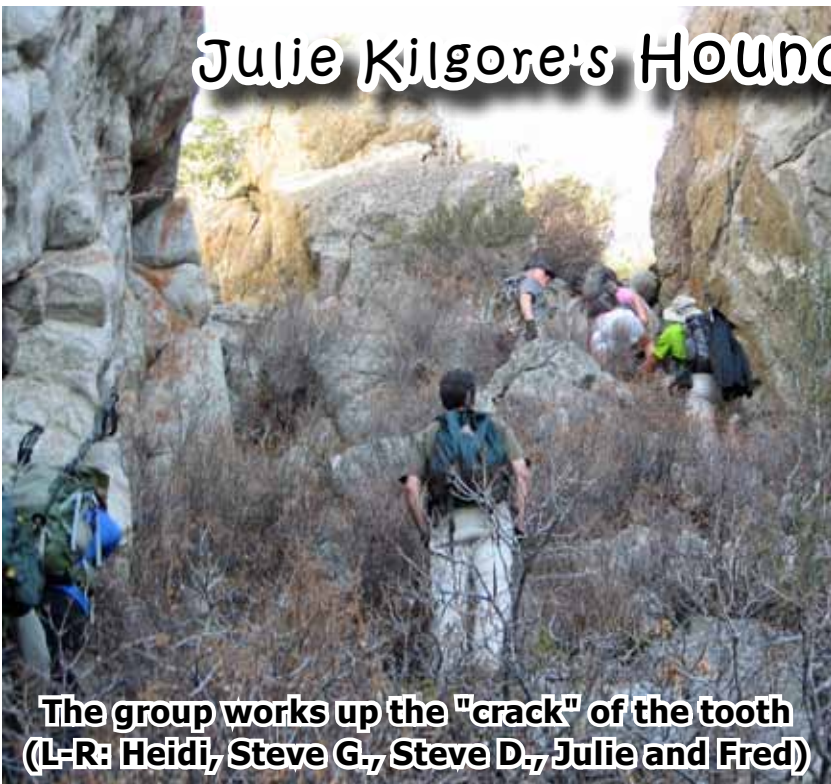


**Jim and Monica down
climbing a fun little
section before getting
back to the main trail**

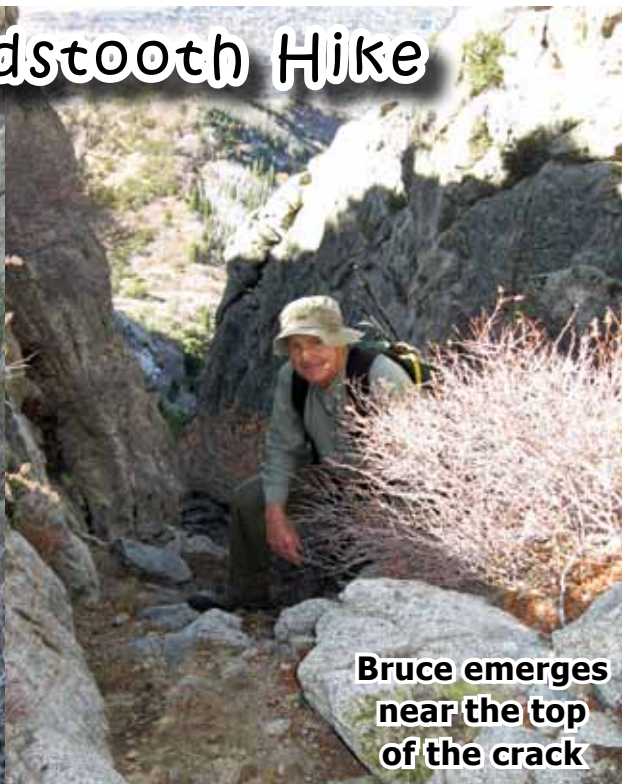


**Looking generally South
from the summit. Lone
Peak false summit in
the foreground and Box
Elder Peak and Mt.
Timpanogos poking
though the clouds.**

Julie Kilgore's Houndstooth Hike



The group works up the "crack" of the tooth
(L-R: Heidi, Steve G., Steve D., Julie and Fred)



Bruce emerges
near the top
of the crack

November 3, 2012

Julie: Houndstooth is one of those hikes that you really like or really really dislike. I think it's a blast because it's such a prominent feature, few people do it, and it's even more fun now that we've found the secret "crack" in the tooth that takes us to the top.

Julie and CC on top
of Houndstooth



On top of the Tooth
(Steve D., Fred,
Heidi, Steve G.,
Julie and Bruce)

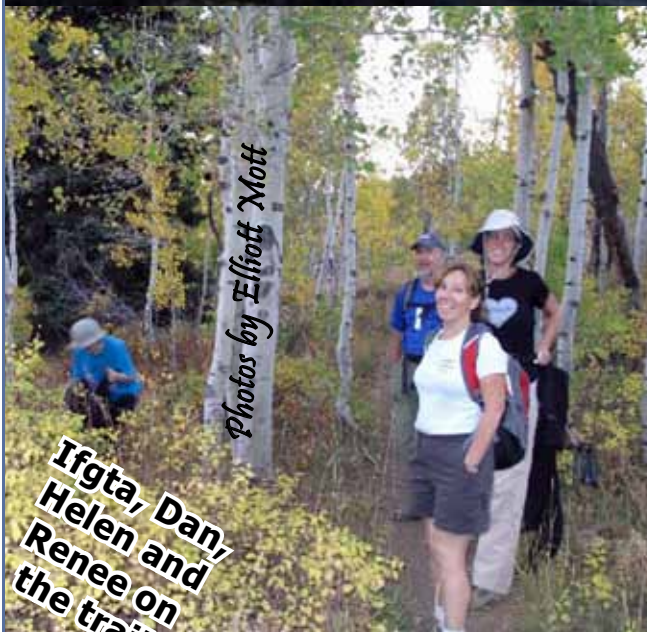


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ELLIOTT MOTT'S FULL MOON HIKE

The moon rising

The group at Big Mountain Trailhead
(L-R: Dan, Renee, Helen and Ifgta)



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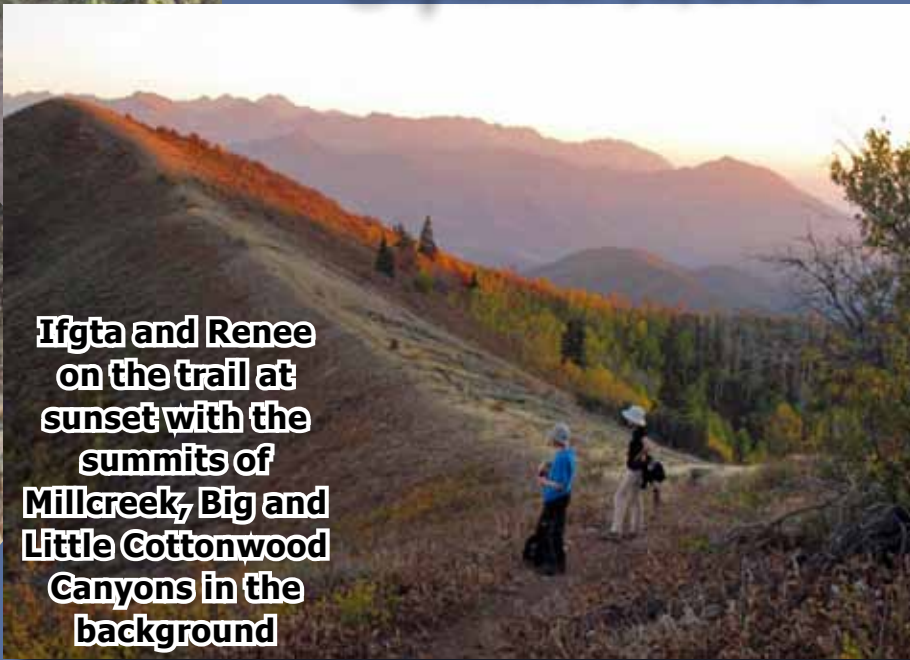
Ifgta, Dan,
Helen and
Renee on
the trail



September 30, 2012



Our celebratory pumpkin



Ifgta and Renee
on the trail at
sunset with the
summits of
Millcreek, Big and
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**L-R: Frank, Carol, Marian and Bunny
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**L-R: Deirdre, Jennifer
and Kelly in Farmington**



**L-R: Cindy, Marcy and Chris
spinning through Sugarhouse**

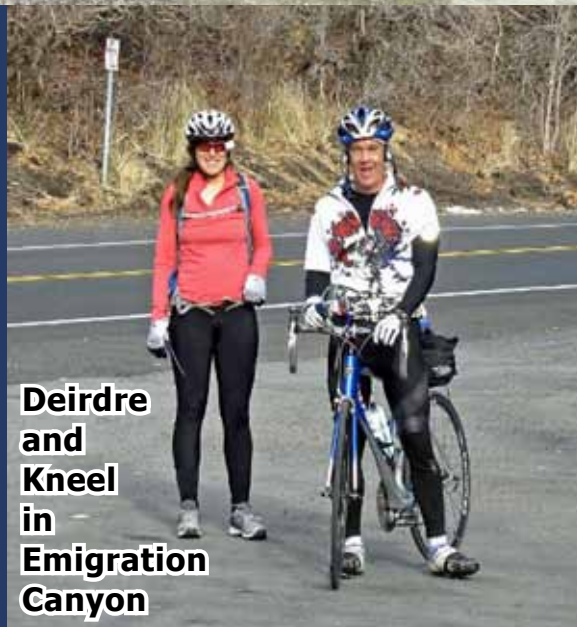


**L-R: Kneel, Marcy, Deirdre,
Cindy and Chris at Little
Mountain**



**Deirdre in
Huntsville**

Elliott Mott's October Bike Rides



**Deirdre
and Kneel
in
Emigration
Canyon**

10/20/12

Anna Cordes Almost 60 Farmington to Ogden Road Ride

*Photos by
Anna Cordes*

**Team Screaming
Yellow rides
almost 60 miles
from Farmington
to Ogden
(L-R: Anna
Cordes, Lin
Cheong and
Chris Karcher)**

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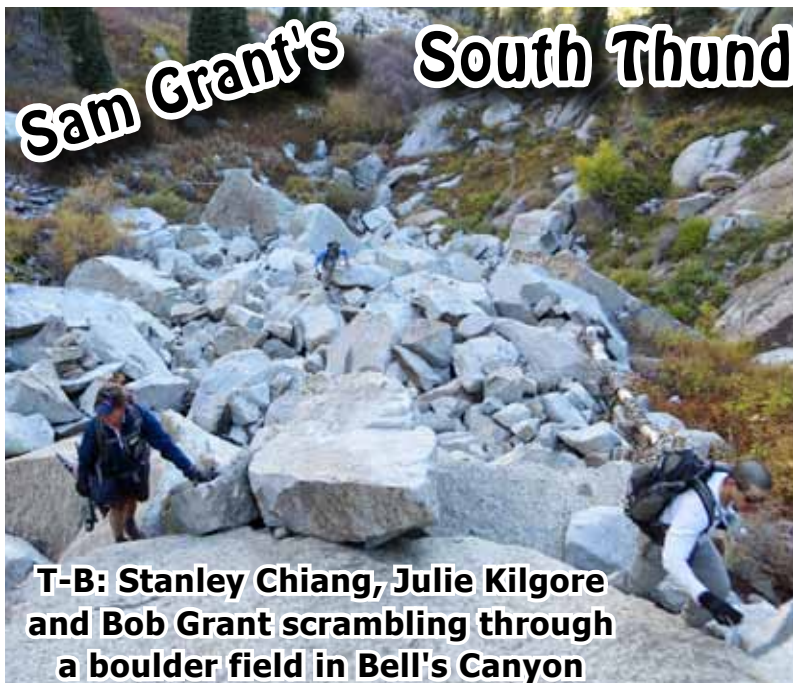
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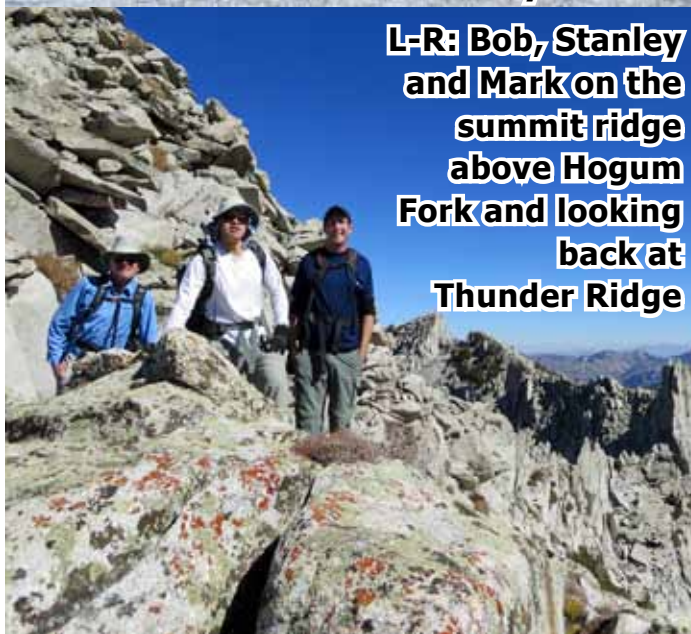
Sam Grant's South Thunder Mountain Hike



T-B: Stanley Chiang, Julie Kilgore and Bob Grant scrambling through a boulder field in Bell's Canyon



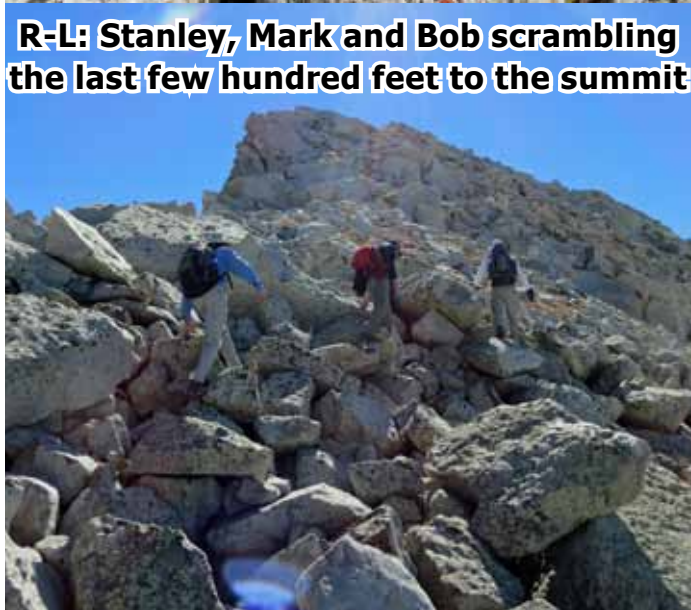
T-B: Mark Nepermann, Stanley and Bob scrambling above Upper Bell's Reservoir



L-R: Bob, Stanley and Mark on the summit ridge above Hogum Fork and looking back at Thunder Ridge



L-R: Stanley, Bob and Mark gathered around just below the summit of South Thunder Mountain



R-L: Stanley, Mark and Bob scrambling the last few hundred feet to the summit



**Group photo on the summit (Front - Sam, Back - L to R: Mark, Bob, and Stanley)
Lone Peak in the background**

Photos by Sam Grant

MICHAEL BUDIG'S YELLOWSTONE BACKPACK

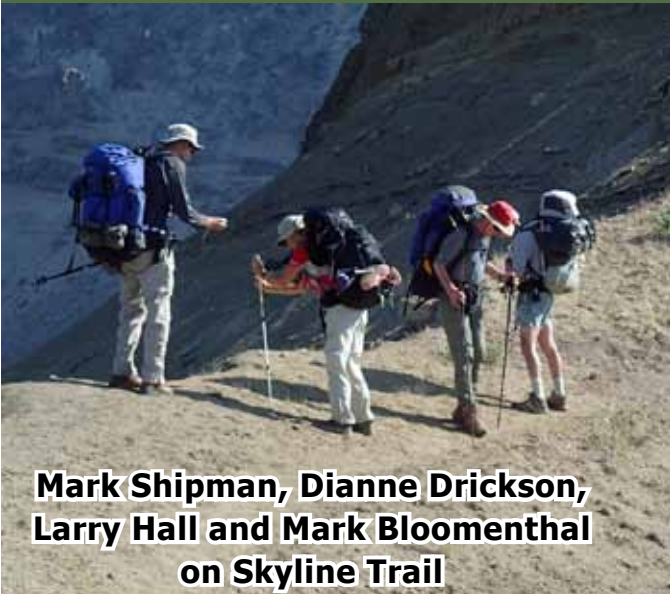
September 14-18, 2012

The thirtieth or so edition of my September Yellowstone backpack began in a rather remote area in the far northwestern section of the Park and included some difficult and rarely travelled terrain. After a delay getting the permit due to staffing shortages in West Yellowstone, I totally reversed the order of the backpack to accommodate the late start. So we started the 5-day, 32-mile backpack by hiking 6 miles up Daley Creek. The second day required a 10-mile trek following a high ridge on the Skyline Trail - with a lot of up and down and great views in all directions, marred somewhat by smoke.

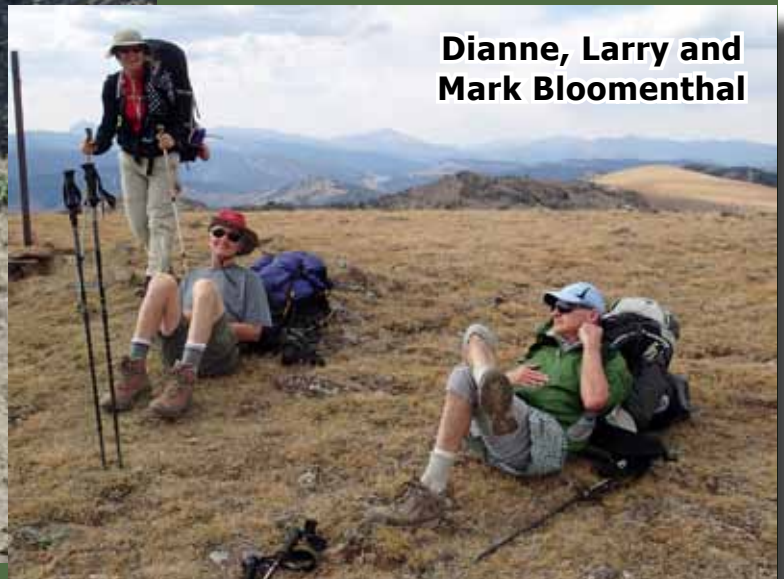
On day four, we moved only about 4 miles to the very scenic Crescent Lake, where I had camped about 24 years previously. This was followed by another easy day of about 5 miles to High Lake and finally a 10-mile hike out to the Specimen Creek Trailhead, a short shuttle and return to home.

We enjoyed campfires on a couple of cool nights and overall had great weather, despite the smoky air clouding the whole west.

Trip participants Dianne Dedrickson, Mark Bloomenthal, Mark Shipman and Larry Hall helped make the trip a pleasure and a fun cooperative adventure.



**Mark Shipman, Dianne Drickson,
Larry Hall and Mark Bloomenthal
on Skyline Trail**



**Dianne, Larry and
Mark Bloomenthal**

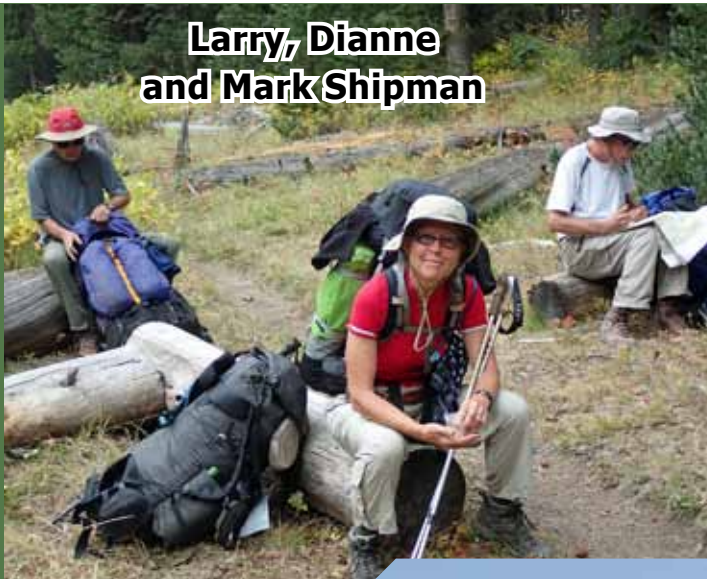


**Larry and Dianne
hiking on the edge**



Shelf Lake

**Larry, Dianne
and Mark Shipman**



**Michael, Larry, Mark Shipman
and Mark Bloomenthal**



**Michael Budig
and
Dianne Dedrickson**

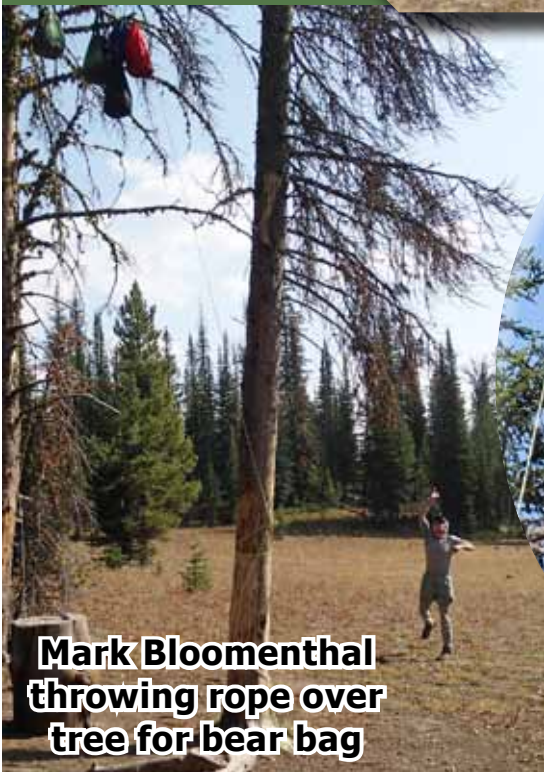


*Photos by
Michael Budig*

**Larry throwing
rope for bear
bag**



**Mark Bloomenthal
throwing rope over
tree for bear bag**



Bear-proof protection

Robert: We started at the zoo and rode up Emigration canyon, over Big Mountain Pass and down to East Canyon Resort, enjoying brisk temperatures and gorgeous fall colors along the way. Here we are taking a break at the resort (L-R: Robert, Ron, Marcy, Angie, Vince, Karl and Diane). Then we rode around the East Canyon Reservoir past the dam, down East Canyon to Morgan Valley and on to Mountain Green where we picked up I-84 to get us to the mouth of Weber canyon. Then we rode through Uintah, South Weber, and Riverdale and on to the Ogden Frontrunner station. We took Frontrunner to get back to Salt Lake, and then rode the last 6 miles back to the zoo and our cars. Great ride, great company! We were all high from the ride for hours afterward.



*Photos by
Robert Turner*

Robert Turner's Crazy 75-Mile Frontrunner Bike Ride



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Dave Rabiger's **Neffs Cave Hike**

**Mark at
Neffs Cave
three years ago**

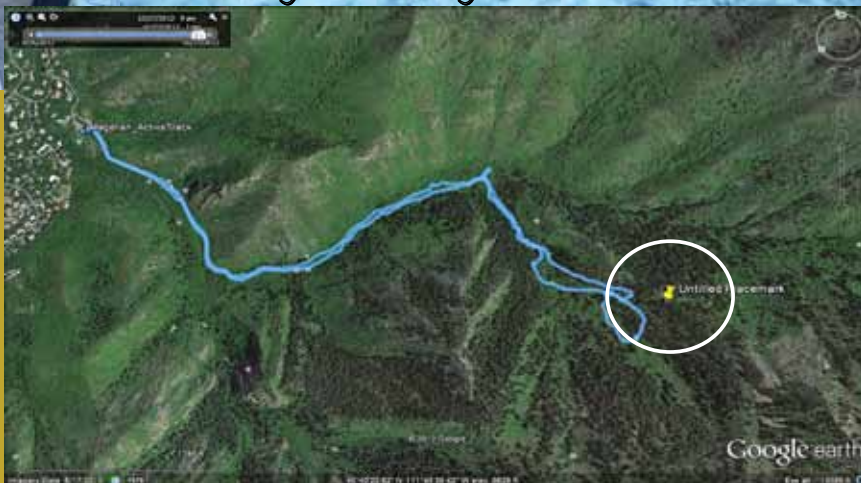
Dave: Neffs Cave is a very deep (1,200'), steep, and dangerous cave with access restricted by a locked gate controlled by the Forest Service. WMC members had a significant roll in the early exploration of this cave in the early 1950s. You can read the history on line at Caves.org. Hiking to the cave entrance is still a interesting adventure. The route is a rough scramble up a dry creek bed if weather permits.

Fred Schubert, Stanley Chiang, Mark Shipman, Akiko Kamimura, and Michael Dixon (kneeling). The route was snow covered and we got off route and did not find the cave.

Photos by Dave Rabiger

October 27, 2012

Akiko: We were very close to the cave. The yellow pin on the GPS track shows the location of the cave.



Rick Thompson's North Wash Canyoneering 101

October 26-28, 2012

Canyoneering Paradise by Lori Flygare

Twenty feet above the deck, my back pushed tight against the sandstone, my legs pressed hard against the facing wall, I begin making promises with God that I know I can't keep. Below me lies a pothole filled with water. I don't know how deep it is, but I do know it won't save me if I fall because the pothole is surrounded by an unforgiving rocky floor and the walls I'm currently braced against that are too close together to not be injured if I slip.

I'm braced next to Rick Thompson waiting for my next move. Every inch of my body is sweating with fear. My stomach is clenched tight and my breath is ragged, but I keep telling myself that Rick knows what he's doing and if I follow his instructions, I'll survive the moves I need to make to get over to the next ledge. Place your foot exactly where I place mine he tells me. And don't look down. You can do this. Funny thing is . . . I actually believed him. Welcome to Canyoneering 101.

Rick is a great guy, willing to put up with and take scared novices like myself into the North Wash, a heavenly place hidden from the civilized world about 30 miles outside of Hanksville. A world of unearthly beauty embedded with red, pink and orange glowing sandstone smoothed and sculpted by flowing water over eons of time until the sandstone has become a monument to perfection - a celestial playground of slot canyons luring the adventurous into its ethereal beauty.

We arrive on a bitter cold Thursday night, prepared to spend the next three days exploring six different slot canyons. The six of us--Rick, Bret, Katie, Barbara, Zig and I--quickly set up our tents and store our gear in preparation for the morning adventure into our first canyon. Happily, everybody but Katie and I in this group are all experienced or expert in the art of canyoneering. The other novices will be arriving Friday late, so for now I have the opportunity to explore two slot canyons with a group of confident, capable friends that I hope intend on keeping me alive.

As night settles, a beautiful full moon arises and lights up the surrounding hillsides in a soft glow, making shadows seem less harsh and the wilderness more inviting. Rick, Bret, and I decide to explore the surrounding area in the moonlight and seek shelter from the bitter wind on the leeward side of a hill. It's great to find they're also night owls so I won't have to spend my sleepless nights alone. We talk and hike over to the mouth of the infamous Sandthrax Canyon until late so that I only have to spend a short time shivering in my sleeping bag.

The morning dawns sunny and warmer, for which I'm eternally grateful, and as we prepare to head out, the experienced canyoneer's take note of the novice and laugh at, or take pity on me. I prepared well for this weekend by gearing up at D.I. and buying throwaway jeans and shirts and an itchy backpack that could only be classified as a purple beer cooler. Rick laughs at my gear, of course, but Bret shows mercy and lets me borrow his gray sweatshirt because my shirts are too thin and my skin will shred against the ragged sandstone as we downclimb and shimmy our way through the canyon.

Over the course of the next few days, I will come to know these awesome adventurers and appreciate their words of encouragement and many kindnesses towards me; Barbara's skin-saving sweatshirt, Zig's extra pair of sunglasses, Katie's oatmeal, Bret's sleeping bag, shirt, tea, bowls, spoons, bacon, etc. (sorry Bret), and Rick's equipment, food, and expertise.

Soon we're hiking toward Hogwarts, our first canyon of the day. The morning sunlight reflects off the canyon walls creating reddish hues from the sandstone, contrasted by the deep green of Juniper trees, surrounded by the yellow and orange fall leaves on the deciduous trees. I'm awed by the beauty and feel lucky to be here.

We come to the edge of a high cliff and rope up to begin our descent into Hogwarts. It's a world like none other. A whole new sphere of cliffs and downslides and slots with steep, high walls that appear to move like giant pink waves ascending far into the heavens. There are seven rappels up to 90 feet and I experience my first free rappel off an overhang. Like everything else in a slot canyon, it's terrifying, but exhilarating.

I survive my first slot canyon and we dash back to camp and wolf down some lunch. Barbara notes that Bret's gray sweatshirt is somewhat big on me and kindly offers me her heavy-duty *James Dean 1953* sweatshirt (a really cool D.I. find) and helps me tape up the elbows and shoulders where I will definitely be taking off skin in this second canyon

- Right Shillelagh. The narrows in this canyon are tight and twisting and sure to tear up clothing and skin if one's not prepared. Further in is a two-stage rappel beginning with a 60-foot drop onto a ledge followed by a 100-foot drop to the canyon floor. By the time we exit this canyon, dusk has arrived and we head back to camp hungry, tired, unskinned (thanks to Barbara), and enlivened by the thrill of success.

The others are arriving when we get back to camp and it's telling to see the deep friendship between many of them, built on the high-energy adventures they've experienced together. Fortunately, the night owls stay up with me again and the night is definitely warmer because we build a fire (what happened the first night?), and thanks to Bret who lends me one of his *three* sleeping bags that he brought to keep himself warm in, and I stuff it inside my other bag and spend a much balmier night. The oxymoron to all of my shivering is that I managed to burn my lips and nose in the cool sunlight of the first day. We are in a desert, after all.

The next morning is clear and warmer, and the camp is filled with nervous excitement from all the newbie's. Even though I've now experienced two canyons, I feel my hands grow clammy and sweaty and my breathing speed up as I anticipate the day ahead. There are 17 of us now, so we split into two groups and head for the first canyon; Right Leprechaun, a tight, slot canyon filled with challenging twists and turns and downclimbs. Rick, Zig, Bret and Greg (another expert canyoneer) spend their time teaching us how to place our hands, feet, elbows and knees to slow us as we move carefully down the walls. They're great teachers and patient instructors, and I can't help but think again how lucky I am to be here to learn from these guys.

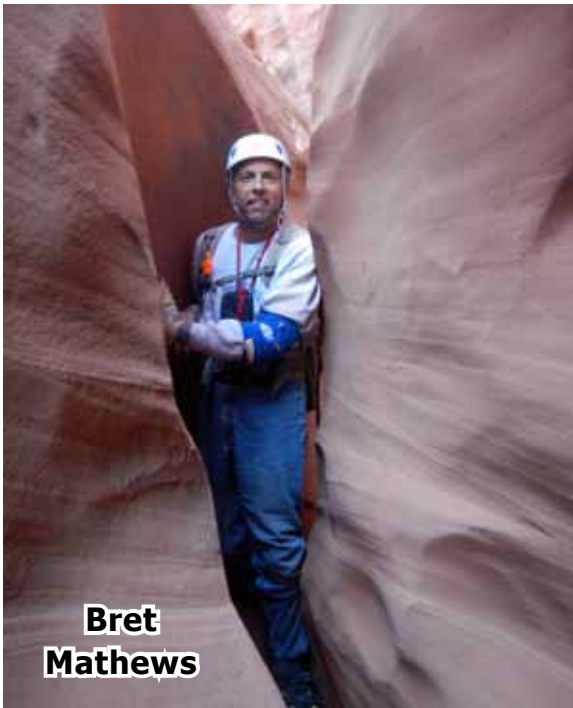
When we finally emerge from Right Leprechaun we eat a speedy lunch and head for a short, quick adventure into Lucky Charms. A beautiful slot canyon full of tight twisting narrows to climb up, over, or squeeze around. When we surface, dusk is on us again and we are ready to relax around a fire and eat the awesome chicken/rice dinner Rick has kindly prepared for us. We sit around the campfire feeling full and satisfied as Rick reads us stories of other canyoneer's' death defying experiences while our muscles slowly unwind from the physical pounding we took during the day.

Sunday morning – last day! Where did the past two days go? Two more canyons and then we have to go home. Even though I'm grungy, sticky from sweat, and have bloody knees and elbows (next time I'll wear pads), I wish I could pull an Einstein space-time continuum and alter the fabric of time to make this day last.

Today we do the "slider" canyons - right and left Blarneys - meaning lots of steep downclimbs that you mostly slide on your butt using rubber-gloved hands and feet and elbows to slow your decent. We gear up and hike over to right Blarney and begin the descent with a 45-foot rappel. It's mostly doable and I'm gaining confidence in my abilities until midway through the canyon, Rick begins to chuckle and calls me over to look at something. I know that evil laugh doesn't bode well for me. It's the Human Elevator he tells me. I stop and gasp as I look down into a hole that looks to be about 100 feet straight down to a rocky death and Rick announces that we will be down climbing it unroped! He burrows into the opening and begins instructing us how and where to place our hands and feet as he works his way effortlessly to the bottom. My first thought are "you've got to be kidding!" followed quickly by the thought "HELL NO! I'M NOT FREE CLIMBING THAT!!!" Luckily, Zig and Barbara see my shock-white face and wild eyes and call down to Rick that they're going to top-rope me. My terror is catching because several more of the newbie's announce they want to be top-roped too. When I get to the bottom and look up at the wall, I can see that it really is only about 20-feet high and actually has some great spots for down climbing. When I look at Rick I see only disappointment. You should have trusted me he says. I know he's right, the last thing he wants is to have someone be hurt, the risks he takes are very minimal and calculated to help us gain skill and confidence. As we exit the canyon I promise myself I won't freak again. Little did I know.....?

After a quick lunch, we hike back up and rappel into left Blarney and almost immediately encounter the Rabbit Hole--a long, dark, steep hole we will slide down while hopefully controlling our descent enough to land without breaking anything--I can feel the panic coming on, especially when Rick calls me over to look down the steep cliff where the Rabbit Hole enters, but I'm determined not to give into my fear and I slide in and discover to my great relief that it's not as treacherous or difficult as I thought. After that my confidence is restored, we twist, climb and slide the rest of the way through the canyon until we reach the last 45-foot rappel through a skinny slot and off a short overhang. And I'm amazed to watch both Rick and Zig free climb the drop and make it look effortless. As we exit the canyon I take a last look back at the beautiful sandstone walls twisting and flowing their way up to heaven. Paradise.

Canyoneering is a combination of many things; exhilarating, terrifying, physically demanding and abusive, but it's also stunningly beautiful to the eyes and calming to the soul. As we pack up camp and head for home, I can't help but think *it doesn't get any better than this*. And I know I'm hooked. I will be back for more.



Bret Mathews

Andrea Santurro on a difficult down climb. Greg Cornelius assisting from below and Bret Mathews from above. ➔



Jen Chan and Lori Flygare walking the wall

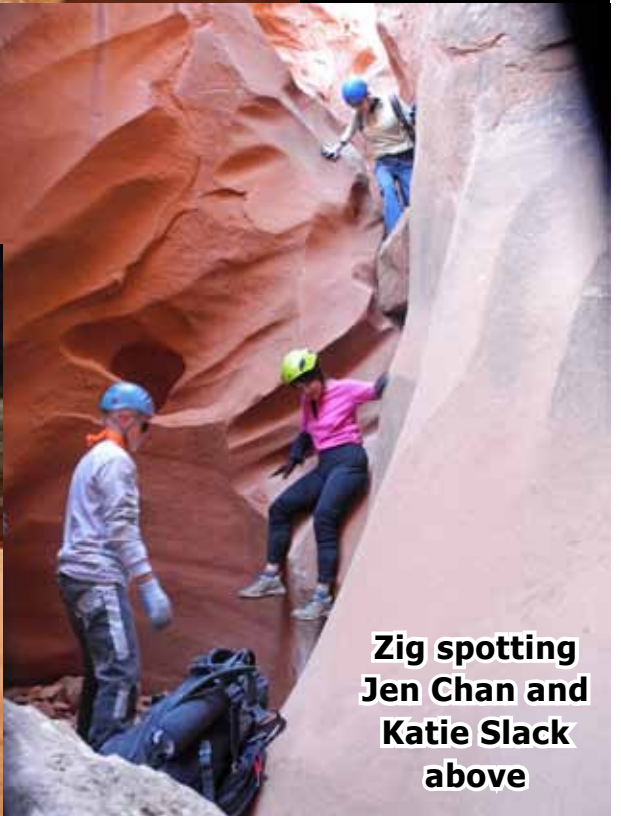


Jennifer Chan rappelling into the start of a canyon ➔

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June Wang
and Katie Slack*



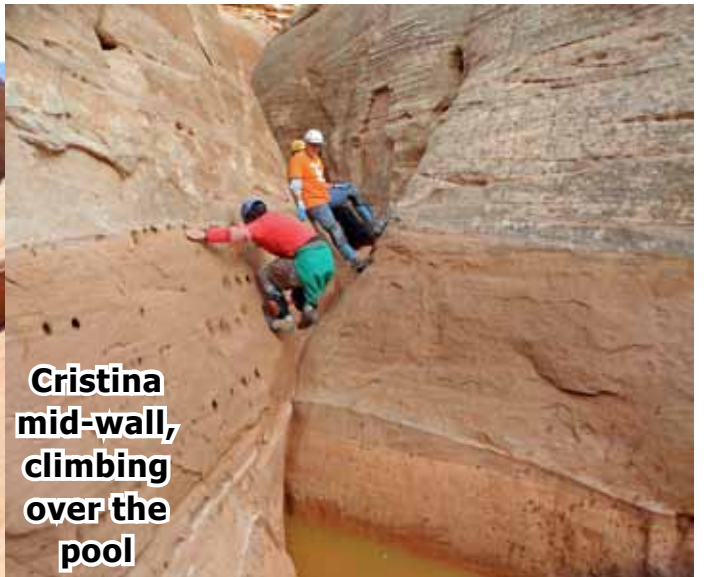
Marcia Hansen at the first rappel of Right Leprechaun



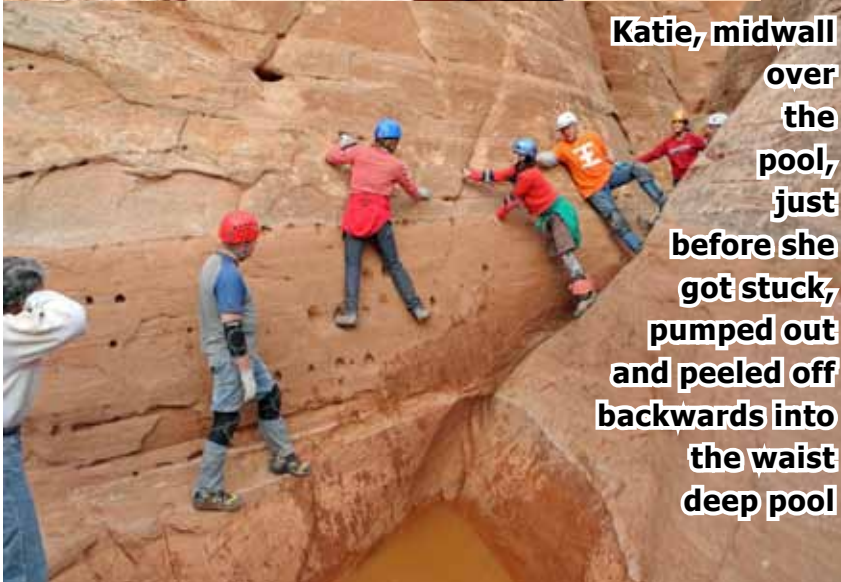
Zig spotting Jen Chan and Katie Slack above



**Jen Chan
sliding**



**Cristina
mid-wall,
climbing
over the
pool**



**Katie, midwall
over
the
pool,
just
before she
got stuck,
pumped out
and peeled off
backwards into
the waist
deep pool**



**Whitney free
climbing drop
down to Rick**



**Rick coaching
Katie into a spicy
and exposed
downclimb**



**Katie and Jen
downclimbing,
Barbara down**



**Lori Flygare
dropping into
Hogwarts**



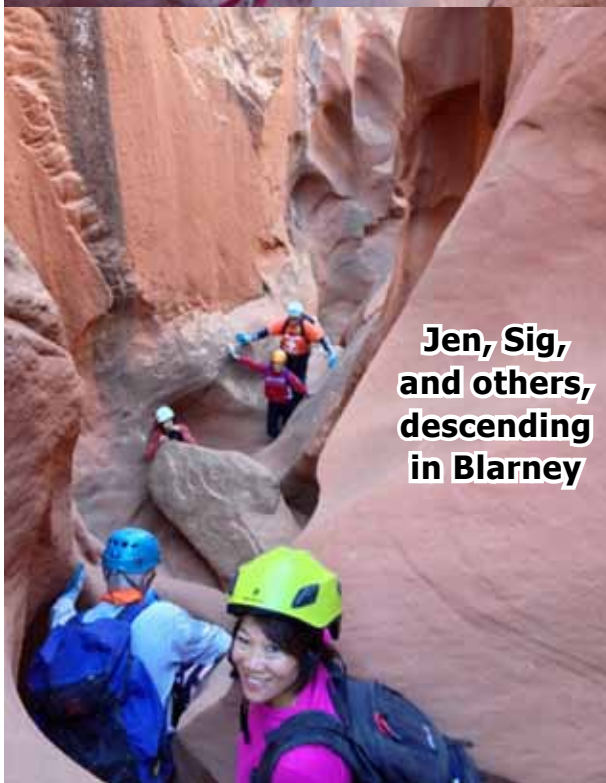
Zig downclimbing



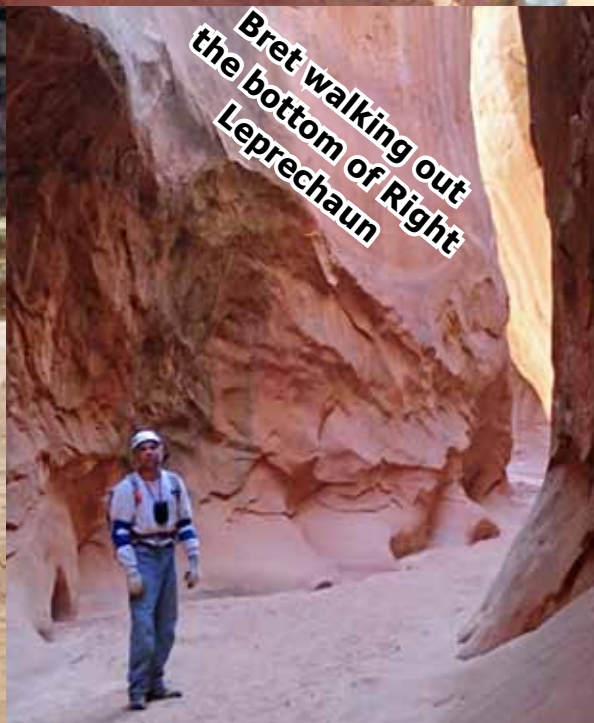
Jen on rappel, belayed by Barbara



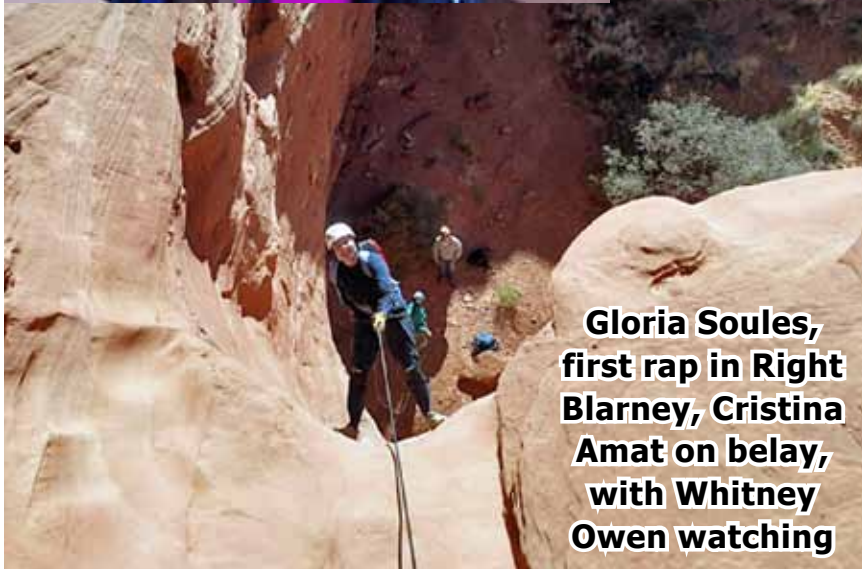
**Jen, Sig,
and others,
descending
in Blarney**



**Bret walking out
the bottom of Right
Leprechaun**



**Gloria Soules,
first rap in Right
Blarney, Cristina
Amat on belay,
with Whitney
Owen watching**



**Left
Leprechaun,
Top to
bottom:
Whitney
Owen,
Marcia
Hansen,
Cristina
Amat,
Gabe
Atiya
and
Andrea
Santurro**

**Top to
bottom:
Gabe,
Gloria,
Greg
Cornelius,
and Andrea**



**Barbara
Boehme (top)
and Katic
Slack (front)
in Hogwarts**

Rick telling stories around the campfire

A tight fit!

Our campsite from above

FAINT TRAILS IN THE WASATCH

71. Howland Tunnel

Tunnels are a natural part of mining operations, especially in mountainous terrain. While mineral lodes might be explored and developed with shafts or inclines, tunnels allow ore and waste material to be hauled out on the level rather than having to be hoisted to the surface. In the Little Cottonwood Mining District alone nearly 300 tunnels were recorded before 1880, most of them being fairly short in length and used to develop a single lode. However, a number of longer tunnels were planned, intended to tap mineral lodes at depth and provide a drain for ground water that plagued most mines in the Wasatch. One of these was the Howland tunnel.

The Howland Tunnel Company was incorporated in San Francisco in the early part of 1872 to develop the Howland tunnel claim filed by William H. Howland and fourteen other men, some of them being trustees of the company. The intent was to run a tunnel 6,000 feet in a northeast direction under the entire length of Emma Hill, thereby cutting all the lodes at great depth, as well as discovering lodes not already found on the surface. The company was capitalized for ten million dollars, an amount that raised some eyebrows in Salt Lake City. The *Salt Lake Herald* called the amount “so absurd that no one will be deceived by it.” They were probably right, because in the next two years the tunnel had been run less than three hundred feet. In March of 1874 the company was reorganized and the new president, a Mr. Benjamin O. Cutter, visited Alta in the company of William Howland, at which time they let a contract for driving 1,000 feet of the tunnel. It was later stated that when the tunnel is completed it would come out in Big Cottonwood by way of Cutter Gulch, a temporary re-designation of Honeycomb Fork, which must have pleased President Cutter. A contractor began work immediately, but his efforts ended before the end of year, probably due to lack of funds. The project remained idle throughout the next year, at which time three Alta miners relocated it as the Champion Tunnel. Not to have his grand plans defeated so easily, Howland sold some of the company’s stock in Salt Lake City and bought the tunnel from the three men, placing it back in the hands of the Howland Tunnel Company. But to no avail. Nothing further was done, making it available for relocation again. In 1878 it was relocated as the Scranton Tunnel, and again in 1880 as the Solitary Tunnel, and again in 1884 as the J & W Tunnel. By this time its length had grown to 600 feet. After several more years of idleness, William Howland came back into the picture with funding from an unknown source. In July of 1887 he filed a notice with the mining recorder stating that the Howland T&M Company would resume work and reclaim all rights of old locations from 1872.

This time it appeared the Howland Tunnel Company was back in business. A contract for 100 feet of tunneling



The culvert at the right side of the telephone building north of the Peruvian Lodge in Alta marks the site of the Howland tunnel. The portal was on the other side, and in its day the tunnel’s snowshed ran through the culvert. The Little Cottonwood highway runs across the bottom of the photo.



The Little Cottonwood highway runs toward the upper right in this aerial photograph, passing below the large dot, which is the location of the Howland tunnel portal. The Peruvian Lodge is below the highway at the left, the Goldminers Daughter lodge and the large paved parking lot is at the lower center, and the Alta Lodge is at the right. The upper dot is the location of the Enterprise shaft, which is mentioned in the text..

was let, a 20x40 boarding house was constructed, a number of improvements were made in the existing tunnel, and at least sixteen miners were employed. This activity ran through the summer and fall, then came to a halt. John Strickley, a long time merchant at Alta, had been providing merchandise and cash advances to the tunnel company, its contractor and personnel to the amount of over \$2,000, and received no payments in return. In November 1887 he filed a complaint in the Third District Court seeking payment. Judgment was entered in default and the

company's property was sold at public sale. John Strickley was the only bidder, so he became the new owner of the tunnel.

While John Strickley ponders what to do with his new possession, it is necessary to go back a few years and bring another person into this narrative. In August of 1870, a year and a half before William Howland came into the Alta scene, the Enterprise claim was recorded, with its discovery shaft less than 500 feet up the slope north of the Howland tunnel site. This mine was worked with considerable success and became well known among Alta miners. Then, as was the case with many mines, it went through a series of owners, law suits, and more owners. Along the way it was patented, which allowed it to be idle over long periods without being subjected to relocation. In November of 1885 it was sold to the person of interest here, Elizabeth C. Champion. This woman came from a large Pennsylvania family of modest means, yet somewhere along the way she accumulated some wealth, allowing her to make this purchase. She formed the Enterprise Gold and Silver Mining Company to hold her new mining property. Her husband, Joseph B. Champion, a mine operator and promoter, was not a party to the purchase, but became one of the company's officers. His work in Montana then took them out of state for the next two years. When they revisited the mine in 1887 Howland was busy with his tunnel, giving them a chance to inspect his work. Its proximity to the Enterprise mine must have impressed them, because the following year, three months after it fell into the hands of John Strickley, Elizabeth C. Champion bought it from him. She had her brother-in-law, James M. Champion, who was working in Park City mines, come over to inspect the properties and take charge. Under his direction a drift was started in the Howland tunnel to run under the Enterprise mine. Meanwhile she formed a new company, the Elizabeth Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Company, to hold all her mining properties, with the directors of the company, other than herself and her husband, being from Salt Lake City and Ogden.

At this point the people involved in this mining venture were swept through a kaleidoscope of events, starting with Joseph Champion promoting a gold mine in California. His convincing certainty of success and great returns resulted in all local parties, including his wife, investing heavily in his venture. It didn't take long before it became apparent that all that glittered was not gold, and the great gold mining promise came crashing to the ground. Amid the gloom came a further realization that the promoter, Joseph Champion, had withdrawn most of the gold mining company's funds, leaving nothing for the investors. This was followed by a feeble attempt to continue the drift from the Howland tunnel to the Enterprise mine, with hopes of realizing some profit when they would strike that lode. But that did not happen. The secretary/treasurer of the Enterprise company chose to leave town for a job in Denver, and Elizabeth Champion severed her marriage to the man all came to despise. The final blow came when the president of her company, unable to face his losses, chose to end his life.

All this turmoil would cause great changes in any person's life, and so it did for Elizabeth Champion. She reorganized her company, assuming the presidency herself, and for vice president chose a young miner who had returned to Salt Lake City the previous year. John B. Skewes had been working in California mines until his wife died. He then came back to Utah where his ten year old son could stay with his parents. He returned to mining in Bingham and southwest Utah. Following the reorganization Elizabeth Champion became possessed by two demons - liquor and men. She had encouraged a local miner to move into the cabin that Howland had built at the tunnel and take charge of the mine. To keep him happy at his job she repeatedly visited Alta to spend a few days or a week, leaving him in high spirits. When Skewes came into town she spent time with him. While both men knew of the other, and of her addiction to alcohol, they had remarkably different behavior. The miner would be in high spirits while she was with him, or for a short time thereafter, but when he'd hear about her being with any other man he would grow despondent and depressed. Skewes, on the other hand, always appeared to accept her ways, offering advice, never in anger, and always encouraging her to stop drinking. He finally accomplished that by convincing her to marry him and live at a mine he bought near Monticello where, he said, there is no liquor kept, so one doesn't deserve much credit for abstinence.

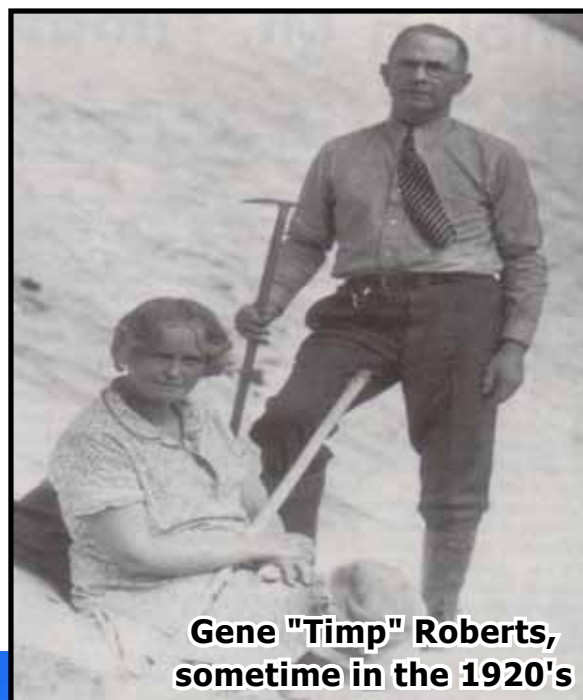
The Alta miner did not take her departure well. He got his revenge by suing the company for unpaid wages. Judgement was rendered in default and the miner took possession of the company, which he immediately sold to a Salt Lake City businessman. Its property remained idle until the first years of the twentieth century.

Elizabeth Skewes lived with her husband and his son at his mine in San Juan County until December 1909 when he was kicked in the chest by a horse. He died from his injuries on Christmas day. His widow and her stepson relocated to Moab where she remained until her death on 31 January 1917. Her meager possessions included two mining claims in San Juan county, which were sold to defray expenses. Curiously, one of them was named Enterprise, a reflection of her many years of mining involvement in the Wasatch.

In October 1903 the Columbus Consolidated Mining Company bought the long idle properties of the Elizabeth Consolidated Gold & Silver Mining Company. The Howland tunnel had been in existence for thirty years, but for all that time it had a length of only 700 feet and the 300 foot side drift driven toward the Enterprise mine. It would see far more activity in the years ahead, but before addressing that it is necessary to pause and look at the genesis of the Columbus Consolidated company.

Robert's Horn is one of the more popular summits on the Mt. Timpanogos massif. Just shy of 11,000 feet at 10,993, this peak is seen on both approaches from both the Aspen Grove and Timponeke trails leading up the mountain. It rises above the Emerald Lake area and is a common secondary objective for those attempting to reach the summit of Mt. Timpanogos at 11,750 feet. The views from the summit of Robert's Horn are probably some of the best on Mt. Timpanogos. A gentle class II ridge leads to the summit from the upper basin areas, which all have a common point from Emerald Lake. Other much more rugged routes, primarily those seeking some great consolidated snow climbs, are available on the east face above Aspen Grove and Primrose Cirque.

The naming of Robert's Horn is from a popular local in the early part of the 1900's, who was later nicknamed Gene "Timp" Roberts. Roberts started the annual Timp hike in 1912, which reached the mountain in wagons. Keep in mind they approached the summit from Aspen Grove, the current trail was not built until 1921. This annual Timp Hike continued until 1970. Another interesting note is that the road to Aspen Grove was not paved until 1937. (Article and photos on this page from Summitpost.org)



**Gene "Timp" Roberts,
sometime in the 1920's**



Barbara Gardner's Hike to Robert's Horn

Ascending the
somewhat
exposed
ridgeline of
Robert's Horn
(Stuart and
Denise
Talbert,
and Barbara
Gardner)

Emerald Lake and
the Timp Shelter in
the Upper Cirque
(Barbara)

Ascent ridgeline to Robert's Horn

October 20, 2012

Barbara at the summit of
Robert's Horn. Box Elder
is the pointy peak in the
background.

Stanley at the Summit

*Photos by Stanley Chiang
and Barbara Gardner*

Trip Report "TO FIJI"

September 2012

By Cindy Crass



**L-R: Gene Davis, Cindy Crass
and Gloria Watson**

I had the privilege of sailing with Captain Gene Dennis and Gloria Watson on Pincoya for a whole month in the beautiful islands of Fiji. Many of you know Gene and past WMC President Gloria. For those of who do not, Gene is a retired dentist who met Gloria through the Club a few years ago. In March of 2010 after Gloria retired, Gene bought a 44' Island Packet and the two of them set sail from Puerto Vallarta to the South Seas. They have been visiting islands ever since. See their blog at www.sailblogs.com/member/smilin1/ or email pincoya.ip44@yahoo.com.

After a too long plane trip, I met them in Savu Savu on the northern major Fijian Island of Vanua Levu. After too much shopping [The Fijian economy is going to miss me] we set sail hoping to go east and up around Vanua Levu. However, the first thing you learn about sailing is the weather dictates what you do. The first sailing day was rough--15-20 knot winds and 3 meter seas. We changed course. And no I did not get sick.

First major stop was the island of Namena. It's a small island with a very private, quiet resort and a well protected marine and bird reserve. The snorkeling was unbelievable. GO IF YOU CAN. Moody's Namenela.

Second major stop was Makongi. It's a former leper colony populated by Fijians employed by the government to raise giant clams and sea turtles and repopulate what poachers have destroyed. It was also my first sevú sevú greeting. The visitor presents kava (a root anesthetic) to the chief who welcomes the visitor with a prayer. Very touching. I really appreciated the warmth of the Fijian people. Snorkeling here was great too.

After Makongi - back to sailing. Saw dolphins and turtles and lots and lots of reefs. Reefs make for tricky anchorages. Gene caught two fish (after losing a few) --a 40" mahi and a 36" Spanish mackerel. Good eating. But as Gloria says "all hell breaks loose on the boat when Gene catches a fish."

After going back north to Vanua Levu, we sailed 80 miles across to the Yasawas in one 14- hour day. The very north of the Yasawas is also fairly primitive and unvisited with friendly Fijians. More sevú sevú. The further south the more resorty it gets. Snorkeled where the movie Blue Lagoon was filmed, including the cave. Stopped to snorkel with the giant manta rays, but they weren't around.

Gene and Gloria are well. They have settled into the cruising life, but now have seen the South Seas and are thinking about home. The current "plan" is to leave New Zealand next April, hoping to make it back by 2014. Unfortunately, there is no good way back. It's either 5,000 miles, or against the wind and current in cold climes. Pincoya is good — exceptionally safely rigged with belt and suspenders on all critical systems. As Gene says "there is nothing, and I mean nothing, inexpensive on or for a boat and stuff is constantly breaking."



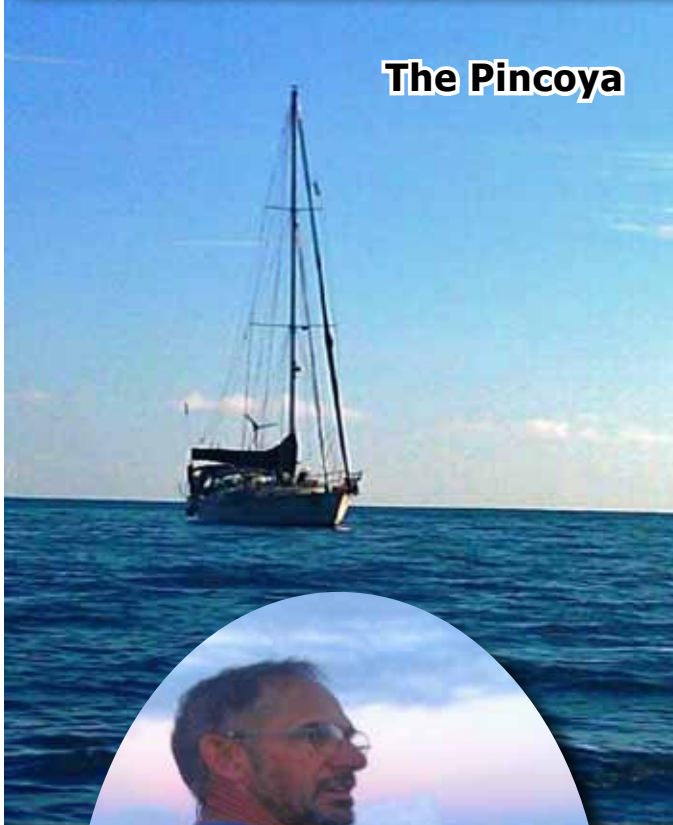
If anyone wants to be bored by more information and/or see some amazing pictures, let me know. I had a once in a lifetime experience and happy to share.



**Makongi
giant clam**



The Pincoya



Photos by Cindy Crass

Elliott Mott's Thayne's Peak Loop Hike



Most of the group at the Salt Lake Overlook on the way up

October 7, 2012



L-R: Dena, Liz and Vickie on the trail

Photos by Elliott Mott



Part of the group on the trail



Part of the group having lunch on Thayne's summit

Dave Andrenyak's Mill B North Hike

October 14, 2012



Photos by Dave Andrenyak

Dave: A wonderful experience, with lots of sunshine and pleasant temperatures. The hike traveled through areas where trees were displaying autumn colors. Great views were had of mountain peaks and slopes. Hike participants were Liz Cordova, Steve Duncan, Maria Flores, Tony Hellman, Mark Jones, George Newsome (visiting from New Jersey and Manchester, U.K.), Gretchen Siegler and Dave Andrenyak.

People join the Wasatch Mountain Club because they like to go backpacking, biking, road biking, mountain biking, rafting, white water rafting, kayaking, canoeing, climbing, rock climbing, ice climbing, indoor climbing, canyoneering, mountaineering, hike, hiking, moonlight hike, day hike, evening hike, leisurely hike, turtle hike, car camp, trek in Nepal, back country skiing, snowshoeing, avalanche education, making snow caves, doing trail maintenance, supporting conservation issues, preserving the Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge, socializing, making dutch oven meals, attending sing-a-longs, going to movies, attending potlucks, and enjoying barbecues. It does not matter if you are new in town, newly single, recently retired, just moved here, want to social network, or just meet new people there is a good chance you will enjoy one of the activities they organize. Some activities are pretty tame and others are very adventurous. Club members typically enjoy outdoor non-motorized recreation and, by organizing trips, are willing to share what they know with you. Many of the outdoor activities they do are in the Wasatch Mountains near Salt Lake City, UT. So if you have a sense of adventure, check us out!

Part 2 of a 2-Part Series
Pete's Rock – The Man Beyond the Mountain
by Ron Petersen



Last month, the WMC published the first of a two-part series written by Ron Petersen that honors his father, O'Dell Petersen, the man behind the name of the quartzite outcrop at the Mount Olympus trailhead. The WMC has partnered with Salt Lake County to design and erect a permanent sign that will be placed at the base of Pete's Rock. The sign is expected to be installed in mid-November.

Again, my sincerest thanks go out to Ron Petersen for his time and commitment to scouring through papers, photos, recordings, and memorabilia to share with club members these insights into his father's contribution to WMC history.

Julie Kilgore, WMC Hiking Director

In 1928 my father, O'Dell (Pete) Petersen joined the Wasatch Mountain Club, a membership he maintained for over 70 years. Pete (and later, Pinky) were key figures in the club. Lee and Phyllis Steorts, long-time WMC members, remembered that at every party, meeting, or gathering of the Wasatch Mountain Club in the 40s through the 60s "we could count on Pete and Pinky not only to be there, but to be in charge ... of the food and serving, the games and dancing, story-telling, sing-alongs, hikes and work parties, the Rambler, the Club mailbox."



Pete 'n Pinky - WMC Lodge
circa 1938

"We first met when I attended some Wasatch Mountain Club activities in the winter of 1938. A friend, Rita Stevenson, who worked with me at Mountain States Telephone, encouraged me to join her on some Club ski trips. We were both learning and found enjoyment in the activity and met many special people. Some were to be lifelong friends. Among them was Pete, who asked me to date. He always brought a single red rose when he picked me up. We had some special times on dates as well as WMC activities." — Pinky Petersen

"In those days, those who had cars would pick up people who had signed up for the trip. I had already picked up Pete and was scheduled to pick up Edith at Rita's apartment. Pete went to get Edith, but she wasn't quite ready. She came out in her pink ski pajamas hidden beneath her parka. What attracted Pete to Pinky? Her pink pajamas, of course!" — Bill Kamp

Bill Kamp was not yet a member of the Wasatch Mountain Club when, in 1934, he was invited by the Club trips director Chick Pfeiffer to go along on a trip. Chick wanted to see how this young man would stack up against the best climber in the club-- Pete Petersen. Pete and Bill become lifelong friends.

"Pete had that Nordic streak, he wouldn't hesitate, just put his head down and keep going - and I followed. Since Tokawahna, Pete 'n I have become the best of friends and have climbed almost every peak in the Wasatch Range together, along with the Grand Teton and many peaks in the Uintas, some of them a half dozen times or more."
—Bill Kamp



September 14, 1936 - Thunder Mountain
Bill Kamp (l), Pete Petersen (r)



Lone Peak Summit - Early 1940s
Pete Petersen with short skis

On one notable climb of Lone Peak, Pete carried his custom short skis to the summit—now the great debate, yes or no? We'll never know, except we do know that these short skis enjoyed the spring slopes of Broads Fork upper bowls along with slopes of American Fork Twins, the Pfeifferhorn, etc. Pete was always looking for new ways to enjoy the mountains.

Caine Alder remembers when he first met Pete in May of 1952 on a trip up Twin Peaks via Broads Fork Canyon. "It was led by then Club President Jim Shane. I remember that you [Pete] were teasing some of the Club members on that particular hike and I remember thinking to myself, 'Well now, here we have a genuine character, one of those colorful old-time mountaineers with a wealth of stories of past climbing experiences' . . . The next time I saw you was on July 13, 1952 on the Club's two-day ascent of Lone Peak via Bells Canyon. You weren't with us the first day, but caught up with us early the next morning and you had Jim Shane with you as you arrived at our campsite a little below the Upper Reservoir."

One would think that such dedication to mountains would detract from dedication to people in family, neighborhood, and community. But Pete exhibited the same energy and compassion to family and strangers that he did to fellow climbers. He inspired in his three children a love for the outdoors and respect for the mountains. Often, as children, we would find ourselves having breakfast at the "S" curve, then a hike to Pete's Lookout to inspect the slopes of Twins and Sundial. Or maybe it was a hike up Ensign Peak or a family gathering at the Lodge.

I recall one of my first climbs with the WMC. I was 11 years old. It was a special Father-Son outing. That year, Bobbie Goodro, Jimmy, Shane and I made the summit of Mount Olympus. Pete had constructed arrows from metal cans. He painted them white, and along the trail Pete secured the arrows. Some are still in existence today. Each year as several of Pete's grandchildren and great-grandchildren ascend Mount Olympus, they gather by one of the old markers. The love continues!



**Bill & Cleo Kamp and Pete & Pinky Petersen
Families at the WMC Lodge
(Bill Kamp taking photo)**

On the corner of Pacific Avenue and 8th West was a bakery. Pete's shoe shop was just north on 8th West and his home was just east on Pacific Avenue. During several years the bakery was operated by John and Enid Wainwright. At Pete and Pinky's 50th wedding anniversary, Bruce

Wainwright made this remark: "One of the special treats of our move to the bakery on Ninth West [formerly 8th West] was our neighbors to the north and to the east—both of which were Pete and Edith Petersen. Next to my Dad, I'd never met a man so loyal to his work. He not only worked hard but always did excellent work. I remember that each time I took in some shoes or picked them up, I had to be ready for a mental challenge. Pete didn't just say 'Hello.' He always came up with a quip that required some quick thinking to keep up with him. It also required some analysis to decide when he was serious and when he was pulling your leg."



**O'Dell Petersen - 63 Years of Shoe Repairing
Salt Lake Tribune April 8, 1991**

"Many of us stopped off at Pete's shop to exchange a few words of wisdom and hear some of his sage advice to carry through our workaday world ... sometimes it was humorous, at times it was downright cantankerous and often there were pearls of wisdom as he repaired and worked on everyone's ski and hiking boots, chiding us for not caring for our equipment properly." — Lee and Phyllis Steorts

Alexis Kelner (current WMC historian) was 16 when he first met Pete. "I had just purchased by mail my first pair of climbing boots and needed to have Tricouni nails installed along the boots' edges, heel, and instep. 'Go see Pete,' one of my caving companions suggested." Alexis recalls that Pete's shoe shop was like a museum, with one wall entirely covered with photographs of Wasatch skiing, hiking, and mountain climbing. Some prints were turning brown with age. "Pete sensed my interest in mountaineering and invited me to join the Wasatch Mountain Club. I told him I would after I turned 18. A few months later a WMC membership card and shoulder patch arrived by

mail. I learned that Pete and his wife had paid my club initiation fee and dues and had fudged my age on the application. Later, much later, I learned that such thoughtfulness was Pete's norm and that his unselfishness reached and affected many lives."

In a 2001 Rambler article, Alexis writes: "O'Dell's lifetime career in shoe repair started at age 15 as a delivery boy for Modem Shoe Repair. Here he learned the cobbler's craft and progressed to become a district supervisor for a national repair chain. The couple moved to San Francisco in 1940, but the love of the Wasatch coaxed them to return to Salt Lake a year later. In 1946 Pete opened his own repair shop in their back yard garage; three years later he relocated to his Arcade Theater location. Pete volunteered his new shop to become the call-in headquarters for the Mountain Club. Every time a member called to register for a trip it was Pete who answered the phone. He continued this service to the club for some 30 years."

"Pete was a meticulous craftsman who instilled in his customers respect for footwear in unusual ways. I recall bringing a pair of well-beaten up ski boots for Pete's evaluation as to their future. He dumped them into a garbage can and berated me for careless handling of the boots. A week later I received a call to pick them up. When I did, they were like new. I learned that when you bring a granite boulder to Michaelangelo for carving you make sure it's clean! Pete was very generous with his skills. He repaired shoes free of charge for the disabled and donated many refurbished shoes to the needy." —Alexis Kelner, Remembering O'Dell Petersen, *The Rambler*, 12/01.

Shortly after my father's death in 2001, his children spread portions of his ashes on top of Twin Peaks and Pete's Rock. Pete had come home to his mountains. On the upper slopes of Twin Peaks, I thought I could hear sounds of encouragement to keep climbing. Then—the sobering experience of casting my father's ashes to the mountain breeze. Pete was now at rest.

Bob Goodro, Harold's son, shared the following story. "A last request from Dad was to spread his ashes at the cairn he built of boulders he carried from the trailhead up the Mount 'O' trail on his many years of training there. Afterwards, my son Spencer and I spent several wonderful hours scrambling on the easier routes of Pete's Rock. I believed 'It was a great day in the Wasatch' was still echoing from Pete and Harold's spirits."



In 2011, Salt Lake County acquired the property that encompasses the Mount Olympus trailhead and Pete's Rock. The WMC "adopted" this special area by servicing a permanently placed trash can and keeping graffiti off Pete's Rock.

Anna Cordes' Tweed Bike Ride November 4, 2012

Temple Square
(Lads L-R: Vince,
Robert and Robo.
Ladies L-R: Angie,
Anna and Gloria)



Anna: It was indeed a grand and glorious day for Dapper Lads and Dashing Ladies to enjoy a Tweed Ride encompassing many of Salt Lake City's finest landmarks: Main Street, Downtown, Temple Square, Artesian Well, Marmalade District and Liberty Park.



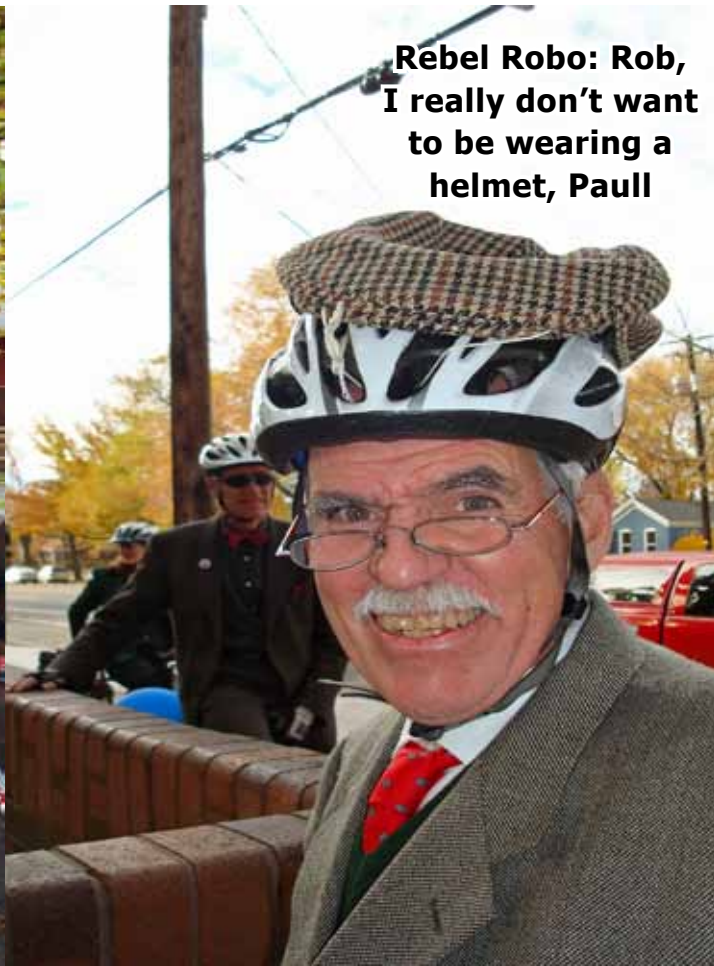
Lovely couple,
Don and Angie Vincent



L-R: Gloria - just give me one more pattern to wear, Leonard. Anna - I do prefer Ralph Lauren, Cordes.
Photo by Rob Pauli



Racer Robert: I'm wearing a British sweater, Turner



Rebel Robo: Rob, I really don't want to be wearing a helmet, Paull

Photos by Anna Cordes

Downtown Salt Lake City



Rob and Gloria ponder the State of the Union

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- **A!** - trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; **A** - trip crosses known avalanche path; **M** - trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.

EL and NTD RATINGS

LOCATION	ROUTE	RATING-*	MILES	VERTICAL	COMMENT
Daniels	Telephone Hollow	EL-NTD M	3.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Albion Basin Road	EL-NTD M	3.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork	EL-NTD M	3.0	680	Tour
Wasatch	Willow Lake	NTD M	3.0	800	
Wasatch	Lake Mary	NTD A	3.0	910	
Daniels	Doe Knoll	EL-NTD M	5.0	300	Tour
Wasatch	Green's Basin from Spruces	NTD M	4.0	1000	
Wasatch	Lower Mineral Fork	NTD A	4.0	1000	
Uintas	Smith & Morehouse Canyon				
	to Ledgefork Campground	NTD M	6.0	400	Tour
Daniels	Foreman Trail	NTD M	4.0	900	Tour
Daniels	Telemark Hill	NTD M	5.0	1000	Tour
Uintas	Bench Creek	NTD M	7.0	600	Tour
Wasatch	Catherine's Lake	NTD A	4.4	1200	
Wasatch	Silver Fork from Lodge	NTD A	5.0	1280	Tour
Wasatch	Lower White Pine Canyon	NTD A	5.0	1400	
Wasatch	Catherine's Pass from Alta	NTD A	5.0	1500	
Wasatch	Dog Lake	NTD A	6.0	1400	
Daniels	R Fork Little 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 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 Foot-hill 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 **Exploratory Hike: West Grandeur Via The Limestone Fold – msd- – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 3200' ascent – Moderate pace**

Meet: 9:00 am at West Grandeur Trailhead at the north end of Wasatch Boulevard (drive along the sound barrier wall on the east side of I-215, north of 3300 South)

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

If the weather holds and there is no inversion, Julie will explore the route towards Grandeur peak by way of the recently-donated White property that extends above the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and up the mountainside towards the limestone folds. If inversion is set in, Julie will take the standard Churchfork route. Bring Yak Trax, Micro Spikes, or some other lightly studded footwear. Dogs OK.

Dec 1 **Snowshoe: Show And Go – mod**

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

Organizer: n/a n/a

Club Members who would like to get together for a snowshoe can meet at the 6200 South Park&Ride to pick a destination that fits the condition of the day and the mood of the group. One member will need to be responsible for filling and turning in the sign-up sheet/waiver form for each group. The form can be found in the Rambler or downloaded on the WMC web page.

Dec 1 **Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.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 2 **Nordic Ski Tour: North Of Iron Mine Mountain (uintas) – mod+**

Meet: 8:15 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

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

Cross-country skiing. The tour starts at the MLH Winter Parking, 14 miles east of Kamas and follows the 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 the MLH parking fee and be prepared to share the cost of transportation. Dogs OK. Bring lightweight backcountry touring gear with scales, skins, or swix (grip wax) and the 10 E's. Meet at 8:15 am for a prompt 8:30 am departure.

Dec 2 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd**

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

Organizer: Robert Turner 801-467-1129

Doesn't a Sunday afternoon snowshoe sound lovely? Robert thinks so, too. Join him at 1:00 pm to go play in the snow. He will choose a destination based on the conditions.

- Dec 2 Hike: Little Black Mountain – mod**
Sun *Meet:* 9:00 am at Terrace Hills Trailhead
Organizer: Carrie Clark 801-519-9256 dr_carolyn@yahoo.com
 Carrie is heading to Little Black Mountain today. Yak trax, microspikes or some other traction footwear is recommended. If there is significant snow, bring snowshoes. To get to the Terrace Hills trailhead take 11th Avenue to Terrace Hills Drive (890 East). Turn north onto Terrace Hills Drive and proceed 0.7 miles uphill where the street dead-ends in a cul-de-sac.
- Dec 3 Avalanche Awareness: Free Women’s Talk**
Mon *Meet:* 7:00 pm at REI Salt Lake, 3285 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84109
Organizer: Walter* Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com
 KICK OFF your winter backcountry adventures with this Ladies-Only Avalanche Awareness event. The Utah AvalancheCenter’s Evelyn Lees will give a 40 minute Avalanche Awareness presentation including an exciting 15-minute video followed by an insightful PowerPoint on how to stay alive in avalanche terrain. It’s a great introduction or review of avalanche safety basics. Get info about the 2012-’13 UAC Ladies Avalanche Series & learn about the SheJumps community & other female driven outdoor opportunities. Then meet Lucy Dettmer, at 92-years young, who will share her experiences, knowledge & wisdom of an exceptional & inspirational personal history of peak-bagging, traveling foreign countries (including a first ski descent in Japan) & exploring the western US backcountry. Lucy is a true pioneer for both women & the spirit of adventure. Registration is strongly recommended. If you register, 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. Seating may be available at the door, even if the registration is closed.
- Dec 3 Ski Meeting/social: Women’s Avalanche Awareness Talk**
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- Dec 4 Rock Climb - Gym Fever @ Momentum – mod – 48’ ascent**
Tue *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum
Organizer: John Butler 801 718 4166
 If you are new, just ask for the Wasatch Mountain Club people at the front desk and they will point us out... or call/text me. 6:30-ish until whenever-ish

Dec 4 Dog Hike: Tuesday Mornings – ntd+

Tue *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com

Weekday dog hikes, usually on Tuesdays, in the foothills and Millcreek Canyon lasting about 4 hours. Email to register.

Dec 4 Snowshoe: Tuesday Snowshoe – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Tue *Meet:* 9:30 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 5 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd

Wed *Meet:* Registration required

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

WED 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 Alpine Ski Tour - Telemark/at/snowboard – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Thu *Meet:* Disseminated via the Ski email list

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 or e-mail for meeting time & location.



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- Dec 7 **Social: Pot Luck Dinner And Sing-a-long At La Rae And Bart Bartholomas' Home**
 Fri *Meet:* 5:00 pm at 5904 S. Tolcate Woods Lane - Directions are in the description.
Organizer: La Rae and Bart Bartholoma, Fred Tripp or Frank Bernard La Rae or Bart at 801-277-4093 or Fred at 301-461- La Rae or Bart at bartbartholoma@netscape.net or Fred at fredgtripp@gmail.com or Frank Bernard at fr
- DECEMBER 7 - FRIDAY: HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG AND POT LUCK DINNER, definitely NTD. Come and bolster the holiday spirit at a potluck dinner and Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long. We'll meet at 5 PM at La Rae and Bart Bartholoma's 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. BYOB. 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: To reach the Bartholoma home at 5904 S. Tolcate Woods Lane - take 5800 S (Tolcate Lane) off Holladay Blvd. (Only goes East) Turn right (South) on Tolcate Woods Lane (before the underpass.) When the street ends with a steel fence with horse statues and an eagle statue in the air, YOU ARE THERE. Plan on a fun evening of socializing, enjoying good food and an opportunity to stretch your vocal chords (and bring any acoustic musical instrument that you'd like to play.) Questions or would like more information call La Rae or Bart Bartholoma at 801-277-4093 or email bartbartholoma@netscape.net or Fred Tripp at 301-461-0161 or email at fredgtripp@gmail.com or Frank Bernard at frankbernard55@earth-link.net
- Dec 8 **Snowshoe, Renolds Peak – mod – 4.5 mi Out & Back – 1825' ascent – Moderate pace**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Steve Duncan 801-680-9236 duncste@comcast.net
 Time to dust off the snowshoes! Nice plunges off the peak if the snow's good.
- Dec 8 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Mike Budig 801-328-4512 mbudig@blazemail.com
 Mike is organizing an NTD snowshoe today. The destination will be selected based on the conditions. Bring your 10 E's and dress in layers.
- Dec 8 **Road Bike: Provo Frontrunner – ntd+**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at UTA's Central Station parking lot at 330 South 600 West in Salt Lake.
Organizer: Elliott Mott 801-969-2846 elliott887@msn.com
 This event is part train ride and part bike ride. UTA is launching its FrontRunner route to Provo and offering a free ride day on Saturday December 8th. So, our itinerary is to take advantage of this promotion and ride UTA's FrontRunner train to Provo, do a bike ride around the area, and then ride FrontRunner back to Salt Lake. Before returning we'll stop for lunch, so bring lunch money. Our bike ride from Provo will be subject to weather conditions; if roads are clear the plan is to spin south to Springville and then ride a loop over easy flat terrain through the agricultural ranch lands of Benjamin and Spanish Fork. If the weather is ugly we will not ride far. Meet Elliott (801-969-2846) at UTA's Salt Lake Central Station parking lot located at 330 South 600 West at a time to be determined. (As of November 9th UTA has not firmed-up FrontRunner scheduling so I will transmit a message via WMC's bike e-mail network listing a meeting time for December 8th when it is available. The train ride between Salt Lake and Provo is listed as being 54 minutes. DISREGARD THE TIME LISTED HERE AS A TIME IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THIS ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION.

Dec 8 Avalanche Transceiver Practice: Women's Clinic At Alta

Sat *Meet:* 8:00 am at Alta Summer road parking lot

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

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Dec 8 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

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

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Dec 9 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd

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

Organizer: Lynette Brooks 801-523-6225 lerkbrooks@yahoo.com

Meet Lynette at 9 am for a snowshoe. She will pick a location best suited to the conditions of the day. Bring your 10 E's and come prepared to have some fun.

Dec 9 Snowshoe: Powder Park – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

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

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

Join Shane & Jaq for a jaunt in Powder Park. This will be a MOD paced hike. Bring your 10e's, beacon, shovel and probe.

Dec 11 Rock Climb - Gym Fever @ Momentum – mod – 48' ascent

Tue *Meet:* 6:30 pm at Momentum

Organizer: John Butler 801 718 4166

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Dec 11 Snowshoe: Tuesday Snowshoe – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Tue *Meet:* 9:30 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 12 Avalanche Transceiver Practice: Women's Clinic At Brighton

Wed *Meet:* 8:30 am at Alpine Rose lodge, Brighton

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

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MARKETPLACE

This space is reserved for those members placing ads for used and recreational gear or for private and non-commercial and not-for-profit activities. To submit an ad, e-mail it to wasatchmountainclub@gmail.com by the 10th of each month prior to publication. Non WMC members \$5.00 up to 20 words, \$0.20 per additional word.

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.

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Dec 12 Ski Meeting/social: Women's Beacon Clinic At Brighton

Wed *Meet:* 8:30 am at Alpine Rose lodge, Brighton

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

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Dec 12 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd

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Dec 13 Alpine Ski Tour - Telemark/at/snowboard – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Thu *Meet:* Disseminated via the Ski email list

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

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Dec 13 Alpine Ski Tour: Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod

Thu *Meet:* 6:00 pm at Red Butte Garden

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

Evening Session: Thursday, December 13, 6-9PM, Red Butte Garden. Field Session: Saturday December 15, 8:30AM-5PM, Brighton Resort. Backcountry 101 is a designed for those new to the back country and those wanting a ground- up refresher. Heavy on practical, usable skills and local information, this is a great place to start building your avalanche skills. You will leave this class understanding the basics of safely travelling in avalanche terrain and sporting a great foundation for learning more. \$130.

Dec 15 Snowshoe: White Fir Pass – mod – Slow pace

Sat *Meet:* 9:30 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

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

The destination for this snowshoe is White Fir Pass in Millcreek Canyon. The group will go at a slow pace and enjoy the day. Bring your 10 E's and dress in layers for your comfort.

Dec 15 Nordic Ski Tour- Beaver Creek Trail, West Uintas – ntd+ – 6.5 mi Out & Back – 600’ ascent

Sat *Meet:* 8:15 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

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

Beaver Creek Trail, West UintasThe Beaver Creek Trail provides opportunity for a relatively easy kick and glide touring. A good place for beginners. Mostly flat terrain with a few hills. Great scenery. Avalanche danger is low. Light backcountry touring skis or nordic touring skis are suitable. The ski equipment should be set for some mild climbing (waxless base, wax). Climbing skins can also be used but may be a bit of an overkill. The drive to the trailhead is about 1 hour. The Mirror Lake Highway toll is \$6.00 per vehicle. Lets plan to meet at 8:15 am for an 8:30 departure. Energetic dogs are welcome. If we tour end to end and back, the tour will be at least 4-5 hours. I suggest stopping in Kamas for some food on the way back home.

Dec 15 Alpine Ski Tour: Backcountry 101 Avalanche Class – mod

Sat *Meet:* 8:30 am at Brighton

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

Evening Session: Thursday, December 13, 6-9PM, Red Butte Garden. Field Session: Saturday December 15, 8:30AM-5PM, Brighton Resort. Backcountry 101 is a designed for those new to the back country and those wanting a ground- up refresher. Heavy on practical, usable skills and local information, this is a great place to start building your avalanche skills. You will leave this class understanding the basics of safely travelling in avalanche terrain and sporting a great foundation for learning more. \$130.

Dec 15 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.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 15 Nordic Ski Tour - Intro Winter Ski Camping – mod – 14.0 mi Out & Back – 2600’ ascent – Slow pace

Sat – *Meet:* Registration required

Dec 16 *Organizer:* Glen Mackey 540-529-4907 glen.mackey@gmail.com

Sun
Introductory ski camping trip in the western Uinta Mountains. This trip is meant for those with little or no winter camping experience, or those who have not been out in a while. We will head out into the mountains on Saturday morning and ski 5 miles, mostly on snowmobile-packed roads, to camp on the western flank of Iron Mine Mountain. Once at the campsite, we will discuss setting up a winter camp, then pitch tents and build a snow kitchen. With the rest of our afternoon we will do some beacon instruction/practice, discuss some winter camping strategies, and enjoy an afternoon in the mountains. Sunday morning, for those who are interested and conditions permitting, we can ski up to the summit of Iron Mine Mountain (~2 miles from camp). Afterwards we will break camp and ski back down to the trailhead. Although prior winter camping experience is not required, you must have some winter travel experience. Lightweight, metal edge, waxless nordic touring equipment will be most efficient for this trip, but AT/Tele and splitboarders are welcome (please note there are some significant flat spots on the route out). You will need to have or rent appropriate equipment to keep you warm and comfortable spending the night in the mountains where the lows may easily be around 0F or colder. We will not be traveling in high angle terrain so prior experience with avalanche equipment is not required, but you will need to bring a beacon, probe, and shovel. It is possible to rent much of this equipment. Please contact Glen for more trip details and to discuss gear.

Dec 16 Nordic Ski Tour: North Fork Of The Provo (uintas) – mod- – 14.0 mi Out & Back – 1700’ ascent – Moderate pace
Sun

Meet: 8:00 am at Skyline High School - 3231 E Upland Dr (3760 S)

Organizer: Michael Berry 801-583-4721

Cross-country (xc) ski tour follows rolling terrain through 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. Generally, lighter weight backcountry cambered skis (with scales or grip wax) 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 headlamps are always advised. Remember to bring approximately \$10 for the driver if you are a passenger. Also, there is a \$6 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 16 Beginner Snowshoe Big Cottonwood - Ntd – 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 as you get too warm, 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 Blvd.

Dec 16 Snowshoe: Organizer’s Choice – mod
Sun

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

Organizer: Erin McCormack emack77@gmail.com

Erin will take the group to a destination suitable for the conditions.

Dec 18 Rock Climb - Gym Fever @ Momentum – mod – 48’ ascent
Tue

Meet: 6:30 pm at Momentum

Organizer: John Butler 801 718 4166

If you are new, just ask for the Wasatch Mountain Club people at the front desk and they will point us out... or call/text me. 6:30-ish until whenever-ish

Dec 18 Dog Hike: Tuesday Mornings – ntd+
Tue

Meet: Registration required

Organizer: Liz Cordova liz1466@live.com

Weekday dog hikes in the foothills and Millcreek Canyon. Email to register.

Dec 18 Snowshoe: Tuesday Snowshoe – ntd+ – Out & Back – Moderate pace
Tue

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

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

This is a weekly event for the Tuesday snowshoe group. We meet on a regular basis and go for trips into the local canyons. This trip will start out with an easy start and as the season moves on become MOD-to MOD+. Depending on the weather, trip will generally be 3-4hrs. Sign up for the snowshoe email list (under Member Menu) on the WMC website to get up to date information on the planned trip each week. We meet at the 6200 South & Wasatch Blvd. Park & Ride, in the South end of the lot starting at 9:15AM. Departure time is 9:30AM, if there is no snow, this trip may be cancelled. E-mail me with any questions.

- Dec 19 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd**
Wed *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.com
 WED 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 20 Alpine Ski Tour - Telemark/at/snowboard – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Thu *Meet:* Disseminated via the Ski email list
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 or e-mail for meeting time & location.
- Dec 22 Snowshoe Maybird – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Shane Bode 801-647-2917 shanejaq@q.com
 Join Shane & Jaq for one of their favorite snowshoes. Start doing your snow dance. This will be a MOD paced hike. Bring your 10e's, beacon and probe.
- Dec 22 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace**
Sat *Meet:* Registration required
Organizer: Walt Haas 801-209-2545 haas@xmission.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 23 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 heading to Catherine's Pass from the Brighton side. Bring your beacon, probe, shovel, and 10 E's for this outing.
- Dec 23 Afternoon Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd**
Sun *Meet:* 1:00 pm at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Jean Acheson 801-633-5225 jachwest@comcast.net
 Jean will lead an afternoon snowshoe to a destination suitable for the conditions. Bring your 10 E's and dress in layers for your comfort.
- Dec 24 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
Mon *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Jim Kucera 801-263-1912 Jameskucera@aol.com
 Instead of last minute shopping with the crowds, join Jim for a snowshoe. Bring your 10E's, beacon, shovel and probe.

Dec 25 Snowshoe: Christmas Morning – ntd

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

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

Ray and Lorraine will lead their annual Christmas morning snowshoe. Bring a sense of humor, snacks to share if you wish and we will be back down in time for folks to enjoy their own festivities. This is a fun morning so if there is a bad snow storm it will be cancelled!

Dec 26 Alpine Ski Tour, Tri Canyons – msd

Wed *Meet:* Registration required

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

WED 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 27 Alpine Ski Tour - Telemark/at/snowboard – mod- – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Thu *Meet:* Disseminated via the Ski email list

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 or e-mail for meeting time & location.

Dec 28 Moonlight Snowshoe - Ntd+ – ntd+ – Out & Back – Slow pace

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

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

Come out and join Knick Knickerbocker (801-891-2669 or Knick.Sold@comcast.net) for this snowshoe under the light of the moon - hopefully. 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 for weather conditions.

Dec 29 Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – ntd

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

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

Doug will pick a suitable destination to go on today's NTD snowshoe. He is meeting at Skyline High School at 9:15 am. Bring your 10 E's.

Dec 29 Alpine Ski Tour, Tele/at – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace

Sat *Meet:* Registration required

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

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- Dec 29 **Snowshoe: Organizer's Choice – mod**
 Sat *Meet:* 9:00 am at 6200 South & Wasatch Park & Ride
Organizer: Mohamed Abdallah 801-466-9310 Agm1144@yahoo.com
 Mohamed will pick a suitable destination to go on today's Mod snowshoe. Bring your 10 E's, beacon, shovel and probe. .
- Feb 6 **Bob Wright Memorial Death Valley Winter Escape Road Bike**
 Wed – *Meet:* Registration required
 Feb 10 *Organizer:* Cheryl Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com
 Sun Join us at Furnace Creek Campground for bike rides, hiking, ranger programs, sightseeing, car camping and gourmet group dinners for this annual winter escape below sea level. Carpooling is encouraged, and registration is mandatory. Limit of 28 participants in our 7 pre-reserved campsites. The sites are reserved Wednesday through Saturday nights. Contact Cheryl for further details and to register for this annual event.
- Feb 21 **Snowshoe And X/c Ski Bryce Canyon**
 Thu – *Meet:* 9:00 am at meeting @ Rubys Inn
 Feb 24 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com
 Sun If you've heard how beautiful the red rock of Bryce is in the snow, but haven't ever been down there to see it, here's your chance- a mid winter snowshoe and or X/C ski tour to Bryce Canyon. We'll stay at the warm and cozy Rubys Inn, just outside the park, and take advantage of the fee free 30+ km of trails, which have a ski track and snowshoe space, both inside the park, and in the adjoining national forest. Plan to drive down thursday afternoon or evening, and spend two full days seeing and skiing the area, and returning home on sunday. Have to work Friday? Come down friday after work, and still get in saturday and another good hike on sunday before leaving. Free thursday? Come down early that day and get in an extra day exploring. There are lots of trails, including groomed track, and loop options, so you can go to see it all and get a workout, or you can just go to see it, and kick back and take advantage of the many amenities, including the spa, hot tub and indoor pool. This trip has been a huge hit the last two years. Half price rates @ Rubys Inn in this offseason make it an affordable getaway, on top of being one you won't forget. Sign up with Rick before making hotel reservations.
- Feb 28 **Yurt Snowshoe Trip In Idaho – mod**
 Thu – *Meet:* Registration required
 Mar 3 *Organizer:* Deirdre Flynn 801-466-9310 deirdre.flynn@marriott.com
 Sun The yurt is a short distance outside of Ketchum, Idaho. It features plenty of downhill and touring terrain plus great views of the Boulder Mountains. We will drive up on Thursday and spend one night in a hotel. Friday we will snowshoe our food, clothes and sleeping bags 4 miles into the yurt and spend two nights. The yurt is fully equipped with beds, complete kitchen, stoves, wood and a sauna. You must have avalanche safety gear and be knowledgeable about traveling safely in avalanche terrain. Contact Deirdre for more information.

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.

Feb 28 Canyoneering, Canoeing And Hotubbing – class I – 13.0 mi

Thu – *Meet:* Registration required

Mar 3 *Organizer:* Rick Thompson gone2moab@hotmail.com

Sun
Time for another annual classic- the first of March Canyoneering Canoeing Hot tubing trip to the Black Canyon, down by Vegas. A wonderful getaway from winter weekend- spend it scrambling, canyoneering, canoeing and luxuriating in scenic backcountry hot tubs; leaving your snow boots and parkas home, and hanging out in your Texas, T shirts and shorts. We will drive down thursday morning, check into our nice Hacienda Hotel, near Boulder Dam, at off season rates (last year we paid 19.99 for a room w/ 2 queens), and then drive over and check out the dam, and the stunning new bridge over the dam. After dinner together at the casino buffet, we will get our gear together for an early morning rollout to meet the outfitter who will be driving us through the national high security zone to the foot of the dam, where we will launch our rented canoes and kayaks. There is not much real canoeing involved, it is almost all flat water, we will spend the first night camped at the mouth of a canyon less than a mile from the put in, and then saturday morning meander another mile to a second exploratory canyon, where we will spend the day in an energetic and athletic climb/scramble up Boy Scout Canyon, before paddling another mile down to camp saturday night @ the third canyon, Arizona Hot Springs, with more hot springs and pools. Sunday morning we will paddle for 3 hours down to the takeout, where the outfitter picks us up and will bring us back to pick up our cars at the hotel, and then we will boogy for home sunday afternoon. Actually you'd better not plan on leaving all of your snow gear home- a couple of years ago, after kicking back in our swim suits all weekend, coming home we ran into a major blizzard around Beaver, and struggled around vehicles parked on the shoulders and in the barrow pits, before we made it back home. It is still winter. Here. The fee for the 3 day canoe rental, the 17\$ per person launch fee and the launch and pick up shuttles comes to \$80 per person. I had to pay half of this to get the reservations, so a \$40 nonrefundable deposit is required to get onto this trip.

Mar 29 Nordic Ski Tour: Kings Peak – msd – 32.0 mi Out & Back – 4500' ascent – Fast pace

Fri – *Meet:* 5:00 pm at Parley's Way WalMart Lot.

Feb 28 *Organizer:* Larry Swanson 801-583-4043 oldswaney@gmail.com

Thu
Annual 32 mile tour to Kings Peak, Gunsight Pass, or Elkhorn Crossing in the basin below gets underway 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 WalMart Lot, J.B.'s Restaurant (Evanston, WY), or the winter parking area on Friday night, March 29th.

Welcome New Members

Andrea Santurro

Karen Grim

Donovan Lynch

Annette McMullin

Susan Merrill

Ian Jay

Jana Buchi

Christopher Richter



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SANDY CITY - 10600 SOUTH 230 WEST

Snowshoe Basics, Thursday, December 6th, 7pm

We will focus on the appropriate selection of gear, as well as the basics on what you need and where to go to get started.

Ski - Snowboard Waxing Basics, Tuesday, December 4th, 7pm

This class will focus on a wide variety of subjects including base preparation: structure, major and minor repair and stone grinding, plus an in-depth examination of how and why waxes work.

Avalanche Awareness: Know Before You Go, Thursday, December 13th, 7pm

Multi-media talk by the Utah Avalanche Center which includes a 15-minute video on avalanche safety basics followed by a half-hour PowerPoint on how to stay alive in avalanche terrain. Subjects include: avalanche rescue, how avalanches work, reading avalanche terrain, obvious clues to instability, and more. For ages 12 and older.

Snowshoeing Basics, Tuesday, December 18th, 7pm

We will focus on the appropriate selection of gear as well as the basics on what you need and where to go to get started.

SALT LAKE CITY - 3285 EAST & 3300 SOUTH

Cross Country Skiing Basics, Saturday, December 1st, 10:00 am

We will discuss the fundamental differences between backcountry, telemarking, and touring ski styles. In addition, we will cover proper clothing and information on where and how to get started.

UAC Women's Avy Awareness Talk & SheJumps Winter Celebration, Monday, December 3rd, 7pm REI

The Utah Avalanche Center's Evelyn Lees will give a 40 minute Avalanche Awareness presentation, including an exciting 15-minute video followed by an insightful PowerPoint on how to stay alive in avalanche terrain. Then meet Lucy Dettmer, at 92-years young, who will share her personal history of peak-bagging, traveling foreign countries and exploring.

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Ski - Snowboard Waxing Basics, Monday, December 10th, 7pm

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CLASSES:

Hands on Ski/Snowboard Tune and Wax Workshop, Saturday, December 8th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm REI SLC

We'll have all the tools, just bring a set of alpine skis or snowboard. We ask that you have basic knowledge of the gear and tools, or attend one of our Basics classes in store. Space is limited to 5 students. Minimum age 18 years or older to register and participate in this class. \$65 REI members - \$85 non-members. Pre-registration required.

Hands on Ski/Snowboard Tune and Wax Workshop, Saturday, December 15th, 9:00 am- 1:00 pm REI Sandy

We'll have all the tools, just bring a set of alpine skis or snowboard. We ask that you have basic knowledge of the gear and tools, or attend one of our Basics classes in store. Space is limited to 5 students. Minimum age 18 years or older to register and participate in this class. \$65 REI members - \$85 non-members. Pre-registration required.

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